

Trust Funds and Charities in the Diocese and the North East

Greatham Hospital

The Greatham Hospital (of God) was founded in 1273 by Bishop Robert Stitchell to assist clergy and laity in the ancient Diocese of Durham (now Newcastle and Durham Dioceses). The Hospital was to meet the needs of the poor, old or infirm.

The Hospital and its affairs are now administered by a board of Trustees who, as funds permit, are able to make grants in cases of unforeseen need. Requests for application forms, preferably through an Archdeacon, should be made to:

The Estate Office
Greatham Hospital
Greatham
HARTLEPOOL
TS25 2HS

The Trustees also administer a number of almshouses in both Dioceses which may be offered to clergy or laity in their retirement. Further information about grants or housing can be found at <http://www.hospitalofgod.org.uk/>.

Lord Crewe's Charity

Nathaniel, Lord Crewe (Bishop of Durham 1674-1721) set up a trust in his will, for the benefit of (amongst others) "necessitous clergy" of the area now covering the Dioceses of Newcastle and Durham.

Grants may be made to:

- a) Clergy (serving or retired) of Newcastle/Durham Dioceses and dependents thereof;
- b) Widows, widowers and other dependents of deceased clergy who were serving in the said area at the time of their decease;
- c) Widows, widowers and other dependents of clergy who previously served in the two Dioceses, and who are now residing in the said area.

Disbursements are entirely at the discretion of the Trustees. Grants are mainly given to help clergy with dependent children, but on occasion they are given to meet acute distress which cannot be met from public funds.

Applications for grants are considered twice annually (although in cases of particular emergency it may be possible for a grant to be made between normal meetings of the Trustees). Those wishing to apply for a grant should write requesting an application form to:

The Clerk to the Lord Crewe's Charity,
The Chapter Office
The College
DURHAM
DH1 3EH

All applications are treated as confidential. Applicants will be asked to state their total income, and that of their spouse.

Sherburn House Charity

Sherburn Hospital was founded in 1181 by Bishop Pudsey, the then Bishop of Durham. It is situated a couple of miles east of Durham city, on the A181. The charity now serves to provide residential care and sheltered housing to elderly residents and former residents of the north-east of England. Another very important function of the charity is to relieve need, hardship and distress in the north-east, by providing grants, both to individuals and to other organisations who work with disadvantaged groups.

Sherburn House Charity is a Church of England foundation, but no religious denominational condition is required of applicants.

For more information, see <http://www.sherburnhouse.org/> .