

# ***Chertsey Combined Charity: Past & Present***

*by*

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*Trustee*

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*St Peter's Church Hall*

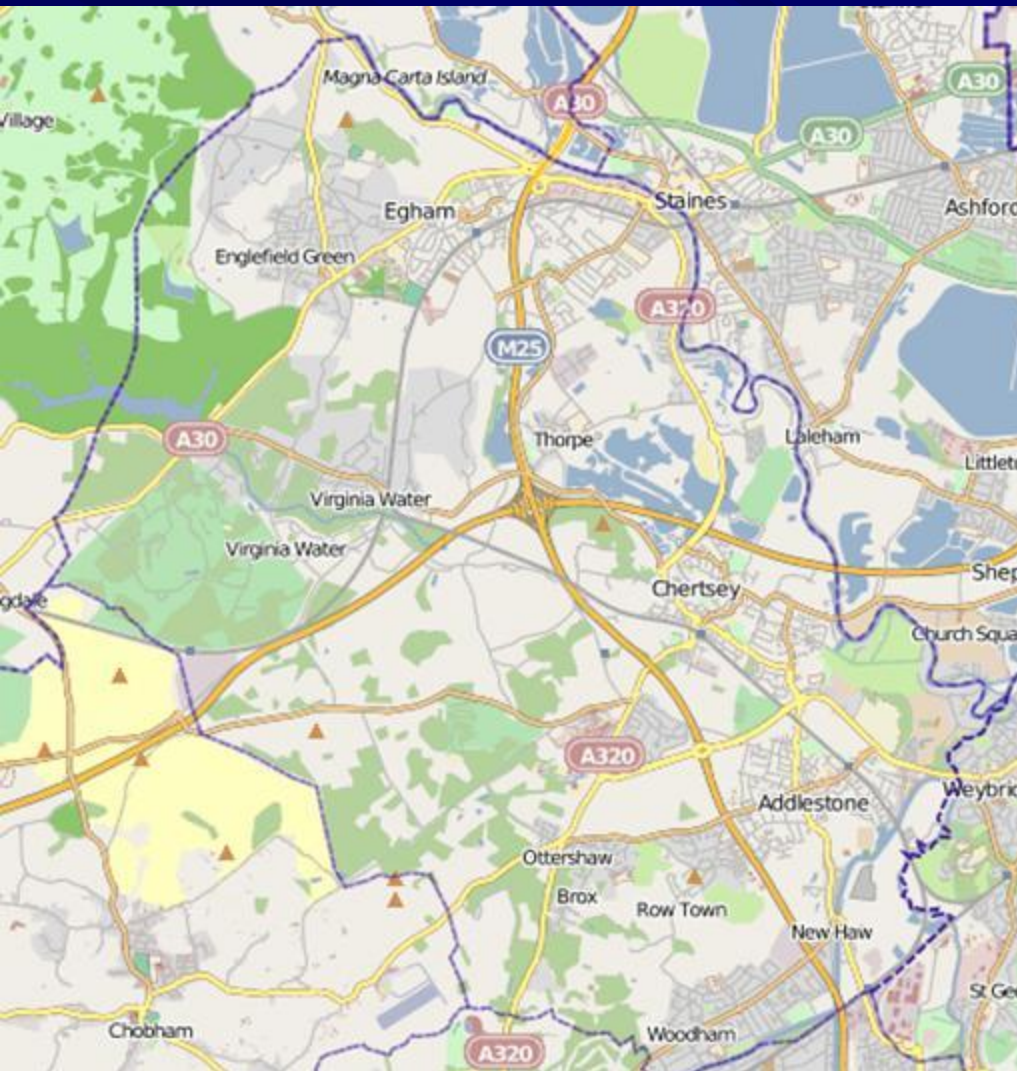
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# The Chertsey Combined Charity

is registered with The Charity Commission  
(No.200186) and was created on  
1st October 1987 by the combination of  
The Chertsey Poor's Allotment Charities  
with The Runnymede Relief-in-Need Charity.

# Area of Benefit The old Chertsey parish / Chertsey UDC



The Charity is able to give grants to local residents and community-based organisations originally in the ancient Parish of Chertsey, which became the Urban District of Chertsey, which includes Addlestone, Chertsey, Lyne, Ottershaw, Rowtown and parts of Woodham.

But not to the old Parish of Egham which included Thorpe, Virginia Water, Englefield Green & Egham Hythe.

The Management Trust Deed stipulates that the Charity shall apply its income for the reduction of need, hardship and/or distress suffered by qualifying persons, either generally or individually.

The Charity disperses approximately £40,000 for the benefit of its qualifying community each year.

# The Chertsey Poor's Allotment Charities has ancient origins:

Historically the Church looked after the poor ;  
Chertsey Abbey provided alms for the poor.

*'For the poor ye always have with you.'* St John Chapter 12, v 8



The origins of the English Poor Law system can be traced as far back as late medieval statutes dealing with beggars and vagrancy but it was only during the Tudor period that the Poor Law system became codified.

Monasteries, the primary source of poor relief, were dissolved by the Tudor's Reformation causing poor relief to move from a largely voluntary basis to a compulsory tax that was collected at a parish level.

Act for the Relief of the Poor 1597

The Old Poor Law or Elizabethan Poor Law is sometimes referred to as the "43rd Elizabeth"<sup>[36]</sup> as it was passed in the 43rd year that Elizabeth I (pictured) reigned as Queen.



## An Act for the Relief of the Poor.

**B**E it enacted by the Authority of this present Parliament, That the Churchwardens of every Parish, and four, three or two substantial Householdiers there, as shall be thought meet, having respect to the Proportion and Greatness of the same Parish and Parishes, to be nominated yearly in *Easter Week*, or within one Month after *Easter*, under the Hand and Seal of two or more Justices of the Peace in the same County, whereof one to be of the *Quorum*, dwelling in or near the same Parish or Division where the same Parish doth lie, shall be called Overseers of the Poor of the same Parish: And they, or the greater Part of them, shall take order from Time to Time, by, and with the Consent of two or more such Justices of Peace as is aforesaid, for setting to work the Children of all such whose Parents shall not by the said Churchwardens and Overseers, or the greater Part of them, be thought able to keep and maintain their Children: And also for setting to work all such Persons, married or unmarried, having no Means to maintain them, and use no ordinary and daily Trade of Life to get their Living by: And also to raise weekly or otherwise (by Taxation of every Inhabitant, Parson, Vicar and other, and of every Occupier of Lands, Houses, Tithes impropriate, Propriations of Tithes, Coal-Mines, or saleable Underwoods in the said Parish, in such competent Sum and Sums of Money as they shall think fit) a convenient Stock of Flax, Hemp, Wool, Thread, Iron, and other necessary Ware and Stuff, to set the Poor on Work: And also competent Sums of Money for and towards the necessary Relief of the Lame, Impotent, Old, Blind, and such other among them, being Poor, and not able to work, and also for the putting out of such Children to be Apprentices, to be gathered out of the same Parish, according to the Ability of the same Parish, and to do and execute all other Things as well for the disposing of the said Stock, as otherwise concerning the Premises, as to them shall seem convenient:

Under the 1601 Act, each parish was obliged to relieve the aged and the helpless, to bring up unprotected children in habits of industry, and to provide work for those capable of it but who were lacking their usual trade.

The establishment of the parish as the administrative unit responsible for poor relief, with churchwardens or parish overseers, collected poor-rates and allocated relief, and provisioned materials such as flax, hemp and wool to provide work for the able-bodied poor. Any able-bodied pauper who refused to work was liable to be placed in a 'House of Correction' or prison.

The history of the Poor Laws is extensively documented. You can read the full text of the 1662 Settlement Act. Interestingly, the Act was the first ever to mention the term "workhouses".

The 1732 workhouse directory, An Account of Several Workhouses... included the following entry for Chertsey, dated 21st November, 1728:

“I Herewith send you an Account of the House of Maintenance as it is called here. In the Year 1725, we paid to the Poor for Monthly Collections, Rent, and Fuel, the Sum of £598-09-01½ f. For the Year 1726, we paid £598-09-01½ including upwards of £100 for Rent and Fuel.

So that finding the Poor and Charges increasing, and having, at the same time, very industrious Officers, a Vestry was immediately called, to consider of a better and cheaper Method of maintaining them, where it was agreed upon to buy a Piece of Freehold Ground; and to build a House on it for that purpose, which was opened at Lady-Day 1727. The House and Ground cost £450 .

To the Carpenters and Bricklayers, and for Utensils, 1727: £120-00-00

The Maintenance of the Poor in the same Year, cost:£418-07-07

By which our whole Expense for them, 1727, was: £538-07-07

AND since Lady-Day last, they have cost us about £210.”

# The Workhouse

Parishes were empowered to build workhouses under the General Workhouse Act of 1723, and by 1776 there were 2,000 in England.

1726

Chertsey Parish established and built a Workhouse on the site of the present day Chertsey Station.

1794

Chertsey workhouse was described as a commodious building for the reception of the aged and infirm.

The young persons were employed in winding and spinning wool.



	Chertsey Parish of
723	2 Tenements & Gard <sup>ns</sup>
845	The Workhouse & Gard <sup>ns</sup>
847	6 Tenements & D <sup>o</sup>
1085	Allot <sup>ts</sup> near Fan Grove
1087	D <sup>o</sup>
1503	D <sup>o</sup> for Fuel

**Chertsey Workhouse  
& 'The Barracks'  
1726 – 1838**

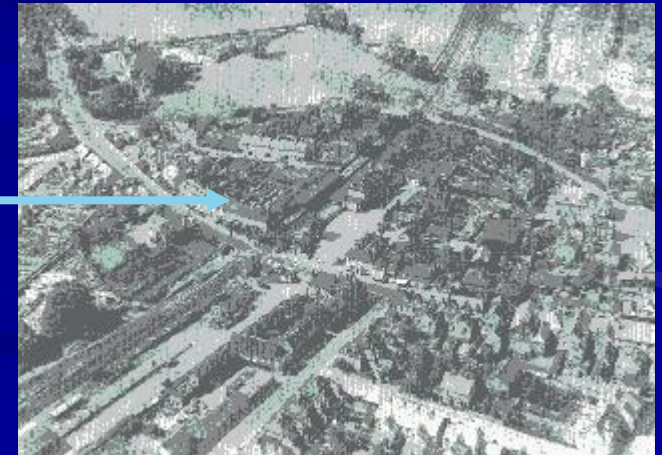
**Alms Houses**



**The old workhouse at Chertsey and fourteen cottages were sold by auction in August 1838 and converted into tenements, and became known as The Barracks, because they looked liked army quarters. The London and South Western Railway purchased some of these for their employees, and other inhabitants were principally Irish working people, pea-pickers and hawkers.**

**In August 1849 an outbreak of cholera occurred at The Barracks and 38 people died out of the 55 reported cases. The cause was contaminated water from an open ditch running from Hanworth Lane to Bell corner.**

Chertsey Station



*Aerial view 1928*

*Chertsey Camera : David & Jocelyn Barker*

**1866**

The main building of the old workhouse at Chertsey was pulled down to make way for the extension of the Railway from Chertsey to Virginia Water.

**1970s**

The fourteen cottages were not removed until the late 1970s to make way for Floral House.



## 1834

**The Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834 abolished the old system and introduced a new one based on unions of parishes, run by boards of elected guardians who were responsible for the day to day management of the parochial poor relief.**

**The Act also enabled groups of parishes to form a union and share the cost of running the workhouses.**

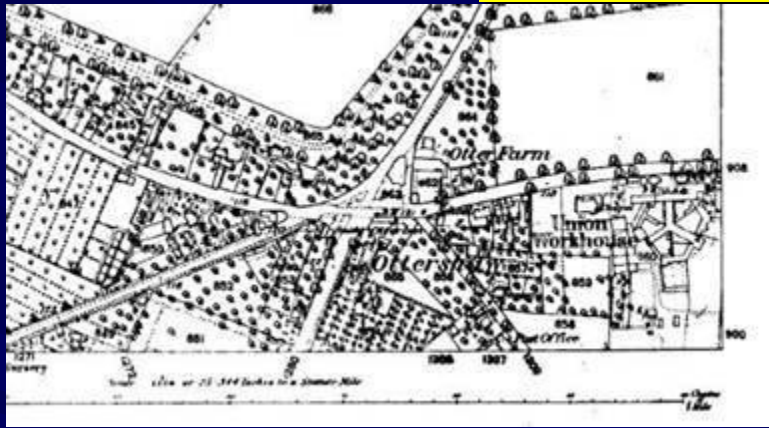
## 1838

**It was decided that a new workhouse should be built at Ottershaw, which would cover not only Chertsey but also Walton. It was known as the Chertsey Union Workhouse and opened in 1838.**

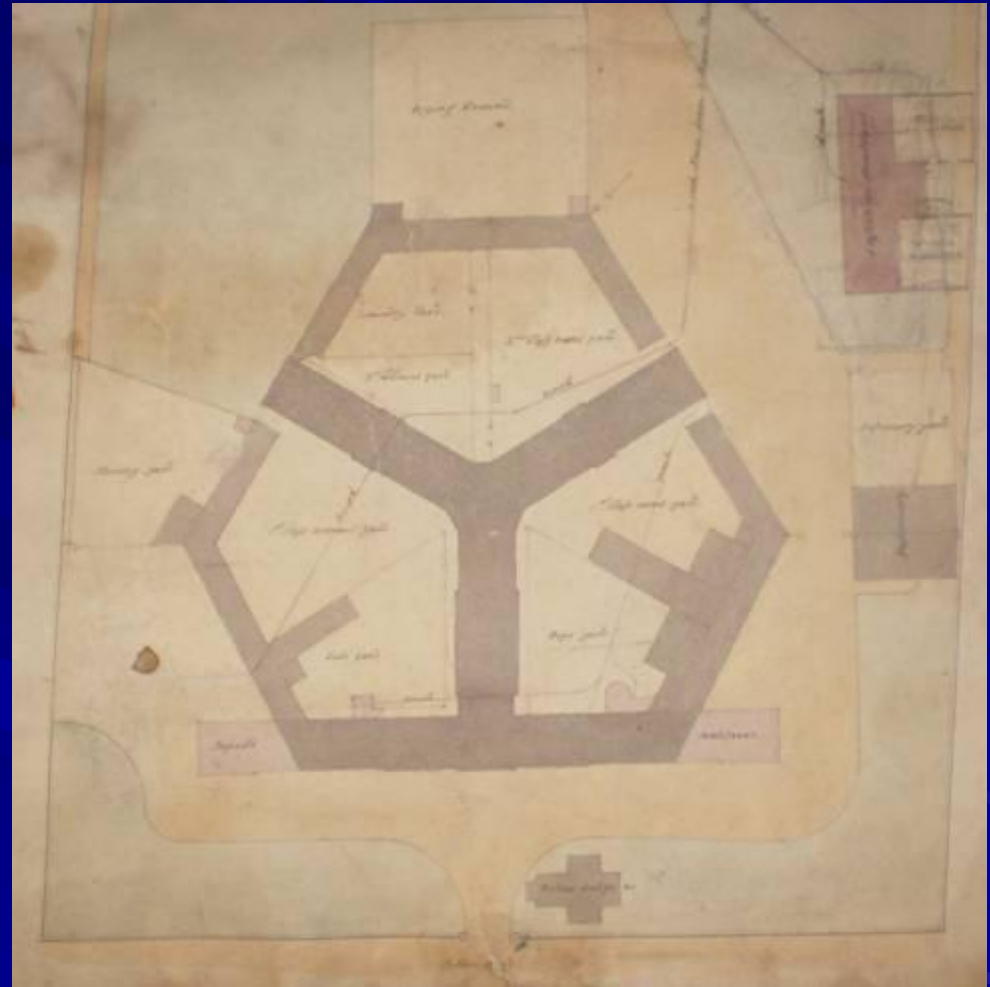


Distress of the poor. There were many applicants for parish relief.

# Chertsey Workhouse 1850



**1871 OS Map**  
( Thanks to  
Hannah  
Lane )



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Floor plan of Chertsey Workhouse Block, showing proposed alterations, central hexagonal shaped building with 3 main sections for 1st class women's yard and girl's yard, 1st class men's yard and boy's yard, and 2nd class women's yard, 2nd class men's yard and laundry yard; sealed by Poor Law Board, dated March 11, 1850.

# Chertsey Workhouse 1850


I have considered the suggestions made by Mr Pigott and think the Alley Yards may be placed with propriety in the front of the Infirmary -- but that it is desirable to retain the position of the new Infirmary building with relation to the present Infirmary

July 2<sup>d</sup>. 1850.

Geo. Walling

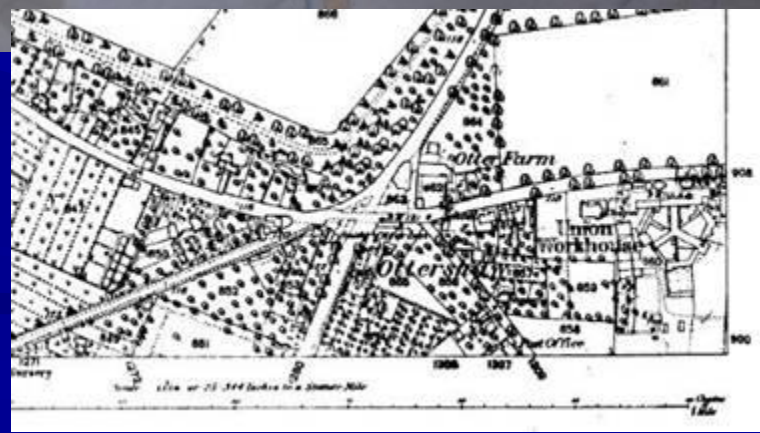
Appointed at the Board

William M. P. Chairman




The plan of the new Lane Hospital, and adjacent buildings, and the accompanying plans, are hereby submitted to the Committee of the Chertsey Combined Charity, for their consideration and approval.

Geo. Walling



1871 OS Map



## Murray House, Ottershaw

**Chertsey Union Workhouse was open in 1838. ( Closed 1929. )  
( Chertsey & Walton )**



**Chertsey Union House, 1st January 1917**

Chertsey's original "House of Maintenance" was situated on the site of the present Chertsey Station by 1726. Under the Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834, parishes were grouped into "Unions" which encouraged the building of new and larger buildings to house the poor and indigent. The Chertsey Poor Law Institution was opened in 1857 and closed in 1950. Pictured here are some of the elderly inmates of the time being visited by Mr. Driver of Horsholme, whose pack of hounds were kennelled at Homestead Farm, Longcross. This New Year's Day event seems to have been something of an annual ritual, and on this occasion no fewer than five London press photographers were on hand to record the scene. As well as gifts of sweets for the women, there was tobacco for the men and toys for the children who also lived here. Even the Workhouse had not escaped the effects of the First World War, as from 1915 the Ottershaw building also housed inmates from the Guildford and Richmond Institutions, these having been taken over for War Hospitals. Among the residents at the time were a man of 96 and a woman of 94. In 1950 it was renamed Murray House and converted to house the mentally handicapped.



# Chertsey Poor's Allotment Charity: 1968 Scheme

Scaled 19th September 1968

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County - Surrey.  
Place - Chertsey.  
Manors - Chertsey Beomond and  
Walton Leigh.  
Tything - Woodham.  
Charities - The Poor's Allotments.

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Stamp 10s.

Scheme including appointment  
of Trustees.

## CHARITY COMMISSION.

In the matter of the following Charities, at Chertsey,  
in the County of Surrey, comprised in a Scheme  
of the Charity Commissioners of the 7th August  
1883:-

1. The Charity known as The Poor's Allotment Charity, in the Manor of Chertsey Beomond, founded by an inclosure award dated the 29th March 1814 made in pursuance of the Act of Parliament of the year 1808, 48 Geo. III c. cxxx;
2. The Charity known as The Poor's Allotment Charity, in the Manor of Walton Leigh, founded by an inclosure award dated the 8th December 1804 made in pursuance of the Act of Parliament of the year 1800, 40 Geo. III c. lxxxvi;
3. The Charity known as The Poor's Allotment Charity, in the Tything of Woodham, founded by an inclosure award dated the 29th September 1815 made in pursuance of the Act of Parliament of the year 1805, 45 Geo. III c. 49 (Local and Private);

In the matter of the Commons Act, 1899; and  
In the matter of the Charities Act, 1960.

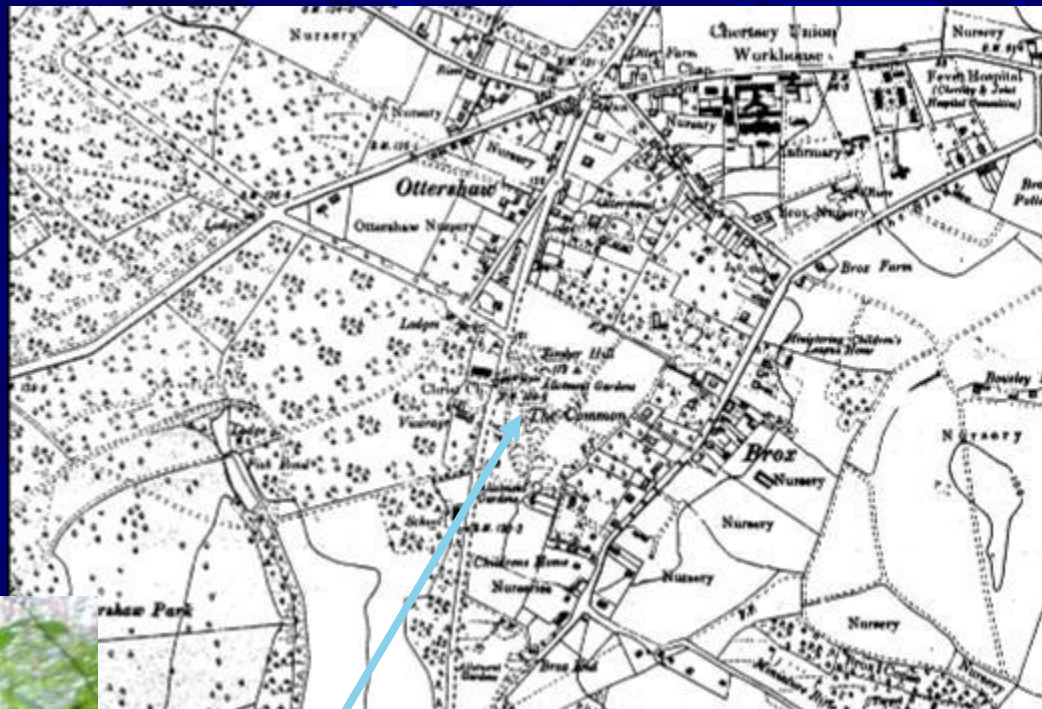
THE CHARITY COMMISSIONERS FOR ENGLAND AND WALES HEREBY  
ORDER that the following Scheme be approved and established as  
the Scheme for the regulation of the above-mentioned Charities:-

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# Poor Allotment marker post, Ottershaw



Photo:  
Hannah Lane  
2016



Allotments



# Land at Ottershaw sold including church car park

## High Court Case 1984 *RBC eventually bought back the car park.*



Ottershaw Church  
*contested sale of Poor Law land 1984.  
CCC Trustees vs Charity Commission,  
Ottershaw Society,  
Woodland Trust ,  
David Harding\* ,  
Col Bernard Jarvis\* ,  
Malcolm Loveday\**

*\* new trustees*

*The High Court upheld the verbal contract with  
Martin Grant Homes for £100k based on the original  
advice from the Charity Commission.*



# The Chertsey Combined Charity

was created on 1st October 1987 by the combination of

**The Chertsey Poor's Allotment Charities** with  
**The Runnymede Relief-in-Need Charities.**

**The Runnymede RiN Charities regulated by a scheme dated 9<sup>th</sup> July 1974 were:**

- a) The Susannah Meere's Trust (1884)
  - b) The Miss Mary Giles Bequest (1841) [*£800 for bread & coal*]
  - c) William Anthony Herring (1901) [*£300 Coal Trust & £100 left for the Poor*]
  - d) Mary Elizabeth Herring (1907) [*£500\* for the Coal Charity*] \* *£50k today*
- All were previously administered by The Vicar & Churchwardens.*

**The Chertsey Poor's Allotment Charities scheme dated 19<sup>th</sup> September 1968.**

It was based on land enclosure awards dated 1804, 1814 & 1815.

It included land in Hardwick Lane (15 acres) and in Ottershaw including

- i) Timber Hill between Guildford Road & Brox Road (30 acres) and
- ii) land off Chobham Road (7 acres),

the land being leased out. It also included various investments.

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County - Surrey  
Former )  
(Urban ) - Chertsey  
District)  
Charities - The Poor's  
Allotments

District - Runnymede  
Charities - Runnymede Relief in  
Need Charities

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with stamp duty

Scheme

CHARITY COMMISSION

In the matter of the following Charities, in the former Urban District of Chertsey, in the County of Surrey, regulated by a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners of the 19th September 1968:-

1. The Charity known as The Poor's Allotment Charity, founded by an inclosure award dated the 29th March 1814 made in pursuance of the Act of Parliament of the year 1808, 48 Geo. III c.cxxx;
2. The Charity known as The Poor's Allotment Charity, founded by an inclosure award dated the 8th December 1804 made in pursuance of the Act of Parliament of the year 1800, 40 Geo. III c.lxxxvi, and comprised in a Scheme of the Commissioners of the 18th January 1985;
3. The Charity known as The Poor's Allotment Charity, founded by an inclosure award dated the 29th September 1815 made in pursuance of the Act of Parliament of the year 1805, 45 Geo. III c.49 (Local and Private).

In the matter of the following charities in the District of Runnymede, in the said county, regulated by a Scheme of the Commissioners of the 9th July 1974:-

4. The Charity called Meere's Trust;
5. The Charity of Miss Giles;
6. The Charity of William Anthony Herrings;
7. The Charity of Mary Elizabeth Herring; and

In the matter of the Charities Act 1960.

THE CHARITY COMMISSIONERS FOR ENGLAND AND WALES HEREBY ORDER that the following Scheme be approved and established as the Scheme for the regulation of the above-mentioned Charities:-

SCHEDULE

Charity numbered 1 above

The following adjoining land situate at Chertsey in the County of Surrey now let to various individuals at the total yearly rent of £596.14:-

1. Land containing 10.81 acres or thereabouts and having an entrance from Hardwick Lane being part of the land received in exchange by the Charity under a deed of exchange made the 1st December 1911 between George Richard Wells of the first part John Ashley Mullens the younger of the second part and the Reverend Kirshaw T Pierson and twelve others of the third part and enrolled in the Central Office of the Supreme Court of Judicature on the 29th March 1912.

2. Land containing 19,444 square metres or thereabouts being the land received in exchange by the Charity under a conveyance made the 23th February 1985 between the Official Custodian for Charities of the first part the Trustees of the Chertsey Poor's Allotment Charities of the second part and The Secretary of State for Transport of the third part.

Charity numbered 2 above

Land containing 7.102 acres or thereabouts situate at Chertsey in the County of Surrey and having a frontage of 80 feet or thereabouts on the south-east to Chobham Road presently unlet.

Charities numbered 1 to 3 above jointly

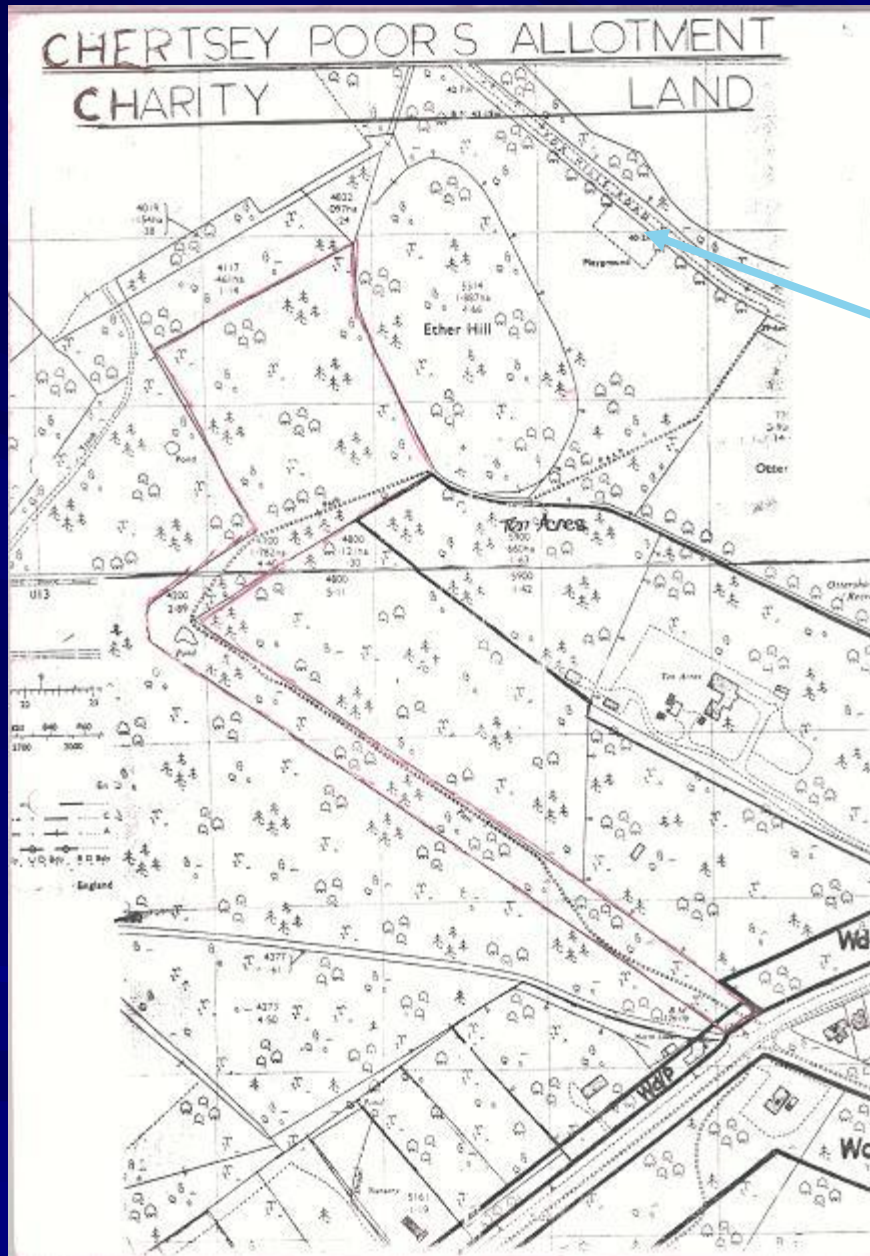
The following investments and cash standing in the books of the Official Custodian for Charities and representing permanent endowment:-

Narrower-range

£1,079.23 13½% Treasury Stock 2000-03.  
£47,000 National Savings Income Bonds.

Wider-range

5,936 Associated British Foods plc Ordinary Shares of 5p each.  
3,168 BTR plc Ordinary Shares of 25p each.  
110,000 Baring Fund Managers First Europe Trust.  
6,000 Beecham Group plc Ordinary Shares of 25p each.  
8,250 BOC Group plc Ordinary Shares of 25p each.  
8,000 BET plc Ordinary Shares of 25p each.  
8,346 J Rothschild Investment Holdings BV Ordinary Shares of 25p each.  
1,200 Drayton Japan Trust plc Ordinary Shares of 25p each.  
6,000 Dundee and London Investment Trust plc Ordinary Shares of 25p each.



## Ottershaw

The Charity received no income from the land shown in red so it was sold to Runnymede Borough Council in the mid 1990's (?) for use as a Public Open Space.



**Land at Hardwick Lane  
M3 seen from Ruxbury Road bridge**

Land in Hardwick Lane (15 acres) –  
a large slice was taken to build the M25.

The remaining land was sold in the mid 1990's (?).

LAND AT HARDWICK LANE, CHERTSEY.

Plot No.	Tenant	Area (Acres)	Rent (£/an)
1	R.J. ASHFORD	1.50	66.00
2	J. BALCH	0.25	11.00
3*	A.E. WALLS	3.00	132.00
4	H.E. HUGHES	0.30	13.14
5	VACANT (ex. Receipts)	1.25	55.00
6	S.H.P. WAGE	2.25	99.00
7	A.E. WALLS	4.25	187.00
8	E.J. BARNES	2.00	88.00
		<b>† 14.80 acres</b>	<b>£651.14</b>

Notes:  
\* On temporary tenancy following death of previous tenant (Ballerino)  
† Approximate areas only. Scheme states "15 acres or thereabouts".

# Trustees

## *Three Ex-officio Trustees*

(Vicar & Churchwardens of St Peter's Church, Chertsey)

## *Four Nominative Trustees*

(Nominated by RBC - not necessarily Councillors)

## *Six Co-optative Trustees*

(Suggested by existing trustees or community groups)

*The trustees should geographically cover the area of benefit.*



Combined Charity Trustees with recipient of grant for electric wheelchair, May 2001

*Trustees included : Peter Austin, Andrew Saul (CW), Richard Fleming, Peter Anderson, Yvonne Barnes (CW), John Edwards, Mike Everett, Malcolm Loveday*

# Chertsey Combined Charity Trustees February 2016



**Presentation by EIKON Representative Feb 2016**

## Trustees 2015 / 2016

I-r: Richard Fleming, Chris Norman\*, William Preston, Mark Bugden, Judith Norman\*, Mike O'Sullivan (*Secretary*), Mike Everett, Derek Cotty\*, John Gooderham (*Chairman*), Rev'd Tim Hillier, Malcolm Loveday, Absent: Dolsie Clarke\*, Dave Phillips+ (CW), Wendy Greaves+ (CW)

\*Nominated by RBC

+ Ex officio Church trustees

# Combined Charity OFFICERS

<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Year</u>
Frank Light	Pre 1972 - 1977	Ron G Maidment	Pre 1972 – 1975
Norman Galton ( <i>Churchwarden</i> )	1977 - 1984	Michael O’Sullivan	1975 to date
Mrs Monica Taylor	1984 - 1993		
John Gooderham	1993 to date		



**The opening of the Chertsey Cricket Club Pavilion extension supported by Chertsey Combined Charity 2014**



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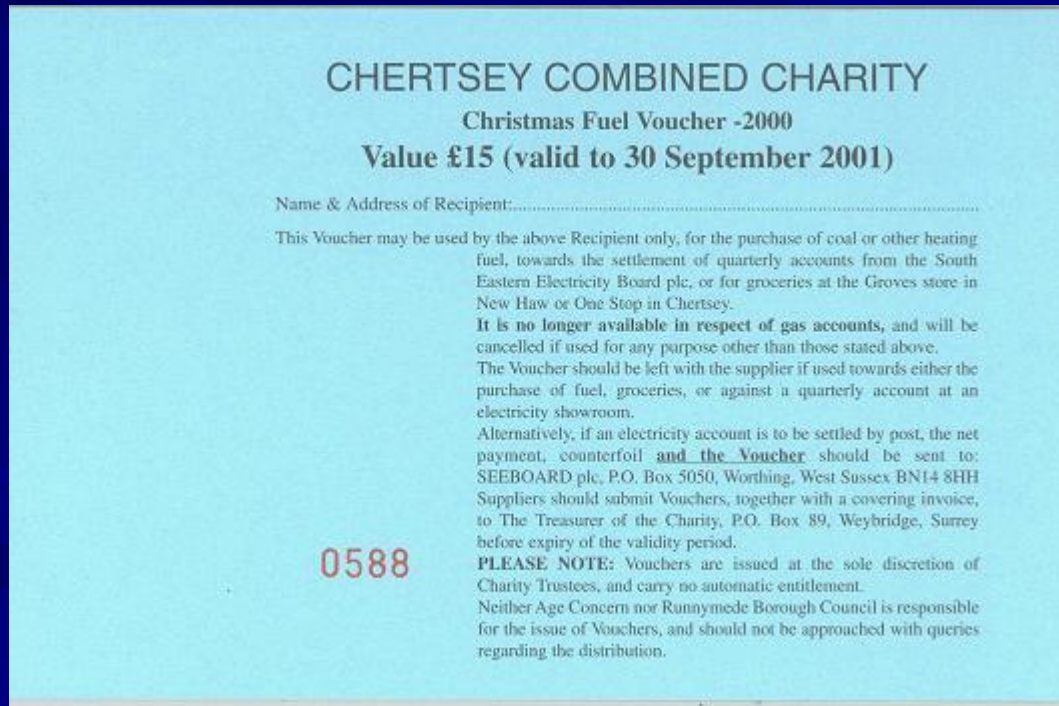
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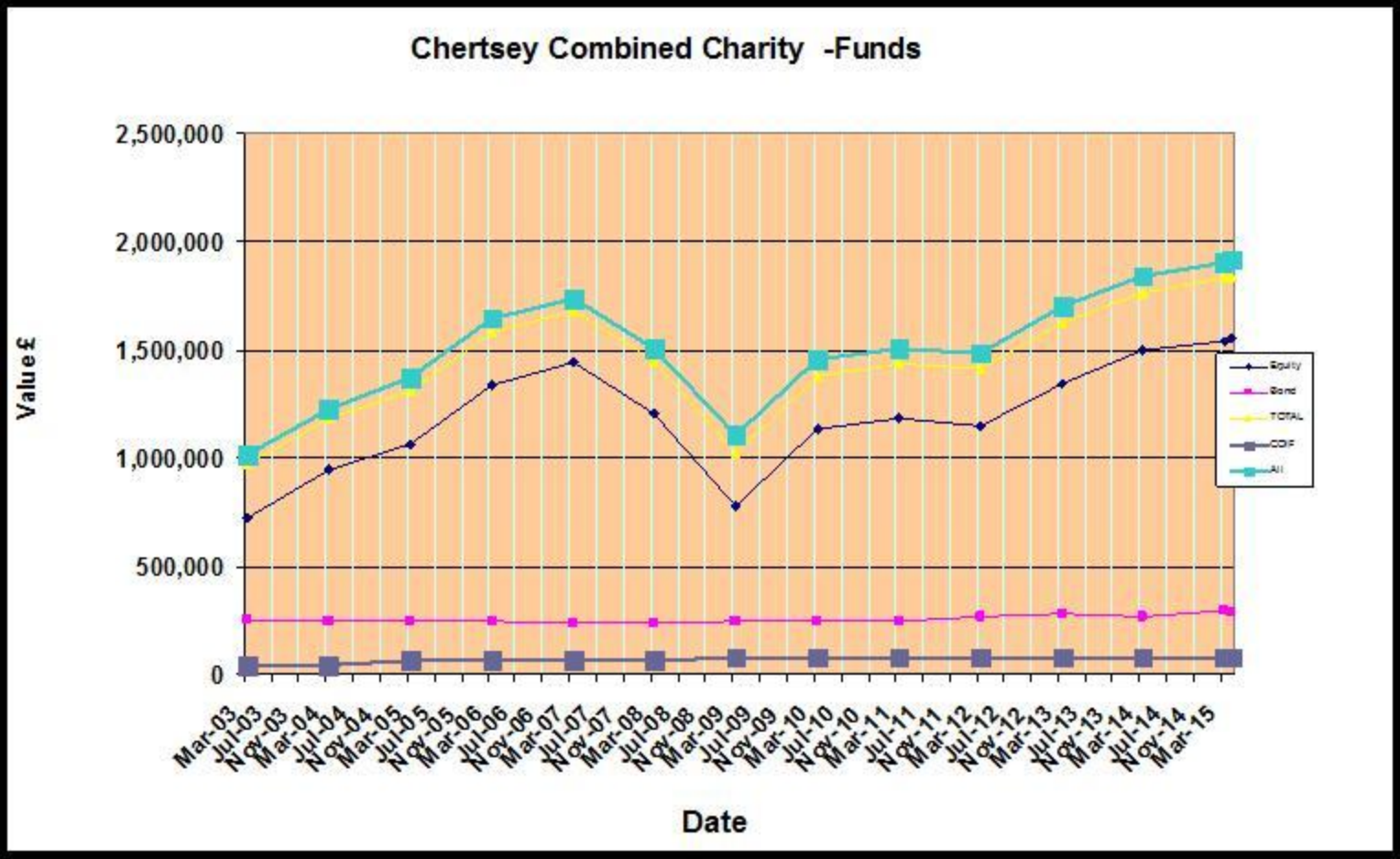
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# Coal Tickets/ Fuel Vouchers

*About 600 were distributed by trustees to individuals.  
Ceased in the early 2000s when the Government introduced  
a £100 payment toward heating for pensioners.*



# Assets Note: Only the interest can be dispersed



All the land was sold and the sale receipts invested in a shares & gilts. The investment portfolio is managed by professional fund managers and outperforms all the approved benchmarks.

# Past Grants

Over the last 30 years, the Charity has dispersed approximately £1 million for the benefit of the local community. In addition to the annual Christmas Grants given to local Community Clubs and Day Centres, the following are examples of financial assistance that have been given towards projects undertaken by local organisations:

- *Age Concern Runnymede - minibuses*
- *Brook Hall, Ottershaw - refurbishment*
- *Chertsey Cricket Club - practice nets*
- *EIKON Youth Centre, New Haw - rebuilding & IT equipment*
- *Chertsey Girl Guides/Scouts - tents and trip support*
- *Girl Guide HQ, Ottershaw - refurbishment*
- *St Peter's Church & Hall, Chertsey - kitchen & sound loop*
- *Church Hall, Lyne - disabled facilities*
- *Food Bank, Addlestone - IT equipment*
- *RAVS, Chertsey - IT equipment*
- *Chertsey Scouts - Minibus*



# Past Grants

## Other Grants :

- Toy Library, Addlestone - shelving
- White Lodge Centre, Chertsey - sensory room & special pushchairs
- Chertsey Museum - reminiscence and archaeology projects
- Runnymede CAB - relocation project and boiler
- All Saints' Church, New Haw – youth building
- Salvation Army - library and furniture Store
- The BIZ Project, Addlestone Moor - boxing equipment
- The Meath School - swimming pool contribution & specialist equipment
- Penton Park Community Project - emergency systems



# Applications for Assistance

An application form is available for individual assistance, and another, more detailed one, for use by organisations. Both types are available from the Charity's Secretary at PO Box 89, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 8HY.

In order to qualify for consideration at the next available meeting of the Board of Trustees during every February, May, August and November, applications for grants must be submitted before the 1st of that month for Agenda inclusion.

## Testimonial

*"Thank you for the cheque. [It] will provide valuable information for all schools in Runnymede."*

*Speech & Language Project*



**Grants over £1000 for any organisation require a presentation to be given to the trustees at their quarterly meetings which are held on the third Tuesdays of February, May, August and November.**

**In addition, discretionary grants are allocated to**

- a) the Heads of local schools,**
- b) local clergy and**
- c) some other organisations e.g. CAB, VSNS.**

**Grants are given to the majority of local care groups e.g. CRUSE and clubs supporting older members of the community for Christmas parties or summer outings based on £10 per head.**

# The Charity Commission (No.200186)

Please look at the Website or talk to the Trustees for further information:

<http://chertsey-combined-charity.org>

Thank you for listening.

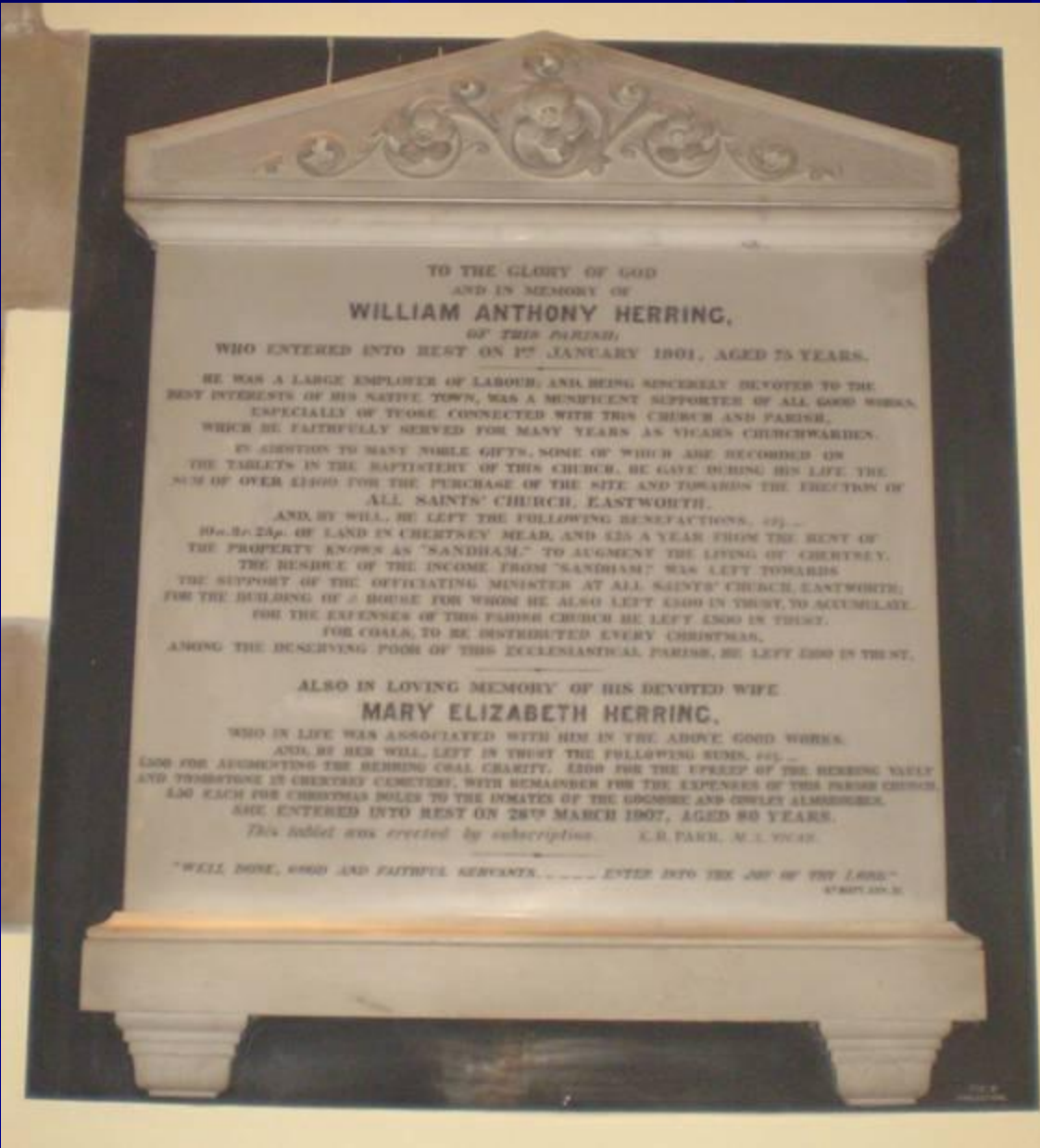
*Any Questions ?*



Building Project, New Haw – “Your generous donation for help towards acquiring this new building will allow us to work with more young people than ever, and strengthen the work that we currently do with over 3,000 young people every year.”

**EIKON CHARITY**





AND IN MEMORY OF  
**WILLIAM ANTHONY HERRING,**  
OF THIS PARISH:

FOR THE EXPENSES OF THIS PARISH CHURCH HE LEFT £300 IN TRUST,  
FOR COALS, TO BE DISTRIBUTED EVERY CHRISTMAS,  
AMONG THE DESERVING POOR OF THIS ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH, HE LEFT £100 IN TRUST.

**Herring Coal Trust (1901)**

**Coal £300 & £100 left in trust for the Poor [£10k at today's prices]**

ALSO IN LOVING MEMORY OF HIS DEVOTED WIFE  
**MARY ELIZABETH HERRING,**

WHO IN LIFE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH HIM IN THE ABOVE GOOD WORKS.

AND, BY HER WILL, LEFT IN TRUST THE FOLLOWING SUMS, *viz.* —

£500 FOR AUGMENTING THE HERRING COAL CHARITY. £200 FOR THE UPKEEP OF THE HERRING VAULT  
AND TOMBSTONE IN CHERTSEY CEMETERY, WITH REMAINDER FOR THE EXPENSES OF THIS PARISH CHURCH.

£50 EACH FOR CHRISTMAS DOLES TO THE INMATES OF THE GOGMORE AND COWLEY ALMSHOUSES.

SHE ENTERED INTO REST ON 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1907, AGED 80 YEARS.

**£500 for the Coal Charity (1907) [£50 k at today's prices]**

# The Meere Bequest



**Miss Susannah Meere late of Chertsey died 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1882**  
**Having by her will bequeathed to the Churchwardens in trust for the poor**  
**the proceeds of her personal estate which realized £1597.19 7 sterling**  
**This was invested in 1860 ??? Percent annuities**  
**the interest on which is distributed in bread and coal amongst**  
**the deserving poor of the parish at Christmas**  
**This memorial was erected by subscription 18?0**  
**?????**

*[ Note: £1598 is approximately equivalent to £160k today ]*



Distress of the poor. There were many applicants for parish relief.

# Mary Giles Alms House ~1856 (93 & 95 London Street)



Plaque was illegible

Chertsey Society proposed new wording:

**Alms House Built 1856  
In Memory of  
Mary Giles  
1758 - 1841**



New plaque 2008

**Not Listed?  
(The Vine is  
Grade II Listed)**



# Mary Giles Monument & Tomb



**Beneath in a vault  
Are deposited the remains of  
Sarah Giles**

**Who departed this life March 5th 1781**

**Aged 62 years**

**Also Williams Giles husband of the above**

**Who departed this life August 22nd 1797**

**Aged 83 years.**

**Beneath also are deposited**

**The remains of John Giles**

**Son of William & Sarah Giles**

**Who departed this life May 18th 1814**

**In the 61st year of his age**

**Also Sarah Giles**

**Daughter of William & Sarah Giles**

**Who departed this life June 7th 1828**

**In the 71st year of her age**

**Beneath also are deposited**

**The remains of Jacob Giles**

**Son of William & Sarah Giles**

**Who departed this life May 23rd 1821**

**In the 70th year of his age.**

**Beneath are also deposited**

**The remains of Mary Giles**

**Daughter of William & Sarah Giles**

**Who departed this life**

**December 20th 1841**

**In the 83rd year of her age.**



**The Giles family monument is now mounted on the stair well in the south entrance of St Peter's Church.**

**It was probably moved to this location when the church interior was refurbished in 1962. Most of the monuments were originally arranged around the chancel arch.**

The above named MARY GILES bequeathed by her Will to the Minister and Churchwardens Eight hundred pounds three pounds per Centum Consolidated Bank Annuities Upon Trust to lay out Twenty one pounds part of the Dividends thereof in the purchase of Bread to be distributed amongst the Poor of this Parish on Saint Thomas's day for ever Two pounds of the Dividends also being left to the Minister and Churchwardens for their trouble and the remaining Pound for them to keep these Tablets and the Family Vault in the Churchyard in repair.

SHE ALSO by a Codicil to her Will bequeathed to Henry Ronke Benjamin Tice and William Edmead her Executors Three Thousand pounds Sterling Monies Upon Trust to invest the same in the Government Funds and to stand possessed of and to pay and distribute the Dividends arising therefrom after deducting thereout their reasonable expences amongst so many of the poor People of and resident in the said parish in such sums and at such times as her said Executors should think fit for ever.

The sum of Three hundred pounds Legacy Duty being paid the Executors invested the remaining sum of Two thousand seven hundred pounds Sterling in the Reduced Three pounds per Cent Bank Annuities being the consideration of Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty six Pounds Fifteen Shillings.

**The Alms Houses  
were built in 1856  
at a cost of £400.**

**‘Miss Mary Giles, who died in 1841,  
gave in her lifetime £800, the interest to be  
devoted to bread for the poor on  
St Thomas’s Day, and £2 to the Vicar and  
churchwardens for superintending it,  
and £1 towards keeping up the family  
monument. By will she left £2,700 clear of  
all duties, for the poor.  
From this, two almshouses for widows  
were built and endowed.’**

*Brayley*



**The Chapman's & Giles Alms Houses are administered under the Chertsey Alms House Charity No 242827.**

**Objects: The Almshouses are for Poor Persons of Good Character who are not less than 50 years of age and who (*except in special cases to be approved by the Commissioner*) are resident in the area of benefit (The Parish of Chertsey) at the time of appointment.**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
1998/1999	£7,900	£1,836
1999/2000	£6,030	£9,984
2000/2001	£9,022	£2,982
2001/2002	£7,971	£6,239
2002/2003	Overdue	Overdue
2003/2004	Overdue	Overdue
2004/2005	Overdue	Overdue
2005/2006		

**Charity  
Correspondent:  
Mr J Hunter Wright**

**Chairman :  
Magnus Work**

**Subsidiary Charity: Sarah Lovingsbury – will dated April 1825  
'Income to be given to all or the most deserving women in the almshouses every Christmas Eve.'**