

Poverty strikes donors

AN OLD village charity has been given £100 by parish councillors.

The Poor Folks Close and Thomas Dole charity at Middleton Tyas, near Richmond, was originally set up to give money to the poor.

It now gives an annual sum to widows, chosen by the charity's trustees. Last year it handed out £2 each to 15 widows.

But with only £33.10 in its account, £30 of which cannot be used because it has to be kept as capital, it faced giving out a miniscule amount at the next distribution.

Middleton Tyas Parish Council has in the past topped up its funds when they have dropped and has now decided to give it £100.