

THE CHARITY LANDS OF SAMPFORD PEVERELL

Originally the Charity's income was rents from properties owned by the Parish. These were sold about 1930 and the proceeds invested in war loans until 1963 when the capital was transferred to the Charities Official Investment Fund. The purpose of the income was "in the relief and maintenance of the needy and poor people of the Ancient Parish of Sampford Peverell."

The custom for generations was that the trustees met on Maundy Thursday and the distribution was made in the Church porch on Easter Sunday. This latter function was dropped about 50 years ago to avoid embarrassment.

The real estate was vested in "the Official Trusts of Charity Lands" by Order of Chancery 1859. The first eight were for house and garden only; the next two for house and garden and land; the last one was for land only.

<u>A. R. P.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Gross yearly income</u>
0 0 25	Jane Parker	3 10 0
0 0 10	Richard Parker	3 10 0
0 0 25	Henry Broom	4 0 0
0 0 30	James Foxford	3 10 0
0 0 18	Richard Southwood	7 0 0
0 0 14	Philip Dunn	3 15 0
0 0 14	Mary Ford	2 9 0
0 0 14	Jessie Ponsford	2 12 0
1 2 12	Eliza Hellyer	11 0 0
2 2 18	James Holly	11 0 0
0 3 36	Joseph Jennings	3 2 0

The house occupied by Mr Richard Southwood was in 1902 wholly destroyed by fire; the house occupied by Mr William Dunn was partially destroyed at the same time, the latter being subsequently restored at a cost of £65 out of a sum of £150 received from the Fire Insurance Company.

The balance of £85 was applied with other monies belonging to the Charity in the purchase of the following for £130:

"A piece of land with the two cottages thereon known as Royal Oak, containing 2.5 perches or thereabouts, situate in Higher Town, Sampford Peverell aforesaid."

In 1925 five of the above properties were still rented by the same families.

The March 1925 accounts show the following rents and payments:

Rents

Harry Cork	£ 9 2 0	Henry Church	£ 1 14 0
Carry Dunn	£ 5 4 0	Emma Dunn	£ 5 0 0
George Date	£ 7 16 0	James Foxford	£ 3 10 0
Frederick Goffin (field)	£ 3 4 0	Samuel Hellyer	£16 10 0
Tom Morgan	£ 3 0 0	Tom Parkhouse	£ 5 0 0
Arthur Ponsford	£ 2 0 0	James Salter	£16 0 0
John Thomas	£ 5 0 0	William John Williams	£ 4 0 0

Rent of oil house £ 1 0 0

Outpayments for the same year were:

Tithe	£ 2 16 8	insurance	£ 2 3 6
Land tax	£ 2 14 0	poor rate	£ 1 18 8
W.N Goffin (builder)	£ 1 7 6	stationery and stamps	£ 1 0 0
Kirk Thomas	£ 2 7 6	cheque book and printing	£ 0 9 0
Henry Wood	£ 5 0 0		

Easter Sunday Distribution: £45 among 93 villagers.

The March 1926 accounts show that the same people were paying rents.

The payments were as follows:

Poor rates	£ 1 2 8	A Gunn, thatcher	£ 9 10 0
Tithe to midsummer	£ 1 8 4	Goffin, building repairs	£52 15 0
Poor rate (G Date)	£ 1 0 0	lamp glass at school	£ 0 1 4
Fire insurance	£ 2 3 6	land taxes	£ 2 14 0
Tithe to Christmas	£ 1 8 4	H.G.Prim, clerk, q'ly salary	£ 1 5 0
Stationery and stamps	£ 0 4 6	agreement stamp, S. Hellyer	£ 0 4 0

Easter Sunday Distribution: £50 1 0 among 95 people.

The March accounts 1927 rents from the same people except A. Ponsford.

Payments were similar to previous year, except for thatching, which cost £45- 12-0.

The Easter Distribution was £12-1-6 among 36 people.

The March 1928 accounts show rents from the same people, except for Emma Dunn and including H.T.Morell.

Payments were made to:

Andrew and Miller, RDC Building, for Rose Cottage: £12-10-0 and later £8-2-8

Sampford Peverell Motor Co, G. Date £1-1-4

H. Wood, car hire re S. Hellyer £0-8-0

C.Biss thatching £1-7-6

P. Coombes thatching £3-7-6

The Easter Distribution was £17-0-0 among 42 villagers.

The March 1929 accounts show rents from the same people minus T. Morgan. Added to the list were E.J.Jarvis, W. Small and T. Perrot.

Payments included 6/- for car hire because of suspension of the bus service.

The Easter distribution was £47-2-6 among 71 people.

In 1930 the only rents were from Cork, Morrell and Goffin. The rest of the income is from dividends.

The Easter Distribution was £91 among 91 people.

In 1931 there were no rents. Income was from interest from War Loans.

Easter distribution was £60-6-6 to 97 people.

In 1932 income from War Loans interest.

Easter distribution was £72-8-0 to 103 people.

In 1933 income was from War Loans again plus conversion bonus.

Easter distribution was £71-15-0 among 104 people.

In 1934 income came from government stock interest and did so until 1939.

Easter distribution was £53-12-6 among 97 people.

1935 Easter distribution was £48-3-6 among 102 people.

1936 £46-6-6 among 90.

1937 £45-14-0 among 90.

1938 £45-2-6 among 84

1939 £45-19-6 among 87 people.

A letter from the Charity Commissioners on 14th May 1946 stated that “the income from the Charity is applicable in the relief and maintenance of the needy and poor people of the Ancient Parish of Sampford Peverell. The choice of beneficiaries is a matter for the Trustees in the exercise of their discretion. The Commissioners consider that it is better to give substantial benefits to a few persons than small benefits to a large number of people and in any case, the beneficiaries should be confined to persons in real need. Persons in receipt of Poor Law Relief should not receive benefits.”

The onus of the Trust is firmly that of the Parish Council.

The number of beneficiaries in the 30's would have prompted this letter.