

SALEM AND FREMINGTON ALMSHOUSES
REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2024

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 253191

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Governing Document	Deed dated 1834 revised in 1970.
Registered Charity Number:	253191
Registered Address:	15 Higher Church Street, Barnstaple Devon EX32 8JE
Trustees:	Mrs L Hancox (Chairman from 4/9/12) Mr P Howe (Treasurer / Manager) Mr J Taylor (from 24/5/11) Mrs G Braunton (from 6/3/12) Mrs S Bennett (from 4/12/12) Mr Peter Kidd (from 27/1/14)
Bank:	Lloyds TSB 17 Cross Street Barnstaple
Financial Adviser	Croft & Co 14 Barnstaple Street Bideford
Independent Examiners:	LCA Chartered Accountants 13 Silver Street Barnstaple
Solicitors:	Brewer, Harding and Rowe The Square Barnstaple
Insurance Broker:	Grout Woolwich House 2 nd Floor 43 George Street Croydon

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Structure, Governance & Management

The Salem and Fremington Almshouse Trust is a registered charity governed by an 1834 deed as amended by the Scheme document dated 12 November 1970. The Trust is also a member of the National Association of Almshouses.

The Charity is run by a Board of Trustees. Meetings of the Trustees are held quarterly. The Trustees are assisted by Mrs S Bennett who acts as Secretary and management/treasurer services are supplied by Mr P Howe supported by Mr D Jenkins.

New Trustees are appointed by resolution of the Trustees at a quarterly meeting.

Objectives

The Charity's object is to provide almshouses for the benefit of almspeople who shall be poor persons who are resident in the parish of Fremington and the borough of Barnstaple.

The Charity currently achieves its object by renting out the Salem and Fremington Almshouses to local people over 50 years of age.

In carrying out the Charity's object, the Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Achievements

- All required Insurance policies are in place.
- Remedial work and maintenance has continued throughout the year, all properties are in good order and an ongoing maintenance plan is now produced each year to help plan and budget.
- Gas checks carried out by Gas rite and all safety certificates in place and up to date.
- All properties subjected to 5 year electrical testing as recommended in Quinquennial report. Testing carried out by SW Bound Electrical services and all work completed to bring houses up to standard and issued certificates accordingly.
- New Central Heating Boilers numbers 4 and 11.
- New Washing machines provided for numbers 2 and 7.
- Fitted wardrobes built for number 8.
- New Saniflow unit fitted number 5.
- Internal decorations number 7.

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THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (continued)**

Achievements (continued)

- Almshouse trustee meetings have continued throughout 2023/24 but are mainly carried out virtually via Microsoft teams.
- AGM carried out face to face this year.
- Application made to remove number 15 Higher Church St from residential housing register and change use to office.
- New washing machines bought for numbers 1, 9 and 11.
- Handrails fitted to showers numbers 1 and 3.
- Broken / slipped tiles replaced on roof and resultant damp patches in ceilings of numbers 4 and 6 redecorated.
- Eased and adjusted windows and decorated internally as were getting stuck or unable to open (numbers 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12)
- All properties are currently occupied.
- Christmas meal was held at The Fortescue, all had a very nice time. Each resident received a £25 Marks and Spencer gift voucher for Christmas.
- The Trust is represented at the Trinity St Residents Group.
- No changes to current board of trustees.
- Croft and Co continue to advise on investments.

Reserves Policy

We aim to maintain a bank balance of at least £10,000 in order to be in a position to meet unforeseen expenditure.

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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.

**Mrs Rebecca Williams FCA
LCA Chartered Accountants**

**13 Silver Street
Barnstaple
Devon
EX32 8HR**

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Incoming resources from charitable activities				
Rent contributions		43,910.00		41,200.00
Other receipts				
Sundry		-		-
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Total receipts		43,910.00		41,200.00
Payments				
Charitable expenditure				
Water rates	1,571.10		1,819.86	
Council tax	1,843.43		2,025.73	
Insurance	2,117.95		1,802.71	
TV licences	-		60.00	
Property maintenance	28,927.46		23,267.63	
Gardening	324.00		439.00	
Light and heat	840.31		349.95	
Gift vouchers	300.00		300.00	
Functions	495.00		457.75	
Management services	7,200.00		7,200.00	
Telephone	-		301.60	
Sundries	-		60.00	
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	43,619.25		38,084.23	
c/f	43,619.25	43,910.00	38,084.23	41,200.00

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 continued

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
b/f	43,619.25	43,910.00	38,084.23	41,200.00
Governance costs				
Meeting expenses	443.70		467.80	
Accountancy	618.00		564.00	
Postage and stationery	6.00		13.04	
Subscriptions	407.00		233.00	
	<u>1,474.70</u>		<u>1,277.84</u>	
Total payments		<u>45,093.95</u>		<u>39,362.07</u>
Net receipts/(payments) for the year		(1,183.95)		1,837.93
Cash and bank balances b/f 1 April 2023		<u>43,182.08</u>		<u>41,344.15</u>
Cash and bank balances c/f 31 March 2024		<u>£ 41,998.13</u>		<u>£ 43,182.08</u>

CLIENTS APPROVAL

The accounts were approved at a meeting held on

Signed.....

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 MARCH 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Assets		
Bank balances		
Lloyds Bank	41,979.02	43,162.97
Cash	<u>19.11</u>	<u>19.11</u>
	<u>41,998.13</u>	<u>43,182.08</u>

Investments

COIF Charity Funds (101.55 units)

Aegon investment (previously Cofunds)

Land and buildings

Salem and Fremington Almshouses
15 Higher Church Street