

Old Rope Walk

March 2025 Quarterly

Afternoon Tea with the Trustees

18th March at 2.30pm Residents Lounge

The Trustees of the Municipal and Carter Owen Almshouse Charity would very much like an opportunity to chat with Residents for an informal coffee and afternoon tea. Come along and meet us and ask any questions.

Welcome New Residents

A warm welcome to Mrs. Crumpler at No.29 and Mrs Lord in No31

We hope you will be very happy in our community at the Old Rope Walk

Do you have some hobbies you would like to share with the Old Rope Walk community?

Our community lounge is for your use and enjoyment but since Covid has not been used as much as in previous years. Would you like to use it for ballroom dancing? Perhaps a Bridge night? Indoor Bowls? Lets make it happen. The facilities are there for you to use and as Spring is in the air and we welcome new residents, it would be great to build on a new feeling of community spirit and making memories together as neighbours. If you have any ideas let Pat or Bree know.

New Maintenance Procedures

1. Please report any maintenance concerns to the warden, Pat at the earliest opportunity
2. All scheduled works must be pre-approve by the designated Clerk Bree before a contractor attends your property. Further approval may also be required by a Trustee. With this in mind please be aware that delays may occur.
3. If you request additional work while a contractor is on-site, they **will not be permitted to proceed** without prior approval from our designated Clerk and/or a Trustee. Any works that have not been approved or are not covered by our maintenance policy will be invoiced to the resident separately and will not be covered by the charity.
4. In the event of an emergency where immediate attention is needed, please do not hesitate to call Pat so that we can provide prompt assistance.
5. Once works have been completed by a contractor, this will be signed off by management or a trustee. If you are unhappy with any of the works please let us know.



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2025: What Have we Done?

Maintenance Survey completed in February 2025 for all properties. This was a visual inspection completed by our clerk Bree Norton-Smith along with our Housing and Maintenance Trustee Committee (Graham Chandler, Brian Hitchcock, Peter Cooper) to monitor and assess the continuing condition of the properties and determine a new schedule of works. Thank you for your co-operation.

New Maintenance Contract

As almost all the refurbishments are completed we say goodbye to our resident handyman Neil who has done a fantastic job of upgrading all the wet rooms and assisting the charity for almost 6 years and has chosen to move on. We thank him for all his hard work. We will be trialling a new maintenance person going forward and different procedures and look forward to welcoming them to the Old Rope Walk.

Financial Assessment Thank you to all our residents for completing these assessments which are currently being audited.

Policies All our policies are in the process of being updated or rewritten. If at any point as a resident you would like to view these please contact our Clerk Bree on clerkorw@gmail.com or request a copy from Pat during office hours.

New Fuseboards Jason has done a fantastic job of updating all the electrics in every property and his work is almost complete and he will soon be off to our sister property St.Georges in Poole.

Laundry Room Due to the extreme high costs of electricity, it has now become impossible to continue running the drying room and laundry room facilities as it stands. We would love to hear your ideas and input for how to manage energy efficiency and costs going forward?

V.E DAY 9TH MAY

We will be holding a residents afternoon Tea to commemorate VE Day and invite you all for an afternoon of entertainment and community.

Have you ever fancied yourself on Great British Bake Off? If you would like to showcase your baking skills - please chat to Pat or Bree as we would love you to get involved!



Dates for your diary

18th March - 2pm Trustee Coffee Meet
9th May - VE Day



Contact information

If you need to contact the clerk or trustees for any purpose please email at clerkorw@gmail.com