

Report to Kenilworth Town Council regarding William Edwards Educational Charity.

The William Edwards Educational Charity, commonly known as Edwards Charity, serves to promote education for children, young adults and schools in the parish of Kenilworth.

The Town Council has 3 trustees who are appointed to the trustees' board because of their associations with Kenilworth Town Council. These are Cllr Peter Jones, Cllr Kate Dickson and ex-Cllr Pat Ryan. The Chair and vice chair of the board are also previous Town Cllrs who are now coopted members of the board of trustees. The Clerk to the trustees is Mr John Hathaway who manages the charity on a day-to-day basis.

Benefits to applicants from Kenilworth are made in 3 ways:

- Application by a parent or carer for necessary clothing or equipment for a child, or children to enable them to access their education, where there is evidence of financial need.
- Application by an individual under the age of 26 years, for a bursary from the charity to further their post school education.
- Application by a Kenilworth School for equipment or development which is not normally provided by the education authority.

All grants and bursaries are agreed at the discretion of the trustees and in accordance with the scheme of the charity as registered at the charity commission.

The AGM of the charity was held on July 8th 2026, however the Clerk was unable to issue the accounts as they were with the recently appointed accountants for examination. This follows the recent short notice withdrawal of the previous accountants who have expressed their intention to withdraw from serving charities in auditing accounts.

Audited accounts are expected to be issued in the next few weeks, when an accurate total of the amount of grants given in the year can be reported.

During the AGM, 5 applications for bursaries and 13 applications for uniform, laptop, or school trip monies were considered.

There has been very grateful feedback from applicants receiving grants.

Applications are made to J.M.P. Hathaway, Solicitor, 43 Brook Street, Warwick. CV34 4BL. Enquiries can be made at the same address and at 01926 492497