

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 several 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through a solicitor drew up a new Trust Deed which came into force from 1.1.2023 as the old one of 1954 was very outdated. The capital started initially by money and land left by Messers Pike and Eure, then the sale of the land [outlying farmland in both villages], the sale of the Washingborough Schoolhouse in Manor Road and latterly the income from the sale of the old Washingborough Village Hall in Manor Road, which has all 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. **THESE GRANTS ARE NOT MEANS TESTED AND APPLICANTS CAN ONLY APPLY ONCE FOR THE MAIN OR SPORTS SECTIONS.**

The Main Charity continues to be well supported each year and grants are awarded to students between the ages of 16 – 25 years towards university, college, apprenticeships or vocational courses. [PLEASE NOTE GRANTS ARE **NOT** AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING THE 6TH FORM OF SCHOOLS.] The Trustees contact the local secondary schools, Lincoln University, Lincoln College and Siemens each year with copies of the application forms informing them of the available grants plus adverts in the Sheepwash Times and details on village websites and posters around the villages. The applications are considered by the Trustees around late October/beginning of November each year when they are more aware of what interest the Charity will have to award grants as they can only use the interest plus this gives the applicants time to ensure they have been accepted on their courses or apprenticeships etc

For 2025 the number of applications received of 8 main, 1 sports and 2 village groups continued to be successful however the Trustees feel that there are more students who could be eligible but maybe they are unaware of the charity despite all the publicity given. The extension of grants to voluntary groups has been extremely successful and appreciated. The Trustees will consider all applications but the amount of any award will depend on the finance available each year together with the number of applications received. Their decision will be final.

Once an application has been submitted, if the applicants circumstances change in any way please contact the Clerk straight away for clarification as to whether any grant paid has to be returned. Also, if you have any queries or require help in completing the applications forms please contact the Clerk to the Trustees as follows: Clerk is Mrs Anne Sutton, 5 Leicester Close, Washingborough, Lincoln LN4 1DSel:- 01522 791030 or mobile 07930 542731. E-mail address is;- anne318sutton@btinternet.com