THE CAMBRIDGE ROYAL ALBERT HOMES

CHARITY SUPPORTER PACK FOR 2024

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AN ALMSHOUSE, HOUSING OLDER CAMBRIDGE
FOLK OF MODEST MEANS, FOR OVER 160 YEARS

HELP US SECURE THEIR FUTURE

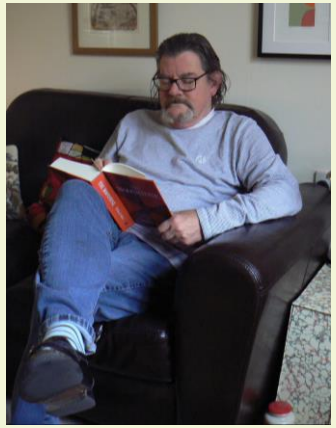
- STUNNING SITE ON THE CORNER OF BROOKLANDS AVENUE AND HILLS ROAD, BUILDING STARTED IN 1846
- 28 SELF-CONTAINED DWELLINGS, PROVIDING INDEPENDENT LIVING FOR OVER 30 RESIDENTS

WHAT OUR RESIDENTS SAY ABOUT LIVING HERE

ALISTAIR

“I FEEL BLESSED”, “I HAVE MADE SOME GOOD FRIENDS HERE.”, AND “IT SAVED MY LIFE AND CONTINUES TO DO SO.”

EIGHT YEARS AGO, ALISTAIR WAS FACING LOSING HIS FLAT. HE WAS VERY DEPRESSED, HIS MOTHER HAD DIED, AND HE HAD LOST HIS HOUSE THROUGH A DIVORCE. MOVING TO THE HOMES CHANGED HIS LIFE SIGNIFICANTLY FOR THE BETTER, PROVIDING HIM WITH A SECURE HOME AND COMPANIONSHIP WHEN HE NEEDED IT MOST.



EVA

“I AM VERY HAPPY HERE - THERE IS ALWAYS SOMEONE TO TALK TO.”

EVA WAS A WIDOW AND REALLY QUITE LONELY. AN OLD FRIEND WHO SHE’D KNOWN SINCE THE WAR, AND WHO WAS A RESIDENT AT THE HOMES, SUGGESTED THAT SHE APPLY AS SHE WAS APPROACHING RETIREMENT AGE. SHE’S NOW BEEN A RESIDENT FOR OVER 35 YEARS!

JOY

“HERE, I FEEL FREE.”

JOY JOINED US IN 2023, HER OLD FLOT HAD 30 STEPS TO CLIMB, AND LOOKED OUT ONTO A BRICK WALL. HER HUSBAND, HENRY, DIED FIFTEEN YEARS AGO WHICH LEFT HER ON HER OWN. HERE SHE HAS FOUND A VERY FRIENDLY GROUP OF PEOPLE FROM DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS WHO ALWAYS GIVE HER A WAVE OR STOP FOR A CHAT.

WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP

- THE COST OF PROVIDING HOUSING IN CAMBRIDGE HAS SOARED;
  ENERGY BILLS, RENOVATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PROPERTIES AND SUPPORT STAFF COSTS

- AS WE'RE PROVIDING HOMES TO THOSE IN NEED, WE SIMPLY CANNOT PASS ON ALL THE COSTS TO OUR RESIDENTS

- WE'RE SEEKING **£250,000** THIS YEAR TO OFF-SET THE DAMAGING COST INCREASES

IF YOU WANT TO GO FAST, GO ALONE.

IF YOU WANT TO GO FAR, GO TOGETHER.

WE NEED TO GO FAR, TO STAY IN CAMBRIDGE... SO, WE'RE ASKING YOU FOR SUPPORT.

HOW OUR RESIDENTS WILL BENEFIT FROM YOUR SUPPORT

- RECONDITIONING OF EACH DWELLING BETWEEN RESIDENTS
  £40,000-50,000
- INSTALLATION OF EACH LEVEL ACCESS BATHROOM / WET ROOM
  £7,500
- INSTALLATION OF SAFER PATHWAYS ACROSS THE SITE
  £100,000
- 5 YEARLY PROPERTY INSPECTIONS AND REMEDIAL WORK
  £400,000
- REPLACEMENT FIRE AND CARE CALL ALARM SYSTEM
  £75,000

WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITHOUT EXTERNAL SUPPORT?

WE MAY NEED TO MOVE OUT OF CAMBRIDGE, ERODING OUR SHARED HERITAGE AND LEGACY WITH THE CITY

- OR -

WE MAY NEED TO CLOSE OUR HOMES FOREVER...

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- **DIRECT SUPPORT**
  ARE YOU A BUILDER, LANDSCAPER, OR SUPPLIER TO THE BUILDING TRADE?

- **DONATE**
  CAN YOU GIVE A SMALL REGULAR DONATION, A ONE-OFF SUM, OR A LEGACY IN YOUR WILL?

- **BECOME A TRUSTEE!**
  ARE YOU A HOUSING OR FINANCE PROFESSIONAL?
  DO YOU HAVE FUNDRAISING EXPERTISE?

- **SPONSOR OUR ANNIVERSARY PARTY**
  IT'S 165 YEARS SINCE OUR FOUNDATION STONE WAS LAID, AND WE'RE HAVING A GARDEN PARTY TO RAISE AWARENESS AND MUCH-NEEDED FUNDS

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OUR VICTORIAN ALMSHOUSES WERE FUNDED BY CAMBRIDGE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES, TO SUPPORT THE LESS WELL-OFF IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

THEIR DONATIONS ENSURED THAT OUR ALMSHOUSES WERE BUILT.

YOUR SUPPORT WILL ENSURE THAT OUR ALMSHOUSES CONTINUE TO PROVIDE HOMES FOR DECADES TO COME.

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