

History of Tarvin Educational Foundation

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Tarvin - Charities

The Grammar School was founded by Mr Pickering of London about the year 1600 who gave £60 towards erecting a school house in Tarvin where his father was born. He also bequeathed £200 for purchasing lands, and directed the rents and profits to be bestowed on an able schoolmaster to be chosen by the feoffees for the teaching of 20 poor children, free; six to be chosen from the town of Tarvin, and the rest from the other townships belonging to the parish. The above mentioned legacy was invested in the purchase of land in the parish of Tattenhall, consisting of 11 statute acres, now producing a rental of £18 per annum. Previous to the year 1845 the school had been much neglected and the property was greatly dilapidated, when the late vicar, the Rev. T S Bowstead, had the premises completely renovated, and bought a cottage adjoining, which had been a great nuisance to the school. The cost of these improvements amounting to £250, was chiefly defrayed by the liberality of the vicar. The school was rebuilt in 1858 at a cost of £350 raised by voluntary contribution. The residence for the master is expected to be rebuilt around the year 1860. Since the present master was appointed the school has been very efficiently conducted. There are 20 boys on the foundation and upwards of 30 boys attend, who are the sons of respectable farmers in the neighbourhood. Mr Edwin Charles Shufflebotham is the present master. The Trustees for the school are the Rev. W Bryans, Colonel Tomkinson, Wm. Atkinson, Esq., Mr Briscoe Earl, Mr Thomas Dean, Mr William Palin, Mr H T Seacombe, Mr T W Ridgway, Mr R Dutton, Mr Henry Shufflebotham and Mr Thomas Wright.