



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1 January 2023

To: 31 December 2023

Charity name: Viscountess Barrington's Homes for Disabled ex Servicemen and Women

Charity registration number: 205219

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 ordinarily resident within 50 miles of Shrivenham, Oxon
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		

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	The main accomplishment for 20223 was the completion of converting 62 High St into two flats. This enabled two bachelor ex RAF veterans to take residency in the respective flats, making a very positive change to their lifestyle. In the wider sphere, these beneficiaries have taken on landscaping work to their garden space, and have contributed to the wellbeing of their neighbours by offering their assistance in a variety of ways

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Creating two 1 bedroom flats out of a 3 bedroomed house continued the theme of modernising the property portfolio. A major driver for this project and the wider improvement program is to improve the energy performance of our homes, both to protect the environment and to ease the running costs for our residents
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Besides using maintenance contributions, funds have been secured via a bank loan in order to continue the policy of bringing the property portfolio up to modern living conditions
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 charity remains in a sound position financially.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We hold £50K in reserve - see below
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£50K for Extraordinary Repair and Cyclical Maintenance Funds
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	The charity is not in deficit
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The charity remains in a strong position financially with (property and land) assets in excess of £6 million

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 source of regular income remains the maintenance contributions; this was supplemented in 2023 by a loan from the Charity Bank which helped fund the upgrade of a 1920's 3 bedroomed house into 2 modern flats
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, maintenance project cost overruns 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	Unincorporated charitable trust
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 and all trustees are encouraged to identify potential candidates in addition to local advertising. 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 all 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. Minor maintenance issues are resolved without consultation. However, a close relationship is maintained between the Clerk and Chair, especially with regard to more major issues. Regular 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 space. We are working with them in preparation for our joint Centenary, due to be celebrated in 1925
Other		The Charity is in the process of becoming a CIO

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Viscountess Barrington's Homes for Disabled ex Servicemen and Women
Other name the charity uses	VB Homes
Registered charity number	205219
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		N/A
	2	David Ahern			N/A
	3	Martin Chaston			N/A
	4	Peter Harrison			N/A
		Michael Ross			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)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

ASudlow

Full name(s)

Andrew Sudlow

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

23 April 2024

Barclays Active Saver**1 Jan 2023****31 Dec 2023****Opening Credit****Closing Credit****£44,775.29****£50,047.10**

Transfers out

-£40,000.00

Transfers in

£45,000.00

Interest

£271.81**£50,047.10****Barclays Current A/C****1 Jan 2023****31 Dec 2023****Opening Credit****Closing Credit****£58,441.09****£48,443.15****£48,443.15**

Transfers in net

£149,906.99**£208,348.08**

Contributions

86129.30

Property Expense

231262.02

Management Costs

14772.21

Operating Inc over Exp

-£159,904.93**Charity Bank****1 Jan 2023****31 Dec 2023****Opening Credit****Closing Credit****£52,656.37****£18,096.14**

Transfers out **-£50,000.00**

Transfers in **£15,000.00**

Interest **£439.77**

£18,096.14

1 Jan 2023

31 Dec 2023

TOTAL BANK BALANCE

£155,872.75

£116,586.39

Net Loss

39,286.36

Net income £ 86,840.88

Net expenditure £ 246,034.23

total interest £711.58



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

VISCOUNTESS BARRINGTON'S HOMES FOR
DISABLED SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

On accounts for the year
ended

DECEMBER 2023

Charity no
(if any)

205219

Set out on pages

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(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

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:

K. A. Price

Date:

21 Feb 2024

Name:

K. A. PRICE

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

Address:

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