Information- St Thomas's Dole Charity- May 2023

St Thomas's Dole Charity makes small grants to community-based organisations in the Ancient Parish of Aston with the aim to alleviate conditions of need, hardship, or distress. The charity's trustees meet in May and November each year to distribute dividend income. This varies but is in the region of £30,000 to £35,000 each time dependent on dividend income from capital investments. Previous grants include contributions to food banks, food pantries, children's activities, help with rent for various community groups, activities, and trips for elderly.

I recently attended the May 2023 meeting of Trustees to consider grant applications and granted requests amounting to circa £30,000. Applications need to be made in at least a month before each meeting. The next meeting will be on Thursday 16th November at the Diocese Office in Birmingham.

This report was prepared by Cllr Wendy Rees (Parish Council Representative and Trustee for St Thomas's Dole Charity)