

Proposed Options for Charitable Donation from the Proceeds of the 2011 White Horse Half Marathon

- 1) Helen & Douglas House
- 2) October Club - Wantage
- 3) Wantage Town Lands Governors
- 4) No Charitable Donation

Helen & Douglas House

Helen & Douglas House is a registered charity providing respite and end of life care for children and young adults with life-shortening conditions, as well as support and friendship for the whole family. The two hospice houses are bright, vibrant and positive places, where the emphasis is on living life to the full, even when that life may be short.



There are many families in the UK caring for a child or young adult who has a life-shortening condition. Caring for someone, often for 24 hours a day, seven days a week, over many years, can put an immeasurable strain upon the family. While families willingly invest love, energy and care, life becomes governed by the relentless timetable of nursing and medical needs.

Relationships can suffer, careers may have to be abandoned, healthy brothers and sisters can feel left out and regular family activities and holidays can be rare. Families can often feel alone and afraid in their grief.

How Helen & Douglas House can help

Children can stay at Helen House and young adults can stay at Douglas House, along with their families, for short periods of time for rest and recuperation, treatment of distressing symptoms, end of life care and support. You can find out more about the work of this charity at <http://www.helenanddouglas.org.uk>.

October Club - Wantage

In early 1980, a Wantage group of public-spirited people opened a day centre to care for the "local confused elderly folk". Later in 1980 it was called the October Club.

The October Club
WANTAGE

The volunteer carers developed in numbers and skills in caring for clients suffering from dementia and in particular, Alzheimer's, which is the most common form of dementia.

In 1990 the Club became a Registered Charity and had a constitution approved by the Charity Commission.

In 1994, with the help of a grant obtained by Oxford Social Services, the Club was able to move from temporary accommodation and purchase the premises at 1-3 The Cloisters, Wantage, where the Club is now based. More information about the work of the October Club - Wantage can found at <http://www.wantage.com/octoberclub/>.



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Wantage Town Lands Governors

The Wantage Town Lands Governors administer a number of separate charities, mostly concerned with providing almshouses for elderly or needy local people.

The Mill Street properties were built between 1868 and 1871. They are Grade II listed buildings. To the Governors of Wantage Town Lands, a body corporate which had been created by charter in 1597, was given the task of managing the Mill Street and other almshouses, subject to the terms of charitable endowments gifted in the mid-Victorian era.



The Governors maintain the almshouses and strive for the comfort and wellbeing of their residents. Great improvements in channels of communication have been recently achieved by the appointment of an almoner to visit residents regularly and address their concerns. However, beyond the responsibilities of accounts, repairs and legal obligations, the Governors are always prepared to get their hands dirty, with work parties clearing gardens or houses when problems are beyond the abilities of residents. The Governors are all unpaid volunteers drawn from the community of Wantage and its neighbouring parishes. They are assisted by a part-time clerk. More information about the work of the Wantage Town Lands Governors is available at <http://www.wantagetownlandsgovernors.org.uk>.

No Charitable Donation

This is the option if you would prefer that the White Horse Half Marathon should not contribute some of its profit from holding the event to charity.