

ADDINGHAM UNITED CHARITY

unveiling ceremony of

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Saturday 19 August 2017

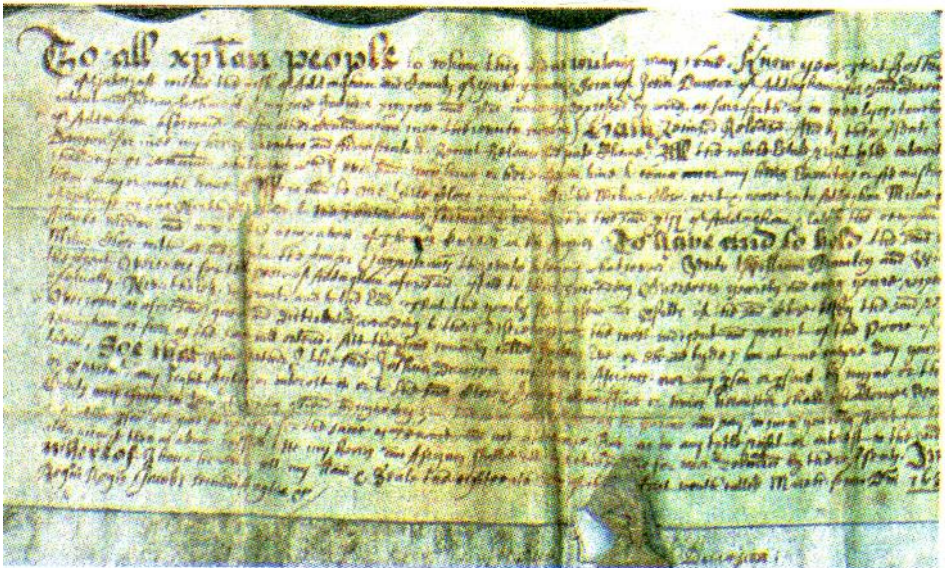


Missing 300-year-old deed found in rectory

AN ancient document which had been missing for years relating to land in Addingham, has been found. The 300-year-old deed was discovered during recent renovations at the rectory of St Peter's parish church. It gives details of a stretch of land covering Dawson Crossley field (the Mill Close) at High Land, which is now rented by the parish council from the Addingham United Charity. Councillor Bill Preston, who is also one of the charity's trustees, said the find was beneficial for everyone in the village. "We thought we had lost it and had searched high and low. It really is won-

derful that it has been found as it is a piece of Addingham history," he said. The document will be stored at Bradford Council's archives department. Addingham United Charity was formed in 1972 and helps the needy in the village.

● **BELOW:** A close-up of part of the document.



The deed for the conveyance to the Overseers of the Poor of the small area of pasture and river at High Mill.

An extract from the Deed for Milne Close, transcribed by Kate Mason

“To all Christian people to whom this present writing may come, know you that Joshua Dawson of Gatecroft within the Parish of Addingham and county of York, yeoman, sonn of John Dawson of Addingham aforesaid, deceased. With intent and for th’accomplishment of my said father’s purpose and good meaning expressed by words, as far forth as in me lyes touching the poor of Addingham aforesaid, and for other considerations mee thereunto moving. HATH remised, released And by these presents I the said Joshua Dawson for me my heires Executors and Administrators, remit Release and Quit Clame ALL the whole estate right to the interest Reversion challenge or Demaund whatsoever which I ever had’ now have, or hereafter in time to come or my heires Executors Administrators OR any of them, may or might have OFF in and to one Little Close commonly called The Milne Close next or neare unto Addingham Milne, The River Wharfe on the north side ? to the Tenterlands (on the south part) Scituate and being within the said parish of Addingham and late in the occupation of Elizabeth Franke, widdow ,and now in the occupation of Thomas Curren or his Assignes TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said close called Milne Close with all and singular the premises and appurtenances thereunto belonging whatsoever Unto William Bramley and William Cockshott the present Overseers of the Poor of Addingham aforesaid. And to their succeeding Overseers yearly and every yeare respectively and perpetually. Nevertheless in Trust and to the End that the yearly Rent issue and profits of the said Close let by the said respective Overseers as aforesaid given and distributed according to their discretions to the most indigent and poorest of the poore of the Parish of Addingham as farr as the same will extend.” -----

WITNESS whereof I have hereto set my hand and seale the 18th day of the first month called March Anno Dom 1686 Signed Joshua Dawson. on the dorse sealed signed and delivered as an absolute Conveyance to the within mentioned premises to George Myers for the use within mentioned in the presence of ? , Sandbedds at Mill Dam.

Formation of **Addingham United Charity**
by THE CHARITY COMMISSION
Sealed 22 September 1972

Ancient Township Charities – Addingham

1. The Charity known as Crossley’s Land, founded by deeds of lease and release dated the 23rd and 24th March 1685 respectively, and comprised in an Order of the Charity Commissioners of the 6th April 1875;
2. The Charity of John Cunliffe, founded by will dated the 3rd August 1812;
3. The Charity of Mary Cunliffe, founded by codicil dated the 9th January
4. Charity of John Dawson, founded by deed dated the 18th March 1686 and comprised in the said Order of the 6th April 1875;
5. Parish Charity called the Addingham Nursing Association Benevolent Fund, in the Parish of Addinghamand In the matter of the Charities Act, 1960.

THE CHARITY COMMISSIONERS FOR ENGLAND AND WALES
HEREBY ORDER that the following Scheme be approved and established as
the Scheme for the regulation of the above-mentioned Charities:-

SCHEME

1. Administration of Charities..... shall be administered and managed together as one Charity under the title of the Addingham United Charity.
2. Investment and cash – to be transferred and invested in the name of the Official Custodian ‘unless the Charity Commissioners otherwise direct.’
3. Donations – The Trustees may receive donations either in augmentation of the capital endowments of the Charity or for application as income thereof.

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