

Are you interested in helping disturbed children?

The Red Hill Trust, which makes grants to organisations which care for children with emotional or behavioural disorders, is hoping to recruit one or perhaps two Trustees following the retirement of existing Trustees.

The Trust has its origins in a community at Red Hill, Chislehurst, begun by Otto Shaw to care for children orphaned or traumatised by the war. After the war, he moved to Charlton Court in East Sutton near Maidstone and in 1948 founded a school specialising in the education of maladjusted boys, employing a remarkable system of self-governance.



Charlton Court, when it was Red Hill School

Following moves to integrate children with special needs into mainstream education, the school could not survive. The premises were sold for re-development and the Trust now makes grants out of the investment income to organisations whose aims are in line with those of the original Trust.

Some recent grants include:

- Setting up nurture groups in Hampshire
- Drama workshops at Pupil Referral Units in London
- Residential experience for special schools in Kent
- Therapy programme for bereaved siblings in association with a Kent hospice
- Art education for excluded pupils in Oxford

The duties of the Trustees are to examine applications, decide on and monitor grants; and, of course, to make sure that the Trust's assets are efficiently invested. For this purpose there are two meetings a year in March and in October, each an afternoon session. Applications are circulated in advance by email.

More information can be obtained from the Trust website www.redhilltrust.org or directly from the Chairman, Dr. David Wilson, david@northwalls.demon.co.uk. Please make contact directly if you are interested.