

Brightling Village Trust

What have we done in the year to April 2025?

The Trust exists to support charitable purposes in Brightling and can also make grants to help individuals and relieve hardship. This gives the Trustees discretion to support a wide range of activities which will benefit people in Brightling and which are not otherwise supported.

The Trust incorporates four other small Brightling charities which have recently been merged into the Trust. These are the Mary Herbert Educational Foundation (set up in 1728 to support girls' education), the Catherine Stone Bequest (to support the welfare of Sunday School children), the Jesse Gregson Charity (to provide bread to needy Brightling parishioners) and the FH Scott Charity (to support the poor of the parish including through the provision of coal). The Village Trust will use the funds transferred from these charities to benefit modern Brightling.

We would welcome suggestions for grants that the Trust should consider making, as well as donations and proposals for raising funds. The Trust provided mulled wine and mince pies after the Village Carol Service in December 2024.

The Trustees are Mark Bridge (Treasurer), Charles Everett (Chair), Louise Dando, Henry Grissell, Brian Holliday and Nicola Magill (Trust Secretary).

Charles Everett

Chair, Brightling Village Trust
April 2025