



# HALF NEWS



The Hinton and Longworth Education Fund  
Registered Charity No. 1056863

## Chairman's letter of December 2016

A very sincere thank you to the many people who continue to enjoy and support our fundraising events so generously, and to the Steering Group for their hard work fundraising on behalf of our charity.

## Fundraising activities in 2016

Activities included several Yoga Half Days as well as the regular Monday night yoga class. A successful roving supper event was held in March, Longworth Open Gardens were held in June to show gardens at their summer best, and the annual Longworth 10K Run was held in September with school teams once again participating from both Abingdon and St Edwards. An ever popular Call My Wine Buff was held in October after a 3 year break and was, as usual, completely sold out well in advance. And finally, a group of singers took part in our annual Carol Singing round the village on the Monday evening just before Christmas. These events, together with generous individual donations, raised **£3,735**.

## Sponsorship in 2016

I am delighted to say we were able to pledge a contribution of up to **£4,467** from capital reserves to help complete upgrading the IT infrastructure at Longworth School, and a further **£1,000** towards the Hinton Waldrist Village Hall energy insulation project. Additionally the sponsorships awarded from our prior year's income amounted to **£2,612**. We made seven awards this year to various village based groups:

- Longworth Primary School (funding for residential trips)
- Benefice Youth Club (general running costs for the club)
- Longworth Pre-School (funding for new equipment)
- Kingsmoor Club (contribution towards a seaside outing)
- Baby & Toddler Group (funding for new equipment)
- Church Bells Appeal (balance of original pledge)
- Longworth Village Hall (subsidising costs of a first aid course)

We also covered the cost of annual book awards and cup engraving for the School as usual.

**Michael Pearce** (Chair of Trustees)

For more details of what HALF does and who is involved in running it see our page in the Groups section of the village website at <http://longworthvillage.org.uk>

**Sponsorship applications for 2017** should be submitted to our new treasurer John Jackson ([johnicola@hotmail.com](mailto:johnicola@hotmail.com)) by 31 May 2017. Further details of the award process will be published nearer the time and can also be found on the HALF page of the village website.