

CottenhamCharities

An Introduction

September 2026

CottenhamCharities



About us

- John Moreton, by deed of 1671, gave half the rental of houses in Holborn, London, for poor relief and for apprentices in Cottenham
- This paid for two sets of almshouses - one exists today
- Registered with the Charity Commission
- Charity Number 200586
- 9 Trustees
- Meet 2 times a year
- Celebrated 350th Anniversary in 2021

www.cottenhamcharities.co.uk

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Welcome

Cottenham Charities provides accommodation in seven almshouses in Cottenham, Cambridgeshire and gives grants to those who live in the village and are in need.

We have a rich history dating back to 1671 (we celebrated our 350th anniversary this year) and are proud to continue the original charitable objectives of providing relief to persons resident in the Parish of Cottenham who are in need, hardship or distress by making grants of money or providing payments for items, services or facilities.



Cottenham Charities Almshouses built in 1853

Cottenham Allotments

Keep fit, feed the family and enjoy the company of fellow growers. Cottenham Charities manage the allotments on Rampton Road and invite applications for plots throughout the year.

Links

- [Charity Commission](#)
- [Cottenham Parish Council](#)
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- [Almshouse Association](#)

Please contact

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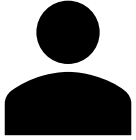
APPLICATION FOR A GRANT:
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Applicants are advised that failure to disclose any relevant information may prejudice their application. Misleading or inaccurate information may lead to your application being refused.

Yes		No	
SURNAME		First Name/Partner	
FIRST NAME			
DATE OF BIRTH			
OCCUPATION			
ADDRESS			
POSTCODE			
TEL. ADDRESS			
YOU CURRENTLY NO SHARE			
NAME & AGE OF CHILDREN			
How long have you lived in the above address? (Number of years)			
Do you have access to a car? (If not please give details)			
I require the following services: (Please tick)			
Financial Advice	☐	Financial Support/Grants	☐
Home Support	☐	Emergency Rental/Lease on other housing	☐
Employment and Support Allowance	☐	Work related	☐
Alcohol/Drug/Health	☐	Control the Support (if applicable)	☐
International/Leads	☐		

PLEASE COMPLETE DETAILS OF DEPENDANTS



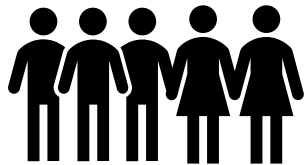
9 Trustees



- Rector of All Saints Church – Revd. Lynda Davies



- 3 Trustees nominated by Cottenham Parish Council
 - Serve for 4 years
 - *Christine Ward is a Trustee although nominees are not necessarily Councillors*



- 5 Trustees – co-opted for 5 years



Almshouses



Almshouses were established from the 10th century to provide a place of residence for poor, old and distressed people

The first recorded almshouse was founded in York by King Athelstan (924-939)

The oldest still in existence is the Hospital of St. Cross in Winchester, dating to c. 1132

The Almshouse Association is a support charity that represents over 1,600 independent almshouse charities throughout the UK that provide homes for 36,000 people



Almshouses

- Located on Rampton Road
 - Junction with Oakington Road
- Built in 1853
- Originally a Chapel in the centre
- 8 properties but now 7
 - 6 x one bedroom
 - 1 x two bedrooms



Little London Almshouses, Cottenham



Refurbished 2007 when they were partly re-built

One-bedroom properties comprise

- Sitting room/dining room
- Kitchen with cooker & hob
- Bathroom
- Upstairs bedroom with en-suite toilet and wash basin
- Large communal garden

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8 Current Residents

- Male and female
- Over 60 on low income
- Live in the Parish (or a relative of a parishioner who would like to move into the Parish to be near family)
- Residents are expected to be independent and able to look after themselves – no care is provided
- Age profile 65 – 82
- 2 Trustees make monthly welfare visit
- Access to village Mobile Warden service

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Allotments

- Rampton Road
- 41 Plots
- Many now rented as Half or Quarter plots
- Currently over 80 allotment holders
- Full plot - £25 + £10 for water
- Host *Cottenham Community Allotment*

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Cottenham
Primary School

Rampton Rd

Lambs Ln

Rampton Rd

Pelham Way

Pelham Cl

Pelham Way

New Town

Grants

- Available all Year round
- Applicant sources
 - Direct
 - Social care referrals
 - SCDC Housing team
 - GP referrals (Social Prescribers)
- Reviewed and agreed by trustee group so quick response time

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Cottenham Charities Grants

Grants for household and disability items in Cottenham

Cottenham Charities has funds available to help individuals and families on a low income and disabled Cottenham residents for household and disability items.

Applications for grants for essential household or disability items can be considered throughout the year. During the last year grants have been given to purchase a wardrobe and drawers, a fridge freezer, an electric riser / recliner chair and to make adjustments to a disabled person's home.

Cottenham Charities can also give support to elderly frail residents who would like the assurance of a Community Lifeline alarm but are put off by the cost of installing and renting the system.

To make an application please download and complete the application form by following the link below

[Grant Application Form](#)

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COTTENHAM CHARITIES

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APPLICATION FOR A GRANT:
This information contained in this application form will be provided to the charity trustees and relevant individuals in order to consider the financial need of applicants.
Applicants on record for financial reasons may receive assistance more quickly than applications. Following successful submission you will receive appropriate funding.

Form	Form Spaced Version
GENERAL INFORMATION	
PRIORITY RATING	
DATE OF BIRTH	
DURATION OF ILLNESS	
ADDRESS	
PROXY CODE	
SIGNATURE AND NAME	
WITNESSES AND CONTACT DETAILS	
How long your individual situation affects your life?	
What is the total value of your personal assets?	
Do you own a vehicle? If so, what type?	
Are you currently receiving any other benefits?	
Are you currently receiving any other grants?	
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Grants (given)

- Wardrobe and Drawers
- Through Floor Lift
- Cot Mattress
- Mobility Scooter
- Fridge Freezer
- Washing Machine
- Seat Trolley
- Riser Chair
- Lightweight Wheelchair
- Carpets
- Travel to Hospital Appointments
- Community Lifeline
- **AND MANY MORE**

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	You	Your Spouse/Partner
SURNAME		
FIRST NAME(S):		
DATE OF BIRTH		
OCCUPATION		
ADDRESS		
POSTCODE		
EMAIL ADDRESS		
TELEPHONE NUMBER		
NAME & AGE OF CHILDREN		
How long have you lived at the above address? Number of years		
Do you live alone? (If 'NO' please give brief details)		
I receive the following benefit(s) - Please tick		
Pension Credit	☐	Pension Savings Credit ☐
Income Support	☐	Incapacity Benefit (with no other income) ☐
Employment and Support Allowance:-	Work related ☐ or Support ☐	
Housing Allowance/Benefit	☐	Council Tax Support (not 25% discount) ☐
Universal Credit	☐	

PLEASE COMPLETE DETAILS OVERLEAF

Continuing a long tradition of support

Christmas 1913

year.

CHRISTMAS BENEVOLENCE.—The aged inmates of Moreton's almshouses had their Christmas brightened by numerous gifts, which included money, groceries, coals and joints of meat, from the following kind-hearted donors: Mrs J. M. Goode, Mrs John Cross, Mrs W. Sanderson, Mrs Ezra Male, Mrs Johnson (Whittlesea), Mrs Page Wallis (Cambridge), the Rev. R. P. Moline, Mr Wm. Coxall and Mr Thos. Hall (Cambridge).

RINGERS' SOCIAL.—The annual social gathering of the church bellringers and friends took place



Christmas	Households	Amount	Total
2010	39	£100	£3,900
2011	53	£80	£4,240
2012	50	£65	£3,250
2013	58	£65	£3,770
2014	54	£65	£3,510
2015	52	£65	£3,380
2016	50	£70	£3,500
2017	50	£70	£3,500
2018	59	£75	£4,425
2019	72	£80	£5,760
2020	96	£80	£7,680
2021	80	£70	£5,600
2022	96	£60	£6,330*
2023	106	£60	£7,340**
2024	126	£60	£8,620***
			£74,805

* An additional £10 per child was given to each family = £570

** An additional £10 per child was given to each family = £980

*** An additional £10 per child was given to each family = £1,000

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Cottenham & Fitzwilliam Trusts

FREE Christmas Gift Voucher 2024

Two Cottenham Charities will once again be giving Christmas Gift vouchers to families in the Parish receiving

- Housing Benefit
- Income Support
- Incapacity Benefit
- Employment Support Allowance
- Pension Credit; or
- Universal Credit

Regrettably we are not able to consider those on Job Seeker's Allowance

Voucher Application forms will be available from
Cottenham Post Office from Monday 25th November
or online at www.cottenhamcharities.co.uk
and must be returned by Wednesday 11th December

Applicants should be receiving one of the above benefits.
Proof of eligibility will be required.
Only one application per household.