

## **MONICA CANTWELL TRUST**

The Monica Cantwell Trust was established by the friends and family of Monica, who died tragically in New Zealand in 1989. Charitable status was granted in 1991 and in 1996 Cavendish House was purchased.

The Trust is a Christian organisation aiming to provide homes for life for adults with learning difficulties. Within this framework the aim is that all the residents should lead happy and fulfilling lives by providing opportunities which allow them to develop their skills, maximise their independence and interact socially within the local community. Currently, the Trust runs one home caring for five residents with varying degrees of disability.

Fund-raising initiatives in recent years have included the annual Burns' Night, St Patrick's parties, wine-tasting evenings in conjunction with a Loire Valley contact and a bi-annual charity cricket match. Meanwhile the charity shop continues to thrive.

There is a considerable demand for more homes for life and the Trust has acquired the flat adjacent to Cavendish House to accommodate a further two residents. The flat is currently being refurbished.

Please call 01342 833297 if you would like to volunteer to help in the activities of the Trust.