

Cattistock Community Fund (CCF)
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday
25th March 2026 at 6.30pm at the Fox and Hounds

Committee Members Present

Chairman	Barbara Evans
Vice Chair	Helen Newman
Treasurer	Ian Vine
Secretary	Jenny Feely
	Simon Goodall and Sheila White
Others present	Sean and Maggie Lavan, Andrea Smith, Nigel Page, Terry White and Sue Orr

Number	Item	Action
1	Apologies There were no apologies.	
2	Adoption of the minutes from CCF AGM Meeting – 26.3.25 These were agreed and passed.	BE
3	Matters arising There were no matters arising.	BE
4	Trustee’s Report – Barbara Evans See attached.	BE
5	Treasurer’s Report – Ian Vine (Accounts for y/e 2025) See attached.	IV
6	Re-election of Trustees – Barbara Evans, Sheila White and Jenny Feely All 3 Trustees were re-elected for a further term. Ian will be standing down as Treasurer next year so we will be looking for a new Treasurer then.	BE
7	Cattistock Village Website – CCF Page The CCF funds the maintenance of the village website for which Ian thanked the Trustees. The CCF page includes a	IV

	link to the application forms and Easy Fundraising. EF enables a contribution to the CCF when you make a purchase online from over 8000 retailers.	
8	<p>Easy Fundraising – Helen Newman</p> <p>The CCF gets paid quarterly from EF. £183 was raised in 2025. We now have 100 supporters of EF an increase of 4 from the previous year.</p> <p>We will have a laptop at the Cheese and Wine evening if anyone wants to know how EF works and how to sign up.</p>	HN
9	<p>Local Giving – Ian Vine</p> <p>This is now costing us £180 per annum to be a part of. BE to talk to Andy (village shop) re any future voluntary contributions which provides the CCF with gift aid. If no further contributions are forthcoming we will have to consider whether to continue with Local Giving.</p>	BE
10	<p>Grant Applications March 2025 – March 2026</p> <p>Church Flags</p> <p>3 new flags were purchased to replace old, frayed ones. Terry White thanked the CCF on behalf of the village and said a flag would be raised in time for Easter. Terry commented on the speed that the application was dealt with.</p> <p>Church Clock Mechanism</p> <p>Sue Orr was very grateful for the money the CCF gave the Church which was matched by Frome Parish Council to repair the clock mechanism. She said the chimes have now stopped twice but on the 27th March someone is coming out to fix the motor which supports the chimes mechanism. A new glass cabinet has now been installed outside the Church which holds the CCF plaque.</p> <p>Tennis Club – lawn mowers</p> <p>Andrea emphasised the importance of having the tennis courts in the village which more children were now using. Having the lawnmowers repaired was a huge bonus and she thanked the CCF for their support and donation. Andrea will provide photos of the CCF plaque in situ and Barbara said</p>	

	<p>any other photos of the tennis club can be sent to her to put on the website.</p> <p>Village Bleed Kit Helen thanked Terry White for installing the bleed kit.</p>	
11	<p>The Way Forward for the CCF / Raising the Profile We have quarterly meetings to share ideas and discuss any applications. We have a Wine and Cheese evening on 18th April 2026. Barbara gives any newcomers to the village information leaflets re the CCF. There is a national Restart a Heart Day but Helen is willing to do a CPR refresher day for the village as and when we would like it. Sean asked if information re the bleed kit could be included at the same time. All agreed it was a good idea to have a possible drop-in session one evening. Date and time to be decided. Gym sessions to start in April on a Wednesday evening at 6pm at the gym equipment. Anyone is welcome to come and join in a session at that time when some of the Trustees will be present. We need a pre-season clean-up of the equipment.</p>	All Trustees
12	<p>Any Other Business Ian introduced Nigel and thanked him as he has very kindly donated a printer to the Savill Hall to be used by any of the village organisations. Various organisations have their own codes for using the printer. Sean raised a question regarding a 2024 project 'Swift Action'. Barbara to respond by email to confirm the last status of the project when it was closed. Sean also raised a question regarding the funds held on behalf of the Shop Volunteers. Barbara to respond by email to clarify the reasons why the CCF were the custodians of Andy's donations to the Shop Volunteers.</p>	BE
13	<p>Date of next CCF AGM 31st March 2027 Barbara closed the meeting at 7.20pm.</p>	

CCF Annual Report 2025



The Cattistock Community Fund (CCF) has had another positive and rewarding year, supporting a range of local activities and organisations that help bring the village together.

Over the past year, we received several applications for funding, alongside requests for support for smaller, ongoing community activities. Applications came from a number of well-established village groups, and we are pleased to report that no applications were refused. In some cases, we worked with applicants to suggest the benefits of match funding as part of the process, helping projects achieve greater long-term value.

What the CCF is here to do

When the fund was first established, it focused on supporting organisations such as the Church, Savill Hall, and the Cricket, Football, and Tennis Clubs. While these remain very important, funding in more recent years has become more varied. In the past we have supported community celebrations such as the Queen's Jubilee and the Coronation, alongside practical initiatives that improve amenities and quality and the safety of life in the village.

Our aim remains the same: to support events and initiatives that are rooted in community and benefit as many people as possible. Where appropriate, we also offer advice, support, and guidance to help projects succeed—not just financially, but practically too.

Projects supported this year

During the 2025 year, the CCF provided funding or support for the following:

The Parochial Church of St Peter & St Paul – replacement dial drive with a Stepper Motor Control. The work was completed in the previous year with monies paid out in the 2025 accounts.

St Peter and St Paul Church – replacement flags

Funding was approved for replacement church flags, following an application from Terry White, the flag custodian. The previous flags had deteriorated over time due to fraying. The new flags include anti-fray netting and reinforced eyelets to help extend their lifespan. The Church has kindly acknowledged the CCF's support on this application plus the Church clock application mentioned above, through an updated notice and a new plaque visible by the door of the church.

Cattistock Cricket Club

A revised application, originally submitted late in the previous financial year, was approved and paid for during this financial year. The funding supported the purchase of new matting. In addition to this, the CCF is endeavouring to organise support of the Cricket Club through an annual sponsorship.

Bleed Kit for the village phone box

We funded the purchase and installation of a bleed kit in the Cattistock phone box. Bleed kits are designed to provide immediate, lifesaving assistance in cases of severe bleeding before emergency services arrive. The application was submitted by Helen Newman in her role as a Community First Responder, and we are pleased to support this important safety initiative.

Cattistock Lawn Tennis Club

An application was received for a replacement 24" cylinder lawnmower. Working closely with Andrea who represented the other club representatives, the CCF supported Andrea whilst the club explored several options, including discussions with local mower suppliers. It was eventually agreed that funding would be better used to restore the Club's two existing high-quality mowers. This solution will provide the Club with many more years of reliable use, including a cylinder mower for the courts and a rotary mower for the surrounding areas. The Club has since kindly supported the installation of a plaque recognising the CCF's support.

Annual Christmas Carol Event

The CCF supported the purchase of mulled wine for the annual Christmas Eve Carol event, which raises funds for St Peter and St Paul Church. The successful application from Cathy Evans and Richard Edwards helps support both the Church and the volunteers who organise this much-loved community event.

Advice, Input and ongoing support

In addition to direct funding, the CCF has continued to offer advice and guidance on potential future projects, including:

- Discussions with a representative of the PTA at Maiden Newton School regarding a possible future application for funding for window coverings. This would benefit children from the Cattistock community, and we will continue to support the PTA as they develop their proposal.
- Recognition by the Parochial Church Council of St Peter & St Paul Church, who have updated their notice board to acknowledge financial support from the CCF plus other donors.

Other ongoing commitments

The CCF also continues to support:

- Ongoing maintenance costs for the village website
- Wine for the Christmas Community Lunch

All of these initiatives help strengthen community connections and ensure support is available where it is most needed.

The role of the Trustees

During my second year as Chair, I have continued to focus on ensuring that the CCF is more than simply a group of trustees administering funding applications. Each Trustee brings their own experience and knowledge, helping to promote what the CCF can offer and how we can best support the community.

The Trustees meet quarterly to review applications, but just as importantly, we meet to share ideas and look for ways to improve how the fund operates. For larger projects, we often encourage a match-funding approach, helping applicants access additional external funding where possible. While this can sometimes be challenging, the collective experience of the Trustees enables us to provide valuable support and guidance.

Looking ahead

We continue to operate very effectively with six Trustees, although we are always interested in hearing from anyone who may wish to join us. We would particularly welcome members from any of the village organisations. In 2026, we plan to continue promoting the work of the CCF and reminding people that we are here to help.

As part of this, we will be holding an informal **Cheese and Wine evening** at Savill Hall on **Saturday 18 April, from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm**. Everyone is welcome to come along, meet the Trustees, ask questions, share ideas, and learn more about how the CCF operates. Other opportunities or activities planned this year will be outlined and are included as an additional agenda item.

Thanks and closing remarks

I would like to thank all the Trustees for their time, commitment, and support over the past year. I would also like to thank everyone who has approached the CCF with ideas, applications, or questions. With such a strong and engaged team, I am confident that we can continue to guide and support community projects in the year ahead.

My personal aim remains to see the CCF continue as a strong and evolving source of support for our village—now and in the future.

Barbara Evans
Chair
March 2026

CATTISTOCK COMMUNITY FUND

Year to December 31st

	2025	2024	2023
Opening Balance at 1 January	£ 25,628.79	£ 19,974.42	£ 19,176.34
Income			
easyfundraising	£ 164.65	£ 146.87	£ 246.97
Localgiving.com	£ 140.04	£ 2,789.63	£ 137.67
Amazon Smile			£ 32.32
One-off Donations	£ 509.25	£ 1,184.83	£ 548.50
Cattistock Fete	£ 3,000.00	£ 3,000.00	£ 2,150.00
Cattistock Community Lunch Xmas Raffle	£ 281.00	£ 225.00	£ 165.00
Dorset Knob Throwing	£ 360.00	£ 440.00	
Amount raised in 12 months to 31 Dec	£ 4,454.94	£ 7,786.33	£ 3,280.46
Expenditure			
Expenses			
Local Giving Subscription	£ 180.00	£ 180.00	£ 180.00
Event Food & Drink	£ 66.66	£ 63.00	£ 140.91
Christmas Tree Lights	£ 75.97		
Plaques	£ 57.60		
	£ 380.23	£ 243.00	£ 320.91
Disbursements			
Cattistock Tennis Club	£ 500.00		
Community Xmas Tree and Lights			£ 73.97
Cattistock Village Website	£ 342.00	£ 337.00	£ 260.00
King's Coronation Lunch			£ 929.55
Community Hub			£ 262.95
Short Mat Bowls Club			£ 635.00
Swift Action		£ 751.96	
Cattistock Amateur Dramatic Society		£ 800.00	
Cattistock Church	£ 1,461.00		
Cattistock Cricket Club	£ 1,129.82		
Bleed Kit Dispenser	£ 283.75		
Church Flags	£ 413.76		
Carol Service Wine	£ 80.94		
Total Distributions in 12 months to 31 Dec	£ 4,211.27	£ 1,888.96	£ 2,161.47
Net profit/loss for year to 31 Dec	-£ 136.56	£ 5,654.37	£ 798.08
Closing Balance at 31 December	£ 25,492.23	£ 25,628.79	£ 19,974.42

CCF Treasurer's Report 2025



This has been a good year in terms of being able to increase the amount of funds given in grants, as they have risen by 123% on last year despite receipts being lower.

Receipts

These totalled £ 4,454 this year with once again, the fete making a fantastic contribution of £3,000. Easyfundraising increased slightly over last year to £ 165, whilst Localgiving was way down at £ 140. It must be remembered however that most of the Localgiving funds were from the shop volunteers and so not strictly CCF funds. There has been no further contribution to the shop volunteers fund in 2025.

The new style Dorset Knob Throwing contributed £ 360 through being chosen by volunteers who worked on the day. The raffle at the Christmas lunch netted £ 214 due to the selling skills of Helen.

One area I find particularly gratifying is shown within the other "One-off Donations". Here we have donations from Dorset Star Cider, the Pub, the Pub quiz winners, a Pub raffle and a donation from a stallholder at the craft fair. This indicates to me, at least to some degree, how the CCF is perceived.

Expenses

These were slightly up on last year due to the purchase of the Acknowledgement Plaques and the Christmas tree lights.

The future of our greatest expense, the Localgiving subscription needs to be decided, and I will cover this on another agenda item.

Grants

As I mentioned earlier, we have increased grant making considerably in the past year, and the recipients have been detailed earlier in the meeting, and are listed on the accounts.

With regard to Dorchester Web Design, I indicated to you at the last AGM that their fees would be going up by 5% on the invoice for December 2025. However, no such increase was made so the fees remain at the same level as December 2024. The Domain Renewal did go up by £ 5 over this period.

Ring Fenced Funds

As you know we administer the Shop Volunteers fund for the volunteers, and we were asked by the Short Mat Bowls Club if we could do the same for them as bank charges were becoming excessive. We agreed as there were very few transactions, and with an agreement that should we incur bank charges in the future then a proportionate charge would be made.

The bank balance at the end of the year was £ 25,492 and we had a small deficit of £ 137.

Ian Vine

Treasurer

25 March 2026

Easy Fundraising

I thought it might be useful to briefly recap on Easyfundraising, as a refresher for those who are regular users, and an introduction to potential new ones.

Easyfundraising partners with over 8,000 brands who will donate part (usually a percentage) of what you spend via the easyfundraising website or app to a cause of your choice, in this case the CCF. The CCF are paid quarterly.

It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

Brands pay easyfundraising a commission – when you start your shop from the easyfundraising website or app they can see we sent you to them. If you make a purchase, a commission is generated, and they turn that into a donation.

During 2025:

- The number of CCF supporters increased from 96 to 100.
- During the 2025 year £183.99 was raised compared to £154 in 2024, a small improvement.
- Since 2011 there have been 4964 donations raising £3521 via easyfundraising.
- There is huge potential in raising funds this way without incurring any additional cost.
- However, it seems tricky to persuade people to use the app/website to purchase items through easyfundraising.
- Any suggestions welcome.

Below is the link to the Easyfundraising page:

Cattistock Community Fund Fundraising | Easyfundraising