

SWANMORE EDUCATIONAL TRUST



The Swanmore Educational Trust was formed in 1981 and is an amalgamation of two older charities; the first known as *'The School Allotments Charity'* was founded in 1863 and the second; *'The Leonora Goodlad Charity'* was founded in 1895. Leonora Goodlad, who lived at Hill Place in Swanmore, wanted to support the educational and social development of future generations of young people in the Parish and set aside in her Will some of the land that she owned to provide an ongoing income for the Trust. Today, the Trust is managed by a small group of Trustees who are all resident in Swanmore.

Over the years, the Trust has awarded grants to many young people from the village and has also, from time to time, provided funds towards projects being undertaken at the Primary School.

- The main focus of the Trust's work has been to aid young people who are taking part in visits and projects, often overseas, that are both educational and have provided practical assistance to disadvantaged communities.
- Grants have been made to support ongoing education, particularly the development of sporting, musical or artistic talents. We have sponsored young people who have benefitted from programmes that help to develop team working, leadership and other life skills.
- Support is available to youth organisations based in Swanmore that are focused on providing opportunities for young people from our Parish.
- We recognise that difficulties experienced by families in our village can have a serious detrimental effect on the well-being of children, which in turn can lead to problems within the school environment. In exceptional circumstances the Trust may be able to provide some limited, short-term financial assistance in areas such as uniform provision and funding of school trips.

All requests for financial support are considered on an individual basis and grants are made at the discretion of the Trustees. Applicants must be under the age of 25 and reside in the Parish of Swanmore.

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