

Alcester United Almshouse Charity

Trustees' Annual report for the year ending 31st December 2024.

This Charity is also known as Alcester United Charities which incorporates the Smallwood Educational Charity and the Alcester Poors Charity .

The Charity Number is 8103638.

The financial year began on the 1st of January 2024 and ended on the 31st of December 2024.

The Charity's address is c/o Mr A G Deeks 34 Henley Street Alcester Warwickshire B49 5QY.

The names of the Trustees during the year were:-

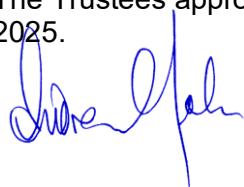
Mrs K Cargill	Chair		Town Council Nominee
Mrs W Mills			Town Council Nominee
Mr M Bowe			Town Council Nominee
Mrs T Parkes		From 1.11.23.	High Bailiff
Mr M Burden		Until 1.11.23.	High Bailiff
Mrs T Parkes		Until 1.11.23.	Low Bailiff
Mrs S Constable		From 1.11.23.	Low Bailiff
Mrs K Blake			Co-opted
Mrs J Smith		Until 3.7.23.	Co-opted
Mr A Mills			Co-opted
Mr T Forman		From 3.7.23.	Co-opted
Revd K M Cross			Ex-officio

The Charity operates under a sealed Scheme of Management dated the 19th of May 1982, and subsequent orders, to maintain and manage six almshouses.

In 2024, the repairs and maintenance programme of work was continued. The major items of maintenance and repair expense were the refurbishment of one of the kitchens. In addition there were ongoing items concerning electrical and gas boiler repairs. The annual fire equipment inspection was carried out and the gas central heating boilers have been serviced with a Landlord's (Gas Safety) Certificate issued. The residents' own gas appliances were checked by a Gas Safe Registered plumber and all was in order. The residents appear to be very satisfied with the properties and the standard of maintenance and were appreciative of the improvements that were made. During the year the Residents and Trustees held an afternoon tea party which was attended by the Town Mayor.

A surplus of £7,070 was made on the running costs of the Charity during 2024; £10,000 was transferred from the bank account to be added to investments for the future refurbishment and replacement of assets and the continuation of the repair programme. In addition, a sum of £3,750 was transferred to the Cyclical Maintenance Fund as advised by the Almshouses Association specimen budget. Residents' contributions were increased during the year in line with inflation to cover the increasing costs of future repairs and maintenance. The combined assets of the Charities showed an increase in value of £30,533 to £1,693,861 mainly due to the increased insurance valuation of the houses and the surplus invested from the bank account.

The Trustees approved ratified the accounts and approved the report and at their meeting held on 29th May 2025.



Andrew Gerald Deeks
Clerk to the Trustees.

Registered Charity Number : 810368

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2024

ALCESTER UNITED CHARITIES

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Alcester United Charities incorporates the following three separate charities:

Charity Name Alcester United Almshouse
Charity Number 810368

Charity Name Alcester United Poors
Charity Number 211526

Charity Name Educational Foundation of William Smallwood
Charity Number 528712

Trustees
K Cargill
W Mills
M Bowe
T Parkes
S Constable
K Blake
A Mills
T Forman
K Cross

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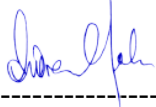
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

This report was approved by the trustee and signed on its behalf by:



Andrew Deeks
Clerk to the Trustees

Date : 29 May 2025

ALCESTER UNITED CHARITIES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Financial Activity	Notes	Alcester United Almshouse £	Alcester United Poors £	Educational Foundation of William Smallwood £
Income and endowments from:				
Investments	2	37,759	437	189
Total Income		37,759	437	189
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	3	30,689	50	175
Total Expenditure		30,689	50	175
Net income/ (expenditure)		7,070	387	14
<i>Other gains/(losses):</i>				
Unrealised Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets	4	27,998	-	-
Unrealised Gains and losses on revaluation of investments		13,470	355	154
Net movement in funds	7	48,538	742	168
<i>Reconciliation of funds:</i>				
Total funds brought forward	7	1,645,323	12,476	5,529
Total funds carried forward	7	1,693,861	13,218	5,697

ALCESTER UNITED CHARITIES

BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Financial Activity	Notes	Alcester United Almshouse £	Alcester United Poors £	Educational Foundation of William Smallwood £
<i>Fixed assets</i>				
Tangible assets	4	1,427,897	-	-
<i>Current assets</i>				
Debtors	5	4,111	-	-
Investments		246,884	16,070	6,956
Cash at bank and in hand		14,969	-	-
Total current assets		265,964	16,070	6,956
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	-	2,852	1,259
Net current assets/(liabilities)		265,964	13,218	5,697
Total net assets or liabilities		<u>1,693,861</u>	<u>13,218</u>	<u>5,697</u>
Funds of the Charity				
Accumulated Fund	7	1,693,861	13,218	5,697
Total funds		<u>1,693,861</u>	<u>13,218</u>	<u>5,697</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 29 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Andrew Deeks
Clerk to the Trustees

ALCESTER UNITED CHARITIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Charity, which is a public benefit entity, in the preparation of the accounts are as follows.

1.1 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of charitable properties and fixed asset investments and investment properties at valuation.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with “Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)” (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

These accounts are presented in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees have prepared financial projections, taking into consideration the current economic conditions and have, at the time of approving these accounts, a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

2. Income from Investments

Analysis	Alcester United Almshouse	Alcester United Poors	Educational Foundation of William Smallwood
	£	£	£
Dividend income	4,107	437	189
Rental income	33,652	-	-
	37,759	437	189

3. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

Analysis	Alcester United Almshouse	Alcester United Poores	Educational Foundation of William Smallwood
	£	£	£
Independent examiners fees	168	-	-
National Association of Almshouses	353	-	-
Water Rates	2,713	-	-
Insurance	1,551	-	-
Gas	2,790	-	-
Electricity	330	-	-
Clerk's Honorarium	3,250	-	-
Office Allowance & Stationery	500	-	-
Postage, telephone & travel	153	-	-
General maintenance	-	-	-
Garden maintenance	844	-	-
TV Licence	177	-	-
Property repairs	5,229	-	-
Property maintenance	11,921	-	-
Gifts	194	-	-
Miscellaneous	516	-	-
Management Recharges	-	50	25
School related donations	-	-	150
	30,689	50	175

4. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Alcester United Almshouses
	£
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2024	1,399,899
Additions	-
Disposals	-
Revaluations	27,998
Transfers	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,427,897</u>
Depreciation and impairments	
At 1 January 2024	-
Charge for the year	-
Disposals	-
Revaluations	-
Transfers	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>
Net book value	
At 1 January 2024	1,399,899
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,427,897</u>

5. Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year

Analysis	Alcester United Almshouse	Alcester United Poors	Educational Foundation of William Smallwood
	£	£	£
Alcester United Poors	2,852	-	-
E.F of William Smallwood	1,259	-	-
	<u>4,111</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

6. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

Analysis	Alcester United Almshouse	Alcester United Poors	Educational Foundation of William Smallwood
	£	£	£
Alcester United Almshouse	-	2,852	1,259
	-	2,852	1,259

7. Accumulated funds

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Alcester United Almshouse	1,645,323	37,759	(30,689)	-	41,468	1,693,861
Alcester United Poors	12,476	437	(50)	-	355	13,218
Educational Foundation of William Smallwood	5,529	189	(175)	-	154	5,697



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Charity Name ALCESTER UNITED CHARITIES		
On accounts for the year ended	31 DECEMBER 2024	Charity no (if any)	810368
Set out on pages	1-9		

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's trustees, 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 all 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:  **Date:** 29/5/2025

Name: Matthew John Elmes

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): ICAEW / ACCA

Address: 11 Swan Street
Alcester
Warwickshire, B49 5DP

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

N/A