

Chairpersons report - April 2022

by Councillor Karen Dunleavy, Romsey Town Mayor.

This is the annual report as submitted by the outgoing Chair following his or her year of office as both Town Mayor of Romsey and Chairperson of Bartlett's Almshouses, one of Romsey's Municipal Charities.

As we are all hopefully coming out of the corona virus pandemic, life is trying to return to normal. There is a reluctance however among some people to abandon the restrictions that applied in dealing with this pandemic, and looking at the current high level of infection that still exists amongst the public at large, this is probably the correct and wisest course of action. This is especially true in the case of our lady residents, some of whom are still experiencing the effects of this virus. Health wise though, our residents do not seem to have been too badly affected by the pandemic, and we are fortunate, perhaps, not to have lost any to Covid and its variants, unlike many of the other Almshouse charities up and down the country.

Turning to the financial side, we are continuing with a program of necessary improvements to the properties, particularly with regard to water supply problems we have been experiencing over the past few years, and also with essential, but expensive, electrical works that are required to bring our properties up to the standard expected in this modern age. Some of these electrical works are also required by modern legislation which we obviously have to abide by.

Whether or not these improvements can continue at the present rate will probably be decided by the huge price rises that we are currently experiencing in the energy supply sector. As we have all been warned, with the huge rises we are having to manage now, and a further dramatic rise in prices expected in October 2022, we cannot remain immune to the financial pressures this will inevitably bring, and there may be some difficult decisions that have to be made during the ensuing year.

Despite these extremely heavy ongoing expenses, the Charity remains in good hands and continues to have a strong financial base, and for this I am grateful to the elected officers and in particular to the enthusiasm of The Board of Trustees.

At the next meeting of Romsey Town Council I shall be handing over the Chair of this important local charity to Councillor Neil Gwynne, the Town Mayor elect, and I would like to wish him every success in this role, which I have enjoyed so much over the past twelve months.

Karen Dunleavy
Town Mayor and Chair
2021/2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Barletts Almshouses

1046074

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2021

To

31/03/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Weekly maintenance charge	49,807	-	-	49,807	50,598
Housing benefit	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	32	-	-	32	115
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Council Tax refunds	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	49,839	-	-	49,839	50,713
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	49,839	-	-	49,839	50,713
A3 Payments					
Utilities	13,025	-	-	13,025	9,720
Repairs and maintenance	24,400	-	-	24,400	18,138
Insurance	1,473	-	-	1,473	1,164
Almshouses Association	187	-	-	187	182
Property refurbishment	2,224	-	-	2,224	-
Secretary and Treasurer	4,419	-	-	4,419	4,400
Residents' lunch	-	-	-	-	-
Roof repairs	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	1,848	-	-	1,848	1,475
Sub total	47,576	-	-	47,576	35,079
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	47,576	-	-	47,576	35,079
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,263	-	-	2,263	15,634
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	90,032	-	-	90,032	74,398
Cash funds this year end	92,295	-	-	92,295	90,032

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	TSB accounts	27,554	-	-
	CAF Bank accounts	64,741	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	92,295	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Buildings	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Supplier payments	Unrestricted	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Neil Gwynne	28/09/2022	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Bartletts Almshouses

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1046074

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2022.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Timothy M Rogerson

Date:

28th September
2022

Name:

Timothy M Rogerson

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.