

Chairman's Report for AGM 2019

The main focus of the Trust's efforts continues to be 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 have seen in the financial report (covering the year to 31st December 2018) from our Hon Treasurer, this past year we have only had one significant item of expenditure; that being the provision of a special "lifting cushion" (a floor to seat recovery device) that enables a single carer to assist someone who has fallen to the floor to regain sufficient elevation to be restored to a sitting position. Prior to supplying this piece of equipment, it had become necessary for the person's carer to ring for paramedic assistance following a fall.

Our reserves remain at a healthy level due to generous regular donations from our supporters as well as fundraising activities by the Trustees. We continue to appear at Bassingbourn Village Market to good effect and this last year appeared at the Bassingbourn MAYHEM event. The HMRC "Gift Aid" scheme brings added benefit to us with no impact on our donors.

As most will know, the General Data Protection Regulation came into force last year. The Trust have been, are and will continue to be most careful about safeguarding information we hold about those with whom we have dealings be they supporters, donors or "sponsored members". It is this last group particularly about whom we hold what may be considered "sensitive" information and we have needed to seek their positive permission to retain that data. Where such permission has not been granted their data has been securely destroyed / deleted.

You will have seen in the financial report some donations have been marked "Redacted - GDPR". Whilst in previous years we have named individual donors, as a means of publicly expressing our gratitude, this year we have decided to remove their names from the public record although, of course, we know who they are and remain most grateful to them.

This year we have been delighted to welcome a new Trustee, Sarah Charlton who, many may remember, was a speaker at our last AGM & Reunion in 2018. Sarah is an Occupational Therapist and further strengthens our links with and knowledge of the NHS and what it should be supplying so as to ensure we spend the Trust's resources wisely.

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.

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

Finally, I should like to express my sincere thanks again this year 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. Subject to there having been no previous dissention at this AGM, the Trustees are as follows:

Angela Craxford Snelling, Sarah Charlton, 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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