

18th May 2022

Chairman's Report Spring 2022

Following the cancellation of our usual Public Annual General Meeting and Reunions for the past two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it is with much joy that we are able to gather together again this year and enjoy the opportunity to meet up with old friends, listen to a short talk on a subject of interest and relevance as well as share refreshments together.

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

During the past year Cherryhomes has continued to provide the support that it had done previously to all our Sponsored Members and remained open to applications from new referrals.

Activities during the year did include one new referral (actually early in this year so doesn't feature in the Financial Report for the year to Dec 2021) which resulted in the procurement of a Mangar-Elk Lifting Cushion. There was also the repair/replacement of a battery pack for an existing similar item for an existing Sponsored Member which does feature in the Financial Report. On another front (that of providing advocacy service) we have been active in supporting an existing "Sponsored Member" navigate the complexities of the computerised systems used by local authorities in managing their housing stock and the movement of tenants therein.

As we move forward to a world in which many of the previous restrictions are being lifted, we look forward to being able to offer active support to existing and potentially more new "sponsored members".

In line with our Governing Document, the Trustees held their Annual General Meeting in March this year. At that meeting the Trustees elected the existing Officers:

Chairman: Barry Monk
Hon Secretary: Rosaline Van de Weyer
Hon Treasurer: Beryl Monk

to serve a further term.

Our longest standing Trustee, Mrs Kathleen Shepherd, decided to step down with effect from that meeting. As a Trustee from the very earliest days of Cherryhomes, her knowledge and contribution over those many years has had a marked and most positive influence in shaping the work of the Trust and we will, forever, be grateful.

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, the Trustees are as follows: Angela Craxford Snelling, Sarah Charlton, Joyce Goodall, Barry Monk (Chairman), Beryl Monk (Hon. Treasurer), and Rosaline Van de Weyer (Hon. Secretary).

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.

With every good wish,



Barry Monk (Chairman)