

**PITSTONE TOWN  
LANDS CHARITY**

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*Supporting  
People in Need  
in Pitstone*

*The Pitstone Town Lands Charity aims to support people living in the parish of Pitstone who are in need, hardship or distress.*

*The Charity makes discretionary payments to Pitstone residents, especially those of pensionable age and to organisations supporting the people of the parish. The charity also owns 4 flats and provides local, affordable accommodation.*

*If you or someone you know  
is in need of help. Please contact Gill Lowe,  
Chair of PTLC Trustees*

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## **Where does PTLC get its income?**

PTLC owns 4 flats and 49 acres of land from which it receives rental income. It also receives dividends and interest from investments in charitable funds.

The charity's land is rented to local people at commercial rates. Two large fields are used for agricultural purposes and a 6 acre field is rented to residents to keep horses. The charity reports its annual accounts to the Charity Commission and these can be viewed on the Commission's website.



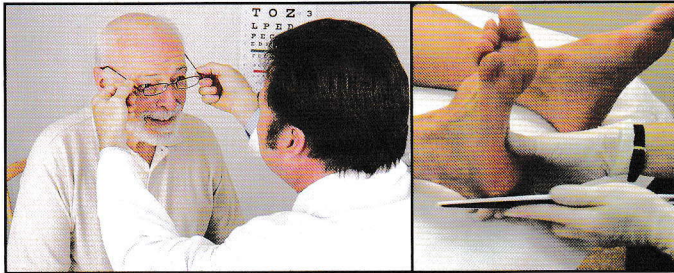
## **Who does the charity support?**

PTLC provides financial support to people in genuine need in the village of Pitstone. The charity also provides affordable accommodation to tenants with a strong Pitstone connection. The Trustees regret that they are unable to support people from other areas.

## **How does the Charity use its income?**

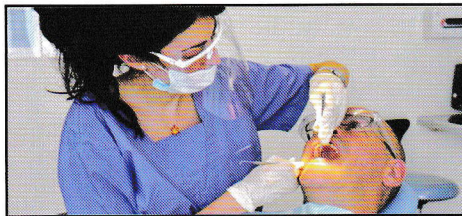
PTLC makes grants to organisations providing services and facilities to Pitstone residents, plus payments to those in need, hardship or distress. PTLC also uses its income on the maintenance, improvement and administration of the flats

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### **Main Grants for Pensioners:**

The trustees regard people of pensionable age as among those most in need and assist with grants for glasses, dental care and chiropody.



### **Other Individual Grants:**

The Charity makes individual grants, irrespective of age, to people in need but not to replace statutory funding. Examples of grants are: transport costs to hospital or for those seeking employment, support for further education or training including books and bereavement grants towards funeral costs.

The charity does not normally make regular payments or fund a higher level of services than considered necessary by the NHS or other statutory services. This includes limiting payments for dentistry to published standard NHS charges at the time.

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## **The History of Pitstone Town Land Charity**

Years ago, settlements deemed to be larger than a hamlet, or with a church used to be called a "town". Hence today's villages often have a Town Farm or Town Hall and like Pitstone may have Town Land Charities. These charities were so named because they owned strips of land used for the benefit of needy inhabitants of the "town".

PTLC dates back to 1422 when it possessed two acres of arable land. Later in 1625, documents held in the Buckinghamshire County Archive, show the charity owned a cottage, barn, garden and an orchard. During the 19th century the charity's assets fell into disrepair. Its buildings were only fit for ducks and during sixty years it only earned £10 rent!

In 1912 PTLC was revamped and the Charity Commission approved a new scheme allowing the Charity to use funds for nursing tasks and associated travel costs. This operated until 1968, when the current scheme was adopted to widen the scope of benefits which the Charity could offer.

For more information visit [www.pitstone.co.uk/localinfo/pitstone-town-lands-charity](http://www.pitstone.co.uk/localinfo/pitstone-town-lands-charity) or contact Gill Lowe , Chair of PTLC Trustees (tel: 01296 668809 or email [Gill.lowe@pitstone.email](mailto:Gill.lowe@pitstone.email))

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