

Kettlestone Charities Trusts

Annual Reports 2020/21 and 2021/22 (*Covid-19 years*)

1. Trustee Body

Following the sad and untimely death of David Burgis in February 2021, the Trustees asked the Parish Council to nominate a replacement Trustee. Accordingly John Waterston agreed to take on the role and was duly appointed for the four-year term of office. No other changes have occurred to the Trustee Body membership or the position of Clerk to the Trustees.

2. Almshouses Charity (Registration number 810337)

The Weekly Maintenance Contribution (WMC) for the Almshouses was subject to the usual annual reviews and the amounts were agreed, within the national guidelines. It was decided to increase the level of WMCs in order to edge closer to the Valuation Office Agency's Equivalent Fair Rent, as at April 2021.

The Covid-19 restrictions severely impacted on most of the inspection and general maintenance scheduled to take place. It is hoped that the outstanding items, plus the quinquennial reviews will go ahead during the 2022/23 year. Much will depend upon the availability of contractors and professionals following the easing of Covid-19 restrictions and consequential work pressures.

A Lease Agreement with the Parish Council was put in place for land next to 80 The Street, where the bus shelter is situated. A nominal rent of £1 p.a. was agreed to formalise the arrangement.

3. Other Charities (Joint Registration number 206079)

a) Fuel Allotment

Under the Tenancy Agreement with Porter & Makins, the next rent review is due in 2024, for payment 2025/26, giving the required notice of one year. Meanwhile the Trustees agreed to keep the rent at £1,000 p.a. for the time being.

b) Grants

No applications were received for grants from the Fuel Allotment, nor for any Education grants from the Reverend John Branthwayte Charity.

4. Finance

Annual accounts were agreed and presented to Kettlestone Parish Council for information.

The Almshouses Charity pays an annual subscription to the National Almshouse Association (NAA).

A milestone achievement in 2020 was repayment of the final instalment of the most generous interest-free loan awarded by the NAA in 2010. The total repayment amounted to £26,250. The loan was used to fund the refurbishment of the Almshouse at 114/116 The Street.

5. General

The Trustees fulfil their regulatory commitments by filing an annual return to the Charity Commission. This includes financial accounts plus details of the Trustee body membership.

The Chair wishes to thank her fellow Trustees for their ongoing support and commitment to uphold the objects of these Charity Trusts. In turn the Trustees wish to thank our Clerk for her valued contribution towards the effective operation and administration of these Charities.

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Anna Long,
Chair, Kettlestone Charities Trustees,
08 May 2022