

## Transcription The Benefactions Board – St Andrew's Church, Shrivenham

Henry Marten of Aldersgate Street London, and Henry Marten of Beckett in the County of Berks Esq did in their life give cause eight Alms Houses to be built for the benefit of eight Poor Persons Inhabitants of Shrivenham. And by an Indenture made the 17<sup>th</sup> of July 1642 the said Sir Henry Marten and Henry Marten Esq did demise and grant unto four Trustees, a certain pasture ground in the Parish of Great Coxwell in the County of Berks, called or known by the name Woodleaze, containing ninety Acres in Trust and for the use and benefit of Ten Poor Persons, eight of whom are to be the Inhabitants of the said Almshouses to be elected out of such Poor as are most likely in their old age to be chargeable to the parish.

Mrs Elizabeth Sadler left in her last Will and Testament bearing date May the 25<sup>th</sup> 1729, the sum LSD of 347.17.8 Joint South Sea Stock. Annuities LSD, and 117.3.9 in the Capital South Sea Stock to Lord Viscount Barrington and his Assigns Lord of the Manor of Beckett in the County of Berks, in Trust that He and They shall and will pay the yearly Interest and proceed thereof or of the monies arising by the Sale thereof to the use of the Poor Inhabitants of the Almshouses in the town of Shrivenham towards their bettering in such proportions as the Lords of the said Manor shall think fit.

Thomas Stratton of Shrivenham Gent; by an Indenture bearing date July the 1<sup>st</sup> 1703 did grant unto four Trustees, a certain meadow lying in the Parish of Shrivenham containing 8 Acres 2 rods and 21 poles, in Trust to suffer the Vicar for the time being, and his Successors for ever, to hold and enjoy the said Meadow, subject and chargeable with the Payment of the Yearly Rent of Four Pounds to the Schoolmaster of Shrivenham, for teaching and instructing Ten poor Children of the Tithing of Shrivenham.

In the year 1758 the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of Shrivenham, purchased of Mr Richard Garrard, a Meadow called Breach Mead, containing three acres or thereabouts, the profits of which are to be applied from time to time in Apprenticing such poor Children within the several tithings of Shrivenham and Beckett, as the Inhabitants of the said Tithing, shall from time to time at their general Vestrys, or other public meetings appoint and direct.



## Watchfield Chapel Benefaction Board Located behind the main door of the Porch in St Andrew's Church, Shrivenham (2025)

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Having been taken down in the year 1788, the money arising from the sale of the materials was vested in the purchase of £260 X 3 percent Consols, which in June 1817 was transferred to George Viscount Barrington, John Blagrove Esq and the Vicar, who signed a declaration of trust purporting that the interest of the Stock was to be applied to the education of the poor children of Watchfield.

Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 1818 Richard Smith gave the interest of £149 x 3 percent consols in trust for the education of the poor of Watchfield for ever; trustees the Vicar of Shrivenham for the time being and John Dixon of Watchfield and his heirs.