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Company registration number CE029913 (England and Wales)

ALMSHOUSE OF ROBERT STILES CIO
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 24 JUNE 2024

ALMSHOUSE OF ROBERT STILES CIO

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr F Pamell Mr D Richardson Major J Sibbald Mr P Newton Mr A Hunter Mr E Johnson Mrs L Townsend Ms J Kingdon	(Appointed 24 May 2024) (Appointed 28 th April 2024)
Charity number	1199976	
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 24 JUNE 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 24 June 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The charity's objective is the provision of Almshouse accommodation for the people of Wantage.

The charity aims to help people with little capital and restricted income by providing accommodation in the town.

The trustees invite applications from appropriate people and maintain a waiting list until vacancies become available.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. The charity has carried out its duty with regard to the public benefit and the objectives of the charity.

Achievements and performance

As at the 14th February 2023, the charity changed its organisational structure from an unincorporated charity to a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO). As such, the remaining reserves, assets and liabilities were transferred to the new CIO entity as at that date.

Financial review

The trustees are conscious that the age of the listed buildings that comprise the Almshouse accommodation require regular maintenance and carry out Quinquennial reviews. During the year there has been structural improvements to one of the properties which cost approximately £9,600.

The charity has a total of nine Almshouse properties owned by the charity in furtherance of the charitable objectives.

In order to have sufficient financial resources available to meet the cost of works that might need to be carried out as a result of the Quinquennial report, the trustees have retained reserves for this purpose.

The reserves at the end of the previous financial period 24th June 2023 amounted to £322,987. During the year ended on the 24th June 2024, the charity's expenditure exceeded its income by £7,203, but this deficit was more than offset by gains on investments of £8,612. As a result, at the end of the financial period the charity's reserves totalled £324,396. Of this total, £166,116 is tied up in freehold land and buildings. The remaining reserves are split between investments (approximately two-thirds) and bank balances (approximately one-third). The charity is responsible for the care of historic, listed almshouse properties in Wantage and accordingly can face substantial repair and maintenance costs. Because of the irregular and sometimes unexpected and substantial nature of such costs, the trustees consider it appropriate to maintain reserves of around the current level.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is an charitable incorporation organisation registered with Companies House and the Charities Commission.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 24 JUNE 2024

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Major J Sibbald (Chairman)

Mr P Newton

Mr S Dexter

(resigned 18 May 2024)

Mrs S McCullough

(resigned 30 April 2024)

Mr F Parnell

Mr D Richardson

Mr E Johnson

Mr A Hunter

Mrs L Townsend

(appointed 24 May 2024)

The Trust is administered by a management committee consisting of all the Trustees, which takes all policy and executive decisions relating to the Trust. A minimum of two ordinary meetings of the Trustees are held per year and two such meetings were held in the period under report.

The Trust's bankers are the TSB, Wantage. The Trust and its trustees do not act as custodian trustees.

The trustees declare that there were no serious incidents or other matters relating to this charity during the financial year that this report covers.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Major J Sibbald

Chairman

Date:

16 Nov 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ALMSHOUSE OF ROBERT STILES CIO

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Almshouse of Robert Stiles CIO (the charity) for the year ended 24 June 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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Dated:

26/11/2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 24 JUNE 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 period £	Restricted funds 2023 period £	Endowment funds 2023 period £	Total 2023 period £
Income and endowments from:						
Charitable activities	3	38,600	14,977	-	-	14,977
Investments	4	1,713	-	221	278	499
Other income		-	197,406	107,832	23,871	329,109
Total income and endowments		40,313	212,383	108,053	24,149	344,585
Charitable activities	5	47,516	12,111	-	-	12,111
Net gains/(losses) on investments	10	8,612	-	(9,474)	(13)	(9,487)
Net income		1,409	200,272	108,053	24,149	332,474
Transfers between funds		-	122,715	(98,579)	(24,136)	-
Net movement in funds	7	1,409	322,987	-	-	322,987
Reconciliation of funds:						
Fund balances at 25 June 2023		322,987	-	-	-	-
Fund balances at 24 June 2024		324,396	322,987	-	-	322,987

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 24 JUNE 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		166,116		169,531
Investments	13		113,992		105,381
			<u>280,108</u>		<u>274,912</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	14	305		2,331	
Cash at bank and in hand		48,165		47,841	
		<u>48,470</u>		<u>50,172</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(4,182)		(2,097)	
Net current assets			<u>44,288</u>		<u>48,075</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>324,396</u>		<u>322,987</u>
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds	16		324,396		322,987
			<u>324,396</u>		<u>322,987</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on

16 Nov 2024



Major J Sibbald
Chairman

ALMSHOUSE OF ROBERT STILES CIO

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 24 JUNE 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Almshouse of Robert Stiles CIO is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with Companies House and the Charities Commission for England and Wales.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Articles of Association, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	2% Straight line method
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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3 Charitable activities

	2024 £	2023 period £
Almspeople's contribution	38,600	14,977

4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 period £	Endowment funds 2023 period £	Total 2023 period £
Income from listed investments	1,713	-	147	278	425
Interest receivable	-	-	74	-	74
	<u>1,713</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>221</u>	<u>278</u>	<u>499</u>

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 period £
Direct costs		
Depreciation and impairment	3,415	1,202
Provision and maintenance of Almshouses	40,855	9,294
	<u>44,270</u>	<u>10,496</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 6)		
Support	2,250	667
Governance	996	948
	<u>47,516</u>	<u>12,111</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>47,516</u>	<u>12,111</u>

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6 Support costs allocated to activities

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 period £
Clerk's fee	2,250	667
Governance	996	948
	<u>3,246</u>	<u>1,615</u>
	2024 £	2023 period £
Governance costs comprise:		
Independent examination	996	948
	<u>996</u>	<u>948</u>

7 Net movement in funds

	2024 £	2023 period £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	3,415	1,202

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

9 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

10 Gains and losses on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Gains/(losses) arising on:					
Revaluation of investments	8,612	-	-	8,612	-

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 24 JUNE 2024

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £
Cost	
At 25 June 2023	170,733
At 24 June 2024	170,733
Depreciation and impairment	
At 25 June 2023	1,202
Depreciation charged in the year	3,415
At 24 June 2024	4,617
Carrying amount	
At 24 June 2024	166,116
At 24 June 2023	169,531

13 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 25 June 2023	105,381
Valuation changes	8,611
At 24 June 2024	113,992
Carrying amount	
At 24 June 2024	113,992

14 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	305	2,331

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	3,186	1,149
Accruals and deferred income	996	948
	<u>4,182</u>	<u>2,097</u>

16 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 25 June 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 24 June 2024 £
General funds	<u>322,987</u>	<u>40,313</u>	<u>(47,516)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,612</u>	<u>324,396</u>
Previous period:	At 25 June 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 24 June 2023 £
General funds	<u>-</u>	<u>212,383</u>	<u>(12,111)</u>	<u>122,715</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>322,987</u>

17 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year.