

Policy for use of the Bequest to the Society received from Geoffrey Nuttall (deceased)

1. Introduction

On 18th September 2015, the Society received a letter from a firm of solicitors saying that Edgworth & District Horticultural Society was one of several local organisations who had been left a bequest in Geoffrey Nuttall's will; no details were given at that time.

Geoffrey and his wife were members of the Society for many years and will be well remembered.

In April 2016 we were notified that payment of the bequests could now be made and a substantial amount was transferred into the Society's Current Account. During 2016 the Committee considered how best to ensure it's proper use and prepared a document which was presented at the November 2016 AGM. This stated a **Policy for its Use** and then detailed **Permitted Recipients, Permitted Uses** and **Possible Types of use**. These have been adopted by the Committee and are given below.

At the 2017 AGM the Constitution was amended to protect the Legacy money and to define, by a map, the "District" to which it refers.

2. The Policy for use of the Bequest

This bequest will be used to benefit Horticulture in Edgworth & District, defined on the [map](#) in Appendix 1 of the Constitution.

Criteria for Assessing compliance with Policy

a) Permitted Recipients

- Individuals
- Community Groups
- Edgworth & District Horticultural Society
- Charities
- Schools for extracurricular horticultural activities
- It will NOT include commercial activities

b) Permitted Uses

- Benefit for its use must be in reasonable proportion to its expenditure
- Any use must include benefit to at least one of:
 - Edgworth & District Horticultural Society and its members
 - Any substantial part of the community (eg a village or school)

c) Possible Types of Use

- Awards
- Bursaries
- Purchases by EHS, including labour
- Apprenticeships, although not Commercial
- Low risk investment to provide income over a longer term.
- Capital to supplement day to day running costs of the Society

In the November 2016 document this list was stated to be "not exclusive". Other types of use may be added at the discretion of the Committee provided these meet all the other criteria.