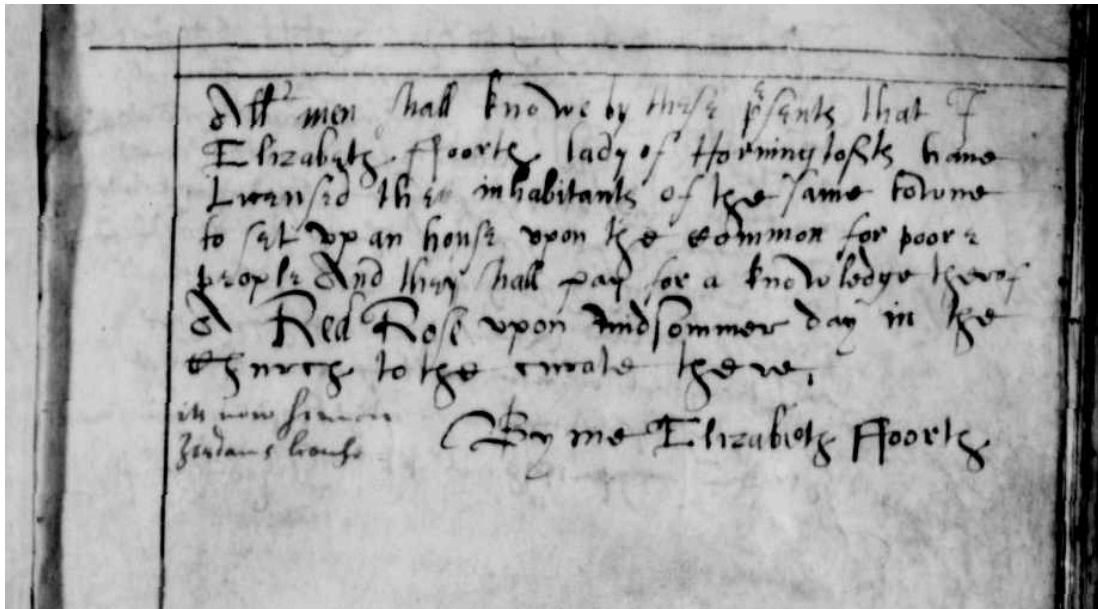


Horningtoft Charity Land and Jubilee Cottage

An entry found in the back cover of Horningtoft record of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials for 1539-1698 could be the start of the legacy. Elizabeth Foorth wrote:-



*All men shall know by these present that I Elizabeth Foorth, Lady of Horningtoft, have licensed the inhabitants of the same town to set up a house upon the common for poor people. And they shall pay for a knowledge thereof A Red Rose upon Mid Summer day in the church to the curate there.
By me Elizabeth Foorth*



The common as shown on Faden's map of 1797

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In the 1812 State of Claims for Inclosure the Churchwardens and Overseers of Horningtoft claimed a cottage used as a poor-house and about half an acre of land. Their claim was upheld they were and awarded the cottage and land. The Inclosure Award Map of 1816 shows the cottage and land, location numbers 84 and 85, in Oxwick Road.



In 1907 an application was made to the Charity Commission to register the Horningtoft Charity Land and Jubilee Cottage. The income from rent was to be used to keep the cottage in repair and insured and any excess was to be for the benefit of poor. This Scheme was approved 1st May 1908 and is the Governing Document still worked from.

The property fell into disrepair and the income was not adequate for the insurance and upkeep so the Trustees decided to sell the property. The property and land was sold in June 1965 for £450 and the amount of £500 purchased 522 units in COIF Charities Investment fund, which at present gives an annual income of around £250.

Extract from the Scheme

APPLICATION OF INCOME

Benefit of poor

19. *The yearly income of the Charity shall be applied by the Trustees in making payments, under one or both of the following heads, **for the benefit of such deserving and necessitous persons**, having been householders in the Ancient Parish of **Horningtoft for at least 12 months** next preceding the receipt of benefit, as the Trustees select for this purpose, and in such way as they consider **most advantageous to the recipients** and most conducive to the formation of provident habits:-*

- I. *The supply of clothes, linen, bedding, fuel, tools, medical or other aid in sickness, food or other articles in kind.*
- II. *Temporary relief in money, by way of loan or otherwise, in case of unexpected loss or sudden destitution*

*Provided that the funds of the Charity shall in no case be applied in aid of any rates for the relief of the poor or other purposes in the Parish, or so that any individual may become entitled to a **periodical or recurrent benefit** therefrom.*

In 2018 the name of the charity was changed to the Horningtoft Community Fund and the Trustees were pro-active in promoting the charity in line with present day needs.

At the time of writing the Trustees are Pauline Chapman, Heather Gooch and Liz Logan.