

Charity Number: 220042

**THE OSWESTRY TOWN CHARITY**

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025**

**Eure and Smale Charity**

## **Annual Report for the year to 31st March, 2025**

**Chairman** Mr Paul Shevlin

**Clerk to the Trustees** Mr Arren Roberts

**Charity Number** 220042

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## **Eure and Smale Charity**

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### **Annual Report for the year to 31st March, 2025**

The Oswestry Town Charity, Guildhall, Oswestry, Shropshire is registered with the Charity Commissioners (No.s 220042,528421) and constituted by Deed of Trust.

The Charity is administered by the below named Trustees:

Councillor Jonathan Upton (Chairman)  
Reverend Paul Darlington  
Reverend Harvey Gibbons  
Mr Paul Shevlin  
Ms Georgia Stackhouse

Mr Arren Roberts (Clerk to the Trustees)

The Oswestry Town Charity comprises the Charities of 'Richard Wycherley' and the 'Eure and Smale Charity'.

### **Charity of Richard Whycherley for Apprenticing and Advancement in Life**

A Charity with aims to assist persons resident in the town of Oswestry under age 25 who are in need of assistance and who are preparing for, or entering upon, or engagement in any profession, trade, occupation or service by providing them with outfits, tools or books, or by payment of fees, travelling or maintenance expenses or by such other means for their advancement in life to enable them to earn their own living as Trustees think fit.

The Charity can now actively promote that it has sufficient funds available to make worthwhile donations to worthy causes following the winding up of the Grace Rees Charity in 2016.

During the year no applications were received and no donations made.

### **Eure and Smale Charity**

The administration of 10 Almshouses situated in Arundel Road, Oswestry. The qualification for residency being for poor persons of good character who have resided in the Town of Oswestry for not less than one year.

The Charity utilises the services of a resident as their "Point of Contact" who resides at the Cottages and looks after the general well being of residents.

The Cottages remain much sought after and a welcome dwelling for successful applicants. Due to careful management over many years the Charity has built up a reasonable reserve for future use on improvements and maintenance. Priorities during the year were refurbishment of No 1 and 2 Smales Cottages which had been occupied by the same residents for some time.

A Clerk is employed by The Charity to act as Secretary/Treasurer, an honorarium being paid for services provided.

From 1st April 2023 the administration of the Charity has been undertaken as a Service Level Agreement by Oswestry Town Council.

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### Independent Examiner's Report

#### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Samantha Jones F.C.C.A. , A.C.A.

*Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.*

*Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.*

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Dated:

## Eure and Smale Charity

### Receipts and Payments

#### Annual Report for the year to 31st March, 2025

	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>2023/24</u>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Rental Income	54,645.39	50,600.80
Bank interest	2,024.01	1,778.80
Investment income	893.79	860.69
Sundry income	6,144.84	-
Total Receipts	<u>£ 63,708.03</u>	<u>£ 53,240.29</u>
<b>Payments</b>		
Independent Examination	264.00	-
Bank charges	96.63	89.92
Caretakers telephone	253.09	311.84
Clerk's honorarium	-	1,500.00
Insurance	1,438.92	1,483.34
Subscription	353.00	343.00
Council tax-empty properties	1,190.04	980.00
Repair and maintenance	116,618.09	42,186.27
TV licence	60.00	-
Water rates	3,907.02	5,683.10
Sundries	9,908.44	566.87
Total Payments	<u>£ 134,089.23</u>	<u>£ 53,144.34</u>
Net Payments/Receipts for the year	- 70,381.20	95.95
Bank and cash Balances @ 31st March 2024	<u>267,632.41</u>	<u>267,536.46</u>
Bank & Cash Balances @ 31st March 2025	<u>£ 197,251.21</u>	<u>£ 267,632.41</u>

# Eure and Smale Charity

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

### Annual Report for the year to 31st March, 2025

	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>2023/24</u>
<b>Investment Assets</b>		
N.A.A.C.I.F. Accumulated shares (E.R.F.) {95}	11,643.53	10,228.40
Liabilities Outstanding	-	1,530.00
N.A.A.C.I.F. Income Shares (Endowment) {22069	20,541.83	19,712.03
West Bromwich Endowment	3,281.94	2,550.56
	<b>£ 35,467.30</b>	<b>£ 30,960.99</b>
<b>Bank and Cash Balances</b>		
Bank Account Balances	232,498.90	267,392.41
Cash held	-	-
	<b>£ 232,498.90</b>	<b>£ 267,392.41</b>
Liabilities Outstanding	-35,247.69	
Debtor outstanding	-	240.00
	<b>£ 197,251.21</b>	<b>£ 267,632.41</b>
<b>Total Monetary Assets</b>	<b>£ 232,718.51</b>	<b>£ 298,593.40</b>

Approved by:  .....

Date: 1.09.25 .....