



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2024 (Period start date) to 31st December 2024
(Period end date)

Charity name: Robert Cocks Almshouse Trust

Charity registration number: 206796

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The almshouses belong to the charity and the property occupied therewith shall be appropriated and used for the accommodation of residents in conformity with the provisions of the 1985 scheme. The residents shall be poor persons of good character of not less than 55 years of age who are inhabitants of the parish of Old Buckenham with a preference for those born in the said parish.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The Trust owns freehold property in the name of the Official Custodian for Charities comprising land and a Victorian terrace of ten one-bedroomed Almshouses at Old Buckenham, Norfolk.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the main charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The Trust has provided well-maintained accommodation to those people who are not in a financial position to remain in the parish of Old Buckenham. When a vacancy has arisen the trustees have worked hard to ensure that the property is refurbished and modernised for the new resident. This has always been done in a very efficient and organised manner with a vacancy being filled quickly.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The financial position of the trust is strong, with high values held in reserves. This money is required for a large roof project. The trust also has a 30 year financial plan ensuring the almshouses maintain their objectives into the future.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	For the roof project that will cost around £165,000
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£226,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No Concerns.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The charity is constituted as an unincorporated trust.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Every co-optative trustee must be appointed for a term of 5 years. Each nominative trustee shall be appointed for 4 years.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Robert Cocks Almshouses Trust
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Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	206796
Charity's principal address	The Almshouses, Hargham Road, Old Buckenham, Attleborough, Norfolk NR17 1SH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity			
	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Christine North	Chair	
2	Lesley Gowers	Secretary	
3	Terri Hammond	Treasurer	
4.	Pauline Dixon	Assistant Treasurer	
5	Martin Hall		
6	Stephen Thorley		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects		
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets		

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)		
Type of adviser	Name	Address
Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)		

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Mrs Christine North is exempt from public disclosure of personal data under Article 21 of GDPR as confirmed in a letter from the Charity Commission dated 9th March 2020, Charity Commission Reference C-514787.

Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>L. C. Gowers</i>	
Full name(s)	Lesley Gowers	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
Date	13 th August 2025	

THE ROBERT COCKS ALMHOUSES TRUST, OLD BUCKENHAM

BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£

INVESTMENTS

Income Shares (see note 1)

Shares at Cost	34,141	34,141
Prior Year unrealised revaluation	47,528	46,155
Current Year unrealised revaluation	2,737	1,373
Market Value at 31 December	84,406	81,669

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and Bank Balances

Community Account - 70095591	30,030	27,535
General Account - 20272795	710	621
Roof Account* 03608239	110,995	109,761
Virgin Money Charly Deposit Acc - 15035y-24422	2	2
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	141,737	137,919

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Creditors and Provisions

TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	0	0
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NET ASSETS

	<u>226,143</u>	<u>219,588</u>
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FUNDS OF THE CHARITY CONSISTS OF

Capital Fund (represented by investments)

Balance brought forward 1 January	81,669	80,296
Add unrealised Investment Revaluation	2,737	1,373
Balance carried forward at 31 December	<u>84,406</u>	<u>81,669</u>

Income Account

Balance brought forward at 1 January	137,919	116,227
Surplus / (Deficit) in year	3,818	21,692
Balance carried forward at 31 December	<u>141,738</u>	<u>137,919</u>

TOTAL FUNDS

	<u>226,143</u>	<u>219,588</u>
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Print Name SARAH C. DYE

Date 08/07/2025

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Print Name CHRISTINE E. NORRIS

Date 27/07/2025

THE ROBERT COOKS ALMHOUSES TRUST, OLD BUCKENHAM
 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Actual Spend to Date

INCOME	
Resident Receipts	
Resident Receipts Receivable	£45,363.00
Less Voids	-£2,538.72
Actual Receipts Received	£42,824.28
Other	
Interest on Investments	£3,682.48
Bank Deposit Interest	£1,404.95
Miscellaneous Income/Donations	£376.55
	£5,463.98
	£5,463.98
TOTAL INCOME	£48,288.26

EXPENDITURE	
General Expenditure	
General Repairs and Maintenance	-£4,347.13
Gardening	-£660.00
Cleaning	-£440.00
Water	-£879.72
Health & Safety	-£40.00
Insurance Premium	-£926.53
Life line	-£671.73
Fire Safety	-£554.07
Association Fees	-£353.00
Training/Trustee Costs	-£340.02
Meeting Expenses	-£114.25
TV Licence	-£52.50
Christmas box & Honorarium to Almshousepeople	-£1,350.00
Sundry Expenses	-£1,101.90
Savings	£0.00
	-£11,830.85

Major Works	
Roof, Chimneys, Leadwork	£0.00
Rainwater goods	£0.00
Building Brickwork/Super Structure	£0.00
Window Maintenance	£0.00
Door Replacement	£0.00
Paving	£0.00
Driveway Replacement	£0.00
Garden walls, gates	£0.00
Sheds	-£19,232.54
	-£19,232.54
Cyclical Works	
Window Replacement	£0.00
Door Maintenance	£0.00
Decoration	-£1,210.00
Ceiling/Plaster	£0.00
Kitchens	£0.00
Bathrooms	£0.00
Electrical Installations	-£2,035.00
Heating	-£10,151.73
	-£13,406.73

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	-£44,470.12
INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE	£3,818.14
BANK	
Community Account - 70095591	£30,030.03
General Account - 20272795	£710.20
Roof Account - 03608239	£110,994.87
Shares as at 31st December 2024	£84,405.68
TOTAL BANK BALANCE	£226,140.78

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Print Name SARAH E. DYE

Date 08/07/2025

Signature CON/MA

Print Name CHRISTINE E. NORTH

Date 27/07/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Robert Cocks Almshouse Charity (The Robert Cocks Almshouse Trust)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2024	Charity no (if any)	206976
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Set out on pages

1 AND 2	<small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Sarah G Dye

Date:

08/07/2025

Name:

Sarah G Dye

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Chartered Accountant

Address:

Grove House, Grove Road, Old Buckenham, Attleborough NR17 1PJ

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

