



The Bedford Charity (The Harpur Trust) employs over 1400 people in Bedford and is a local charity with three charitable objectives:

- the promotion of **education**;
- the **relief** of those who are sick or in need, hardship or distress;
- the provision of **recreational facilities** with a social welfare purpose within the town of Bedford and the surrounding area

and is involved in various initiatives that support these objects including:

Maintained sector school trusts

The Charity recognises and values the importance of education and expanding opportunities to learn and is delighted to be associated with the Kempston Education Trust. The Charity is also supporting the formation of other local, maintained sector school trusts by accepting offers to join trust Boards and establish educational links between the Harpur Trust Schools and those in trusts.

Grant Making and Almshouses

The Charity is a major contributor to valuable community activities within the Borough of Bedford and last year made grants of over £830,000 to local organisations, groups and individuals to support its charitable objectives.

Over 40 places for frail or elderly people of the Borough are also offered in the Charity's almshouses in Bedford and Bromham.

The Harpur Trust Schools

The Charity administers the four main Harpur Trust schools; Bedford School, Bedford High School, Dame Alice Harpur School and Bedford Modern School. Pilgrims Pre-Preparatory School, set up by the Charity in January 1998, is run by Harpur Pre-Preparatory Schools Ltd, a separate charitable company.

Bursaries are available at the four main Trust schools for pupils entering Year 7 – details are available from the individual schools.

For more information on the Charity please visit www.bedfordcharity.org.uk