



# Cherryhomes Trust

Supporting disabled people in the Cambridge area

[www.cherryhomes.org.uk](http://www.cherryhomes.org.uk)

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## Chairman's Report Spring 2023

It was with much pleasure that we managed to hold our Public Annual General Meeting and Reunion last year or the first time since the start of the Covid pandemic. Similarly, we are pleased this year to be able to gather together again 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.

With respect to our Financial Report, we have continued with our interpretation of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and no longer name donors publicly though we, of course, know who they are and remain most grateful for their support. Obviously, the names of those who we support remain, as they always have, confidential. Our funds remain healthy and we continue to seek ways to better publicise our ability to help those in need.

During the past year, we have:

- attracted one new Sponsored Member which resulted in the purchase of a Mangar-Elk Lifting Cushion.
- provided a grant towards the deposit required to lease (through the "Motability" scheme) a specially modified vehicle for a long standing member to enable him to regain some quality of life and get out of his home with his wife and carer.
- continued to support another existing member navigate the complexities of trying to move home within the South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) controlled housing stock. Having finally been offered (and accepted) a suitable bungalow and whilst in the process of moving in during the exceptionally cold weather of December last, frozen pipes in the property led to the property being flooded. I have to praise SCDC for their prompt and supportive approach following this disaster and am pleased to be able to report that the couple in question are now happily settled in their new bungalow.

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 continued thanks to Dr Aidan Van de Weyer for his continued support as our webmaster.

It is with sadness that I have to announce the departure of one of our Trustees, Sarah Charlton, who resigned during the year. Sarah and her family had moved to Bury St Edmunds and she felt that the geographical separation together with "juggling family and work commitments" meant that she could no longer give Cherryhomes the attention she would like. We will miss her specialist knowledge and contribution to our work.

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

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to serve a further term.

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, 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)