



Report for Watton Town Council Meeting 2019

Stevens Almshouses Charity Watton

On behalf of the Trustees of Stevens Almshouses Charity, I wish to express our gratitude for the generous donation of £3,000-00 received in February this year. This donation is vital, particularly at this time when major repairs are needed.

The Almshouses are Grade 2 listed and therefore, as you may know, require specialists to assess and advise on repairs and yet more specialists to carry out the work. This can prove costly in both time and money. Your kind donation will go towards the cost of extensive work to be done on windows, doors and the external render. These repairs are essential to secure the comfort, safety and well-being of our vulnerable residents.

The Almshouses are managed by a group of volunteers who oversee all aspects of maintenance and occupancy. The Trustees come from all parts of the local community. It is commonly believed that the Charity is under the auspices of St Mary's Church, but this is not so although the constitution does require that the Vicar and Churchwardens be unelected members.

There are four units which consist of a bed-sitting area. A separate well-appointed kitchen and bathroom. These residences are for occupants who meet the relevant criteria of the Charity for occupancy in Watton. The Charity is not a fund-raising organisation, the only income being a weekly maintenance contribution of £47-74 per week per property, one of which has just become vacant.

The Trustees meet once every two months to discuss ongoing maintenance, concerns or future projects. The Trustees would welcome anyone who feels they would like to join this small group.

The Clerk to the Trustees can be contacted on **01953 885479**

Stevens Almshouses Charity No 244567