

Elliot Exhibition

30th January 2025

Agenda item 5.

The Reverend Elliott was born in Liskeard and served as vicar/rector of the three other parishes, Lostwithiel, Ladock and Truro during his career. He left a capital sum in support of educational attainment to be shared amongst the four parishes. Until 1910, this was operated as a fund to support pupils attending Truro Grammar School (latterly Truro Cathedral School). It has been traditionally chaired by the Lord Lieutenant.

The Exhibition has in the recent past used its income to provide students transferring from school to university/college with small grants (typically £50 – 150) to buy books and, occasionally, tools/instruments. It has been notified annually to schools and tertiary colleges attended by pupils from the four parishes.

All four parishes have participated, and some (eg Truro) have added increments to the capital sum from time to time to sustain value (or to increase it!). In 1910 the asset value of the Exhibition was £4000. Equivalent value today would be £600k. Real value (buying power) would be £80 today. However, this illustrates that over the years value has been sustained by contributions (including investment income etc).

Administration of the Exhibition was undertaken by the Education Department at Cornwall (County) Council, but this department has significantly reduced since the introduction of academies, and the function was 'accidentally' discarded, leaving the monies invested with CCLA.

The challenge now is twofold:

1. To determine if the four parishes wish to rekindle and continue with the Exhibition, and if not, to determine how its resources should be disbursed.
2. If it is decided to continue, then consider how, amongst the four parishes, the administration of the Exhibition can be undertaken

No matter the outcome of the above discussions, it is imperative that the bank mandate be completed to enable the Exhibition to proceed with its determined course.