

Description of Outside Bodies/Charities

Wakefield Bequest

Providing small grants up to £150 to persons in need who have been a resident in Hythe for over 12 months, this charity has its own board or trustees. The council is not sole corporate trustee of this charity, but its articles require that a number of councillors sit as trustees. Currently has three serving councillors sitting as a trustees.

The Trustees meet regularly to consider applications for grants, but emergency cases are reviewed in between meetings.

In July 2023, ex Councillor D Owen was nominate to become a co-opted trustee.

Ex Councillor K Miles will sit out his 4-year term until 07/2024. All councillor representatives can sit out their 4-year term irrelevant of government elections.

Councillor T Prater sits on this charity for a 4-year term from 20/07/23 to 20/07/2027 Minute no.110/23

Councillor R Carter sits on this charity for a 4-year term from 20/07/23 to 20/07/2027 Minute no.110/23

Anne Peirson Trust

The Anne Peirson Charitable Trust was established on the 28 April 1988 from the proceeds of a bequest originally made by Anne Peirson in the early 1900s. The aims of the Trust are to apply the income of such charitable purposes for the benefit of the inhabitants of Hythe as the Trustees shall think fit.

Grants are considered from individuals or family's resident in the parish and from local organisations, institutions, or other bodies with a local presence who serve the specific needs or interest of Hythe residents. The Grants are normally larger than the ones offered by Wakefield Bequest.

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Councillor P Graham sits on this charity for a 4-year term from 18/05/23 to 17/05/2027 Minute no.27/23

The Hospital of St Bartholomew and St Johns

The Hospitals of St Bartholomew & St John is an ancient Hythe Charity which owns the Almshouse, at 150 High Street. This contains 7 self-contained flatlets for single people over the age of 60, who have lived in Hythe for not less than 10 years and are in need. They have a resident Prioress who looks after their welfare and reports to The

Clerk to the Trustees and the Clerk reports to the Trustees at the quarterly meetings. The Board is made up of 5 Co-optative trustees chosen for their particular abilities- doctor, solicitor, investment specialist etc who serve for 5 years, 4 HTC appointed trustees who serve for 4 years and the current vicar of St Leonard's.

Councillor J Martin sits on this charity for a 4-year term from 09/2021 to 09/2025 Minute no.161/21

Councillor P Graham sits on this charity for a 4-year term from 09/2021 to 09/2025 Minute no.161/21

Councillor J Chapman sits on this charity for a 4-year term from 20/07/2023 to 20/07/2027 Minute no.112/23

Councillor S Bailey sits on this charity for a 4-year term from 20/07/2023 to 20/07/2027 Minute no.112/23

Newington Unknown Donor

The (Newington) Unknown Donor's charity was set up in its current format with the proceeds of a sale of land in the early 1900s. The area of benefit is the old ecclesiastical parish of Newington next Hythe (east Hythe).

The objects of the charity are to provide small grants to either the poor or to such deserving and necessitous persons resident in the ancient parish of Newington next Hythe as the trustees select. There are 3 trustees – 2 representing Newington and 1 representing east Hythe.

The value of the investment is some £6k and the income is about £150-170pa. It has been the custom of the trustees to allocate 2/3 of the grants to Newington and 1/3 to east Hythe. Trustees meet once a year in early December.

Councillor J Hawkins sits on this charity for a 4-year term from 20/07/2023 to 20/07/2027 Minute no.116/23

Hythe Institute Fund

Many people wandering down Prospect Road, (near Grove House) may have noticed a memorial stone commemorating 'The Original Foundation Stone of The Hythe Institute demolished in 1968 for road widening'. It follows that only those who are in their mid-50s or above will remember the Institute building itself. Not even its greatest supporter could claim that it was a beautiful construction, but nonetheless it did, for its 70 year plus existence provide a meeting place for Hythe residents.

Older readers may well recollect attending meetings, lectures and a myriad of social events. It has never been satisfactorily replaced and with apologies to the late Canon Newman and his hall in Dental Street, it could probably be argued that Hythe has lacked any adequate meeting place since its demolition.

The original foundation stone was laid on 2nd November 1891 by one Alfred Bull J.13 and the building followed just to the west of where Grove House currently stands. Bull's intention, high minded and worthy and redolent of late Victorian optimism was "to provide a place for the working classes to meet".

Alfred Bull was himself a draper and had previously been the Treasurer of the Hythe Soup Kitchen and was active in good work. He donated his house on the corner of Mount Street and Prospect Road and endowed it and the income from other properties to be used as a club and entertainment centre for people who would not or could not join the established circles such as the Cinque Ports Club. The subscription was four shillings per annum and there was to be no gambling and no entry for dogs. By the 1920s, the annual subscription remained at four shillings, but anyone could use the reading room at the cost of one penny (that is to say a pre-decimalisation penny).

The Institute building was demolished as a result of the upgrading and straightening of the A259 as it meandered its way through Hythe. Some will remember that the main road westwards went through the gap between the Nelson's Head Public House (now the Southern Spice Restaurant) and the Methodist Church. The new road also spelt the end for the much-fabled transport café, Dickie's, formerly Trice and Morphy of Rampart Road, Hythe.

The question became what was to be done with the money paid as compensation. The answer was that the funds that arose had to be used for charitable purposes and were passed out to a charity to be called the Hythe Institute Fund. This was set up under an order made by the Charity Commissioners dated 9th September 1975 and was to be administered by local Trustees. Amongst the early Trustees were Hythe dignitaries such as Ron Sharp, Jack Newman, Tom Miller and Robert Spicer and very shortly afterwards followed by Richard Trice (one of the owners of the aforementioned Dickie's) and Barry Dowle.

The Trustees meet three times a year and consider applications for funding from local organisations including schools, scouts and guide groups, sports clubs and the Trustees of local halls and facilities who may require funds for maintenance or improvements. The recipients must be in the Hythe Parish based or at least serve people from these communities. Over the years, much thought has been given as to whether the funds that are held and administered might be better put towards the creation of a new community hall or centre but plans for a new centre have never in the past 40 years proceeded very far. In the absence of any large project, the Trustees try to benefit as many groups as they can, always bearing in mind the source of the funds that they deal with and the place that the Institute building itself occupied in Hythe life.

Councillor A Jones sits on this charity for a 4-year term from 01/09/22 to 01/09/2026 Minute no.137/22

Councillor J Stokes sits on this charity for a 4-year term from 18/05/23 to 17/08/2027 Minute no.28/23

Hythe Sick Poor Fund

The Hythe Sick Poor Fund ended in 2019 as its constitution became somewhat obsolete with the changing times, and the charity was reconstituted as the Friends of Hythe Dementia, registered charity number 209429.

Friends of Hythe Dementia

The Charity, Friends of Hythe Dementia, was formed in 2019 having been re-constituted from the Hythe Sick Poor Fund which was originally established in 1953 but in recent years had been found to have become somewhat obsolete.

The Friends of Hythe Dementia exists to support those living with dementia and their carers in Hythe and in the local surrounding parishes.

The Friends of Hythe Dementia manages a Trust Fund which can be accessed by individuals affected by dementia who require financial support to access essential aids and adaptations to improve their quality of life.

The Friends of Hythe Dementia are prepared to consider applications for funding from any organisation wishing to provide a service to help those living with dementia and their carers in Hythe and the local community.

Councillor J Martin sits on this charity for a 4-year term from 01/2023 to 01/2027 Minute no.285/22