

ASHTON ALMSHOUSE CHARITY

Charity Reg. No. 200349

Trustees Annual Report for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020

Charity Address:

Association of Dunstable Charities Grove
House, 76 High Street North, Dunstable,
Bedfordshire.
LU6 1NF

Trustees for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020

Ex Officio:

Rector of Dunstable - Rev'd Rachel Phillips

Representative Governors Dunstable

Town Council:

Cllr Mr Peter Hollick
Cllr Mr Alan Corkhill

Co-optative Governors:

Mrs Cynthia Gresham
Mrs Elizabeth Bentley

Mr Alan Salter

Chairman:

Mrs Cynthia Gresham

Clerk to the Governors:

Mrs Julie Tipler

Charity Structure, Governance and Management:

Governing document: Trust Foundation under scheme framed by will dated 30th March 1885, and Charities Act 1960. Amended and updated by Trustees in 2012.

Trustee Selection Methods:

One ex officio – Incumbent of the benefice of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Dunstable

Two Nominative Trustees – Appointed by Dunstable Town Council

Four Co-optative Trustees – Appointed by resolution of the Trustees.

Objectives and Activities

Maintenance and upkeep of the Frances Ashton Almshouses and the gardens and help towards energy and other costs for residents. Concern for the welfare of the six residents.

Achievements and Performance in the past year

Trustees inspect all the flats in the Almshouse and grounds on an annual basis, however, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this has not been carried out. Residents are visited, the Chairman/Clerk make regular visits throughout the year. New front doors have been fitted to all flats and a new perimeter fence has been installed for extra security. All outstanding maintenance has now been completed and all residents are very happy with the results.

Finances

Buildings and grounds are the main asset. Money is invested and only the interest is used for grants, day to day running costs, administration and refurbishments. Other income is obtained from the rent from residents.

Mrs Julie Tipler
Clerk to the Charity
24th September 2020

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Statement of Accounts as at 31st March 2020 **FINAL**

	Apr 2019 - March 2020		Apr 2018 - Mar 2019	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Maintenance Charges		35,754.26		33,059.94
Council Tax Rebate				
Affinity Water		0.00		53.39
Income from Investments:				
C.O.I.F	2,248.54		2,692.98	
Higher Interest a/c	37.21		39.35	
National Savings	0.00		180.26	
		2,285.75		2,912.59
Total receipts		£38,040.01		£36,025.92
EXPENDITURE				
Administration of Almshouse				
Gas	4,095.00		2,161.35	
Water	418.00		684.00	
Trustee Insurance	38.00		292.32	
Insurance	1,103.07		806.57	
Electricity	2,044.00		1,998.00	
T.V. Licence	7.50		7.50	
Garden Maintenance	8,047.35		3,024.87	
Window cleaning	519.25		224.00	
Council Tax				
Building Survey				
		16,272.17		9,198.61
Maintenance of Almshouse				
Fire Protection Service	78.22		458.06	
Carelines	571.84		178.56	
General repairs	0.00		191.58	
PBC renovations	27,185.00		15,180.00	
Signage	438.00		834.00	
Electrics	0.00		73.62	
Heating	4,642.80		1,879.20	
Keys/locks	54.96		374.99	
Camera/keysafe	0.00		1,505.00	
		32,970.82		20,675.01
Administration of Charity:				
Rent & Admin	1,358.44		1,617.35	
Clerk's Salary	3,580.12		2,579.52	
COIF goes out then returned	169.40			
Almshouse Assoc	199.00		190.00	
		5,306.96		4,386.87
Total Expenditure		54,549.95		34,260.49
NET RECEIPTS / (EXPENDITURE)		(16,509.94)		1,765.43
Balances as at 31st March 2019				
Total of Investments	143,590.86		131,210.37	
National Savings Account	25,036.00		24,855.74	
Total of bank balances	37,448.28		35,863.11	
Total assets brought forward		206,075.14		191,929.22

Add Net Receipts/(Expenditure)		(16,509.94)		1,765.43
Add movement in investments		(2,598.65)		12,380.49
Balances as at 31st March 2020				
Total of Investments	140,992.21		143,590.86	
National Savings Account	25,036.00		25,036.00	
Total of bank balances	20,938.34		37,448.28	
Total assets carried forward		186,966.55		206,075.14
Check		0.00		0.00

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Examiners/Auditors Report
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External examiner/Auditor not required for this year so no report available.