

## LAND AT ECCLESTON

Summary based on Minutes of Shevington United Charities and other papers provided.

### The Charity

United Charities comprise;

- 1) Charity of Edward Aspinall
- 2) Birchalls Charity
- 3) Thelfalls Charity
- 4) Holts Charity

The land at Eccleston, formerly known as “Crowdhurst and the Stoney-Riding” and afterwards called “Daniels Land” relates to the Charity of Edward Aspinall. (Ref. 24<sup>th</sup> Aug 1900)

Shevington United Charities at first gave funds to local charities eg. The Spastic Society (Wigan) but later confined their charitable work to the provision of Christmas food parcels to deserving persons within the Parish of Shevington, usually to 10 persons who were selected with the help of local doctors. The value of the parcels ranged from £3.50 each to £5 each and the parcels were delivered by one of the Trustees. However in 1982 no parcels were delivered due to lack of funds as only £47.70 remained in the (current?) account.

Shevington Parish Council had 2/3 (?) representatives on the Trustees and are recorded as having made donations of £20, £25 and £40 p.a.

Income shown on the Schedule of Property dated 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 1986 shows an annual income of £55 from the land plus amounts of £1.28, £3.33 and £2.56 from the other 3 charities.

Shevington Parish Council Minutes dated Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 2008 state;

### ***Shevington United Charities***

*The Clerk had been investigating current position with regard to this Charity, which was originally set up in 1900. The Parish Council are responsible for appointing the three principal trustees every four years and there were assets involved.*

*It appears on Charities Commission website as having been*

deregistered in August, 2007. The Clerk had sought information from the Commission and had been asked to put the request in writing.

The Charity's last known Secretary was Anthony Boylan, who had left to work on the continent and had handed all documents in his possession to the Council prior to his departure. Mr. Boylan is still resident in the area and the Clerk will contact him.

The Charity Commission website gives the registration number of Shevington United Charities as 226246 and confirms that the Charity, registered on 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 1964, was removed from the register on 16<sup>th</sup> Aug 2007.

### The Land (see maps)

The land is recorded in 1893 as having an area of 2 acres, 2 roods and zero perches. However, on the old map provided with the documents the land is shown as 2 parcels, no. 487 of 2.800 acres and no. 469 of 1.701 acres. The land is bounded to the south by the Syd Brook and to the north by Tinklers Lane. A (public?) footpath is shown running alongside the brook within the 487 parcel close to the southern boundary.

Both fields were previously rented to a Mr. Wareing at an annual rent of £20 and for this he maintained the hedges, ditches, gates and fencing. (Ref. *Minutes 9/12/81*) The rent was later increased to £25 p.a. then £30 p.a. then £50p.a. in 1984. The final rent recorded is £55 p.a. in 1985.

On 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 1986 it was recorded that

*the Secretary had written to the Charity Commissioner to see if it was possible to sell the land. A reply was received and read out to the Trustees present. However as only 4 Trustees were in attendance it was decided to take no further action until the next meeting.*

### Other Documents

1) There is a reference dated Feb 1996 to

*“ Mr. de Ferry who has taken over the running of the Charity”*

2) A letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> March 1996 from Allen de Ferry states that he is a Finance Committee member of the Parish of Stapleford Tawney and

**Theydon Mount. He states that income vouchers have been directed to the Rector at Theydon Mount, Epping, Essex but the income cannot be used for charitable purposes as the Parish does not have access to the account. He requests new signatories from the Parish of Stapleford Tawney and Theydon Mount *“so that the Parish can operate the account(s) of the above charities”***

- 3) There is a reference dated July 17<sup>th</sup> 1994 to a Nat West Bank (Bolton) account number 0/98937022 *“which receives interest from time to time from account no. 9452951A of M & G Securities Ltd”* of M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford, CM1 1FB.**
- 4) In a letter from an Esther Ruddy (Customer Admin at M & G Securities) dated 17<sup>th</sup> July 1998 thirty income vouchers were enclosed covering the period Feb 1996 to May 1998.**