

- ANNUAL PARISH MEETING REPORT 2023
- SIR ROBERT HITCHAM'S ALMSHOUSES - LEVINGTON

All four Almshouses are currently occupied.

The Almshouses are in a good state of repair and the Trustees are committed to ensuring that they remain so for the benefit of current and future residents.

Last year the unsuitable concrete rendering which covered most of the Almshouse walls was removed. This was causing problems with damp. The underlying original brickwork was allowed to dry out during the summer. This was replaced by a lime mortar which we have been advised is a far more suitable covering.

It became clear during last year when liaising with the Charity Commission about updating our Governing Instrument that we would have to restart the process. We consulted again with communities in Levington and Nacton on our proposed draft document. Dorrie Giles has kindly offered to liaise with the Charity Commission for us and has been co-opted as a Trustee to deal with this issue.

Our Chairman, Rev Canon Ian Wilson, resigned at our meeting in March and Helen Kingston-Ross was duly elected as our new Chairman. There are currently six volunteer Trustees, plus Dorrie Giles, all living in the Parishes of Levington or Nacton. Our annual return compiled by our Treasurer, Chris Mayhew, can be viewed on the Charity Commission website. The Annual General Meeting will be held in September 2023.

The Trustees are always pleased to hear from anyone fulfilling our criteria who may be interested in becoming a beneficiary of the Trust and wanting to live in an Almshouse should one become vacant.

Ros Eaton

Clerk and Trustee

May 2023