



Cherryhomes Trust
Supporting disabled people in the Cambridge area

Chairman's Report for AGM 2014

In respect of our main purpose, that of supporting those with severe physical disabilities in their desire to live as normal and fulfilled a life as possible whilst remaining in their own homes, this has been a quiet year.

Our financial position has recovered to a healthy level due to generous donations from a variety of sources as you will see from the Statement of Accounts prepared by our Hon. Treasurer. We continue to rely on, and be grateful for, all such donations and the work involved in fund raising activities.

We have also received donations in kind, a Mobility Scooter and a wheelchair, although we have yet to find appropriate beneficiaries.

Conscious that we are a small local charity, and that we wish to remain so, we are in the process of preparing a "Flyer" to support our more detailed "Leaflet" for display in Doctors Surgeries and other appropriate establishments to increase local awareness of the possibilities we offer.

Our website www.cherryhomes.org.uk is now up and running and we express our thanks to Dr Aidan Van de Weyer (the husband of our Hon. Secretary) for all his help in this matter.

During this year we have revised our Governing Document to both re-scope the aims of the Charity to bring it in line with what we actually do and make some administrative adjustments to align it with our current practices all of which, after a fairly lengthy and thorough process, were finally passed at an E.G.M. of the Trustees on 4th October 2013, received approval from the Charity Commission on the 15th October and became effective 60 days later on 14th December 2013.

It is not without regret that, during this last year, we have had to accept the resignations of our past Secretary, Ronald Germany and (with effect from this AGM) our past Chairman, Michael Tongue, from the Board of Trustees. In their joint time in office they set the tone for the Charity - one which the current Trustees attempt to follow. In addition to the many years of his good-humoured leadership, I am particularly grateful to Michael Tongue for his support following his wish to stand down as Chairman last year in agreeing to remain as a Trustee during my first year as Chairman. We hope that we will continue to see them both at Cherryhomes events.

We do, however, have some good news on the Trustee front in that we have just welcomed Ms Angela Craxford Snelling to join us as a Trustee. Among other attributes, Angela works within the NHS and it will be most helpful to have someone within what is a continually evolving organisation.

Finally, I should like to express my sincere thanks to my fellow Officers and all the Trustees for their work in support of Cherryhomes.

Subject to there having been no previous dissent at this AGM, the Trustees are as follows: Angela Craxford Snelling, Joyce Goodall, Margaret Hewat, Barry Monk (Chairman), Beryl Monk (Hon. Treasurer), Kathleen Shepherd and Rosaline Van de Weyer (Hon. Secretary).

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