

# Pepyn and Lessey Trust

A report given at the Annual Parish Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015

A Short history of the Trust – In 1562 and 1563 W Pepyn and R Lessey left land, the income of which was to help with “The education in learning and Godliness of the poor children of Wenhaston with Mells hamlet” In 1982 with the fore sight of the Trustees a house with land owned by the Trust was sold and the proceeds were invested –This now produces an income between £4500 & £5000 per annum. This gives the Trustees the funding to help with many projects

How the money has been spent – Individually we help with Scholarships, maintenance allowances, outfits, clothing, instruments, books, field courses, school trips and travel for educational purposes and helping towards the cost of the D of E award schemes.

The trust gives grants to parents of children going from Primary school to the High School when extra expenses are incurred for new uniforms, sports equipment.

We also offer help to children staying on in the VI form with specialist books and transport costs.

The Trust also makes one off payments to help with school projects and this year we have been able to help Wenhaston Primary School with school trips – extra teaching aids and equipment.

We also offer a book of their own choice to children going to The High School; this is in memory of Harold Hatcher who left a bequest to the Trust.

The Trustees would like all residents in Wenhaston with Mells, especially those with School age children, to be aware of the work done by The Trust and the availability of financial assistance towards enjoying and achieving their potential during their time at school.

If anyone would like to know more about the Trust or knows of anyone who may benefit from the Trusts activities do let us know.

A short history of the Trust written by Mrs Jackson, a former Head of the School is also available to anyone interested