



## CHAPTER xviii.

An Act to confirm a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the application or management of the charity known as the Ford Street Charity in the ancient parish of Tavistock in the county of Devon. [16th June 1932.] A.D. 1932.

**W**HEREAS the Charity Commissioners in their report to His Majesty of their proceedings during the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one reported that they had approved and certified a Scheme for the application or management of the charity known as the Ford Street Charity in the ancient parish of Tavistock in the county of Devon regulated by an Act of Parliament 3 Geo. III c. 27 (private) and comprised in an Order made by the Charity Commissioners on the 23rd March 1900 under the Local Government Act 1894 s. 14 (3) :

And whereas it is expedient that the Scheme as the same is fully set out and defined in the schedule to this Act should be confirmed :

Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows :—

1. The said Scheme is hereby confirmed Provided always that nothing in this Act or in the said Scheme shall be held to interfere with the ordinary jurisdiction

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A.D. 1932. over endowed charities now exerciseable or hereafter to  
— become exerciseable by the High Court of Justice and the  
Charity Commissioners.

Short title. 2. This Act may be cited as the Ford Street Charity  
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SCHEDULE.

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1. *Administration of Charity.*—From and after the date of this Scheme the above-mentioned charity and the endowments thereof specified in the schedule hereto and all other the endowments (if any) of the said charity shall be administered and managed by the body of Trustees hereinafter constituted subject to and in conformity with the provisions of this Scheme under the title of the Ford Street Charity.

TRUSTEES.

2. *Trustees.*—The body of Trustees shall when complete consist of fourteen competent persons being—  
Six representative Trustees; and  
Eight coöptative Trustees.

3. *Representative Trustees.*—The representative Trustees shall (subject as hereinafter provided with respect to the first representative Trustees) be appointed as follows:—

Four by the urban district council of Tavistock; and  
Two by the parish council of Tavistock Hamlets.

Each appointment shall be made for a term of four years at a meeting convened and held according to the ordinary practice of the appointing body. The chairman of the meeting shall forthwith cause the name of each person appointed to be notified to the Trustees or their clerk. The person appointed may be but need not be a member of the appointing body.

4. *First Representative Trustees.*—The following persons shall if living at the date of this Scheme and willing to act be the first representative Trustees and shall be entitled subject to the

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A.D. 1932. provisions hereinafter contained with respect to determination of  
— trusteeship to hold office for the following periods respectively :—

*Appointed by the said Urban District Council.*

Major-General CHARLES RUDYERD SIMPSON C.B. of Strathcar; ROGER RICE ALFORD of Trelawney Road manager of company;

AMOS BULLER VENNING of No. 20 Witham Park retired railwayman; and

ALBERT STROUD HOARE of Tavy View Parkwood Road quarry proprietor all in Tavistock all until the 30th April 1933.

*Appointed by the said Parish Council.*

JOSEPH BALL of Crease Farm Tavistock farmer; and

WILLIAM EGGINS of Glanville Road Tavistock retired farmer both until the 30th June 1934.

5. *Coöptative Trustees.*—The coöptative Trustees shall be persons residing or carrying on business in or near Tavistock.

6. *First Coöptative Trustees.*—The following persons shall if living at the date of this Scheme and willing to act be the first coöptative Trustees and shall be entitled subject to the provisions hereinafter contained with respect to determination of trusteeship to hold office for the following periods respectively :—

EDWARD WILLIAMS CHILCOTT of Bedford Place solicitor;

The Reverend HUGH LESLIE BICKERSTETH vicar of Tavistock;

WILLIAM BEER ALGER of Parkwood Road retired dairyman; and

DAVID MCMASTER of Duke Street outfitter all in Tavistock all for life; and

JOHN BACKWELL of The Retreat hackney carriage proprietor;

JONATHAN SNOW of The Poplars retired schoolmaster;

RICHARD TUCKER of No. 80 West Street tailor and outfitter; and

GEORGE GERALD PEARSE of Church Lane solicitor all in Tavistock all for five years from the date of this Scheme.

7. *Future Coöptative Trustees.*—Every future coöptative Trustee shall be appointed for a term of five years by a resolution of the Trustees to be passed at a special meeting.

8. *Declaration by Trustees.*—No person shall be entitled to act as a Trustee whether on a first or on any subsequent entry into office until after signing in the minute book of the Trustees a declaration of acceptance and of willingness to act in the trusts of this Scheme.

9. *Determination of Trusteeship.*—Any coöptative Trustee who ceases to be qualified as aforesaid and any Trustee who is absent from all meetings of the Trustees during a period of one year or who is adjudged bankrupt or makes a composition or arrangement with his creditors or who is incapacitated from acting or who communicates in writing to the Trustees a wish to resign shall thereupon cease to be a Trustee. A.D. 1932.

10. *Vacancies.*—Upon the occurrence of a vacancy the Trustees shall at their next meeting cause a note thereof to be entered in their minute book and in the case of a vacancy in the office of representative Trustee shall cause notice thereof to be given as soon as possible to the proper appointing body. Any competent Trustee may be re-appointed. No vacancy in the office of coöptative Trustee shall be filled till after the lapse of one calendar month from its occurrence.

#### MEETINGS AND PROCEEDINGS OF TRUSTEES.

11. *Ordinary Meetings.*—The Trustees shall hold at least two ordinary meetings in each year.

12. *First Meeting.*—The first meeting of the Trustees shall be summoned by the said Edward Williams Chilcott or if he fails for two calendar months after the date of this Scheme to summon a meeting by any two of the Trustees.

13. *Chairman.*—The Trustees shall at their first ordinary meeting in each year elect one of their number to be chairman of their meetings until the commencement of the first ordinary meeting in the following year. The chairman shall always be eligible for re-election. If at any meeting the chairman is not present within ten minutes after the time appointed for holding the same or there is no chairman the Trustees present shall choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.

14. *Special Meetings.*—A special meeting may at any time be summoned by the chairman or any two Trustees upon four days' notice being given to all the other Trustees of the matters to be discussed.

15. *Quorum.*—There shall be a quorum when five Trustees are present at a meeting.

16. *Voting.*—Every matter shall be determined by the majority of votes of the Trustees present and voting on the question. In case of equality of votes the chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote whether he has or has not previously voted on the same question but no Trustee shall in any other circumstances give more than one vote.

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17. *Minutes and Accounts.*—A minute book and books of account shall be provided and kept by the Trustees. All proper accounts in relation to the charity shall in each year be made out and certified in such manner as the Charity Commissioners require and copies thereof shall be transmitted to the said Commissioners and published in conformity with the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts.

18. *General Power to make Regulations.*—Within the limits prescribed by this Scheme the Trustees shall have full power from time to time to make regulations for the management of the charity and for the conduct of their business including the summoning of meetings the deposit of money at a proper bank and the custody of documents.

19. *Clerk.*—The Trustees may appoint some fit person to be their clerk and to hold office during their pleasure and may pay to him (not being a Trustee) such reasonable salary as they think fit.

REPAIR FUND.

20. *Extraordinary Repair Fund.*—Subject to any further order or orders of the Charity Commissioners a fund for the extraordinary repair improvement or rebuilding of the almshouse buildings belonging to the charity shall be provided and maintained as follows “The Official Trustees of Charitable Funds” shall transfer in their books a sum of £666 13s. 4d. India 3 per cent. stock part of the sum of £4,088 18s. 4d. like stock specified in the schedule hereto to the credit of an account to be entitled “Extraordinary Repair Fund” and shall invest the income of the said sum of £666 13s. 4d. stock and of any other stocks standing to the credit of the said account and any cash placed to the same credit at compound interest in the purchase in their name of Government stock to the credit of the said account. When and so often as the stock standing to the credit of the said account are on the 1st January in any year of the value at the mean market price of the day of not less than £4,000 then for that year the said Official Trustees shall if requested by the Trustees so to do remit the income of the stocks standing to the credit of the said account to the Trustees to be applied as part of the general income of the charity. Stocks of the value at the mean market price of the day of £200 shall always be retained to the credit of the said account but save as aforesaid all stocks standing to the credit of the said account may from time to time with the approval of the Charity Commissioners be applied for the extraordinary repair improvement or rebuilding of the said buildings.



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21. *Expenses of Management.*—The cost of ordinary repairs and insurance and all other charges and outgoings payable in respect of the property of the charity and all the proper costs charges and expenses of and incidental to the administration and management of the charity shall be first defrayed by the Trustees out of the income thereof.

22. *General Benefit of Poor.*—A sum of £30 out of the yearly income of the charity shall be applied by the Trustees in each year in making payments under one or more of the following heads for the benefit either of the poor of the ancient parish of Tavistock generally or of such poor persons resident therein and not in receipt of poor-law relief other than medical relief as the Trustees select for this purpose and in such way as they consider most advantageous to the recipients and most conducive to the formation of provident habits:—

I. Subscriptions or donations in aid of the funds of—

(a) Any dispensary infirmary hospital or convalescent home or any establishment in which persons suffering from any bodily infirmity are taught any trade or employment whether general or special upon such terms (so far as may be) as to enable the Trustees to secure the benefits of the institution for the poor of the said ancient parish;

(b) Any provident club or society established in or near Tavistock for the supply of coal clothing or other necessaries:

II. Grants or contributions for or towards the travelling expenses of patients to and from such institutions as are above-mentioned in paragraph I (a):

III. The supply of—

(a) Clothes boots linen bedding fuel tools medical or other aid in sickness food or other articles in kind;

(b) Temporary assistance in money by way of loan or otherwise in case of sickness special distress or unexpected loss:

Provided that no part of the said yearly sum shall in any case be applied in aid of any rates for the relief of the poor or other purposes or so that any individual or institution may become entitled to a periodical or recurrent benefit therefrom.

23. *Marriage Portions.*—A sum of £20 out of the yearly income of the charity shall be applied by the Trustees in each year in marriage portions for four poor maidens born and resident in the ancient parish of Tavistock and not under the age of 18 years or above the age of 40 years to be selected by the Trustees.

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A.D. 1932. — Any part of the said sum of £20 not applied in any year for the purpose aforesaid shall be applied by the Trustees in the assistance of poor women born and resident in the said parish and not under the age of 18 years or above the age of 25 years who are preparing for entering upon or engaged in any trade occupation or service by outfits payment of fees for instruction payment of travelling expenses or such other means for their advancement in life or to enable them to earn their own living as the Trustees think fit.

24. *Apprenticing.*—A sum of £15 out of the yearly income of the charity shall be applied by the Trustees in each year in apprenticing two poor boys born in the ancient parish of Tavistock and not above the age of 18 years to some useful trade or occupation Any part of the said sum of £15 not applied in any year for the purpose aforesaid shall be applied by the Trustees in the assistance of poor young men born in the said parish and not above the age of 21 years who are preparing for entering upon or engaged in any trade occupation or service by outfits payment of fees for instruction payment of travelling expenses or such other means for their advancement in life or to enable them to earn their own living as the Trustees think fit.

25. *Bibles.*—A yearly sum of 16s. out of the yearly income of the charity shall be applied by the Trustees in each year in the purchase and distribution of Bibles and other devotional books among poor persons resident in the ancient parish of Tavistock.

26. *Benefit of Almspeople.*—Subject to the payments aforesaid the yearly income of the charity shall be applied by the Trustees for the benefit of the almspeople of the charity or any of them in such manner whether by way of stipend or otherwise as the Trustees may from time to time think most advantageous to the recipients having regard to the needs and circumstances of the respective almspeople and to the income and other circumstances of the charity.

ALMSPEOPLE.

27. *Almshouses.*—The almshouses belonging to the charity and the property heretofore occupied therewith shall be appropriated and used for the residence of the almspeople in conformity with the provisions of this Scheme.

28. *Saving for existing Almspeople.*—Appointments of almspeople under this Scheme shall be made without prejudice to the interests of the existing almspeople.

29. *Number and Qualifications of Almspeople.*—The full number of almspeople shall be sixteen They shall be poor persons of good character who (except in special cases to be approved by the Charity Commissioners) have resided in the



ancient parish of Tavistock for not less than two years next preceding the time of their appointment who are not at the time of their appointment in receipt of poor-law relief other than medical relief and who from age ill-health accident or infirmity are wholly or in part unable to maintain themselves by their own exertions.

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30. *Payment of Stipends and Conduct of Inquiries.*—The clerk to the Trustees or some other person appointed by them for the purpose shall pay the stipends if any to the almspeople and conduct any inquiries with regard to them and to applicants for appointment.

31. *Notice of Vacancy.*—No appointment of an almsperson shall be made by the Trustees until a sufficient notice (which may be according to the form annexed hereto) of the vacancy to be filled up specifying the qualifications required from candidates has been published in the ancient parish of Tavistock by advertisement or otherwise so as to give due publicity to the intended appointment.

32. *Applications for Appointment.*—All applications for appointment shall be made in the first place in writing in such manner as the Trustees may direct to the Trustees or their clerk Except in case of physical disability the Trustees shall before appointing any applicant to be an almsperson require him or her to attend in person before the Trustees or such one of the Trustees as they shall nominate for the purpose Every applicant must be prepared with sufficient testimonials and other evidence of his or her qualification for the appointment.

33. *Appointments of Almspeople.*—Every appointment of an almsperson shall be made by the Trustees and shall be made at a special meeting to be held as soon as conveniently may be after an interval of one month or such longer period as may in special cases be approved by the Charity Commissioners from the occurrence of the vacancy to be filled up allowing a reasonable time for publication of notice and for inquiries as to the applicants.

34. *Selection of Almspeople.*—The almspeople shall be selected under the following conditions :—

1. After full investigation of the character and circumstances of the applicants and inquiry whether they have shown reasonable providence and whether and to what extent they may reasonably expect assistance from relations or others :
2. Where claims are equal preference shall be given to those applicants who have been longest resident in the said ancient parish.

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For the purposes of this clause the Trustees may avail themselves of the agency of any charity organisation society or other like agency.

35. *Register.*—The Trustees shall provide and keep a book in which shall be entered the name age and description of every person appointed to be an almsperson the date of every appointment and the date and occasion of every vacancy They shall also keep a register of all applications for appointment.

36. *Absence from Almshouses.*—No almsperson shall be absent from the almshouses for a period exceeding 24 hours without the consent in writing of the Trustees or their clerk but in special cases such consent may for any sufficient reason be given retrospectively after the absence has occurred.

37. *Rooms not to be let.*—No almsperson shall be permitted to let or part with the possession of the room or rooms allotted to him or her or except with the special permission of the Trustees to suffer any person to share the occupation of the same or of any part thereof.

38. *Removal of Almspeople.*—(1) The following persons shall be removed from being almspeople :—

- (a) Any almsperson who receives poor-law relief other than medical relief;
- (b) Any almsperson detained under lawful authority as a person suffering from mental disease;
- (c) Any almsperson becoming an inmate of any poor-law institution for the purpose of receiving medical relief.

(2) If in the opinion of the Trustees any almsperson is guilty of insobriety insubordination breach of regulations or immoral or improper conduct or is disqualified for retaining his or her appointment by having become entitled to a sufficient income from sources other than the charity or from any other cause or is suffering from mental or other disease rendering him or her unfit to remain an almsperson or if in any case it appears that any almsperson has been appointed without having the required qualifications the Trustees upon proof thereof to their satisfaction may remove the almsperson.

(3) In any case of such misconduct as aforesaid the Trustees may suspend the almsperson from the receipt of any stipend or other form of assistance from the charity either wholly or in part during such time as they think fit.

(4) Upon the removal of any almsperson the trustees shall take possession of the tenement or room occupied by him or her and shall proceed to appoint another almsperson in his or her place.

(5) Any almsperson removed under head (b) or (c) of section (1) of this clause or on account of mental or other disease under section (2) of this clause may on recovery be re-appointed without previous notice being given of the vacancy to be filled up and need not possess the qualifications as to residence and non-receipt of poor-law relief. A.D. 1932.

39. *Regulations.*—The Trustees may from time to time prescribe such reasonable regulations as they consider expedient for the government of the almspeople provided that the same shall not be at variance or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Scheme and by such regulations may provide that the almspeople shall render such assistance to each other as is within their power.

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS.

40. *Appropriation of Benefits.*—The appropriation of the benefits of the charity shall be made by the Trustees from time to time at meetings of their body and not separately by any individual Trustee or Trustees.

41. *Investment of Cash.*—All sums of cash at any time belonging to the charity and not needed for immediate working purposes shall (unless otherwise ordered) as soon as possible be invested under the authority of a further Order of the Charity Commissioners in the name of the said Official Trustees of Charitable Funds.

42. *Trustees not to be personally interested.*—No Trustee shall receive any remuneration or be interested in the supply of goods at the cost of the charity.

43. *Alteration of Scheme.*—The Charity Commissioners may from time to time in the exercise of their ordinary jurisdiction establish Schemes for the alteration of any of the provisions of this Scheme as if those provisions had been made by the founder in the case of a charity having a founder.

44. *Questions under Scheme.*—Any question as to the construction of this Scheme or as to the regularity or the validity of any acts done or about to be done under this Scheme shall be determined conclusively by the Charity Commissioners upon such application made to them for the purpose as they think sufficient.

45. *Date of Scheme.*—The date of this Scheme shall be the date of the Act of Parliament confirming the same.



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Commissioners of the 25th November 1890 (The sum amounted to £4,069 14s. 8d. stock on the 1st December 1931.) A.D. 1932.

*Note.*—The almshouses were vested in “The Official Trustee of Charity Lands” by an Order of the Charity Commissioners of the 28th February 1893.

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Sealed by Order of the Board this 1st day of  
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