

Poulett Almshouse Charity
Registered Charity No: 247585

Clerk to the Trustees: Sheila Seymour
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Annual Report 2023

Charity Commission No: 247585
Almshouses Association Membership No: 689

Charter: Established and built in 1872, the Poulett Almshouses are for needy persons of good character who are resident in any of the parishes of Hinton St. George, Dinnington, Seavington St. Mary, Lopen or Merriott at the time of appointment. Preference shall always be given to such persons who are so resident in the parish of Hinton St. George..

The Charity is administered by five Honorary Trustees:

- 3 are co-opted
- 2 are nominated by Hinton St George Parish Council

The Trustees are assisted by an Almshouse Liaison Officer (formerly Warden) and Clerk who receive an honorarium to defray their expenses.

The Charity has 9 residents who pay a monthly contribution towards maintenance costs. The Trustees keep the maintenance charge under review and take a parochial and continuing interest in the wellbeing of the residents and their surroundings.

In December 2023 the long serving Chair resigned, but the Vice Chair stepped forward and was duly elected unanimously. The Board was quickly brought to full strength with two eminently suitable candidates.

2023 also saw one Resident leave, in September. The vacancy notice was posted throughout the Pouletts' catchment area, a short list of qualifying candidates drawn up and one appointed. He moves in early 2024.

The annual Fire Inspection, conducted by a new Fire Officer, revealed an established colony of bats in the loft area. Securing their future before loft fire walls are installed is a lengthy, bureaucratic and expensive process which will go into 2024. The Fire Service is being kept abreast of any progress and are sympathetic to our position.

The Charity has a stable financial position, with strong reserves.

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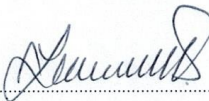
Receipts and Payments Account For the Year Ended 31st December 2023


<u>Receipts</u>	<u>31.12.2023</u>	<u>31.12.2022</u>
Maintenance Contributions Received	36265	28066
National Savings Bank Interest	0	1
National Westminster Business Reserve a/c Intt	1	
Investment Income: M & G Multi Asset Income Units	232	147
M & G Charity Multi Asset Accumulation Units	5738	2367
Almshouses Association Refund		67
British Gas Refund		0
E D F Electricity Refund	3280	
British Gas Heating Supplements Received	408	408
South Somerset District Council Refund		251
TV Licence Refund	7	
Dividends		
	45931	31307
 <u>Payments</u>		
Water Rates	2403	2152
Council Tax	0	251
Gas	6504	4350
Electricity	3577	6254
Insurance	1256	1206
Improvements	0	0
Repairs and Maintenance	5755	2953
Gardening and Caretaking	612	748
Clerk' Honorarium / Salary and Expenses	1000	250
Warden's Honorarium	550	450
Bank Charges	25	25
Almshouses Subscriptions and Seminar Fee	47	533
Monahans Fees / Sundries	0	1732
Return of Deposit to Tenants	673	138
T V Licencing / Refund to Tenant	38	53
Bat and Survey Fees	4999	957
Stationery and Postages	131	34
Chris Fearn Fire Protection Party Walls	1343	0
Training	114	
	29027	22086
Surplus For The Year	16904	9221
 ADD:		
M&G Charity Multi Asset Increase in value the year Income Units	92	
M&G Charity Multi Asset Increase in value the year Accumulation Units	3838	
	3930	
	£20,834	£9,221

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2023


<u>Current Assets</u>	<u>31.12.2023</u>	<u>31.12.2022</u>
National Westminster Bank Current Account	47453	36537
National Westminster Bank Business reserve Account Account	251	
National Savings Bank Account	103	103
1387.962 M & G Charity Multi Asset Fund Accumulation Units	155566	145991
6106.000 M & G Charity Multi Asset Fund Income Units	5484	5392
	<hr/> 208857	<hr/> 188023
		Add Surplus For The Year Ending 31/12/23
		20834
	<hr/> <u>£208,857</u>	<hr/> <u>£208,857</u>

NOTES: Assets held by the Charity not included in the accounts:
Freehold Properties Nos. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9. The Almshouses Hinton St George Somerset TA17 8RX

Chairperson.....  Date..... 23/10/24

Clerk to The Trustees.....  Date..... 23/10/24

I confirm that I have examined the books and records of the Charity and this report is in accordance therewith and they have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comply with the legal requirements set out in section 133 of Charities Act 2011

Independent Examiner.....  GERALD H. CREECH RETIRED LEGAL EXECUTIVE

Address..... 4 FAIRFIELD CREWKANE SOMERSET TA12 2BU

Date..... 12th August 2024

The Poulett Almshouse Charity

Repairs and Maintenance for the Year Ended 31.12.2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
24/01/2023	C M Pitman Plumbing Service Ball Valve and taps	96
26/01/2023	Invicta Electrical Outside Lights	40
20/07/2023	C M Pitman Plumbing	108
20/11/2023	J B Jetting	936
15/11/2023	R X L Building & Property Maintenance	1000
16/11/2023	R X L Building & Property Maintenance	1000
17/11/2023	R X L Building & Property Maintenance	140
15/12/2023	R X L Building & Property Maintenance	2000
15/12/2023	R X L Building & Property Maintenance	435
	TOTAL	5755



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of The Poulett Almshouse Charity

On accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 Charity no (if any) 247585

Set out on pages 1 and 2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023

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 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.

Signed: [Signature] Date: 12th August 2024

Name: Gerald H Creech

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Retired Chartered Legal Executive

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Somerset TA18 8BU

Section B Disclosure

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.

None



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Signed: 

Name: Gerald H Creach

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Retired Chartered Legal Executive

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