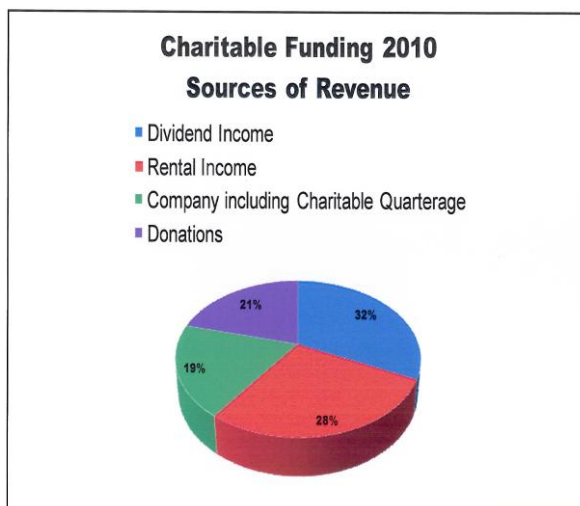


# CHARITY MATTERS

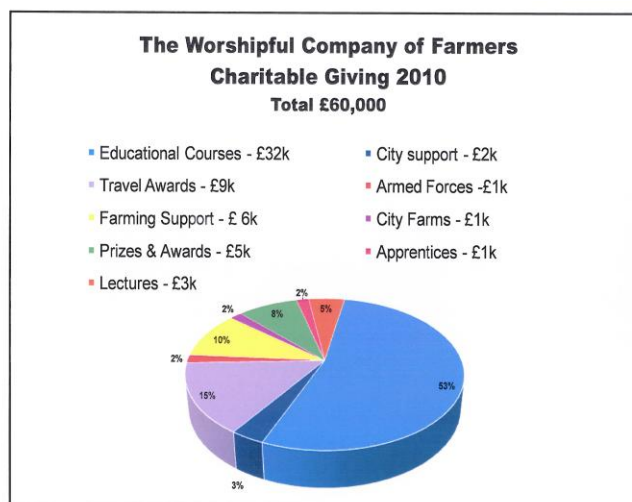
*Like every enterprise our Charitable work needs to be self funding to enable us to continue to maintain our levels of support to our various recipients in particular our flagship educational courses.*

Our Charitable income comes from four main sources, rentals, dividends, donations and from the Company including Charitable Quarterage. In the year ended Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 2010 our income from investments and rentals were down by £26,500 on the previous year making it essential that we increase our funding to maintain our levels of support. During the same year we spent £60,000 supporting our work of which £32,000 was towards Educational activities with eight other worthy categories receiving lesser amounts.

Below is a pie chart of the four sources of revenue for 2010.



Below is a pie chart of how we disbursed the £60,000 in the same year.



In addition to our two flagship Courses at Cirencester and Duchy College we support apprenticeships, a travel scholarship and training grants for 10 college students through the auspices of Henman/ Brooks/ Jubilee Committee

The Almoners Committee, under the chairmanship of Past Master Richard Brooks, allocates funds in the sectors of Farmers in Distress, Education and City. Included in this was £1,000 to support Surrey Docks Farm and prizes to outstanding students at 10 Agricultural Colleges.

This edition of Charity Matters features the College prize giving - probably one of the lesser known activities of our charity. It is the Almoners Committee which decides on these and presents recommendations to the Court, and it is the committee's chairman, Past Master Richard Brooks, who is the point of contact with the Colleges. The majority of prizes are presented at a Summer Prize-Giving and whenever possible the Master or a member of the Company is present. Currently the prize is a cheque for £100.

The Colleges recommend the winners to us and typically they are for "outstanding performance", "best student", "best dissertation" and this year one for "best progress despite being deaf". The Colleges are:

Askham Bryan	Yorkshire	Bishops Barton	Yorkshire
Duchy College	Cornwall	Easton	Norfolk
Hadlow	Kent	Harper Adams	Shropshire
Moulton	Northants	Plumpton	Sussex
Royal Agric College	Gloucestershire	Writtle	Essex

If any liverymen have connections with these Colleges and could assist with presentations, please let the Clerk know.

The support we are able to give through the charitable fund is much appreciated. To quote one College: "Please accept our thanks and gratitude for your continued generosity in this way it really is appreciated". To quote one (lady) winner: "Can you please forward my sincere thanks to the Worshipful Company of Farmers for their generous contribution of £100, the recent award I received at the college Prize Giving Day. I have completed my studies this year for a BSc (Hons) degree in Rural Business Management and received my results yesterday, a 2.1 which I am very pleased with. I am lucky that I have acquired a job on the Healthy Livestock project working with Dairy, Beef and Sheep farmers throughout the South West of England to improve the health of herds and flocks. Many thanks".

We hope all our young prize winners will go on to make valuable contributions to the farming industry and I urge each and every one of you to help us make a difference.

To quote a student working in Africa: "If you think you are too small to be effective you have never been in bed with a mosquito."

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