

Brixton Feoffee Trust Annual Report –Summary
Financial year beginning 01.04.2017 and ending 31.03.2018

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and distribution of income is available on the Charity Commission's website
Charity Number 203604

The Board of Trustees of the Brixton Feoffee Trust is pleased to publish this summary of its annual report for the period from 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 in the 'Brixton Magazine'.

During the year the Board of Trustees has upheld the Trust's purposes by administering its property and investment portfolio in compliance with the requirements of the Trust Deed and the Charities Act 2016. This ensures that the Trust maximises income for beneficiaries so that half the net income can be distributed through grants to individuals and to the community. The individual grants help people living in Brixton Parish who are in financial hardship, or to assist young people through sporting and educational opportunities. The community grants support local organisations and groups to meet their objectives in Brixton Parish. The remaining half is paid to Parochial Church Council of St. Mary's Church, Brixton, for the upkeep, repair and insurance against fire of the fabric of the Parish Church of Brixton. The Board of Trustees meets every 6 weeks.

Grants totalling £5,941 were made in response to individual applications for financial help by residents of Brixton Parish. These included two Call24Hour alarms; a new heating system; funding for driving lessons; paying nursery school costs for a child with additional needs; a grant for pre-school costs; providing school uniform; for children at Brixton School to attend school residential courses; assisting two students to complete study trips abroad; helping two students with university costs such as equipment and books; a student to compete in a prestigious sports event abroad; supporting a student to attend a sports event in London; and individual awards to school leavers at Brixton Primary School to enable them to acquire essential items when starting secondary school.

Grants totalling £3,913 were made to community organisations and included the Brixton Village website costs, jointly funded with Brixton Parish Council; a Poppy Day wreath on Remembrance Day; for a taxi to take parishioners with limited mobility to St. Marys Church every Sunday. Grants have contributed to fund a Toddlers' Tower at Brixstix Play Space, to the local Scout group for heaters and towards a centenary exhibition organised within the village by Brixton Parish Council.

The Community Car Scheme, funded by the Brixton Feoffee Trust at a cost of £2,345 for this year, is a greatly appreciated service in the community . The Trustees are most grateful to the car drivers who give freely of their time and vehicles, as well as the Co-ordinator, who arranges the transport very efficiently. The Board welcomed donations from Community Car Scheme users as in previous years and these have been invested to continue to

provide additional income for the Trust. The Board of Trustees arranges an annual social and updating meeting for all the car drivers and the co-ordinator. First Aid training was organised in February for all drivers and Trustees.

As in previous years, St. Mary's Church PCC received a grant of one-half of the net income towards the maintenance of Brixton Church. The Parochial Church Council nominated Mr. Paul Bassett as its Trustee during the year following Mr. Ralph James's resignation after a long period as a Trustee.

Regular reporting on budget planning and financial monitoring at Board meetings has taken place. To meet the Charity Commission's requirements, the annual audit of accounts has been satisfactorily completed.

New policies and practice guidelines to meet the Charity Commissions requirements for the governance of charities have been introduced and were ratified by the Board of Trustees in December 2017. In considering applications for financial help confidentiality is paramount for the Board of Trustees. All Trustees and the Clerk attended Confidentiality training in January 2018. Risk Assessments for all areas of the Trust's work are being completed. The Board of Trustees has amended its policies and procedures to meet the General Data Protection Regulations for their introduction in May 2018. The Board of Trustees resolved that the current Trust Deed needs to be updated to meet the Charity Commission's requirements. It is anticipated that a new Trust Deed will be in place by November 2018.

Property owned by the Brixton Feoffee Trust includes four cottages in Old Road and the Park. In the Park problems have occurred through dog fouling. Following advice from a professional arborist, surgery work was undertaken to one of the horse chestnut trees during the year instead of felling it as agreed previously.

The planned extension and modernisation to one of the Trust properties in Old Road, together with the diversion of the right of way to the end of the tenants' gardens and provision of individual private parking spaces, was completed. This has enhanced the street scene appearance of Old Road and the bank adjoining the Trust properties beside the A379.

The Board of Trustees recognises the importance of promoting the Trust across the parish and regularly advertises in the 'Brixton Magazine'.

The Trustees of the Brixton Feoffee Trust are as follows:

Mrs. Melissa Landricombe (Chair of Trustees) – 881128, Mrs. Brenda Huxtable - 880551, Mr. Paul Bassett – 880426, Mrs. Liz Hitchins – 880715, Mrs. Jackie Penney-Cousins – 881144.

The Clerk to the Trustees is Mrs. Sally Axell – 880262.