**THE BURNHAM FOUNDATION**

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT FOR AGM – AUTUMN 2022**

The Burnham Foundation (TBF) was delighted to make donations supporting Men In Sheds (£500) who have moved to their new location close to Burnham Bowls Club and St Peter’s Church Little Angels (£300) who meet weekly in term time in Cornerstone.

In this coming year, TBF have agreed in principle to support Burnham Youth Club (£500) in providing new sports equipment when their outdoor sports area has been resurfaced and also St Peter’s Church (£250) in order to support its Eco-awareness project.

TBF has also played a useful role during the year supporting both Burnham and District Heritage Society and The New School for Burnham Working Group by passporting grants received by both groups whilst waiting for them to open their own bank accounts.

As a result, the statement of accounts for this year look a little more complex than normal and the sum of £249 remains in its accounts but will be transferred to the new bank account opened by the New School for Burnham Working Group. Since last year’s meeting – the focus of the new school campaign has been revised to campaign for the opening of a new non-selective secondary school with also an emphasis on vocational training for young people and adults.

The statement of accounts reveals a small trading deficit of £72 during the course of the year whilst TBF continues to hold in excess of £7,000 to support projects within our community.

TBF’s focus on the writing of tree trails has continued during the past year with the production of a trail for the southern churchyard of St Peter’s Church and it is planned to write an additional tree trail focusing on its northern churchyard. Furthermore, as one learns a little more about any subject such as trees – one starts to realise how little one does know! Hence TBF is planning its first post-Covid fund-raising event – a supper in Burnham Park Hall titled “What can we learn from trees?’. Details are attached.

My report last year referred to a fund available to formally launch the Burnham Park Tree Trail but this sum was returned to Burnham Parish Council. In addition – the sum set aside to support the recognition of the volunteering support provided to Burnham Health Centre was not required as the Health Centre made alternative arrangements to thank volunteers.

Viv Nicholas. 29th August 2022