

KENILWORTH UNITED CHARITIES
RECEIPTS AND (PAYMENTS) ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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KENILWORTH UNITED CHARITIES
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their report and the unaudited receipts and payments accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity name Kenilworth United Charities

Charity number 215376

Trustees

Mrs H P Bolton
Mrs M Hamper
Mr P Griffiths
Mr G Illingworth
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Rev A Attwood
Mr R Blacklock
Mr D Morgan
Cllr A Insley
Cllr A Summers
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STRUCTURE

The Kenilworth United Charities are formed from the following Charities in the Ancient Parish of Kenilworth in the County of Warwick. The United Charity was registered on 11 February 1963 under the Scheme of the Charity Commissioners dated 5 February 1960. The Charities are governed by the trustees in accordance with the trust scheme.

The Charity of William Brooks
The Charity of Thomas Earl of Clarendon
The Charity of Thomas Cook
The Charity of Thomas Councill
The Charity of George Denton
The Charity of Mary Dolphin
The Charity consisting of the Share of Alicia Duchess Dudley's Charity applicable in the said ancient parish
The Charity of Thomas Johnson
The Charity of Francis Power
The Charity of Edward Simpson
The Charity of Thomas Sutton
The Charity consisting of the Share of the Charity of Mary Turner applicable in the said ancient parish
The Charity of Joseph Tyrer
The Charity consisting of the Share of the Coat and Gown Charity of William Edwards applicable in the said ancient parish, regulated by a scheme of the Charity Commissioners of 15 June 1909 (varied 15 December 1953)
The Charity of Stephen Waite as regulated by the Scheme of the Charity Commissioners of 19 June 1914
The Charity of Miss Ethie Gilbert Dennison as regulated by the Scheme of the Charity Commissioners of 18 July 1963

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GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Normally the trustees meet quarterly with a formal agenda and minutes at the Town Council Chambers. All meetings in the year were quorate. Between the scheduled meetings there continues to be frequent contact by email and telephone to keep all trustees up to date and also to deal with any urgent requests for assistance which cannot wait until the next full meeting.

Nomination of the nine trustees is as stated in the charity scheme documents. These shall be the vicars of the Parish of St. Nicholas and the Parish of St. John the Evangelist, two trustees nominated by Kenilworth Town Council, and one from Warwick District Council and two or more co-opted trustees. Kenilworth no longer has a Justices of the Peace. The vicar at St Johns Parish has nominated another person to represent him at our meetings. A new vicar was appointed for St Nicholas Parish in Spring of 2024.

Councillor representation changes every four years as a result of local elections

Mrs Helga Bolton continues to be the chair of the KUC with the full approval of the other Trustees.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The United Charities is one of a large group of charities formed 'for the relief of poverty' and our aim is to continue this role with relevance to the circumstances of the 21st century. Eligibility for assistance is restricted to people living within the old parish boundaries of the town but the town has grown enormously since the charity was formed and we are conscious there are many people who are struggling in the present economic climate who may need help.

We aim to be available to the town as a whole and to provide assistance to a wide a range of people in accordance with the need to be of genuine public benefit. For example, in the past there has perhaps been an - erroneous - impression that the Kenilworth United Charities existed mainly to help older people. This is not true and we have been successful in re-focusing our attention more towards the needs of young people and families with children. The partnership with the Citizens' Advice and Compassionate Kenilworth are of course the chief ways in which we reach out to offer help to all members of the community, and continued to do so during 2024.

Historically, the United Charities was approached to assist with funding for introducing a youth counselling service, which was successfully agreed with the Trustees approval. This arrangement continued to be successful during 2024. The Trustees receive an annual report regarding the progress and uptake for each of the services.

In 2021, the Trustees were approached with a request to contribute to funding a Project Manager of a new Charity called "Compassionate Kenilworth". Again it was unanimously agreed that Kenilworth United Charities would totally fund this very worthy new role for 12 months. The funding for the Project Leader for Compassionate Kenilworth has been extended to 2024.

Working closely with Compassionate Kenilworth enables KUC to achieve our own objectives to providing support to the wider community of Kenilworth. During 2024 we were also able to contribute to the funding for School Breakfast and Lunch Vouchers as well as funding the expansion of youth worker hours at the local Secondary school.

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have a due regard to the guidance on public benefit, published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Almshouses

The Almshouses in High Street are maintained and managed by the charity. All four of the Almshouse flats are fully occupied. The Trustees firmly believe that there is a place for the Almshouses in the 21st century but that they must be well managed and responsive to the needs of local people and not necessarily with practices that may have been followed in the past. The programme of improvements to the building continued during 2024 along with the general upkeep of the building and in line with legislation requirements.

Trustees continue to meet with the Beneficiaries annually in order to provide a platform for discussion of any concerns or issues the Beneficiaries may have. This exercise has proved to be invaluable for ensuring good communication channels, relationships and Almshouse improvements. Expenditure for maintaining the Almshouse is considerable in contrast to the other causes we support.

Planning permission was granted to develop an internal security door to the Almshouses to improve safety for the residents. This work was completed during 2024.

Citizens Advice Bureau

The service provided by the Citizens' Advice Bureau, now known as Citizens Advice in CV8', is funded indirectly by the grants we receive from the Alice Duchess of Dudley Trust which we appreciate very much. The charity has been able to increase the funding of Citizens' Advice hours from four hours per week to six hours, with a full uptake of available appointments and this continues to be the case. An analysis of appointments shows a range of problems, the most numerous being related to benefits and debt. The sessions are held in the Library, in the private interview room, with a staff member of the Citizens' Advice team, with the bookings being made by the Citizens Advice staff. Appointment vacancies are made available each week for last minute drop in requests. The availability of this service has brought forth a previously unmet level of demand, in that new clients are coming to it because it is accessible and local. We are very proud of initiating this project. Citizens' Advice keep us updated with an annual report regarding the uptake of the service.

Youth Counselling Service

Kenilworth United Charities fund a youth counselling service for one day per week, which provides a trained counsellor to deliver a counselling surgery for young people of the town, mainly school age teenagers who are experiencing problems, and have no one they feel they can approach or discuss their problems with. The uptake for the service during 2024 has been continual and extensive and has provided an essential support mechanism for the young people of Kenilworth.

Such is the demand KUC have increased the funding for an extra counsellor 2 hours per week.

Many of the issues are cyber or domestic related.

Assistance to individuals

Individual applications for support from the Charity have been sparse during 2024. The trend is to receive requests for a client from care professionals, such as Family Support workers, Health Visitors, or Citizens' Advice workers or Compassionate Kenilworth. The Trustees have agreed that an upper limit for individual financial support should be secured, and it was agreed to be no more than £2,000, however it is rare to grant more than £1,000 at a time.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

It is pleasing to note that our income from investments continues to increase. This places the Charity in a good position to be able to maintain our commitments and to respond to requests from people and local groups in need of financial assistance.

The investment policy is a conservative one, to maintain an income adequate to support the activities described in this report without depleting the reserve funds.

Expenditure on the Almshouses building has been necessary. The Trustees have a policy of using local tradesmen and small businesses for the on-going upkeep and repairs of the building. Its age and its status as a listed building does not make the task easy.

The weekly maintenance contribution for each flat in the Almshouse remained the same during 2024 which has meant that the ordinary running costs for the Almshouse such as heating, communal electric, laundry appliances and gardening are mainly covered by the charity income.

The grants that we receive from the Alice Duchess of Dudley Charity and the Edwards Coat and Gown Charity remain unchanged. We are grateful for this show of confidence in The United Charities.

The charity is retaining its reserves to fund future charitable activities in line with the governing documents.

The Trustees, as always, wish to record their sincere gratitude to the Clerk, who has supported them cheerfully, relentlessly and efficiently throughout the year, and works tirelessly on behalf of the Charity. A huge Thank You must go to him for keeping charity business on track during 2024 as always.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

We shall continue with our programme of improvements to the Almshouses, to be funded from the Designated Building Fund.

Objectives have been set for 2025. The Trustees have unanimously agreed to continue funding the roles for Citizens' Advice, Compassionate Kenilworth, and the Youth Counsellor and mentor.

We will also look to extend financial support to other community projects within the Town.

We continue to review the roles and responsibilities of our trustees, and also ensure that we meet the needs and requests of the local community as and when we are approached to do so, providing that existing funds are available to do so.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Mrs H P Bolton
Trustee

.....*Helga Bolton*.....

16 October 2025

KENILWORTH UNITED CHARITIES
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the receipts and payments accounts of Kenilworth United Charities for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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 accounts to be reached.

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25 September 2025

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	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Endowment Funds 2024	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
<u>RECEIPTS</u>					
Almshouse maintenance contributions		20,428		20,428	20,060
Donations	18,700			18,700	18,210
Investment income	3,236		8,064	11,300	10,529
Total receipts	21,936	20,428	8,064	50,428	48,799
<u>PAYMENTS</u>					
Almshouse expenditure		(26,033)		(26,033)	(25,054)
Grants and support	(14,520)			(14,520)	(25,430)
Governance costs	-			-	(4,080)
Sub-total	(14,520)	(26,033)	-	(40,553)	(54,564)
Investment income reinvested	(3,235)			(3,235)	(2,651)
Total payments	(17,755)	(26,033)	-	(43,788)	(57,215)
<u>NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)</u>	4,181	(5,605)	8,064	6,640	(8,416)
<u>FUND TRANSFERS</u>					
General to almshouses	(5,605)	5,605		-	-
Endowment to general	8,064		(8,064)	-	-
<u>CASH (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</u>	6,640	-	-	6,640	(8,416)
<u>CASH FUNDS AT 1 JANUARY</u>					
Bank current accounts	16,219		11,522	27,741	36,157
Bank deposit accounts	35		-	35	35
<u>CASH FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER</u>	22,894	-	11,522	34,416	27,776

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted General Funds 2024	Unrestricted Designated Building fund 2024	Restricted Almshouse Fund 2024	Restricted Repairs Fund 2024	Other Endowment Funds 2024	Denton Endowment Funds 2024	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
Cash Funds								
Bank current accounts	22,858				10,116		32,974	26,335
Bank deposit accounts	36				1,406		1,442	1,441
Total cash funds	22,894	-	-	-	11,522	-	34,416	27,776
Investment assets								
COIF deposit accounts		63,034			14,849		77,883	74,648
M&G - National Association of Almshouses Common Investments					1,175		1,175	1,137
COIF Charities investment Fund - income units					36,061	249,637	285,698	279,386
COIF Charities investment Accumulation units	12,566	483,341		362,978			858,885	817,309
Total investment assets	12,566	546,375	-	362,978	52,085	249,637	1,223,641	1,172,480
Assets retained for charity's own use								
Almshouses at High St, Kenilworth			800,000				800,000	800,000
Total assets	35,460	546,375	800,000	362,978	63,607	249,637	2,058,057	2,000,256
Liabilities								
Unpaid bills							-	-
Total liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Mrs H P Bolton.....*Helga Bolton*

16 October 2025