



Cherryhomes Trust

Supporting disabled people in the Cambridge area

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Chairman: Barry Monk

Hon Secretary: Rosaline Van de Weyer

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Chairman's Report Spring 2024

We meet again this year for our Public Annual General Meeting and Reunion in the Melbourn United Reformed Church hall on Wednesday 15th May 2024. This is the occasion when we can meet up with old friends as well as listen to a talk on a subject of interest and relevance and share refreshments together. This year it is our pleasure to be able to welcome a speaker from Jimmy's in Cambridge.

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.

The past year has been fairly quiet but we have:

- attracted one new Sponsored Member
- continued to support an existing member with advice in dealing with Gov't departments
- provided a member with a grant for carpets in their new home.

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 for his continued support as our webmaster.

At last year's Reunion I had the sad duty of reporting the passing of one of our most inspirational sponsored members, Dave Percival. Typically, he had insisted that his Mangar – Elk lifting cushion should be returned to us in the hope it would provide someone else with the benefit he had received. I am pleased to say that his wishes have been fulfilled and the fully serviced cushion indeed has a new "home".

Also, at last year's Reunion, I announced the departure of one of our Trustees (who had moved away) but this year I am delighted to report that the Trustees have been joined by Mrs Violet Kellett. Violet brings with her a wealth of experience in senior roles within and associated with the NHS and adds to that knowledge already existing within the Trust. Operating in the area we do, it is of major benefit to have a number of Trustees who are knowledgeable of what the NHS should be providing both to ensure we spend our resources correctly and how best to encourage the NHS to act where appropriate.

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, Violet Kellett, 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. However, we continue to try to publicise the help we can give and should you know of anyone who you think might benefit from the help Cherryhomes can provide, please do get them to contact us.

With every good wish,

Barry Monk (Chairman)