

# THE MARGARET WESTWOOD MEMORIAL CHARITY

## (Register Number 500125)

### ORIGIN

This trust derived from the Will of William Westwood Skidmore Westwood who died on the 14th day of August, 1949. By his Will he gave his properties, including a house in Hagley Road, Stourbridge, in memory of his daughter who had predeceased him to Worcestershire County Council for use as a nursery.

After some years, the County Council found it had no further use for the property and it was sold. Subsequently the Charity Commission was able to make a scheme for the proceeds of the sale of the property and a Constitution Charity was established by an order of the Charity Commission dated 22nd March, 1988.

### PURPOSE

Subject to expenses, the income of the Charity is to be applied "*for charitable purposes devoted to the physical, educational or moral welfare and benefit of children or young persons in the area of the former County of Worcester, as constituted on the 19th August, 1946*"

### GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The Trustees try not to be too prescriptive within their terms of reference in order to allow as much flexibility as possible to potential applicants. In general however, the following guidelines are usually adhered to:

- *the Charity is for the benefit of children and young persons - normally grants are not made to persons over the age of 25.*
- *applicants should live within the area of the former County of Worcestershire (this includes parts of Dudley and Sandwell).*
- *funding is not available towards the normal costs of education eg. A levels, undergraduate or postgraduate courses. From time to time however, one-off occasional small grants may be paid towards specific items, eg. books.*
- *where an applicant is a group or organisation, grants are usually only made towards capital costs. Running expenses are not normally supported.*