

BRAMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

BRAMERTON HELPING HAND REPORT 2025-26

It has been a steady year for Bramerton Helping Hand (registered with the Charity Commission as Bramerton Relief-in-Need).

Grants included financial assistance for a resident's granddaughter with significant health issues. The grant was used to buy equipment to aid development.

Income consisted of £550 rental from the Trust's two fields and interest earned on investments. The Trust has exemplary tenants who in 2025 agreed to amalgamate the two separate leases for the fields into one lease for a period of five years.

The Trust's wheelchair was extensively used during the year. Purchased in 2003 it was showing signs of age, so it has been recently replaced by a refurbished wheelchair which is available at no cost for use by those without means of mobility in Bramerton. (enquiries tel 01508 538771 or email dick.meadows@outlook.com)

In the past the charity trustees have made grants to help residents buy heating oil or logs, have boilers and other essential domestic appliances repaired and deal with a host of other domestic emergencies.

Formed in 1989 and funded by the rental of two fields in the village, the charity is an amalgamation of three smaller charities, the oldest of which was established in 1672 to provide 'coals for poor people.'

If you know of anyone who may need some help, please contact Dick (details above). All approaches are dealt with in strictest confidence. They can be made personally or on behalf of someone else.

The current Trustees are Katherine Tooney (chair), Fran Gray (treasurer), Dick Meadows (secretary), Helen Pittaccio, Gill Simmonds, and Sally-Ann Meadows (Bramerton Parish Council representative).