

PIKE AND EURE GEORGE WALKER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION.

The Pike and Eure is a very old educational charity established by the founders Timothy Pike in 1728 and Ralph Eure in 1627 to cover both the villages of Heighington and Washingborough. Its aim was to help youngsters, leaving school to start apprenticeships, to pay for tools and other equipment or further their education. Also, alongside it is the George Walker Sports Foundation which was started in 1997 from the donations on the death of George Walker by his family as George was a Trustee. The Charity is run by 10 Trustees, 5 from each village who meet at least twice a year.

Over the years just prior to 2023 the Trustees through a solicitor drew up a new Trust Deed which came into force from 1.1.2023 as the old one of 1954 was very outdated plus the receipt of further income which has been invested. The New Trust Deed merged the George Walker funds into just one unit and expanded its scope of grant aid to include voluntary groups within each village albeit that the main function is for youngsters between the ages of 16 – 25 for further education at universities, apprenticeships etc. The group eligibility covers the ages of 5 – 25 years for equipment, instruction days or coaching. Grants are considered once a year, usually in October of each year.

For 2023 the Trustee were able to help 14 youngsters with grants towards further education and sporting activities. The new grant for groups has really benefited 3 groups who have all been very grateful for this help. The Trustees feel that the extended grant section has been a great success and they do through various means advertise these grants hopefully to help as many youngsters as they can from the interest only from their investments.