

The Rutlish Foundation

Origins

The origin of the Rutlish Foundation was a bequest made in the will of William Rutlish, embroiderer to Charles II. The current structure of the charity came into existence in 1994 with the consolidation of a number of funds under a Scheme.

Rutlish School

The Rutlish Foundation is the Foundation for Rutlish School and the reason the School is Voluntary Controlled. The Foundation has freehold or leasehold title to all the school properties. It provides funds to the School for activities or to support individual students in areas where the Local Authority is not responsible for funding.

Foundation Governors

The Rutlish Foundation appoints Governors to the Rutlish School Governing Body.

Grants to Students

The Rutlish Foundation provides grants to assist students taking full time first degree or comparable courses at Universities, Teacher Training establishments or other establishments of higher education. These grants supplement mandatory grants (where applicable) or student loans, *not* replace them. It may also support research students and those taking further degree courses.

Students are usually under the age of 25 years and must be born in or ordinarily resident in the Ancient Parish of Merton or have attended Rutlish School for at least three years. The Ancient Parish of Merton is about a quarter of the London Borough of Merton i.e. excluding the Ancient Parishes of Wimbledon, Mitcham and Morden.

Funds

The income that enables the Rutlish Foundation to undertake these activities is generated by investments, property rent, and interest on deposits. The Directors oversee the management of these assets.

How is the Foundation Managed

The Rutlish Foundation Trustee Ltd is the corporate trustee of the charity. The company has up to 15 Directors with 3 each appointed by the Rutlish School Governing Body, the Old Rutlishians' Association, the Head and Teaching Staff of Rutlish and the Parents Association. The final three are co-opted by the other Directors. The Directors role is to administer the company under charities and company legislation in accordance with the trusts not specifically represent their appointing bodies. A clerk carries out the day to day administration. The Directors have six normal meetings a year. The Higher Education grants panels meet on about 5 occasions and there are other committees as the Directors decide. Currently there are Grants, White Hart, Nursery Road, Documentation & Incorporation and Finance Committees.

Book

"Rutlish School The First Hundred Years", the book by Colin Brock is available from the Foundation price £10.