

Chairpersons report - April 2024

by Councillor John Ray, 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.

This has been a turbulent year for me personally as I have suffered a health problem which has probably made me look at things a little differently.

However, being a true Romsonian, I have been very proud to serve the Town of Romsey once again as it's Mayor, and also to Chair the Board of Trustees of one of the Town's principal municipal charities which provides accommodation for single ladies.

Thankfully our lady residents 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 from my predecessor, Councillor Neil Gwynne.

The financial side of running any charity has this past year been extremely difficult as we are continuing to experience problems caused by the current energy crisis, which together with the cost of living crisis has made things difficult for both us and our lady residents.

Thankfully, some of these pressures now appear to be easing, and hopefully will continue to do so in the forthcoming months. A few difficult decisions may though, I fear, still need to be made concerning future funding for The Almshouses and the provision of these much needed homes to our residents. The costs of maintaining these ten homes are substantial, and we have to ensure they are well maintained both for the present occupiers and also for future generations of occupants.

I am pleased therefore to be able to report that the charity remains in good hands and continues to have a strong financial base, and for this I am particularly grateful to the elected officers, our Clerk to The Board of Trustees and our Treasurer, and to the enthusiasm of The Board of Trustees, all of whom are responsible for the good management of this important local housing charity.

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

Councillor John Ray.
Town Mayor and Chair
2023/2024.



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	77,947	-	-	77,947	59,847
Housing benefit	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	1,602	-	-	1,602	481
Donations	-	-	-	-	550
Council Tax refunds	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	79,549	-	-	79,549	60,878
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	79,549	-	-	79,549	60,878
A3 Payments					
Utilities	26,910	-	-	26,910	17,253
Repairs and maintenance	35,093	-	-	35,093	22,088
Insurance	1,712	-	-	1,712	1,576
Almshouses Association	343	-	-	343	196
Property refurbishment	-	-	-	-	-
Secretary and Treasurer	8,377	-	-	8,377	5,555
Residents' lunch	-	-	-	-	-
Roof repairs	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	2,589	-	-	2,589	2,451
Sub total	75,024	-	-	75,024	49,119
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	75,024	-	-	75,024	49,119
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,525	-	-	4,525	11,759
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	104,054	-	-	104,054	92,295
Cash funds this year end	108,579	-	-	108,579	104,054

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	42,099	-	-
	CAF Bank accounts	66,480	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	108,579	-	-
	(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	575	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		John Parker	18/09/2023	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Bartletts Almshouses

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2024

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 2024.

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: 1st September 2024

Name: Timothy M Rogerson

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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