

## **The Ayshford Educational Foundation Trust**

The Ayshford Grammar School in Uffculme was founded in 1701, financed by a bequest from Nicholas Ayshford of Taunton.

In 1802 a scheme of Trustees was established to provide free education for two pupils from Uffculme and two each from Burlescombe and Holcombe Rogus.

After a chequered history the school finally closed in 1921. The buildings were sold to the Parish Guardians and became a Poor Law Home for children. A charitable trust was established for the benefit of the three parishes, funded by the investment of the money from the sale and the assets of the school.

Initially the Trust awarded scholarships enabling pupils to attend Tiverton Grammar School and when, after the 1944 Education Act, fees were no longer required, grants were given for expenses such as travel and school wear.

Over the years the purposes have changed and now grants are awarded to full time students and apprentices aged eighteen and over in further and higher education for the purchase of books and equipment.

Application forms (to be submitted to the Trustees by 31st May or 31st December each year ) are available from the clerk to the Trustees, [marion.squire@gmail.com](mailto:marion.squire@gmail.com)