THE LAPWORTH CHARITY – News Article

Each year the Lapworth Charity offers various grants, details of which are shown below:

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS – ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24

If you are a student living in the ancient Parish of Lapworth, who is studying in higher education, grants for eligible students are available from the Lapworth Charity. These grants are offered to cover a proportion of accommodation fees, travelling expenses, books and computer purchases. Evidence of expenditure is required at the point of application, so you are advised to keep your receipts and your application will require verification by a parent/guardian. Please note that Tuition fees funded by the Government Loan Scheme will not be eligible.

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL BUS PASS FOR YOUNG PERSONS – ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24

Now that Warwickshire County Council no longer funds transport to and from school/college for students aged 16-19, the Trustees of the Lapworth Charity will once again be providing grants to cover up to 50% of the cost of the County Council Bus pass, the cost of which is currently £836 for the year (unless you are entitled to 'early bird' discount when the cost is £716 for the year). To be eligible, applicants have to live in the ancient parish of Lapworth and are required to enclose a receipt/copy of the Bus Pass as proof of payment. Transport 'grants' are paid from a limited fund and are not guaranteed to be paid each year. Applicants will be required to sign a statement that neither the applicant nor their partner is subject to 'High Income Benefit Charge', noting that this is payable when taxable household income exceeds £50,000 pa.

Applications are also invited on behalf of students under 16 years old and will be considered on merit.

WINTER FUEL ALLOWANCE

Thanks to a very generous legacy from one of their original benefactors, Henry Billing, the Lapworth Charity is able to offer grants towards winter fuel costs. These are payable to those residents of the ancient parish of Lapworth who are retired and have a low income, for example, less than the threshold at which income tax becomes payable. In some cases, the Charity will consider requests from other residents who do not fall into this category and each application will be considered on merit.

ASSISTANCE WITH CHIROPODY COSTS

If you are not eligible for NHS Chiropody, but are paying out for chiropody services, it could be that the Lapworth Charity are able to assist you with the costs. There is no age restriction, but applicants are most likely to be on a low income, (ie less than the threshold at which income tax becomes payable).

Applicants must be residents of the ancient parish of Lapworth

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

If you are a resident of the ancient parish of Lapworth and are currently experiencing 'general' financial hardship, it may be that the Charity could provide you with a supportive grant. In the first instance, please email the Secretary/Administrator for further information on how to apply.

GENERAL:

For further information, or to make an application, please visit the website <u>www.lapworthcharity.com</u> (see 'Individual Grants') and download the relevant application form (or contact the Secretary/Administrator for more information). Completed forms should be emailed to:

Mrs Helen Wollerton, Secretary/Administrator to the Lapworth Charity: email: lapworthcharity@gmail.com .

PLEASE NOTE:

All applications will be treated in the strictest confidence.