



# Cherryhomes Trust

Supporting disabled people in the Cambridge area

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## Chairman's Report Spring 2026

We meet again this year for our Public Annual General Meeting and Reunion in the Melbourn United Reformed Church on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026. This is the occasion when we can meet up with old friends as well as listen to a talk on a subject of interest and relevance and share refreshments together. The Trustees are particularly grateful this year to the Elders and Minister for allowing us to use the Church Sanctuary for our main meeting so as to enable use of the projection system for our speaker. We will adjourn to the Hall for refreshments later. This evening it is our pleasure to be able to welcome Sarah Healing from Penniwells Riding Centre for the Disabled as our guest speaker. Penniwells provides riding and stable management sessions for adults and children. They are dedicated to ensuring that all riders receive a high standard of professional tuition tailored to their personal ambitions and capabilities.

With respect to our Financial Report, we have continued with our interpretation of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and no longer name donors publicly though we, of course, know who they are and remain most grateful for their support. Obviously, the names of those who we support remain, as they always have, confidential. Our funds remain healthy and we continue to seek ways to better publicise our ability to help those in need.

During the past year we have:

- continued to support one member dealing with SCDC attempting to reduce damp problems within the property (currently new door and windows fitted and gas central heating due to be completed shortly)
- provided a grant towards a wheelchair to replace one damaged in a car accident (this was reported at our last AGM but the figure appears in this financial year's statement due to it being claimed in January).
- provided financial and emotional support to a local family where the young mother was feeling unable to go out due to hair loss to have some quality of life during the sadly short time left for her. Fitment of a hand-rail was also in support of this family.
- provided a grant for the purchase of a second-hand mobility scooter to replace a very tired unit and allow a long standing member to get out and about again.
- provided a member with a grant towards a replacement powered wheelchair

Our website [www.cherryhomes.org.uk](http://www.cherryhomes.org.uk) continues to be a useful vehicle to publicise what we do and we express our continued thanks to Dr Aidan Van de Weyer for his continued support as our webmaster.

Operating in the area we do, we are fortunate to have a group of Trustees with a range of backgrounds and skills and also benefit from a number of the Trustees having knowledge of or currently working within the NHS to help ensure we spend our resources appropriately. Whilst, as a registered charity, we have procedures that define the way we operate being small does help us act swiftly and decisively when needed.

In line with our Governing Document, the Trustees held their Annual General Meeting in early April this year. At that meeting the Trustees re-elected the existing Officers:

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to serve a further term.

Finally, I should like to express my sincere thanks again this year to my fellow Officers and all the Trustees for their work in support of Cherryhomes. For the coming year, the Trustees are as follows:

Angela Craxford Snelling, Joyce Goodall, Violet Kellett, Barry Monk (Chairman),

Beryl Monk (Hon. Treasurer), and Rosaline Van de Weyer (Hon. Secretary).

We are and wish to remain a small local charity - it is by being such that we can continue to provide that personal relationship with those we seek to assist. However, we continue to try to publicise the help we can give and should you know of anyone who you think might benefit from the help Cherryhomes can provide, please do get them to contact us. There are leaflets available at this AGM/Reunion – please do feel free to take some and pass them on to anyone you think we may be able to help.

With every good wish,

Barry Monk – Chairman

12<sup>th</sup> May 2026