Alms House Report for Annual Parish Meeting Kington Langley 2022

In June 2021 Mrs Betty Bird resigned after 27 years as a Trustee and 50 years as a member of Kington Langley Parish Council. Mrs Linda Reynolds was appointed as a Trustee in August 2021. Mrs Julia Roach, the representative from Kington Langley Parochial Church Council is planning to move from the village and a new representative will be needed.

For those who are unfamiliar with the Alms Houses the purpose of the Charity is to provide housing for the elderly and needy. The main activity of the Charity is to maintain the nine Alms-houses to a high standard. The Charity also offers allotments to members of the public in the villages. In 2021 two new residents were appointed to the Lytes Alms-houses. A Quinquennial Survey in 2018 of all nine Alms-houses prioritised repairs and maintenance work. Most of the second level priorities for the Lytes Almshouses were completed in 2021 and work is continuing. The Lytes Almshouses, No 69 to 74, were decorated externally during 2021 and, a new kitchen was fitted at 74.

Considerable work is required on 82/82A Kington St Michael, which could put a strain on existing funds. It is planned therefore to fund this through a combination of the charity’s own funds, and the loan facility provided by the Charity Bank.