

# The Cambridge Royal Albert Homes

Dear Sirs,

I have decided to make a bequest to the Cambridge Royal Albert Homes and accordingly I need to incorporate this bequest in my Will (or need to make a Codicil to an existing one).

The Cambridge Royal Albert Homes has recommended that I seek legal advice about implementing this decision but has suggested the following wording would, from its point of view, be appropriate.

I give £.... absolutely to the Cambridge Royal Albert Homes (Registered Charity number 1190144) of 28 Royal Albert Homes, 120 Hills Road, Cambridge, CB2 1PP for the general purposes of the said charity and I direct that a receipt of the Honorary Treasurer or other authorised Officer for the timebeing of the said charity shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my Executors of the aforesaid Legacy.

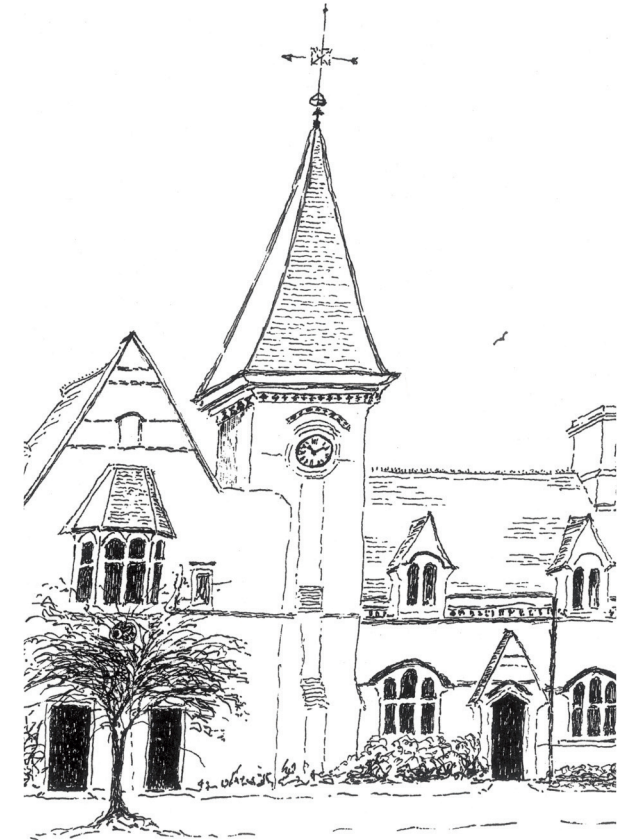
*If you prefer not to leave a specific amount at this stage, you may like to discuss with your Solicitor or financial advisor leaving the residue of your estate to the Homes and other charities.*



*The Cambridge Royal Albert Homes would very much value your financial support for the Homes. Such support could be given by means of a donation during your lifetime or a Legacy left in your will.*

*If you wish to support us by leaving a Legacy then we suggest you contact a local Solicitor to draw up a Will incorporating a Legacy or a Codicil to any existing Will that you may have to add a Legacy to the charity.*

*To assist you we have set out an instruction letter to your Solicitor regarding such a Legacy.*



*How making a Legacy to the Homes can provide help to Cambridge people in their retirement*

## The Cambridge Royal Albert Homes

The Cambridge Royal Albert Homes is a registered charity providing subsidised homes for older people who have connections with Cambridge. Its objective is to provide a pleasant living environment with high standards of maintenance and safety in its properties and to provide its elderly residents a happy, active environment that they can call home.

The Royal Albert Homes has a Warden who facilitates the life of the residents including checking regularly on their well-being, promotes the use of communal facilities and organises functions to encourage good neighbourliness and a community spirit.

The charity has been running the landmark almshouses at the junction of Hills Road and Brooklands Avenue for over 160 years.

## Why we need money

Since its foundation by a group of philanthropic businessmen, the charity has been able to maintain and improve its accommodation through the years owing to the generosity of local benefactors.

The residents make a contribution to the upkeep of the homes, but the charity depends on the income from its carefully managed funds, to keep this at an affordable level, while at the same time maintaining the fabric of the listed properties and bringing them up to the ever-demanding statutory standards required today. It is a fact that older listed buildings are proportionately more expensive to modernise and upgrade than more recent buildings and, without generous donations, the Homes would struggle to continuously update their facilities.

It is hard to believe that as recently as 1967, the Homes had just one central bath in the Warden's house. Due to generous Legacies in the past, each home does now have its own bathroom! But with an ageing population, and the desire to help residents to lead independent lives in their own homes for as long as possible, further amenities such as level-access showers will have to be provided in the future.

## Can you help us?

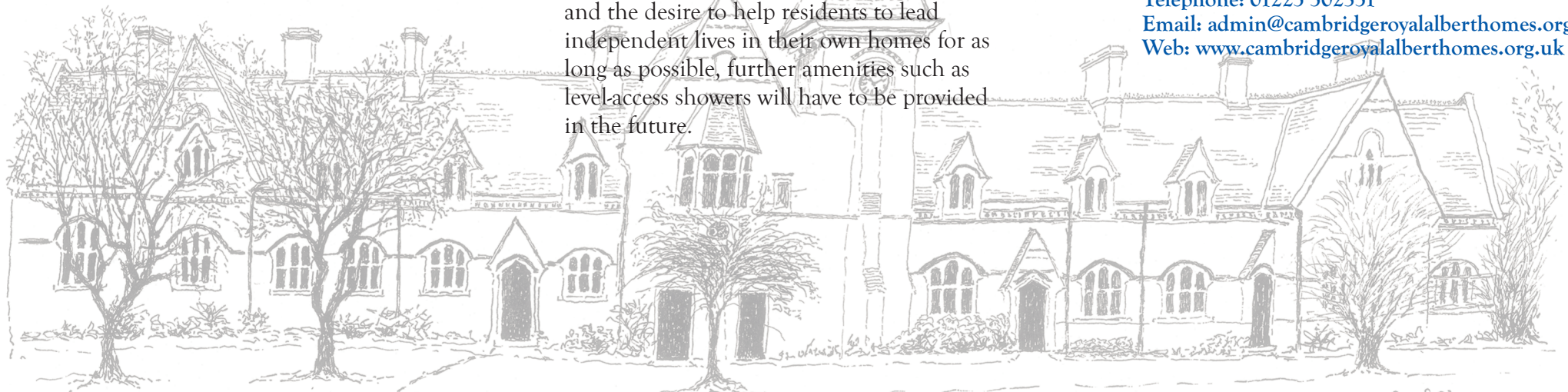
The trustees have a duty of care to maintain the fabric of the Homes, for the residents and to preserve this architectural gem for future generations. They need the continued help of generous benefactors to enable them to continue to provide this valuable local asset.

We would very much value your financial support for the Homes. Please remember us in your Will. Even a small Legacy can make a tremendous difference.

A full history of the Homes has recently been written by Ken Atkins, a past president of the charity. If you would like a copy or further information about the charity, please contact the Administrator at:

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