

Chairpersons report - April 2023

by Councillor Neil Gwynne, The Town Mayor of Romsey

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

Since I took over the role of Chair in May of last year, much has happened. We have all enjoyed the wonderful spectacle of the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and the local celebrations that took place. Romsey was a special place to be on this occasion, and as I have said a number of times since, I was particularly pleased and honoured to be Mayor of this Town during the amazing street party and other celebrations that took place.

Regrettably, a few weeks later we lost Her Majesty, and after a reign of 70 years it was difficult to consider how the future would be. However, we now have a King to crown, and it is pleasing to know that I shall still be The Town Mayor when his Coronation is held on Saturday 6th May 2023.

Turning to matters closer to home, our lady residents mainly seem to be in reasonably good health, and it is very pleasing to be able to report that we have all the same residents as when I took over the Chair some 12 months ago.

On the financial side, we are continuing to experience huge problems caused by the current energy crisis, which resulted as a direct consequence of the war in Ukraine. How long these problems will continue is unknown, although they are having a significant effect on our outgoings for energy supply to keep our residents warm and comfy in their homes. And there is also no doubt that with some of our buildings being of an age, maintenance costs will always periodically be significant.

A few difficult decisions will, I fear, still need to be made concerning future funding.

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.

Having looked for funding at some of the grant schemes operated by local councils, we do fall foul of some of the qualifying criteria, but I would urge that the Trustees do periodically look to council grants for help - specifically from Romsey Town Council as a whole; individual Borough councillors from the Romsey Wards of Abbey, Tadburn and Cupernham; and the two County Councillors of Romsey Town and Romsey Rural divisions.

At the next meeting of Romsey Town Council I shall be handing over the Chair of this important local charity to the Town Mayor elect (which, provided he is successful at the Town Council elections on May 4th, will be Councillor John Ray) and I would like to wish him every success in this role, which I have enjoyed so much over the past twelve months.

Neil Gwynne.
Town Mayor and Chair
2022/2023.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Barletts Almshouses

1046074

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2022

To

31/03/2023

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	59,847	-	-	59,847	49,807
Housing benefit	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	481	-	-	481	32
Donations	550	-	-	550	-
Council Tax refunds	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	60,878	-	-	60,878	49,839
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	60,878	-	-	60,878	49,839
A3 Payments					
Utilities	17,253	-	-	17,253	13,025
Repairs and maintenance	22,088	-	-	22,088	24,400
Insurance	1,576	-	-	1,576	1,473
Almshouses Association	196	-	-	196	187
Property refurbishment	-	-	-	-	2,224
Secretary and Treasurer	5,555	-	-	5,555	4,419
Residents' lunch	-	-	-	-	-
Roof repairs	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	2,451	-	-	2,451	1,848
Sub total	49,119	-	-	49,119	47,576
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	49,119	-	-	49,119	47,576
Net of receipts/(payments)	11,759	-	-	11,759	2,263
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	92,295	-	-	92,295	90,032
Cash funds this year end	104,054	-	-	104,054	92,295

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	38,948	-	-
	CAF Bank accounts	65,106	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	104,054	-	-
	(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	
		John Ray	20/09/2023	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Bartletts Almshouses

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1046074

Set out on pages

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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 2023.

**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:

21st September
2023

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.