

ASHTON ALMSHOUSE CHARITY

Charity Reg. No. 200349

Trustees Annual Report for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019

Charity Address:

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

Trustees for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019

Ex Officio:

Rector of Dunstable - TBC – a new rector will be in post from October 2019

Representative Governors

Dunstable Town Council:

Cllr Mrs Patricia Staples
Cllr Mrs Patricia Russell

Co-optative Governors:

Mrs Sally Newton
Mrs Elizabeth Bentley

Mrs Cynthia Gresham
Mr Alan Salter

Chairman:

Mrs Sally Newton

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. Residents are visited at this time too. A Trustee/Clerk make regular visits throughout the year. Additional security measures have been put in place with the addition of dummy security cameras including warning signage, additional locks on all residents' doors have been fitted together with key safes for all flats, replacement of intercom system and continued essential building/repair works is almost reaching its conclusion.

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
29th August 2019