

Welch Alms House Trust

Annual Report to Parish June 2021

The Trust first housed residents in 1916 and continues to provide a home for people with a local connection. The 2 one-bed houses are Listed buildings.

The existing residents have lived in No 1 & No 2 Welch Cottages for over 10 years and 18 months respectively. Usually, when there is a gap between residents, leaving and coming into residence, then major works will be carried out in order to maintain the properties at a good standard.

This past year, following the bringing back into practical use of the outhouse at No2, some further works have seen the installation of a new kitchen base & wall unit at the same house. Both properties have also been inspected for electrical works and further upgrading is anticipated. A large jackdaws nest (4 foot high!) was also removed from the steep attic space above No1.

The finances are in good order with further works to be commissioned when required and the need to have a cyclical maintenance plan is recognised.

The Trust operates with a committee of Trustees meeting as required to manage the properties. There is currently a vacancy on the Trustees for a Treasurer which we hope we have now filled to be agreed at the next meeting of Trustees. Trustees are Freda Gibbons, David Ash, David Colman & Paul Chadwick.

Paul Chadwick (Trust Secretary)

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