



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 01 January 2025

To: 31 December 2025

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

Charity registration number: 1207850

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
		N/A

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

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	2025 has seen a consolidation in line with the charity's aims, following a few years of major refurbishment which resulted in a much improved housing portfolio. Major expenditure centred around the replacement of two old inefficient boilers/heating systems with modern economic replacements, and the eradication of damp in a 1920's built property. Residents have benefitted from warmer, less damp properties which has reduced their heating bills.

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	The Trust remains in a sound position financially, with the value of assets far outweighing any liabilities
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The immediate aim of maintaining a £50K contingency fund to deal with the day to day running of the Trust, and provide resources for unexpected emergency events, has been achieved
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£20K on top of the contingency
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	Para 1.23	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	The prime source of regular income remains the maintenance contributions
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	Our principal risks are; loss of key staff, and the potential for slips, trips and falls.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Charity Commission Scheme
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 are recruited locally. This topic is discussed regularly at trustee meetings when trustees are encouraged to identify potential candidates. This is in addition to local advertising as appropriate. Due consideration is given to appropriate skill sets, and many Trustees have a military background

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	Trustees are required to review policies and procedures ahead of accepting the position. Attendance at training courses such as those run by the Almshouse Association is encouraged
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Day to day management of the Trust and its properties is handled by the Clerk. However, a close relationship is maintained between the Clerk and Chair, especially with regard to major maintenance issues. Reporting to all Trustees occurs periodically, but always more frequently than at the bi-annual trustee meetings
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Another Viscountess Barrington Trust manages the Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground in the village; our properties surround their facilities. The access road to some of our properties is owned by them, so a close relationship is sought.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

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

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		
2	David Ahern			
3	Martin Chaston			
4	Peter Harrison			
5	Paul Armitage			
6	Christopher Mackarness			
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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

1 March 2026

VB Homes: 2025 Accounts (Summary)

Barclays Active Saver	1 Jan 2025			31 Dec 2025
	<u>Opening Credit</u>			<u>Closing Credit</u>
	£2,312.54			£2,342.98
Transfers out	£0.00			
Transfers in	£0.00			
Interest	£30.44			
		£2,342.98		
Barclays Current A/C	1 Jan 2025			31 Dec 2025
	<u>Opening Credit</u>			<u>Closing Credit</u>
	£16,889.59			£23,100.39
Contributions	112,882.00			
		£129,771.59		
Transfer to CB Loan A/C	-15,000.00			
Transfer to CB Saving A/C	-21,000.00			
Property Expense	-20197.98			
Repay AA Loan	-10500.00			
Repay CB Loan	-17227.16			
To Petty Cash account	-1440.00			
Management Costs	-21306.06			
		-£106,671.20		
			£23,100.39	
Charity Bank (Saving A/C)	1 Jan 2025			31 Dec 2025
	<u>Opening Credit</u>			<u>Closing Credit</u>
	£24,286.00			£46,223.60
Transfers out	0.00			
Transfers in	21000.00			
Interest	937.60			
		£46,223.60		
Petty Cash	1 Jan 2025			31 Dec 2025
	<u>Opening Credit</u>			<u>Closing Credit</u>
	£0.00			£293.85
Transfers in from Barclays	1440.00			
		£1,440.00		
Cash paid out	-1146.15			
		-£1,146.15		
			£293.85	
TOTAL CASH BALANCE	1 Jan 2025		31 Dec 2025	
	£43,488.13		£71,960.82	
		Net Gain	£28,472.69	
		Total interest	£968.04	
LOAN ACCOUNTS	1 Jan 2025		31 Dec 2025	
	<u>Opening Debt</u>	<u>paid off</u>	<u>Closing Debt</u>	
Charity Bank	£106,898.50	£24,100.10*	£82,798.40	
Almshouse Association	£105,000.00	£10,500.00	£94,500.00	
	£211,898.50	£34,600.10	£177,298.40	
		* = £32227.16 capital - £8127.06 interest		



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Viscountess Barrington Homes for Disadvantaged Ex-Service Personnel

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1207850

Set out on pages

(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 31/12/2025.

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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) 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.

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

Signed:

Date:

9 March 2026

Name:

K. A. PRICE

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

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