

**Report to Corton Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting 2025
Corton Poor's Land Trust and Corton Almshouse Charity**

Annual Report 2025

CORTON POOR'S LAND TRUST

Overview

The Poor's Land Trust continues its commitment to provide valuable ongoing support to residents through the provision of home alarms and contributions towards chiropody services, ensuring these essential benefits remain available to the community.

A £200 grant was awarded to assist a student with their study expenses. The Christmas benefit supports low-income residents of Corton. Additionally, a contribution of £200 was made to the brain tumour charity.

The Church Lane allotments have also seen significant improvements. Hedges surrounding the plots are now trimmed more frequently, and the grassed areas between plots are better maintained, resulting in a neater and more inviting environment. Those interested in renting a plot can contact the secretary, Denise West, via email at cortonallotments@gmail.com for further details.

CORTON ALMSHOUSE CHARITY

Overview

When the Corton Poor's Land Trust sold some land to the local authority in the early 1970s, the Trustees found themselves in control of a sizeable sum of money that could be used for the benefit of the community, so they decided to build almshouses on their land in Fowlers Crescent.

The Charity is non-profit making, and its primary purpose is to provide almshouse accommodation for poor persons resident in the area described in the Deed.

Residents pay a weekly maintenance charge, which is used to meet the expenses of administration and maintenance.

The almshouses are unfurnished dwellings, specially designed with the needs of older people in mind.

Whenever a vacancy occurs, an advertisement is placed in the village newsletter and on the noticeboards – the Charity is not allowed to keep a waiting list as such but keeps all applicants' details on file and reviews all applications received at the time of each vacancy.

At the time of writing, there are no vacant bungalows. If anybody is interested in applying for a bungalow, please email the secretary, Denise West, at cortonalmshousecharity@gmail.com for an application form.

The Secretary, Ann Dobson, decided to cut down on her commitments during 2024 and left the Trust at the end of June. The new Secretary, Denise West, was welcomed by the Trustees in July 2024.

The Trustees are also the Trustees of the Corton Poor's Land Trust

Denise West
Secretary
9th April 2025.