

Report from the Trustees of the Thomas Miller Charity Parish Assembly 26th April 2023

The Thomas Miller Charity receives proceeds from the sale of hay and grazing rights from three small parcels of land on Portholme Meadow. In addition, a High Level Stewardship agreement and investment income enabled the Trustees to assist individual parishioners and organisations in the village throughout the year. Income allowed, the Trustees to make a small distribution to a number of individuals at Easter and Christmas.

Proceeds from the sale of hay were slightly lower this year, continuing low interest rates resulted in another reduction in income. The new subscription to the bi-monthly "Yours" magazine was continued and the magazines delivered to Hilary Lodge and the Tuesday Club at the Memorial Centre. We received no grant applications during the year.

We made an application for a grant to erect signage on Portholme to the Looker Energy Environmental Fund, through the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation. The fund supports projects in Godmanchester and Portholme, and the priority is for environmental work - either conservation of species/habitat or environmental education. We are waiting to hear the outcome of this application, which will be considered on the 18th April.

Jason Taylor left Brampton to accept a new post. He was replaced by Rev Duncan Goldthorpe. and Alan Mellor and Tim Fryer continue to act as Trustees along with Pat Doody who is clerk and Trustee. The Clerk attended the Sunday morning church service (on New Year's Day) and presented the princely sum of ten 'old' shillings (50p) to the minister for preaching the Thomas Miller sermon. The Clerk has continued to lead groups on guided tours around the meadow and give talks describing its history and natural history. Morning walks are scheduled for Sunday 16th April 2023 and . Saturday 22nd April. Meet at 10.30am at Godmanchester lock. We hope the fritillaries will be in flower.

The Charity will continue to assist people in the Parish in accordance with Thomas Miller's Will.

Dr Pat Doody, 6th April 2023, 5 Green Lane, Brampton on behalf of the Trustees. Email jp.doody@ntlworld.com.

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The pictures from the original photographic survey are still available on the Flickr photographic web site @ <https://www.flickr.com/photos/133389540@N04/albums/72157651157698203>

I have also taken several repeat pictures of the A14 roadworks for comparison. These photographs, before and after the A14 can be viewed @ <https://www.flickr.com/photos/133389540@N04/albums/72157692440527805>.

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