

THE GREAT SHELFORD VILLAGE CHARITY

(Registered Charity 231486)

Trustees Annual Report 1.1.2023 – 31.12.2023

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The Trustees meet every second month and additionally when necessary.

Key achievements / progress in 2023

With the approval of the Charity Commission – we have restructured the charity under a new name, **The Great Shelford Village Charity**, and appointed **GSVC Trustee Ltd** as its sole corporate trustee. The former trustees are unpaid directors of this not-for-profit charitable company. We can now assist people who live in the village or the surrounding area, as well as those who otherwise have a strong connection to the village.

Almshouses

The Charity owns 53 homes – one-, two- and three-bedroom almshouses. 32 of these properties, a mix of houses and bungalows, date from the 1990s, where we continue a programme of planned maintenance and refurbishment. The remaining 21 units, are grouped in three terraces around a central green. 2023 saw The Great Shelford Village Charity win not just one but two prestigious awards for its new almshouses. The Almshouse Association picked the charity's development at More's Meadow for its annual **Inspirational Homes Award** recognising innovation in planning, design, quality of build and value for money. Eastern Echo selected More's Meadow as the winner for its **Best Residential Development** in the East of England.

Individual and other grants

The Charity assists qualifying Great Shelford residents to receive support through collaborative work with John Huntingdon's Charity in Sawston. This has resulted in much improved access to other benefits and grants available to individuals. Again, we have noticed an increase in need for emergency food support over this year. The Charity has worked with others in the village to provide Christmas food hampers and food vouchers again this year. This was made possible thanks to generous donations from Shelford Free Church and The Feast. The Charity has continued to provide grants to qualifying organisations supporting the village through the year.

Green space

The six acres of the Charity's land continue to be made available for everyone to visit and use. Publicly accessible, these fields are managed for recreation and conservation, with allotments, footpaths, benches and views towards Cambridge and the chalkland of the Gog Magog Hills. We have also established a community garden and orchard, and laid a wheelchair accessible path alongside raised planting beds. The allotments are popular and actively and productively used. Saplings and trees have been planted by village primary school students, and village volunteers.

Keeping the village informed

Follow the Charity on Facebook or via website alerts.

Thank you.

We continue to invite, and are very grateful for, donations, grants, and voluntary work, all of which help the Charity to support the village.

Jaspaul Hill: Chair 9th March 2024

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