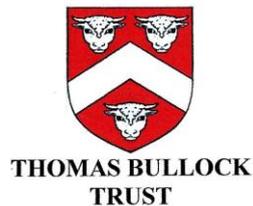


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In the Financial Year to April 2020, the Trust has continued to support Shipdham's young people financially, with the emphasis, as always, on providing "extras" to the Thomas Bullock Academy for which we budgeted over £36,000. We have also given grants to university students resident in the village, worth nearly £19,000, and £7,500 to Further Education and 6th-form students.

In addition, pupils attending High Schools have received nearly £5,000 worth of grants towards extra-curricular activities such as school trips, music tuition, and sports-club memberships, whilst £1,500 has gone to local youth organisations.

It is worth emphasising, again, the need for applicants to provide supporting written evidence of their acceptance or continuation of a course or activity, by the relevant deadline. Verbal assurance is not enough.

The Trustees continue to investigate the programme for replacing the Play-group building in the next few years, and they also retain their consultative role in the developmental planning for the Old School Playing Field. The Trustees also review the return on assets annually to ensure that value is maintained.

Returning to the support given to the Thomas Bullock Academy, we are delighted to have been able to finance the salary of the music teacher - a luxury which many similar schools cannot afford - and to continue to ring-fence some £10,000 of their grant to providing subsidised school trips, thus enabling every pupil the opportunity for widening and developing experiences.

With the advent of the new Head Teacher, Mrs. Shannon O'Sullivan, we will seek a meeting at the earliest convenience to discuss the School's priorities.

The Trust's investments are holding up well, despite stock-market variations, and stand at approximately £1.8 million, providing an annual income over £60,000.