

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE029954 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1200027

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD 10 AUGUST 2022 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023
FOR
THE WILKES ALMS CHARITY**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE PERIOD 10 AUGUST 2022 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 10 August 2022 to 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

INCORPORATION

The charitable company was incorporated on 10 August 2022.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The main objectives of the charity are to alleviate hardship through the provision of almshouse accommodation as well as the advancement of the Christian religion.

The charity will aim to make grants to worthwhile recipients as and when funds permit.

Significant activities

The charity has remained dormant throughout the period.

The Trustees are in the process of transferring the net assets of Leighton Buzzard United and Almshouse Charities (charity number 1118085) over to The Wilkes Alms Charity. It is anticipated that this will be completed in late 2024 or early 2025. Once the transfer has been completed, the charity will begin to trade.

Public benefit

The trustees have had due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit and the principles contained in the guidance are fully complied with.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Wilkes Alms Charity was incorporated on 10 August 2022 as a charitable incorporated organisation, limited by guarantee.

The charity's governing document is its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

CE029954 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1200027

Registered office

79 Ely Road
Little Downham
Ely
Cambridgeshire
CB6 2SN

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

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Trustees

J E Sykes (appointed 11/8/2022)

M Moran (appointed 11/8/2022)

W G Gibbons (appointed 11/8/2022)

W C Webb (appointed 1/1/2023)

B G Jowett (appointed 18/1/2024)

S MacCrae (appointed 5/9/2024)

Rev D J MacGeoch (appointed 7/11/2024)

Potential new Trustees are invited to attend a Trustee meeting to see what we do and to have the Trustee role explained to them. If they agree to be considered for a Trustee role a vote is taken by existing Trustees.

New Trustees are provided with the latest annual accounts of the charity, minutes of previous meetings, the governing document and "CC3 - The Essential Trustee: What you need to know" from the Charity Commission website: www.charitycommission.gov.uk/publications/cc3.asp. Additional training is given depending on the nature of their role and experience.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

J E Sykes - Trustee

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE PERIOD 10 AUGUST 2022 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Wilkes Alms Charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD 10 AUGUST 2022 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Total funds £
NET INCOME		-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		-

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BALANCE SHEET 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Total funds £
NET CURRENT ASSETS		-
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		-
NET ASSETS		-
FUNDS	3	-
TOTAL FUNDS		-

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the period ended 31 December 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 28 November 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

J E Sykes - Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD 10 AUGUST 2022 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

TAXATION

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31 December 2023.

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 31 December 2023.

3. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/23 £
TOTAL FUNDS	-	-

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
TOTAL FUNDS	-	-	-

4. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the period ended 31 December 2023.