



# Trustees' Annual Report

for the period

From (start date)  to (end date)

## Section A

## Reference and administration details

Charity name

LATHOM ALMSHOUSE CHARITY

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

235258

Charity's principal address

160 BLACK MOSS LANE  
ROUGHTON  
ORMSKIRK  
LANCASHIRE

Postcode L39 7UG

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	DEREK MIDELEY			
2	PHILIP POWELL			
3	ANDREW CUNNINGHAM			
4	MICHAEL DUTTON			
5	ALISTAIR FREW			
6	LILY BATTERSON			
7	STUART CUNNINGHAM	CLERK		
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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

## Section A

## Reference and administration details (continued)

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

## Section B

## Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document  
(eg trust deed, constitution)

TRUST

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

TRUST

Trustee selection methods  
(eg appointed by, elected by)

APPOINTED BY TRUSTEES

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.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

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

TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR ELDERLY FINANCIALLY CHALLENGED PEOPLE IN THE LOCAL AREA

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)

THE CHARITY ADVERTISES LOCALLY WHEN A COTTAGE BECOMES AVAILABLE WHICH IS USUALLY IN LOCAL CHURCHES U3A OR LOCAL PARSERS & CONSIDERS THE APPLICANTS FINANCIAL PHYSICAL & HEALTH NEEDS. BEFORE OFFERING A COTTAGE

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.

THE TRUSTEES TRY TO MAINTAIN THE COTTAGES TO A HIGH STANDARD, ENSURE SAFTY COMFORT & KEEPING MAINTENANCE CHARGES AS LOW AS POSSIBLE

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

DURING 2025 THE CHARITY HAS A ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR TO UNDERTAKE A ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION CONDITION REPORT. THE COTTAGES EXTERIOR IS MAINTAINED BY PAINTING THE BUILDINGS WALLS DOORS WINDOWS GUTTERS ETC ON A ROLLING FIVE YEAR PLAN TO KEEP IT LOOKING GOOD FOR THE RESIDENTS & ANY FUTURE RESIDENTS



## Section E

## Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

THE CHARITY HAS TWO INVESTMENT FUNDS WITH ETHICAL INVESTMENT COMPANIES & HAS A BASIC ACCOUNT WITH ACCESS TO FUNDS IF A EMERGENCY SHOULD ARISE

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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

THE CHARITY LOOKS FORWARD TO 2026 WHICH IS THE 100 YEAR FOR THE CHARITY

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

*S H R*

Full name(s)

STUART HOWARD CUNNINGHAM

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

CLERK

Date

05/12/25

**LATHOM ALMSHOUSE CHARITY**  
**Registered No. 235258**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**YEAR ENDED**  
**31 MARCH 2025**

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

### LATHOM ALMSHOUSE CHARITY

I report on the accounts of the Lathom Almshouse Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on page 3.

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- ☐ examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- ☐ to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission, (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- ☐ 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.

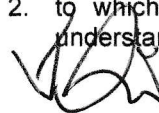
#### Independent examiner's statement

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:
  - ☐ to keep accounting records in accordance, in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - ☐ to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

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

  
J.C. Barton  
Chartered Accountant,  
Martland Buildings, Mart Lane,  
Burscough, Ormskirk, Lancashire,

28/4/2025

Date

**LATHOM ALMSHOUSE CHARITY - Registered No. 235258**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts :-</b>				
Interest		85		80
Rents and fuel		<u>53,672</u>		<u>50,955</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>53,757</u>		<u>51,035</u>
<b>Payments :-</b>				
<b>Direct Charitable Expenditure :-</b>				
<b>Maintenance &amp; Repairs :-</b>				
Heating repairs & maintenance	6,725		6,462	
Electrical repairs & maintenance	5,913		5,321	
General repairs	31,338		11,979	
Installing CCTV			2,433	
Septic tank maintenance	390		478	
Grounds maintenance	<u>2,901</u>		<u>1,440</u>	
		47,267		28,113
<b>Property Running Costs :-</b>				
Fuel oil	10,379		9,858	
Water rates	1,834		1,659	
Electricity	1,147		787	
Insurances	<u>2,159</u>		<u>2,124</u>	
		15,519		14,428
<b>Administration :-</b>				
Secretarial	2,500		1,700	
Stationery & postage	219		146	
Sundries & donations	815		710	
Solicitor's fees	795		5,182	
Council Tax	(13)		329	
Almshouses Assoc'n subscription	<u>378</u>		<u>363</u>	
		4,694		8,430
<b>Payments for Investments :-</b>				
M & G				5,000
<b>Total Payments</b>		<u>67,480</u>		<u>55,971</u>
<b>Net (Payments) for the Year</b>		<u>(13,723)</u>		<u>(4,936)</u>
<b>Bank Balance as at 31 March 24</b>		<u>34,789</u>		<u>39,725</u>
<b>Bank Balance as at 31 March 25</b>		<u>21,066</u>		<u>34,789</u>

**Non-Monetary Assets - Held for Investment Purposes**

**Most Recent Valuations:**

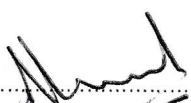
M & G - N.A.A.C.I.F. Accumulation - 727.616 shares @ £122.5635 each = £89,179.16 as at 31 March 2025

CCLA Investment - 267.61 shares @ 26,061.55 pence = £69,743.34 as at 30 Dec 2024

Approved by the Board of Trustees on

and signed on its behalf by:

.....  ..... Trustee

.....  ..... Trustee

**LATHOM ALMSHOUSE CHARITY - Registered No. 235258**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS - By Bank Account**  
**Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	<b>Reserve Account</b>	<b>Current Account</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£	£	£
<b>Receipts:-</b>			
Interest	84.64		84.64
Rents and fuel		53,671.63	53,671.63
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>84.64</b>	<b>53,671.63</b>	<b>53,756.27</b>
<b>Payments:-</b>			
Fuel oil		10,378.73	10,378.73
Water rates		1,834.00	1,834.00
Electricity		1,146.82	1,146.82
Insurances		2,159.06	2,159.06
Council Tax		268.32	268.32
Council Tax refund		(281.33)	(281.33)
General repairs		19,061.79	19,061.79
General repairs -decorating		11,431.56	11,431.56
General repairs -pest control		845.00	845.00
Installing CCTV			0.00
Grounds maintenance		2,901.00	2,901.00
Secretarial & stationery etc		218.78	218.78
Clerk's expenses		2,500.00	2,500.00
Solicitor's fees		795.00	795.00
Septic tank maintenance		390.00	390.00
Heating maintenance & repairs		6,724.71	6,724.71
Electrical maintenance & repairs		5,912.66	5,912.66
Almshouses Association subscription		378.00	378.00
Dorothy Hawkes etc(extra help H & L )		300.00	300.00
Sundries & donations		514.50	514.50
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>67,478.60</b>	<b>67,478.60</b>
<b>Net Receipts / (Payments) for the Year</b>	<b>84.64</b>	<b>(13,806.97)</b>	<b>(13,722.33)</b>
<b>Bank Balance at 31 March 24</b>	<b>6,013.88</b>	<b>28,775.23</b>	<b>34,789.11</b>
<b>Bank Balance at 31 March 25</b>	<b>6,098.52</b>	<b>14,968.26</b>	<b>21,066.78</b>

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**Most Recent Valuations:**

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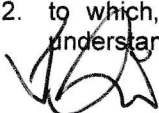
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