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Henley Municipal Charities

Henley Municipal Charities provide almshouse accommodation for people who have limited means and savings and are unable to afford to buy or rent a home on the open market. Residents are required to be capable of independent living. These houses are available to people who live within the areas of benefit being the town boundary of Henley-on-Thames and the ecclesiastical boundaries of Rotherfield Greys and Bix. All the houses have been modernised and refurbished to standards expected today including ensuring the homes are as energy efficient as possible. Maintenance of the homes (inside and out) is the responsibility of the Charity in return for a modest contribution. The Board of Trustees is made up of 13 Trustees together with a Clerk and a Treasurer.

There are 13 almshouses in Church Avenue where there is no parking. Vicarage Road has 4 terraced two storey houses for double occupancy with front and rear gardens and no car parking. Western Close has 3 blocks of semi-detached bungalows for single/double occupancy with a front communal garden and their own patios. These have car parking. All the properties are occupied. The refurbishment programme for these properties is funded by way of dividend income from the Charities and income from the Charities commercial properties.

Every Christmas the Trustees and the occupants join together in the Chantry House for a Christmas lunch. This year the choir from Valley Road School sung carols at the end.

Education Fund

The budget for the Fund is derived from an annual dividend income. Schools eligible to apply are Badgemore Primary School/Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School/Trinity C of E Primary School/Valley Road Primary School/Gillotts Academy/Henley College. Pupils at these schools are also able to make individual applications together with those pupils attending Nettlebed Community School/Peppard C of E Primary School and Shiplake C of E Primary School. The Fund promotes the education of children who are resident in the areas of benefit and who are in need of financial assistance i.e. clothing, tools, instrument or books to assist with their education.

Relief in Need

The Charity has a small income that can be used to make payments for a particular need. Grants from this Fund will not replace such benefits as already exist and applicants will be examined very closely to ensure compliance.

Louise Lloyd

Retiring Rotherfield Greys representative to the Henley Municipal Charities