

KENTCHURCH

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of
Kentchurch Parish Council
held in The G. V. Community Café Pontrilas
on Wednesday 18th March 2026

No KPC/MW/119

Present

Councillor Mr K John Chance Chairman
Councillor Mrs Jennifer Evans Vice - Chairman
Councillor Mr Trefor Edwards
Councillor Mrs Karen Manifold
Councillor Mr Ryan Smith
Clerk Mr M Walker

Also Present

Golden Valley South Ward Councillor Mr Matthew Engel, Mr Jamie Probert Lengthsman and two further members of the public

Meeting declared open at 6.30pm

1.0 Apologies

No apologies were received as all Parish Councillors were present
No Police present
BBLP New Locality Steward Mr James Howells not present

2.0 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

2.1 No declarations were made with regard to any items on the agenda
2.2 No written dispensations were received

3.0 Minutes

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council No KPC/MW/118 held on Wednesday 21st January 2026 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman Proposed by Councillor Mr Ryan Smith and Seconded by Councillor Mr Trefor Edwards

The Parish Council resolved to change the correct order of business at this time to Item 6.0 & 5.0

6.0 United Kentchurch Charity

To consider appointment of Trustees to the Charity

see attached appendix 1

The Parish Council unanimously approved the following Appointment of Trustees to the Charity.
Charity Number 504922

Councillor Mrs Karen Manifold

Proposed by Councillor Mr John Chance and Seconded by Councillor Mr Trefor Edwards

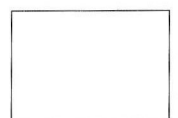
Councillor Mr John Chance

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Jennifer Evans Vice – Chairman and
Seconded by Councillor Mrs Karen Manifold

Mr Edward Smith

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Jennifer Evans Vice – Chairman and
Seconded by Councillor Mr K John Chance Chairman

The Reverend Luci Morris being Rural Pioneer Minister and Priest in Charge for the Black Mountains Group of Parishes and is also an ex officio Trustee



The Black Mountains Benefice comprises the parishes of Kentchurch with Llangua, Rowlestone, Walterstone, Abbeydore, Bacton and Ewyas Harold with Dulas, Clodock and Longtown, Craswall, Llanveynoe, Michaelchurch, Newton and St Margaret's

The Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Edward Smith for all his time, diligence and hard work connected to finding the relevant information relating to the local United Kentchurch Charity. Hopefully now with current Trustees, the funds will be accessed and distributed to whoever needs them.

5.0 Reports if available from:-

5.1 Ward Report from Ward Councillor Mr Matthew Engel

Complaints about potholes but more potholes are being filled

Bacton Hill completed

Still issues above Lower Grange

Over the last few weeks Herefordshire Council are all about politics

Business case presented reference By-Pass

Rail Link from Hereford - Ross-on-Wye - Gloucester

Herefordshire Council is exploring the restoration of the former 22-mile rail link between Hereford, Ross-on-Wye and Gloucester, closed in 1964. Following a March 2026 council decision, a feasibility study is set to examine reconnecting these locations to boost infrastructure for new housing, with support from neighbouring Gloucestershire.

Herefordshire Council discussing amalgamation with Worcestershire and Gloucestershire as a group but Herefordshire will still have its own Council

5.2 Memorial Hall Delegate Report

The Hall floor has dried out following a recent flood but still slightly uneven in places so floor to be levelled by sanding the uneven places

5.3 Police Update

No Police present and no report

"Road Safety" to be added to the West Mercia Police Community Charter as a Priority Community Issue

The Parish Council resumed the correct order of business at this time to Item 4.0

4.0 Financial Report

4.1 Receipts

23 rd January 2026	Herefordshire Council BACS Remittance Advice Kent JMP1067 Reference 4253900	£262.50
23 rd January 2026	Herefordshire Council BACS Remittance Advice Kent JMP1066 Reference 4253840	£117.00
	Total £399.50	
29th January 2026	Herefordshire Council BACS Remittance Advice Kent JMP1068 Reference 4255541	£8,890.50
16th February 2026	Herefordshire Council BACS Remittance Advice Kent JMP1083 Reference 4257921	£2,237.00
13 th March 2026	Herefordshire Council BACS Remittance Advice Kent JMP1087 Reference 4261260	£104.00
13 th March 2026	Herefordshire Council BACS Remittance Advice Kent JMP1088 Reference 4261351	£89.00
	Total £193.00	

4.2 Invoices for Payment

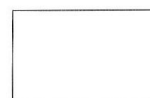
J M Probert Lengthsman JMP1083	£2,736.00
Ditching KPC 25/01 £1,520.00	
Ditching KPC 25/02 £380.00	
Ditching KPC 25/03 £380.00	
*Joint Cheque 101259	



J M Probert Lengthsman JMP1087		£249.60
04/01/2026 Bin empty - all bins in village	26.00	
11/01/2026 Bin empty - all bins in village	26.00	
18/01/2026 Bin empty - all bins in village	26.00	
25/01/2026 Bin empty - all bins in village	26.00	
01/02/2026 Bin empty - all bins in village	26.00	
08/02/2026 Bin empty - all bins in village	26.00	
15/02/2026 Bin empty - all bins in village	26.00	
22/02/2026 Bin empty - all bins in village	26.00	
*Joint Cheque 101259		
J M Probert Lengthsman JMP1088		£276.00
27/02/2026 Maintenance day - clear gullies and grips around the parish		
Unblock pipework at Spite House Pitch		
*Joint Cheque 101259		
J M Probert Lengthsman JMP1096		£732.00
06/03/2026 Jetting - drains in Pontrilas.	£380.00	£732.00
14/03/2026 Clear gullies and grips around the parish	£230.00	
*Joint Cheque 101259	Total £3,993.60	
Clerk's Salary February 2026 Gross		£577.20
Mileage		£17.19
Postage		£2.61
Tax £115.60 NIC £0.00		
Nett Pay £481.60		
Cheque 101260		
**Parish Council Contribution NIC		£24.03
2nd March 2026 Turtle Engineering Ltd {t/a Turtle Medical}		£270.00
Lifepak CR2 Battery		
Cheque 101261		
Dore Community Transport		£300.00
Community Benefit Grant KPC 03/18/26		
Cheque 101262		
C A R E Herefordshire CIC		£20.00
Meeting Room Hire KPC 18/03/2026		
Community Benefit Grant KPC 18/03/2026		£100.00
Bank Transfer	Total £120.00	
Kentchurch PCC		£100.00
Community Benefit Grant KPC 18/03/2026		
Cheque 101264		
Clerk's Salary March 2026 Gross		£577.20
Mileage		£18.00
Computer Software {1 year backup}		£24.50
Stationery & Consumables		£105.00
Tax £115.40 NIC £0.00		
Nett Pay £609.30		
Cheque 101265		
**Parish Council Contribution NIC		£24.03
HMR&C 4th ¼ Payment January February March		£418.49
(to be paid 31st March 2026)		
Cheque Number 101266		
29 th August 2025 TEEC {Invoice No 5409 received 17 th March 2026}		£36.00
Cheque Number 101267		

All payments were unanimously approved

Proposed by Councillor Mr Trefor Edwards and Seconded by Councillor Mr K John Chance Chairman



4.3 Bank Balances as per Barclays Internet Printed Bank Statements

Community Account	@ 2 nd February 2026	£ 2,924.95
Community Account	@ 2 nd March 2026	£13,350.00
Community Account	@ 13 th March 2026	£13,543.00
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Business Premium Account	@ 2 nd February 2026	£ 2,924.95
Business Premium Account	@ 15 th March 2026	£ 1,996.42

Bank reconciliations signed for both bank accounts

5.0 Reports if available from:-

5.1 *Ward Report from Ward Councillor Mr Matthew Engel

5.2 *Memorial Hall Delegate Report

5.3 *Police Update

*See after Item 3.0

6.0 United Kentchurch Charity

To consider appointment of Trustees to the Charity

See after Item 3.0

7.0 Public Question Time

Designated maximum period of 10 minutes to accommodate members of the public who may wish to either raise issues or ask the Parish Council questions

No matters raised

8.0 Highways and Footpaths

8.1 To note new Locality Steward James Howells as of 1st March 2026

8.2 To receive new information on any Parish Highway including Public Footpath Issues etc.
Clerk to arrange a site meeting with the new Locality Steward Mr James Howells

Next financial year 2026 - 2027 Lengthsman monies will be cut by 50%
Lengthsman rate will increase by 8%

Mrs Jennifer Evans Vice – Chairman had completed an online Public Rights of Way (P3) course
Email received from Ed Bradford reference Condition of B4347 Pontrilas to Welsh Border

8.3 Agree future work for the Lengthsman

Lengthsman to liaise with Councillor Mr K John Chance Gullies, Grips etc.
Lengthsman Contract between Herefordshire Council and the Parish Council signed by the Chairman Mr K John Chance

8.4 2026-2027 Drainage Grant projects for submission

Mr Jamie Probert Lengthsman to quote - various issues require attention

9.0 Information Sheet

Sheet to include update on previous action points and a list of correspondence received

Planning Applications Update

Planning Re-Consultation 251052 Castle Farm Barns Kentchurch Hereford HR2 0BN

Type Planning Permission

Proposed demolition of most of the existing agricultural buildings followed by the erection of three new detached dwellings along with the conversion/adaptation of a retained agricultural building to create a fourth dwelling

Planning Re-Consultation Granted 16th January 2026



Correspondence

8th January 2026

Email 8th January 2026 09.46 to Herefordshire Council

Reference Flytipping

Reference Number FS-Case 783025844

No response as yet

February 2026

MyHerefordshire(en)

Reference number FS-Case-803184219

Induction for Parish Footpath Officers (PFOs)

Herefordshire Council Offices (Leominster Room) Hereford

Friday, Jan 23, 2026 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm GMT

View all event details. More events from this organizer

RoSPA Bespoke Risk Assessment and Safety Training for PFOs

Mon, 9 March • 10:00 GMT Online event Free

RoSPA Bespoke Risk Assessment and Safety Training for PFOs

Tue, 10 March • 10:00 GMT Online event Free

Strimmer & Hedge Cutting Training for PFOs - Delivered by Jon Sarsfield Ltd

Mon, 16 February • 09:00 GMT

Herefordshire Archive and Records Centre (HARC)

Free

Overview

Get ready to dive in and learn all about your new role as a Parish Footpath Officer at this in-person induction!

Join Us for the Induction for Parish Footpath Officers (PFOs)!

Get ready to dive into all things footpaths with our in-person Induction for Parish Footpath Officers.

Whether you're new to the role or just want a refresher, this session is the perfect chance to learn the ropes, connect with fellow PFOs, and get hands-on tips to keep those paths in tip-top shape.

Can't wait to see you there and kick off your footpath adventure!

Category:

Community, Other Good to know

Highlights

In person

Location

Herefordshire Council Offices (Leominster Room) Plough Lane Hereford HR4 0LE

10.0 Matters Relayed to the Clerk for Agenda of the Next Meeting

11.0 Confirmation of Date, Time and Venue of the Next Meeting

Annual Parishes Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting in G. V. Community Café Pontrilas

Wednesday 20th May 2026 at 6.30pm

Meeting declared closed 7.40pm

Signed.....

Councillor Mr K John Chance Parish Council Chairman

Dated this day the 20th May 2026

Kentchurch United Charities

History

In September 1913 three charities for the Parish of Kentchurch were brought together under this one name:

John Beavan for Bread: in 1731 John Beavan gave a message to found Kentchurch School and from his bequest gave to "10 poor day-labourers or widows" of the Parish 10 sixpenny loaves, twice a year.

Frances Scudamore in 1716 left rents and mortgages in various parishes for two apprenticeships and the fallage of coppices for six poor widows in the parishes of Kentchurch, Garway, and Llangarron. Originally this was to be distributed to each parish once every three years, but later a third of the income was distributed each year. The farms from which the rents were distributed were later exchanged for Garn Farm and Court Lacca Farm near Longtown.

Sarah Scudamore, before 1782 founded a charity to supply clothes, bedding, linen, fuel, and aid in sickness to old women and widows of the Parish.

When the charities were amalgamated it was determined that the Trust should have one *ex officio* trustee (the Minister of the Parish), three representative trustees, and one additional trustee (this having always been the successor to the Scudamore Estate, most recently John Lucas Scudamore). The real estate at some stage appears to have been transferred into Gilts.

Current information

The last meeting of the trustees in Kentchurch is dated October 2008. The Charity Commission has received no accounts since that time and have written to enquire about the removal of this account. The Garway share of the Frances Scudamore Charity was removed from the register in January 2025 having been inactive for some years; the Llangarron share was removed in 2000 for the same reason.

A record of a sum of £4057.88 invested in NS&I dated 2015 has been discovered. There is no record in the church accounts of any transfer of funds from charities over the last twenty years. In any case the responsibility now is to the Parish Council since the Local Government Act of 1894 and Church of England (Powers) Act of 1919.

The Way Ahead

Until trustees are correctly appointed we are not able to discover exactly how much is currently on deposit in NS&I (nor a possible very much smaller sum in NatWest bank). Once trustees are in place it we can ascertain both these sums, but also what is invested in the CCLA through the offices of the Charity Commission. It will then be possible to decide how best to interpret the distribution of any charity within the Parish in a contemporary setting, when much of the original charitable purpose has been assumed by the state.

Further, it might be worthwhile to discuss the further third shares of the Frances Scudamore bequest that passed to the parishes of Llangarron and Garway, which have been removed from the charity register. If they are available, perhaps a common charitable purpose could be found and the charities brought together. Though there is no certainty that these portions are still invested.

22 March 1713

Extract from the will of Mrs Frances Scudamore (she died 1716)
Apropos of her charity she writes

"I devise give and bequeath all the same Real Estate, (in the Parishes of Garway and Kentchurch) to my Executors hereinafter named and to their Heirs for ever. In trust for the use of the severall parishes of Llangarren, Garway and Kentchurch aforesaid to be laid out after this manner (Viz)... for the time being to place two or more Poor Children whose Parents are not in Poors Book apprentices to some handycraft Trade." income in the first year of three should go to Llangarren, in the second year to Garway, then "... Item the next years rent I do give to the Parish of Kentchurch to be laid out by the Minister and Churchwardens of the Parish for the time being to the same purpose."

"Item I give and bequeath the profits of my Coppice Woods (before excepted) belongong to my said Real Estate As they shall became due from each Fellage thereof which shall not be under fourteen years Growth unto Six Poor Widows which are not in the Poors Book but inhabitsnts of one of the three several parishes aforesaid to be equally divide amongst them after this manner (Viz) the first fallage [Llangarren]...the next [Garway] and the next fallage to Six Poor Widows of the Parish of Kentchurch and in the same order successively and alternately for ever to be disposed of by the Minister and Churchwardens of the repective Parishes."

Then is appended

"N: B: The Estates mentioned in the Will were exchanged for the Estates of Court Llacca and Upper Hunthouse in the township of Longtown at the desire of Colonel Scudamore.

1729

Note in Hereford Archies and Records Centre, Batch L10/7:

"Benefactions in the Parish of Kentchurch. Mr John Bevan 1729

Left £8 per Annum to endow the School. As also a House and Garden for the same purpose. But charged the said Premises with the payment of ten Shillings annually, to be laid out in Bread for the Poor; One half to be given at Christmas, the other at Easter For Ever."

One other document states that Kentchurch Parish School was founded by John Beavan.

29 June 1802

TNA Prob 11/1399 The will of Thomas Davies of Hunthouse specifies that he is the owner of the freehold of Hunthouse. So that Hunthouse must have been exchanged for the Garn farm before that date.

Notwithstanding this Court Lacca and Upper Huntshouse Farm were exchanged for the original land in 1819. Between 1815 and 1834 very unequal amounts were given to the three parishes Llangarren £158 - 15 - 0, Garway £100, Kentchurch £35 - 10 - 0. But he argument was that prior to this date Kentchrch parish had received a monopoly of the funds. It was clear too to Ld Brougham's Commission that the exchange was to the detriment of the charity.

7 December 1843

Kentchurch Charity, Extract from the Master's Report

Annual Income arising from 2 Farms £45 - 18 - 0.

Application of Funds

To pay agent for receiving rents per year £2 - 10 - 0

A Book of Accounts to be kept.

After paying the £2 - 10 - 0, the expense of keeping the accounts and repairs to apply balance as follows.

One 3rd to be placed to the account of the Minister and Churchwardens of Llangarren, One 3rd Ditto Garway and One 3rd Ditto Kentchurch.

One 3rd of the 3rd placed to account of Llangarren to be divided annully between 2 Widowes of that parish not on the Poor Books. The remaining two 3rds of the 3rd to be carried over, and out of 10£ be applied every year or oftener in placing out a chikld to some Handicraft trade belonging to the said parish, whose Prents not on Poor Books. That the for 3rd Garway and Kentchurch respectively be paid in the same manner.

That the Minister and Church wardens of each Parish shall select the Widows and Childen and that the master be selected by the Parents of the Children subject to approbation of the Minister and Churchwardens. Etc.

18 March 1844

National Archives, Kew catalogue reference 54/8679/7

Scheme of the High Court of Chancery; Garway, Kentchurch and Lugwardine (Llangarron), Herefordshire: enrolled charitable trust deed.

Object: trust for certain charities in the parishes (under the will of Mrs Frances Scudamore, widow). Charitable purpose: educational; children. Regnal year: 50 Geo III.

19 July 1907 - 2243/7

The yearly sum of 10s is to be distributed for bread and the remaining income from the trust comes the JOHN BEAVAN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, created from the charity founded by the will of John Beavan on 8 May 1731.

To satisfy the sums required £16 13s 4d is held in India 3% Stock for the *John Beavan's Charity for Bread* and £122 10s 8d for the *John Beavan's Educational Foundation*.

19 September 1913 - 2478/13

Constitution given for Official Trustees of Charitable Funds for the parish (*videlicet The Charity of John Beavan for Bread*; that part of *The Charity of Mrs Frances Scudamore* applicable in Kentchurch parish, most recently regulated 10 March 1844; *The Charity of Sarah Scudamore*, founded before the year 1782.

- One *ex-officio* Trustee (the Rector).
- Three representative Trustees, appointed by the Parish Council.
- Additional Trustee Col Edward Scudamore Lucas Scudamore.

Details of regularity of meetings *quora etc.*

The Charity of John Beavan for bread and the Charity of Sarah Scudamore are to be for old women or widows for clothes, fuel, food, *etc.* [this becomes The United Kentchurch Charities]

One third of the Charity of Mrs Francis Scudamore to benefit two poor widows in the parish

Two thirds of the Charity of Mrs Frances Scudamore to benefit apprenticeships within the parish.

On 16 July 1923 the clause concerning the one third of the Charity of Mrs Scudamore is amended to "not exceeding two" widows.

Christmas 1913

£1 received from each of Vroe Farm and Llangattock Lingoed

1916 Synopsis of the Kentchurch and Llangua Charities.

KENTCHURCH

- 1 Mrs Frances Scudamore's Charity for Apprentices and for Poor Widows
Income paid to Humfrys and Symonds, Hereford. money drawn from Post Office Savings Bank as required: £2 10s to two Poor Widows at Easter (so sometimes known as the Easter Charity in

the minutes book) and Apprentices fees (£10) to aid deserving boys or girls in parish of Kentchurch only. Income of Charity from Garn Farm and Court Lacca Farm near Longtown.

- 2 Mrs Sarah Scudamore's Charity (Dress Charity)
Interest paid to National Provincial Bank, Hereford, and drawn in November, about £2 12s 4d p.a. Provides dresses for poor industrious women at Christmas. The Pass Book rests with the manager of the above bank.
- 3 Beavan Educational Charity
Applied towards upkeep of the schoolmistress's house, £3 13s 4d p.a. Paid by Charity Commissioners quarterly.
- 4 Beavan's Charity for Bread
10s p.a., discontinued as the recipients never came for it. Used to be given at Christmas and Easter to ten persons. Paid by Charity Commissioners, and used to be sent with No 3 but has latterly been paid by them with No 2 and added to that (Dress) Charity making No 2 £3 2s 4d. The income (10s) may also be applied for supply of clothes, linen or food.

Further information re Charities in Parish Book in Safe

LLANGUA

- 1 The Vroe Charity
£1 payable by tenant of Vroe Farm, Rowlestone, Pontrilas, at Christmas. This has to be applied for (John Saunders Charity [*no explanation of this*]).
- 2 Llangattock Lingoed Charity
£1 from Llangattock Lingoed (being Llangua's share) distributed at Christmas. This is sent regularly by the vicar of that place (Elizabeth Pritchard Charity [*no explanation of this*]).

The £2 is distributed among the poor of Llangua after consultation with the Overseers.

The above written by The Revd R P Dansey, January 1917

3 August 1923 *Amendment to Mrs Frances Scudamore's Charity for Apprentices and for Poor Widows*

Following a submission by the Trustees, the Charity Commission approved a new scheme for Mrs Frances Scudamore's Charity. *videlicet* any surplus money might be spent in providing outfits, travelling expenses, *etc.* for those starting out in life and under 21 years of age. Also that in the case of the Poor Widows clause of the Charity the £5 might be given to one widow if there were no others.

7 May 1935

It was reported that repairs to Court Lacca farm amounted to £176 so each parish [*cf* 26 November] was due to pay £58 13s 4d. In fact £48 13s 4d was paid, leaving £10 to pay later.

26 November 1941

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Charities it was reported that "a letter received from the agent Messrs Humfrys, Symonds and Spencer stated that the tenant of Court Lacca farm, Longtown, wishes to give up his tenancy owing to ill health, that a Mr Arthur William is proposed to take the farm." Each of the recipient parishes of the Charity (Kentchurch, Garway, Llangarron) are to send a representative to a meeting with the agent. If repairs are required an estimate must first be obtained. It was, in addition, suggested in that case the rent should be varied from the present £19 2s 0d to £1 per acre. In attached letter it reports that the farm comprises 23.818 acres. A subsequent meeting (10 December 1942) reports that the "upshot of it all is that the tenant has not changed".

30 January 1942

“It appears that the BEAVAN CHARITY held two sums invested in India 3% stock, amounting in all to about £120. This is being sold out. [It was decided] that it should be reinvested in the National War Bonds.”

10 December 1942

A letter from Humfrys, Symonds & Spencer informed the trustees that Court Llacca farm is to be let to Mr Francis at £25 per acre from 2 February 1943. It was stated that redecoration will be required.

26 November 1943

A report was given at this meeting of a visit by some of the trustees “to the two farms last spring.”

12 December 1948

The chairman, the Revd Mr Rowle, read an estimate for repairs to ther Garn farm, Clodock, of £52 for last March.

nd 1949

“Scudamore Charity 1949 Copy

	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	
Bank balance	£104 - 1 - 7	Farr Cross Lyde	£2 - 10 - 0
Treasurer?	£2 - 8 - 0	Powell Bals[?]	£2 - 10 - 0
Interest 1948	£2 - 0 - 10	Bank Balance	£124 - 16 - 1
Interest 1949	£2 - 8 - 4	Treasurer	£2 - 8 - 0
3½ War stock	£1 - 16 - 10		
½ income Garn & Lacca	£19 - 8 - 6		
TOTAL	£132 - 4 - 1		£132 - 4 - 1

15 November 1950

“ The balance sheet re property was signed by the trustees.... The trustees agree to transfer £15 - 2 - 8 from 2½ National war bonds 1949-1951 to an equal amount of new 3% Treasury[?] stock , as per letter from the Charity Commission (also £111 - 5 - 4 J Beavan Educational Foundation).”

It is reported that the Llangua Charity in 1947, 1948, 1949 received 20/- each pa from Llangattock and Vroe farms.

23 January 1951

The balance sheet for the “Scudamore Charity” appears to show £124 - 1 - 5 in credit after monies disbursed in 1950.

November 1952

The balance sheet for the “Scudamore Charity” appears to show £139 - 1 - 1 in credit after monies disbursed in 1951.

10 March 1953

The balance sheet for the “Scudamore Charity” appears to show £159 - 7 - 6 in credit after monies disbursed in 1952.

27 March 1953

The balance sheet for “Scudamore and Beavan charity as sent in 1950, 1951, 1952

Jan 1950 Cr balance		Distributed	
NP Bank	£11 - 16 - 43	1950 4 Recipients	£5 - 10 - 4

Income as NP Bank book		1951	5 Recipients	£5 - 0 - 0
1950	£2 - 19 - 10			
1951	£3 - 1 - 2	1952	6 Recipients	£4 - 18 - 0
1952	£3 - 2 - 0	Bank Balance		£5 - 18 - 11
TOTAL	£20 - 9 - 3			£20 - 9 - 3

16 August 1954

Accounts for Llangua Charity for Charity Commission show in 1950, 1951, 1952, and 1953 Vroe farm and Llangattock Lingoed each gave £1, so totalling £2 pa.

June 1955

A letter was received from the Charity Commissioners concerning the Llangua Charity. After this date there are no further records of the trustees distributing this charity. [Was it from this date that Llangua Church was no longer part of the Kentchurch parish?]

31 December 1959

Post Office Bank	£139 - 12 - 2	Mrs Hill & Prosser	£5 - 0 - 0
Interest 1958	£3 - 6 - 9	Hill, Prosser, Farr, Pearce	
Dividend on £52 - 12 - 4		Smith, Farr, Partridge	
	£1 - 16 - 10	7 @ £1	£7 - 0 - 0
Llangarron & Garway	£16 - 12 - 11	Balance at bank	£11 - 9 - 9
			£137 - 18 11
TOTAL	£161 - 8 - 8		£161 - 8 - 8

1966 "DRESS CHARITY" "APPRENTICE CHARITY"

14 February 1968

"It was decided to advise the Charity Commission to reinvest £10 due for payment in the Charity Commission Official Investment Fund."

21 June 1971

It was agreed to withdraw £200 out of the Post Office account and invest with the Halifax Building Society (on 26 July 1971).

by this stage no mention of LLANGUA charity.

15 August 1978

Accounts mention: Post Office, Halifax Building Society, National Westminster Bank.

20 November 1979

"As there was £42.58 in the Halifax Building Society, it was decided to close it and put £5.08 in the Post Office Savings account [£37.50 having been distributed among seven school leavers]."

Three sums of £2.50 were distributed from "The Kentchurch United Charity" - the first use of this phrase in the minutes book.

11 October 1980

"Mr W R Watkins reported that he had withdrawn the money out of the Post Office account £69.77 to close the account." From the minutes it appears that after giving £10 to two recipients, £54.77 was deposited in the Post Office Investment Account in Pontrilas on 25 October 1980.

6 December 1982

Was the last meeting of the trustees in the usual form, listing grants and sometimes discussing accounts.

(Per Dividend Declarations the Hereford-Kentchurch-United Charities Mrs Frances Scudamore is Charity Commission no. 04586/01)

2 June 1992

Gross annual income £144.47, the Humfrys and Symonds bank account is 53-50-41, 01-01033425, A/C name Humfrys & Symonds ie Scudamore Charities.)

(Per letter from Charity Commission to Humfrys and Symonds
17 June 1992

The United Charities, Kentchurch, 504922 comprise The John Beavan and the Sarah Scudamore Charities governed by schemes dated 13 September 1913 and 3 August 1923.
The Estate Charity of Mrs Frances Scudamore 111785 is governed by scheme of High Court of Chancery dated 18 March 1844.)

31 December 1993

These from letters from Humfry and Symonds

Mrs Frances Scudamore's Charity joint investment for parishes of Garway, Kentchurch, and Llangarron:

£52.63	3½% War Stock
£105.00	2½% Consolidated Stock
£9.00	Income Shares
£7.46	2½% Treasury Stock
<i>Total</i>	<i>£174.19</i>

Mrs Frances Scudamore's Charity joint investment for parishes of Garway, Kentchurch, and Llangarron, one third of the income to go to each parish:

£41.55	2½% Consolidated Stock
£49.39	3½% War Stock
£5106.04	3%'B' Metropolitan Water 1934/2003
<i>Total</i>	<i>£5196.98</i>

Whereas it is clear that the second of these investments is indeed the Mrs Frances Scudamore Charity, since its income has been shared between the parishes, the composition of the first is probably the united charities of John Beavan (two combined) and Miss Sarah Scudamore.

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“ I think an explanation needs to be written as to what has happened to the distribution of these charities.”

At an informal meeting in 1983 Lady Patricia Lucas-Scudamore expressed a view that the sums handed out were so small, the charities had outlived their purpose. It was proposed that monies be allowed to accumulate and then to be handed to Kentchurch church. Between 1983 and this minute the rector had moved away and all other all trustees except Mr W R Watkins had died. Then the Parish Council appoint Mr John Chance a trustee. Many of the documents relating to the charities seem to have disappeared from the rectory during this period, including the Post Office Savings book. Also was reported that in 1999 Humfrys and Symonds decided it was not worth their while to continue. Mr W R Watkins then collected a cheque for £1479.48 and placed the sum in the “Post Office Savings/ Investment” account on 28 September 1999, having obtained a replacement savings book. There was

already £1384.84 in this account. He reports, too, that there “is also a little money in a National Westminster Bank account in Hereford. And for some reason £80.08 was credited to this account, usually it arrives 60p or 70p at a time.” The bank was unable to inform him of the source of this credit.

Then are listed

Natwest, 12 Broad Street, Hereford, HR4 9AH
Current A/C 0561670[0?], Sort code 53-50-41
Kentchurch Charities
31 May 2005 £140.78

National Savings Investment Account
A/C 138 033 988
Kentchurch Scudamore Charities
28 June 2005 £3446.48

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It was proposed that the monies from the charities be put into the Kentchurch churchyard fund [*sic*].

Here the minutes end.