

Hilderstone Village Hall  
Copy Declaration of Trust  
We certify this to be a true copy (signature) Solicitors Stone, Staffs 12 April 1949  
Thomas Bagley and Crick Solicitors Stone Staffs

THOMAS HOULDCROFT SHELLEY of The "Bird-in-hand" [missing words] aforesaid Licenced Victualler and WILLIAM THOMAS PHILIPS of Bank [missing words] Hilderstone near Stone aforesaid (hereinafter called "the Trustees")

WHEREAS:-

(1) This declaration is supplemental to a Conveyance dated the Thirteenth day of July One thousand nine hundred and forty-four and made between Gerrard Aynsley and Bertha Jessie Hewer of the one part and the Trustees the other part whereby certain freehold property specified in the first Schedule hereto was assured to the Trustees in fee simple Upon Trust that they should sell the said property with power to postpone the sale as therein mentioned and should hold the net proceeds of sake thereof Upon Trust for themselves as joint tenants.

(2) The said property was in fact purchased by the Trustees out of monies provided by the Committee who form the Committee for the time being of the Hilderstone Improvement Trust Committee NOW the Trustees HEREBY DECLARE that they stand seised of the said property Upon the Trusts and subject to the powers and provisions set out in the Second Schedule hereto.

IN WITNESS whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year before written.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE heretofore referred to.

ALL THAT small croft of land situated and fronting to the Main Road in the Village of Hilderstone in the County of Stafford adjoining and formerly belonging to the messuage or dwelling house for some years past used as an Inn and known as the "Horse Shoe" but now delicensed which said piece of land contains altogether Two roods and Thirty-four perches or thereabouts and is now or was formerly in the occupation of S[missing words] Starkey.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE heretofore referred to.

1. (a) The Trustees shall forthwith apply to the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales for an Order vesting the Trust premises hereby conveyed in the Official Trustee of Charity Lands and upon such Order being made Trustees shall cease to be the Trustees of the Trust Premises and the Charity shall thereafter be administered and managed by the members for the time being of the Committee of Management hereinafter mentioned as the Trustees thereof.

1. (b) The said property (herein called the Trust premises) shall be held UPON TRUST for the purposes of physical and mental training and recreation and social moral and intellectual development through the medium of reading and recreation rooms library lectures classes recreations and entertainments or otherwise as may be found expedient for the benefits of the inhabitants of the Parish of Hilderstone in the County of Stafford and its immediate vicinity without distinction of sex or of political religious or other opinions subject to the provisions of these presents.

2. The general management and control of the Trust premises and the arrangements for their use shall be vested in a Committee of Management (hereinafter called "the "Committee") consisting of not more than Twenty members of whom Ten shall be elected at the First General meeting referred to in Clause 3 hereof in the first instance and on each subsequent appointment of members at the Annual General Meeting. The organisations mentioned in the second column of the Third Schedule hereto shall each have the right to appoint one member of the Committee both in the first instance and on the occasion of each annual appointment of members. The persons whose names appear in the First Column of the Third Schedule hereto have been appointed by the organisations mentioned opposite their respective names in the Second Column of that Schedule and shall together with the members elected at the First General Meeting as aforesaid be the first members of the Committee, Until the First General Meeting has been held the persons named in the First Column of the Third schedule shall have power to act. In addition to the members of the Committee appointed and elected as above the Committee shall have the power to co-opt not more than Five members to represent interests in the said Parish not represented by any organisation

3. There shall be an Annual General Meeting to be convened by the Committee in the months April in each year the first of such meetings Herein called “the First General Meeting”) to be convened in the month of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-nine by one month’s notice to be affixed to some conspicuous part of the Trust Premises or other conspicuous place or places in the Parish of the inhabitants of the age of Eighteen years or upwards of either sex of the Parish of Hilderstone for the purpose of electing Ten members under Clause 2 hereof and for taking such action as it may decide under Clause 7 hereof Provided nevertheless that if in any year and Annual General Meeting shall not be convened and held in the month of April the Annual General Meeting for that year shall be held as soon as practicable after the month of April and such meeting shall be convened by such persons as shall be nominated for the purpose by the Charity Commissioners.

4. All members of the Committee shall retire annually at the Annual General Meeting. Every organisation entitled to appoint a member of the Committee to take the place of a member retiring at an Annual General Meeting shall make the appointment at any time within one month before the Annual General Meeting at which the retiring member of the Committee shall retire.

5. A casual vacancy arising from the death or resignation or removal of an appointed member of the Committee shall be filled by the organisation by which such member shall have been appointed and the person so appointed shall retire at the same time when the vacating member would have retired. In the event of a vacancy arising through the death resignation or removal of a member of the Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting the Committee shall have power to fill such vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting.

6. In the event of any other organisation being formed in the said Parish with aims of a social recreational or educational character not inconsistent with those upon which the Trust Premises are held hereunder the Committee shall have power by a Resolution of the Committee passed at a meeting at which not less than two-thirds of all the members of the Committee vote in favour of the Resolution to allow such new organisation to appoint an additional member of the Committee in the same manner as if such new organisation had been mentioned in the Second Column of the Third Schedule hereto and for this purpose the total number of members of the Committee as provided for in Clause 2 hereof may be increased but no such Resolution shall be approved until it has been approved by an Order of the Charity Commissioners.

7. If any organisation entitled to appoint a member of the Committee ceases to exist or fails to make an appointment in manner aforesaid before the Annual General Meeting in any year the Annual General Meeting shall decide in what way if at all the vacancy should be filled.

8. The proceedings of the Committee shall not be invalidated by any vacancy among its members or by any defect in the appointment or qualification of any member.

9. The Committee may from time to time make and alter Rules and Regulations for the conduct of its business and for the summoning conduct and recording in a Minute Book of its meetings and in particular with reference to :-

(a) the terms and conditions upon which the Trust Premises may be used for entertainments meetings social gatherings and other purposes and the sum (if any) to be paid for such use.

(b) the appointment of an Auditor, Treasurer and such other unpaid Officers as it may consider necessary and the fixing of their respective terms of office.

(c) the engagement and dismissal of such paid officers and servants for the Trust Premises as it may consider necessary.

(d) the number of members who shall form a quorum at its meetings provided that the number of members who shall form a quorum shall never be less than a third of the total number of members of the Committee.

10. All payments in respect of the use of the Trust Premises and all donations for the benefit thereof shall be paid into a Trust Account at Lloyds Bank of Stone or at such other Bank as shall from time to time be substituted therefor by the Committee any such substitution to be endorsed upon this Trust Deed together with a copy of the Resolution relating thereto.

11. The moneys standing to the credit of the said Account shall be applied as the Committee shall decide in repairing and insuring the Trust Premises or the furniture and effects therein and in paying all rent (if any) rates taxes salaries of paid officers and servants and other outgoings and in providing furniture games books newspapers periodicals and other literature and means of recreation and otherwise for the upkeep and improvement of the Trust Premises.

12. The Committee may upon the vote of a majority of its members and (when necessary) with the consent of the Charity Commissioners from time to time by mortgage or otherwise obtain such advances on the security of the Trust Premises or any part thereof as may be required for

maintaining extending or improving the same or any part thereof or erecting any building thereon or for the work carried on therein and may continue or repay in whole or in part and from time to time any existing mortgage or charge on the said premises.

13. If the committee by a majority decided at any time that on the grounds of expense or otherwise it is necessary or advisable to discontinue the use of the Trust Premises in whole or in part for the purposes hereinbefore indicated it shall call a meeting of the inhabitants of the age of Eighteen years or upwards of the Parish of Hilderstone of which Meeting not less than fourteen days' notice (stating that a Resolution will be proposed thereat) shall be posted in a conspicuous place or places on the Trust Premises and advertised in a newspaper circulating in the said Parish and if such decision shall be confirmed by a majority of such inhabitants present at such Meeting and voting the Committee may with the consent of the Charity Commissioners let or sell the Trust Premises or any part thereof.. All moneys arising from such letting or sale (after satisfaction of any liabilities properly payable thereout) shall with such consent as aforesaid be applied either in the purchase of other premises approved by the Committee and to be held upon the trusts for the purposes/and subject to the provisions hereinbefore set forth (including this power) or as near thereto as circumstances will permit or towards such other charitable purposes or objects for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Hilderstone as may be approved by the Charity Commissioners and meanwhile such moneys shall be invested in the names of the Official Trustees of Charitable Funds and any income arising therefrom shall either be accumulated (for such time as may be allowed by law) by investing the same and the resulting income thereof in like manner as an addition to and be applied as the capital of such investments shall be used for any purpose for which the income of the Trust Premises may properly be applied.

14. If any Rules or Regulations made under the power in that behalf hereinbefore contained are inconsistent with the provision of these presents the latter shall prevail.

THE THIRD SCHEDULE hereinbefore referred to.

COLUMN I.

NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Frederick Roberts Hill .  
George B.J.R Watson.  
Francis E. Spencer.  
Thomas H Shelley.  
Frederick G. Dalton.  
(Mrs) Alice Deaville.  
Kenneth Boulton.  
William Buxton.  
George E.J. Spencer,  
(Miss) Doreen M. Hobson

COLUMN II.

ORGANISATIONS.

The Recreation Committee.  
The Parochial Church Council.  
The Parish Council.  
The Board of School Managers.  
Loyal Bourne Lodge of Oddfellows Friendly Society.  
The Committee of the Womens' Institute.  
Methodist Chapel.  
The Committee of the Parents' Association.  
The Committee of the Tennis Club.  
The Committee of the Youth Club.

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SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by the said )  
FREDERICK ROBERTS HILL in the presence of;- ) (sgd) Frederick Roberts Hill (L.S.)

(sgd) Arthur Leese  
6 Grindley Lane  
Meir Heath, Rough Close, S-on-Trent.  
Nursery Manager

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by the said )  
THOMAS HOULDCROFT SHELLY in the presence ) (sgd) THOS. H. SHELLEY. (L.S.)  
of :- )

(sgd) John A. Hobson.  
The Villa.  
Hilderstone. Schoolmaster.

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by the said  
WILLIAM THOMAS PHILLIPS in the presence  
of :-

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(sgd) W.T.PHILLIPS.

(L.S.)

(sgd) Annie Dalton  
Hilderstone.  
Stone.  
Housewife.