



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2023		31	12	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

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	Cath Hearnden			
2	Jackie Addison			
3	Joy Segun			
4	Stuart Hellier			
5	Leslie Quie			
6	Susan Wise		From 01/06/23 to 01/06/24	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

The charity was established under the Will of William Buckwell and was first regulated by a Scheme of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) of 19 December 1905 as amended by an Order of the said Court of 7 December 1907, and a further Order of the Charity Commissioners dated 7 September 2006, and as varied or affected by further schemes of the Charity Commissioners of 16 December 1921, 9 April 1963, 28 April 1971, 2 June 1971, 11 April 1983, 18 December 1984, 3 April 1996 and 6 October 2007.

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

The charity is an unincorporated association.

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

The body of trustees should comprise a maximum of 8 trustees, 4 of whom should be persons resident or carrying on business in or near Lingfield and the other 4 should be persons residing or carrying on business in or near the London Borough of Lewisham.

Were there to be a need for new trustees these would be identified and appointed by the remaining trustees. The Chairman of the trustees, assisted by the Clerk, would be responsible for the induction of any new trustee which would involve awareness of the trustee's responsibilities, the governing documents, administrative procedures, the history and the philosophical approach of the charity. Any new trustee would receive a copy of the previous year's annual report and accounts and a copy of the Charity Commission leaflet: "The essential trustee: What you need to know".

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The main object of the charity is the provision of accommodation for the benefit of elderly people of limited means. There were no changes to these objects during the year, and these objects represent the charity's plans for the future.

The only activity undertaken during the year in relation to the charity's objects was the maintenance and upkeep of the Almshouses and their grounds, as well as taking note of, and where appropriate, responding to particular requests from residents.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Review of Activities

Overall, the main income (from residents' maintenance contributions) and direct costs, excluding Improvements, were similar to those in 2023.

Improvements were made by installing new double glazing to the front of the building excluding the porch windows.

A number of fence panels were repaired and replaced at the rear in between the residents' patios.

Further drawings and surveys were carried with regards to the proposed car park plans.

The sum of £50,000 was moved from the treasurer's account into an instant access savings account.

In June the Trustees held their annual Residents Luncheon at the The Star in Lingfield, to which residents, guests and people involved in the upkeep of the Almshouses were invited.

In December, the Trustees held Christmas drinks and a buffet lunch at The Star for the residents. Those that attended the summer Luncheon were all invited.

Susan Wise stepped down as trustee in June 2024. Leslie Quie also decided to step down as trustee in December 2024. Farewell thank you drinks were held for Leslie for all the years he had served as trustee.

Section E**Financial review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

It is the policy of the trustees to maintain a level of free reserves sufficient to cover 9 months' expenditure. At the year end the free reserves were at a level which exceeds the target range. It is also the policy of the trustees to review, on an annual basis, the nature and level of the funds set aside, and to ensure that strategies are in place to enable such funds to be able to meet their purpose on an ongoing basis.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

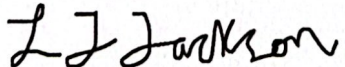

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F**Other optional information****Section G****Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Laura Jackson	CATHERINE HEARDEN
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**Position
(eg Secretary, Chair, etc)**

Clerk to the Trustees	Chair
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Date

03/07/2025

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2024		31/12/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Charitable activities - Resident Contributions	£54,955	-	-	54,955	48,627
Dividends from Income shares	1,074	-	-	1,074	1,008
Dividends from Accumulation shares	19,872	-	-	19,872	18,241
Bank interest	49	-	-	49	-
Misc. income	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	75,950	-	-	75,950	67,876
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	75,950	-	-	75,950	67,876

A3 Payments					
Almshouses Assn Sub	-	-	-	-	450
Clerk other fees	421	-	-	421	1,195
Clerk Yearly Fee	6,000	-	-	6,000	5,812
Drainage/water rates	3,633	-	-	3,633	1,805
Electricity	410	-	-	410	61
Gardener	2,396	-	-	2,396	2,948
Gas safety certificates	-	-	-	-	-
Improvements	-	-	-	-	21,241
Independent examiner's fee	420	-	-	420	360
Insurance	2,845	-	-	2,845	2,949
Legal fees	-	-	-	-	35
Maintenance	20,186	-	-	20,186	19,933
Misc	35	-	-	35	368
Residents hampers	-	-	-	-	180
Trustees & Residents lunches	1,048	-	-	1,048	599
TV Licence	38	-	-	38	23
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	37,432	-	-	37,432	57,959

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Re-invested Accumulation shares	19,872	-	-	19,872	18,241
New Accumulation shares	5,904	-	-	5,904	5,904
Sub total	25,776	-	-	25,776	24,145
Total payments	63,208	-	-	63,208	82,104
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,742	-	-	12,742	14,228
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	54,064	-	-	54,064	68,292
Cash funds this year end	66,806	-	-	66,806	54,064

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds				
	Lloyds Current Account	16,753	-	-
CCXX R1 accounts (SS)	Lloyds BIA Account 1	50,053	-	29/06/2025 -

Total cash funds	66,806		

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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Unrestricted funds to nearest £ Restricted funds to nearest £ Endowment funds to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
M&G W Buckwell account	NAACIF	-	24,617
M&G Extra Repair fund	NAACIF	-	525,681
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-


B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Land & Buildings		-	268,580
Fixtures & fittings		7,078	1,459
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Cath Heamden	24/6/25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
The William Buckwell Memorial Almshouses

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

215570

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 **31 December 2024**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's 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 Trust'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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

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

Signed:

J Unsworth

Date:

30/07/2025

Name:

Joanna Unsworth

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

FCCA

Address:

39 Stockwell Road

East Grinstead
West Sussex, RH19 4BD

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.