

# The Basil Russell Trust

## **April 2025 year end report to APM**

The Trust was established in 1990 by the late Basil Russell, lifelong gardener at Hole Park and international table tennis referee, to benefit the youth of Rolvenden and surrounding parishes.

The portfolio of Investment funds are managed by Cazenove Capital of **£291,731** as at 30 March, down from £291,731 a year previously.

Distributions have increased this year to £12,560. Trustees have contributed £4000 to Newenden play area, £2000 to Newenden Village Hall, and a significant number of other smaller, often personal grants, including 5 distributions to individuals.

Looking forward, we are supporting the refurbishment of the School with up to 6 interactive whiteboards of the highest quality. This will take up to 50% of our income for both the current and next financial years. £6000 in each year

Trustees are keen to receive applications from any individual, or group of young people, or by adults on their behalf who seek assistance with their studies, tuition fees, travel costs or to fund personal development opportunities.

Edward Barham, Chairman

April 2025

## **Rolvenden Branch, Royal British Legion**

Activities of the Rolvenden Branch of RBL have further reduced during the year, the annual Remembrance Day parade and service now being our prime activity, as well as supporting funerals when required. This reflects declining membership and increasing age of the membership.

We are a County Supported branch administered at county level and with Branch funds held centrally. The branch, such as it is, is managed by Mark Williams and myself.

The death of former Chairman Barry Pain was announced recently. We send our condolences to Gail. Barry's funeral will be held at St Mary's on **29 April at 1330 and afterwards at The Great Barn**, Halden Place. All welcome and the Standard will be paraded as well as official police presence. He was the former Chief Constable of Kent.

Edward Barham, Chairman