

Chairpersons report - April 2025

by Councillor John Parker, 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.

Having lived in the local area for a number of years, 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 John Ray.

The financial side of running any charity has, this past year, been extremely difficult as we are still experiencing problems caused by the ongoing energy crisis, uncertain levels of inflation, and the continuing cost of living crisis which has made things difficult for both The Board of Trustees and our lady residents.

Hopefully, 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 for 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, our Treasurer, and to The Board of Trustees, all of whom are responsible for the good management of this important local housing charity. Their input is invaluable and the charity would not operate so well without their experience and enthusiasm.

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

Councillor John Parker
Town Mayor and Chair
2024/2025.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Barletts Almshouses

1046074

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2024

To

31/03/2025

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	89,468	-	-	89,468	77,947
Housing benefit	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	2,156	-	-	2,156	1,602
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Council Tax refunds	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	91,624	-	-	91,624	79,549
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	91,624	-	-	91,624	79,549
A3 Payments					
Utilities	16,806	-	-	16,806	26,910
Repairs and maintenance	70,711	-	-	70,711	35,093
Insurance	1,773	-	-	1,773	1,712
Almshouses Association	353	-	-	353	343
Property refurbishment	-	-	-	-	-
Secretary and Treasurer	9,683	-	-	9,683	8,377
Residents' lunch	-	-	-	-	-
Roof repairs	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	1,604	-	-	1,604	2,589
Sub total	100,930	-	-	100,930	75,024
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	100,930	-	-	100,930	75,024
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 9,306	-	-	- 9,306	4,525
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	108,579	-	-	108,579	104,054
Cash funds this year end	99,273	-	-	99,273	108,579

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	31,254	-	-
	CAF Bank accounts	68,019	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	99,273	-	-
	(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	779	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Russell Theron	17/09/2025	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Bartletts Almshouses

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2025

**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 2025.

**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:

14th September
2025

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.