

ASH UNITED CHARITIES

REPORT TO THE ASH PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, APRIL 20th 2023

Benevolent Fund.

This charity is a collection of six bequests dating from 1642. The purpose of the three earliest bequests is quite specific and interest from the investments can only be used for the upkeep of a monument in the church, repair of the painted window and providing coal. However, the remaining three bequests are for general 'Relief in Need' for those who are in hardship or distress. During the year we identified some parishioners in need of help, and we were able to provide appropriate assistance to them.

Resthaven Almshouses

We have six bungalows in Queens Road next to the recreation Ground. The first four homes were built in 1903 and since then they have been fully occupied and we always have a waiting list. We have a programme of on-going maintenance and improvement and more recently undertook bathroom upgrades providing good sized modern shower rooms.

The Frank Kingsland Trust for the Elderly.

Our small almshouse trust consists of two, two-bedroom, semi-detached bungalows and both are occupied.

As with all our properties the Trustees are responsible for the day-to-day management, budgets, maintenance, repairs, refurbishment and ensuring financial viability.

This report is also to record my grateful thanks to the trustees, Carole Palmer, Maureen Bubb, Councillor John Tanner seconded from the Parish Council and our Clerk Christine Barnett who have all provided great support to me and the residents. Finally, my thanks must go to our residents for their support and their cheerful, caring friendship over the many years.

Mary Smith

Chairman

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Ash United Charities, Benevolent Fund registered charity no. 238336

Ash United Charities, Resthaven Alms-houses registered charity no. 206182

Frank Kingsland's trust for the elderly registered charity no.105088