**READING ROOM & CARETAKER’S HOUSE CHARITY No. 211277**

**ANNUAL REPORT as at 31st December 2020**

The national Pandemic throughout 2020 caused many charities to experience a devastating loss of funds. However, as this charity exists to make grants to community groups and organisations within the parish our income remains unchanged. The Lockdown and ban on social gatherings meant there were no opportunities for local groups to meet so understandably fewer grant applications were received. At year end - 31st December 2020 the bank balance totalled £1,960.55.

The charity trust was created in 1975 when the building in Lower Street and the cottage at the rear were sold. The trust deed sets out how the income from the investment should be applied:

*The trustees shall apply the clear income of the charity as they think fit for any charitable purposes for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Sproughton for which provision is not made out of rates, taxes or other public funds.*

Community groups and organisation within the parish can apply for support to improve their facilities in a variety of ways. In 2020 the trustees made a grant of £300.00 to the Church Hall to help with the costs of replacing fire safety equipment.

The trustees normally meet twice a year to review applications. Funds are available to be able to help groups purchase essential items or improve their facilities. We welcome applications from any organisation within the parish that meets our criteria.

**Trustees**

Annette Shannon

Gwen Moore

Steve Palfrey

Michael Earey \*

Iain Selby \*

\*Nominative Trustees – appointed by Parish Council

May 2021