**WARWICK APPRENTICING CHARITY REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 2022**

The Warwick Apprenticing Charities provides grants to students wishing to pursue further education once they have left school.

The charity supports young people, with a maximum age of 25 that live in the Town of Warwick (CV34), to help them broaden their life experiences and skill sets ahead of seeking employment.

The grant can help with costs towards a variety of further educational pursuits including apprenticeships, college or university.

In 2021 **45** students made applications and a total of **£48,349** was distributed in sponsorship.

This has been the last year of my 12 year period as the Nominative Trustee appointed by Warwick Town Council. As a Trustee it has been a pleasure to conduct interviews with the applicants. I cannot recollect on any occasion meeting a candidate lacking in either potential or excitement as they prepare to take the challenge of establishing their chosen career. Furthermore, the Town of Warwick will have, I am sure, over my last 12 years, generated many people providing a significant contribution in society aided by the financial assistance of this charity.

**Councillor Stephen Cross, Warwick Town Council (2011 – 2023)**