

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1 January 2024

To: 31 December 2024

Charity name: Viscountess Barrington Homes for Disadvantaged Ex-Service Personnel

Charity registration number: 1207850



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To provide housing for beneficiaries, defined as former members of the armed forces or dependents thereof, who are in need by virtue of disability, financial hardship, sickness or old age, and are capable of independent living. Applicants should ordinarily be resident within 100 miles of Shrivenham, Oxon or have family ties to the Shrivenham area.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	To maintain, and upgrade where appropriate, the properties owned by the Trust, to ensure that active and independent residents can enjoy accommodation in line with 21st century living, at contribution rates that are affordable to those in need.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	N/A
Other		

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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	This Charity (CIO) was approved in April 2024 by the Charity Commission, but did not start operating as such until 2025. It then took over the operations of the existing Charity #205219, from which all assets and liabilities will be transferred.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	N/A
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	N/A
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	N/A
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	N/A	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	N/A
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	N/A
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Charity Commission Scheme (Constitution)
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees will be transferred from the existing charity (#205219)

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	N/A
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	N/A
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		This Charity (CIO) was approved in April 2024 by the Charity Commission, but did not start operating as such until 2025. It will then take over the operations of the existing Charity #205219, from which all assets and liabilities will be transferred.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Viscountess Barrington Homes for Disadvantaged ex-Service Personnel (CIO)
Other name the charity uses	VB Homes
Registered charity number	1207850
Charity's principal address	19 Stainswick Lane Shrivenham Swindon SN6 8DU

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

		Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
	1	Andrew Sudlow	Chair		N/A
	2	David Ahern			N/A
	3	Martin Chaston			N/A
	4	Peter Harrison			N/A
	5	Paul Armitage			N/A
	6	Christopher Mackarness			N/A
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

	Type of adviser	Name	Address
	Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)		

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

	Signature(s)		
	Full name(s)	Andrew Sudlow	
	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
	Date	24 October 2025	

VISCOUNTESS BARRINGTON'S HOMES FOR DISADVANTAGED EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL CIO (CHARITY #1207850)						
12-Dec-24						
ASSETS						
	Fixed Assets (Properties)					
		None (awaiting transfer from old Trust)		£0.00		
	Cash	None - new Trust not operating until 2025		£0.00		
	TOTAL ASSETS				£0.00	
LIABILITIES						
		None				
	TOTAL LIABILITIES				£0.00	
TOTAL FUNDS						£0.00
	CLERK: GRAHAM VIZOR		CHAIR: ANDREW SUDLOW			