

ASHTON ALMSHOUSE CHARITY

Charity Reg. No. 200349

Trustees Annual Report for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Charity Address:

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

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Ex Officio:

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Representative Governors Dunstable Town

Council:

Cllr Mr Peter Hollick

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Co-optative Governors:

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Miss Ann Sparrow

Mrs Cynthia Gresham

Mrs Jana Veyres

Chairman:

Mrs Cynthia Gresham

Clerk to the Governors:

Mrs Julie Tipler

Charity Structure, Governance and Management:

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Objectives and Activities

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Achievements and Performance in the past year

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Finances

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Statement of Accounts as at 31st March 2023

	Apr 2022 - March 2023		Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	
	£	£	£	
RECEIPTS				
Maintenance Charges		31,250.22		38,690.14
Council Tax Rebate				
Other (Jane Cart Grant -£9995)		9,995.00		0.00
Affinity Water				
Income from Investments:				
C.O.I.F	3,085.01		2,978.34	
Higher Interest a/c	29.66		1.36	
National Savings	23.66	3,138.33	2.54	2,982.24
		£		
		44,383.55		41,672.38
Total receipts				
EXPENDITURE				
Administration of Almshouse				
Gas	4,870.00		2,788.00	
Water	538.76		780.00	
Careline	271.00		196.80	
Insurance	1,255.32		1,168.88	
Electricity	2,115.46		2,072.00	
T.V. Licence	0.00		37.50	
Donation to Guide dogs	155.58			
Fire Protection Service	207.78		77.35	
Council Tax				
Building Survey				
		9,413.90		7,120.53
Maintenance of Almshouse				
Window/internal cleaning	576.75		827.75	
Garden Maintenance	1,861.14		1,342.68	
General white goods/carpets	1,150.00		19.84	
PBC renovations	0.00		5,535.00	
Signage	1,193.98		0.00	
Electrics	588.93		281.40	
Heating	14,331.60		1,641.60	
Keys/locks	21.42		446.64	
Sundries Voile/blocked drain)	43.40		0.00	
Other	377.23			
		20,144.45		10,094.91
Administration of Charity:				
Rent & Admin	1,484.84		1,484.08	
Clerk's Salary	6,038.85		4,755.64	
COIF goes out then returned	169.40		120.00	
Almshouse Assoc	216.00		207.00	
		7,909.09		6,566.72
Total Expenditure		37,467.44		23,782.16

NET RECEIPTS / (EXPENDITURE)**Balances as at 31st March 2023**

Total of Investments	189,684.26		172,434.90	
National Savings Account	25,420.52		25,417.98	
Total of bank balances	41,872.39	256,977.17	23,984.71	221,837.59
Total assets brought forward				
Add Net Receipts/(Expenditure)		6,916.11		17,890.22
Add movement in investments		(4,631.43)		17,249.36
<u>Balances as at 31st March 2023</u>				
Total of Investments	185,052.83		189,684.26	
National Savings Account	25,444.18		25,420.52	
Total of bank balances	48,764.84	259,261.85	41,872.39	256,977.17
Total assets carried forward				
		0.00		£0.00

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