

OVING ALMSHOUSE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 228106

Details

Other names	WOODS ALMSHOUSES, OVING ALMSHOUSE TRUST
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1963-10-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: PROVISION OF ALMSHOUSES FOR AGED OR INFIRM PERSONS OF GOOD CHARACTERS WHO ARE RESIDENT IN THE PARISH OF OVING.

Activities: The charity holds, maintains and administers the four almshouses which it owns in the parish of Oving, West Sussex, for the benefit of present and future occupants, who are aged or infirm persons of good character and (except in special cases approved by the charity commission) are resident in the parish at the time immediately prior to their occupancy.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Accommodation/housing
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF OVING
- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£26,228	£26,526	-	-
2024-12-31	£26,182	£7,239	-	-
2023-12-31	£24,341	£6,569	-	-
2022-12-31	£21,859	£42,286	-	-
2021-12-31	£19,589	£3,466	-	-
2020-12-31	£19,599	£13,382	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Geoffrey Smith		2024-03-06
Anne Mary Bennett		2015-06-29
Anthony Barnard		2024-06-04
Anthony Michael Eastwood		2018-03-15
NEIL TERRINGTON LINFORD		2013-02-18
Ralph Godfrey		2024-06-04
Stephen Harry Guy Bennett		2021-08-31
Urszula Jadwiga Topp		2022-07-06

Linked charities

- ELLEN CHARLOTTE DREWITT (228106-1)

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**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

**ANTHONY EASTWOOD
TREASURER**

**OIVING ALMSHOUSE TRUST
TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

Oving Almshouse Trust was established on 28 January 1969, under a scheme approved by the Charity Commission as an amalgamation of Woods' Almshouses and The Charity of Ellen Charlotte Drewitt. It is governed by a Charity Commission Order of that date, as amended by a resolution of the Trustees on 14 March, 2011, a change approved by the Charity Commission in their note dated 17 September, 2015 and a resolution of the Trustees on 29 February, 2016. On 11 January 2018, The Charity Commission approved a change of name to Oving Almshouse Trust.

Organisation

The Trustees as a body are responsible for the administration of the charity. The Trustees meet at least twice a year and at least three members need to be present for their meetings to be quorate. All decisions are brought before the Trustees as a whole and major policy matters are approved in advance of implementation.

Appointment and Training of Trustees

The Trustees have reviewed the skills and experience they have and are satisfied that these are sufficient to ensure that the charity is properly run, in accordance with the governing Order and Charity Commission guidance.

On appointment, Trustees are required to read the Charity Commission's leaflet on the Responsibility of Trustees and to confirm that they are not disqualified from acting as a trustee. They are supplied with a copy of the governing Order and the most recent set of accounts.

Objectives and Activities

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Public Benefit

The entire activity of the charity has been and continues to be to provide the benefits as described above to the qualifying classes of beneficiary and the Trustees are satisfied that these are identifiable and clearly defined so as to fulfil the Public Benefit Test required by the Charities Act 2006.

Financial Reserve Target

A minimum of £40,000 will be held, at all times, allowing a 3-year resources recovery period following a significant expenditure event. The Trustees are investigating further high-cost projects to improve the domestic comfort of almshouse residents.

**O Ving AlmsHouse Trust
Trustees' Report
For the Year Ended 31 December 2025**

The trustees are pleased to present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Number 228106

Trustees

The trustees serving during the year were as follows:

Anne Bennett
Stephen Bennett (Chair)
Anthony Eastwood (Treasurer)
Neil Linford
Alan Smith
Tony Barnard
Ralph Godfrey
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

Trustees responsible for the accounts

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as it relates to unincorporated charities.

The balance sheet and income and expenditure account which follow have been prepared from the books, vouchers and information produced and maintained by me and are in accordance therewith.

A.M. Eastwood
Anthony Eastwood
Trustee and Treasurer
21/4/26

I confirm that I have reviewed the books, vouchers and information produced to me and that the financial statements are in accordance therewith.

Helen Thompson
Helen Thompson CIFA
Reviewing Accountant
21 April 2026

**Income and expenditure account for the year ended
31 December 2025**

	2025	2024
Income		
Maintenance contributions received	23,550	23,140
Interest and dividends	2,678	2,542
Advance repayment – N. Smith		500
Total	26,228	26,182
Expenditure		
Insurance	1,194	1,134
Repairs & Maintenance	19,673	5,763
Repairs & Maintenance: Gardening	5,284	
NAA Subscription	275	267
TV licence	15	15
Bank charges	60	60
Recognition Gift	25	
Total	26,526	7,239
Excess of expenditure over income	(£298)	£18,943

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Investments (at current valuation)		
NAACIF/M&G	10,056	8,639
COIF/CCLA	45,055	43,208
Total	55,111	51,847
Current Assets		
Bank current account	11,406	14,354
Deposit account	22,824	22,391
Total assets	89,341	88,592
Total net assets	89,341	88,592
Capital Fund		
Opening balance	88,592	69,336
Adjustment to opening balance		
Profit/(loss) on revaluation of investments	1,047	313
Excess of income over expenditure	(298)	18,943
Balance	£89,341	£88,592

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Anthony Eastwood (Treasurer)
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Jennifer Linford (resigned 26 April 2024)
Alan Smith (appointed 6 March 2024)
Reverend Trevor Marshall (resigned 4 June 2024)
Tony Barnard (appointed 4 June 2024)
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Related Party Transaction

During the accounting period, the Chair purchased a washing machine for installation and use in almshouse number 4. The purchase was made as an immediate need following unexpected breakdown of the previous machine. The Chair was refunded by Oving Almshouse Trust and the transaction is recorded in the Financial Snapshot for the Committee Meeting on 4th December 2024, which was circulated to all trustees and discussed at the meeting.

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Anthony Eastwood
Trustee and Treasurer

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Helen Thompson 3 April 2025

Helen Thompson *CPA*
Reviewing Accountant

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	2024	2023
Investments (at current valuation)		
NAACIF/M&G	8,639	7,998
COIF/CCLA	43,208	21,706
Total	51,847	29,704
Current Assets		
Bank current account	14,354	7,931
Deposit account	22,391	31,701
Total assets	88,592	69,336
Total net assets	88,592	69,336
Capital Fund		
Opening balance	69,336	51,402
Adjustment to opening balance		
Profit/(loss) on revaluation of investments	313	162
Excess of income over expenditure	18,943	17,772
Balance	£88,592	£69,336

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	2024	2023
Income		
Maintenance contributions received	23,140	22,680
Interest and dividends	2,542	1,646
TV Licence refund (from 2022)		15
Advance repayment – N. Smith	500	
Total	26,182	24,341
Expenditure		
Insurance	1,134	1,086
Repairs and Maintenance	5,763	5,249
NAA Subscription	267	153
TV licence	15	
Bank charges	60	60
Recognition Gift		21
Total	7,239	6,569
Excess of income over expenditure	£18,943	£17,772