

## **Report from Councillor Wendy Rees – January 2025**

St Thomas' 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 discuss the distribution of the income received from capital invested by the Trust. The Charity's investment portfolio was valued at circa £1.1 million as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 giving investment income for the period of circa £68,000.

Previous grants include contributions to food banks, food pantries, children's activities, help with rent for various community groups, activities, and trips for elderly.

Applications need to be made in at least a month before each meeting. The meetings for this year will be on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at the Diocese Office in Birmingham.