



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	COURTAULDS HOMES OF REST, HALSTEAD		
On accounts for the year ended	31 MARCH 2023	Charity no (if any)	218726
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	I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023		
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	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records <p>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.</p> <p><i>* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</i></p>		
Signed:		Date:	05/12/2023
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Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	N/A		
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COURTAULD HOMES OF REST, HALSTEAD

Charity No: 218726

Receipts and Payments Accounts for year ended 31st March 2023Receipts

Balance brought forward	£2,167.57
Maintenance contributions from residents	£73,062.93
Transfers from reserves	£95,000.00
Rent for Meadow	£500.00
Fees for Concessionary T. V. License	£22.50
	<u>£170,753.00</u>

Payments

Electricity	£2,215.70
Water Rates	£5,022.51
Cost of maintenance collections	£7,306.29
Insurance premium	£2,232.42
Gardens and grounds	£2,279.51
Blue plaques	£499.90
Repairs and renewals	£10,427.56
Community Care Call Alarm system	£5,788.80
Fees for Concessionary T. V. License	£22.50
Clerk's salary	£1,000.00
Renovations to No. 6	£31,618.55
Gas and electricity for No. 6	£93.23
Council Tax for No. 6	£77.69
ICT Work (Foxhall Solutions)	£897.60
Gigaclear	£588.00
Almshouses Association – annual subscription and course fees	£558.00
Gas Safety checks and associated gas work	£2,397.60
Electric Safety Inspections	£156.00
Fire proofing work	£18,696.00
Back doors	£69,114.60
Work on boundary walls	£3,600.00
Audit fees	£100.00
Servicing of fire sprinkler system	£150.00
General expenses	£532.16
	<u>£170,753.00</u>
	£165,374.62
Less cheque outstanding at 31 st March 2023	<u>£77.69</u>
	£165,296.93
Balance in hand carried forward	<u>£5,456.07</u>
	<u>£170,753.00</u>

Philip Hall
5/12/23

I hereby certify that, having examined the bank statements and documents, that this summary represents an accurate record of the transactions for the period stated.

Statement of Accounts for year ended 31st March 2023National Westminster Bank PLC – Business Reserve Account

Balance brought forward	£1,126.98
Interest Gross	<u>£4.95</u>
	£1,131.93

M & G Securities – Extraordinary Repair Fund

(Note:

£15,000 was withdrawn in April 2022 and £80,000 was withdrawn in December 2022)

Value as at 31 st March 2023	£299,722.94
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M & G Securities – General Fund

Value as at 31 st March 2023	<u>£135,616.96</u>
	<u>£435,339.90</u>



Courtauld Homes of Rest

Registered Charity No. 218726

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The charity administers 20 (twenty) almshouses for senior citizens in Halstead, with priority given to applicants who have previously been employed by Samuel Courtauld & Co. Limited. Affiliation to The Almshouses Association continues and two Trustees and the Clerk have attended excellent courses run by the association.

During the year, normality returned following disruption caused by the Coronavirus pandemic. Progress has continued and essential repairs carried out internally and externally, including work identified by the architects in their quinquennial report in the order of priority. Major renovation to No. 6 has been completed to bring it up to standard. This work included re-wiring, re-plumbing, central heating, new kitchen and wet-room. The work fully complied with DDA requirements. The policy adopted by the Trustees to update homes as they become empty, has therefore continued.

The main ICT cabling is in place for Wifi, door security, telephone, broadband, care-line and associated improvements. These facilities are operating where possible with exception of door security, because of inordinate delays by door manufacturers. The Trustees have chosen replacement back doors, which are awaited. The front doors have been re-glazed and painted black to match the windows.

The grounds continue to be well maintained, with tree surgery and pollarding work completed. Some former paths have been reinstated and planting carried out to significantly improve the appearance of the homes.

Sadly, David Hume, who had been a trustee for fourteen years died in February 2023. The Trustees and residents continue to support Neighbourhood Watch in the interests of crime prevention and to reduce concern for residents. The charity is continuing to make arrangements, to celebrate its centenary in 2023, which will include a party for residents and other guests. In addition two blue plaques will be unveiled and a book published about the history of the homes.