

## **For Annual Parish Meeting**

### **Report Alston United Charities Year end March 2021**

Year end March 2021 has been a busy one for Alston United Charities. Due to lockdown for the majority of the year we have had far more applications than would normally happen in a year and we have given donations of over £6000 to help individuals in need in our community.

We are a very small charity but luckily for us we received a grant from EDC to cover applications that were specifically due to covid/lockdown – which was the majority. We have also received a number of personal donations as well as contributions from local organisations...testament to the generosity of the people here.

Alston United Charities is a non- intrusive charity, we do not ask for any details of an applicant's income or outgoings, the application form is very straight forward in that we simply need to know the general circumstances surrounding the application and what the funds are for. Bottom line is that funds are for relieving hardship or distress on Alston Moor and we seek to ensure that any donations would relieve a need of this kind. The process is confidential.

We hope that the lockdown has made us more visible in the community and hence more approachable and that prospective applicants know that they can contact either:

**Aileen Ellwood**, Tel: 01434 381193, e mail: [aileenellwood@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:aileenellwood@yahoo.co.uk)

Address: 4 Townfoot, Alston, CA9 3HX

Or

**Revd Mark Nash Williams**, Tel: 01434 382588, e mail : [charities@alstonmoorcofe.org.uk](mailto:charities@alstonmoorcofe.org.uk)

The charity is for individuals, not organisations.

Our regular income is from a very small investment trust set up years ago. This would not have been sufficient for the past year, but was rectified as explained above. Donations are always welcome into our charity and we are registered for Gift Aid with HMRC for donations from individual taxpayers. There are 10 trustees.

Aileen Ellwood, Trustee and Treasurer Alston Moor Charities