

Annual report for 2023 of the Trustees of the Swavesey Fire Relief CIO

(known locally as Frere Cottages).
1190054

Registered Charity No.

1. Charity Correspondent

Mr John Pook

11 Market Street, Swavesey

Cambridge CB24 4QG

2. Bank

Barclays Bank plc
Chesterton Road, Cambridge

3. Object of the Charity

The Swavesey Fire Relief Fund was established by a scheme of 24th February 1914 to buy land on which to build and manage four cottages suitable for the occupation of poor persons resident in Swavesey, but in receipt of a secure income. Preference was to be given to those who had been rendered homeless by the major fire of March 1913. If a cottage is not required for occupation as thus outlined, the Trustees are empowered to let the cottage for the time being for the best charge that can reasonably be obtained. The cottages are designated as almshouses and residents as licensees not tenants. They pay weekly maintenance contributions (WMCs) not rent.

The object of the charity was unchanged when the Swavesey Fire Relief CIO was updated from June 22nd.2020.

This Annual Report covers the full year for the Charity from January 1st. 2023 to December 31st. 2023.

4. Trustees during 2023

Mr John Pook (Chairman and Representative Trustee)
Mr James Dodson (Representative Trustee)

Mr Stuart Faben (Representative Trustee)

Mr Clive Barnes (Co-optative Trustee) – June 2019

Ms Bridget Lofts (Representative Trustee) – March 2019 to March 2023

Mr Jonathan Benson (Representative Trustee) from June 2020

Mr M S Herrington (Co-optative Trustee/Representative Trustee) from December 2020

Mrs. Mary Adams (Co-optative Trustee) from March 2023

Representative Trustees are appointed by Swavesey Parish Council and The Parochial Church Council of St Andrews Church Swavesey. Martin Herrington became a representative Trustee in place of Ms Bridget Lofts for St Andrews Church in March 2023

5. Work of the Charity in 2023

During 2023 the original cottages provided housing for four single people as licensees in view of their need for accommodation. Two new single cottages were completed and occupied by two single People in December 2022 and continued in occupation throughout 2023. The Charity took full responsibility for the cottages from the building contractors from December. WMC payments were reviewed and increased to reflect the increased rate in inflation during the year. All the residents occupy the cottages under a license agreement in accordance with the guidance provided by the Almshouse Association. All the residents meet the requirements set out in the objects of the charity.

Various minor maintenance works and grounds maintenance have been carried out.

Settlement to one of the cottages is subject to an ongoing claim with the Charity's insurance company. The repairs to the cottages have been subject to delays by the insurance company and the Trustees are seeking resolution through the Financial Ombudsman Service.

The Trustees acknowledged their gratitude to John Shepperson BM fixed a granite plaque to mark his generous donation resulting in the building of the new cottages.

6. Public Benefit

In carrying out the work, Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's Public Benefit Guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

John Pook, Chairman

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Swavesey Fire Relief CIO									
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the year end									
B1	Cash funds					Total 2023	Last year 2022		
						£	£		
B1.1	Final bank balance as per Account Book, including uncleared items					£41,243.46	67,576.68		
B1.2	Reconciliation of final bank balance from Account Book to bank statement								
	Bank statement total at year end				£41,243.46				
	Plus amounts paid in to bank but not cleared				-				
	Total (should equal balance at B1.1)				£41,243.46				
	Interest								
B1.3	Savings / deposit account balance					£40,326.30	7,678.24		
B1.4	Petty cash in hand					-	-		
	Total cash funds					£81,569.76	75,254.92		
B2	Investments (if any)					-	-		
B3	Debtors					50.00	400.00		

INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the Trustees of: **Swavesey Fire Relief CIO**

Charity number (if registered): **1190054**

I report on the Receipts and Payments Accounts set out on the attached Financial Statement pages 1-3 for the above named charity for the year ended ...**31 DECEMBER 2023**

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention, (~~other than disclosed below~~):

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Please delete the words in brackets if they do not apply.*

Comments:

Signed: **Bridget Hendry**

Date: **25/02/2024**

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