

Report for Watton Town Council Annual Town meeting 2018

On behalf of the Trustees of Stevens Almshouses Charity, I am writing to express our gratitude for the generous donation of £500 from the Town Council in 2017.

The Almshouses provide social housing for four occupants who meet the relevant criteria of the charity for occupancy in Watton. We are not a fundraising organisation and the weekly management charge, used to fund maintenance and repairs is very modest at under £50/week per occupant.

The Almshouses are listed buildings and as such routine repairs can be particularly expensive. The grant will be especially helpful as we now require repairs to the rendering on the building which requires specific materials and expertise. We also hope to facilitate much needed work on the doors and window frames.

As a new Trustee I can say that I had not previously fully appreciated the value of almshouses in providing safe accommodation for elderly people of modest means and sometimes potentially vulnerable. I hope that the Stevens Almshouses will continue to provide a service in Watton for many years to come and we are very grateful that the Town Council is showing support for us through this financial assistance.

Trustee, on behalf of trustees of Stevens Almshouses Charity No 244567

29 March 2018