

THE GARDEMAU TRUSTS 2017-18

Over the past 12 months, the trusts have provided funding for equipment (eg a new computer printer) and a number of events and activities, to support St Mary's church and its work in the parish. Notable was a celebration at Harvest 2017 to, amongst other things, thank all those who, whether churchgoers or not, support the church in any way.

The trusts also make regular donations to FIND, a local charity which helps families in need in Ipswich and surrounding villages, and have funded equipment for the Ipswich Soup Kitchen, which is partly staffed by volunteers from Coddendam and other villages in the benefice.

The Gardemau Church Charity has purchased a wheeled brushcutter for use around the village in areas such as the churchyard, Broom Hill etc and also a new mower for the use of the Churchyard Management Group.

The Lady Catherine Gardemau Educational Foundation continues to offer bursaries and has recently provided £500 to a local young person for a charitable expedition to Namibia. It also supports the Mothers and Toddlers Group and, together with the Parish Council and Day Foundation, has made a grant towards the installation of adult outdoor exercise equipment on the Rec.

For more information on the history, objectives and activities of the four Gardemau Trusts, please see the Coddendam Village website.

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