

Annual report of Mileham Charities – May 2025

There have been no claims for financial assistance from the Charity over the past year.

The Charity has three properties in the village.

1 Long Pasture is at the western end of the village. It is a little over 2 acres in extent and is split into two parts by a ditch. It is used for grazing and both halves became vacant last year. A new tenancy is now in place.

2 Mileham Fen is south of the Litcham road. An exceptionally wet year together with the old bridge over the river Nar no longer being safe to use has meant that access to a major part of the site is impossible. If anyone can advise me on bridge construction that will take light machinery I would be really grateful.

3 The allotments are off the Tittleshall road. A lot of work has been done over the last 9 months to bring the site into a more attractive condition. Two large skips were filled, bulk bags were used to collect glass and two large bonfires of brambles, pallets and tree stumps were made. Two water outlets in more convenient positions are now in place. The major task remaining is the erection of a rabbit-proof fence for which a post-driving machine has been promised. I would like to express my thanks to the Probation Service which provided the labour through the Pay-back scheme to do all the manual tasks; to John Banham for his invaluable help and support; to John Roberson for taking away the glass; to Tom Butler-Stoney for providing the machinery to remove tree stumps; to Roddy and Donna McCloud for a deal with their skips; and to Dave Parnell-Cook who gave us a long day of his time to drive a mini-digger, connect up the water supply and make the trench for the fencing. Finally, there are plots of various sizes available to rent now.

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