



# Cherryhomes Trust

Supporting disabled people in the Cambridge area

## Chairman's Report for AGM 2015

We continue to focus our efforts on 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. As you will see from the Statement of Accounts prepared by our Hon Treasurer, we have been able to offer some support in this last financial year including the provision (through an hire - purchase agreement) of a piece of equipment to a new beneficiary which is always encouraging. The selection process for the equipment was rigorous and determined in conjunction with the beneficiaries GP and health professionals.

Despite some significant expenditure, our reserves remain at a reasonably healthy level due to generous regular donations from our supporters as well as fundraising activities by the Trustees such as our regular appearance at Bassingbourn Village Market. We continue to rely on, and be grateful for, all such donations and the work involved in fund raising activities. Already *this* year, we have benefitted from the Trumpington Waitrose "Community Matters" scheme and are one of the two charities chosen benefit from the proceeds of this year's "Barrington Ball". We also plan to have a musical evening in Melbourn in September.

We are and wish to remain a small local charity - it is by being such that we can continue to provide that personal relationship with those we seek to assist. Despite this, we have in this past year sought to increase awareness of the possibilities of support that we can offer. We have produced a Flyer (to support the current more detailed Leaflet) which is now displayed in some Doctors' Surgeries and other appropriate establishments as well as a banner to mark us out when we appear at public events.

Our website [www.cherryhomes.org.uk](http://www.cherryhomes.org.uk) continues to be a useful vehicle to publicise what we do and we express our thanks to Dr Aidan Van de Weyer (the husband of our Hon. Secretary) for his continued support as our webmaster.

Last year, we were pleased to welcome Angela Craxford Snelling to the Board of Trustees who, with our Hon. Secretary Rosaline Van de Weyer, both work in or in association with the NHS and this has helped to ensure that we, as a Board of Trustees, have a better understanding of how we can best manage that relationship and allocate our funds wisely.

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

For the coming year and in line with our Charity Commission approved Governing Document, the Trustees have re-elected the previous officers to serve for a further year and so, subject to there having been no previous dissention 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).

(Barry Monk - Chairman)

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