

Commission agree that they may do so from the funds received from the sale of the site to the Developer. Eames would still have to raise part of the finance required, from grants and loans.

These houses would then become Eames Almshouses suitable for families and younger people, who would not otherwise be able to live in Steep. Almshouses are provided in perpetuity, are governed by local trustees and cannot be sold off in the future as private housing.

TRUSTEES OF THE ALMSHOUSES

The Trust is managed by six local people:

Anne Deakin

Brian Ellis

Richard Lushington

John Owen

Stephen Rae

Maureen Routh

John Owen chairs the meetings of the Trustees and can be contacted by phone on (01730) 264282 or by email on revjohnowen@gmail.com

Applications to go on a waiting list for the almshouses should be made in writing to: The Almshouses Trustees,

c/o The Vicarage, 77 Church Road,

Steep GU32 2DF

STEEP ALMSHOUSES



***Over 100 years serving the needs
of the village***

www.steepalmshouses.com

WHAT ARE ALMSHOUSES?

There have been almshouses in the United Kingdom for more than 1000 years, with the oldest almshouse charity foundation still in existence being the Hospital of St Oswald in Worcester, founded in 990. What they all have in common is their provision of affordable housing, managed by local trustees. There are over 1600 independent almshouse charities across the UK, providing homes for over 35,000 residents. Our Almshouses are a member organisation of the national Almshouse Association, which provides support and advice.

This year is the 75th Anniversary of the Almshouse Association. More information is available on their website: <https://www.almshouses.org>

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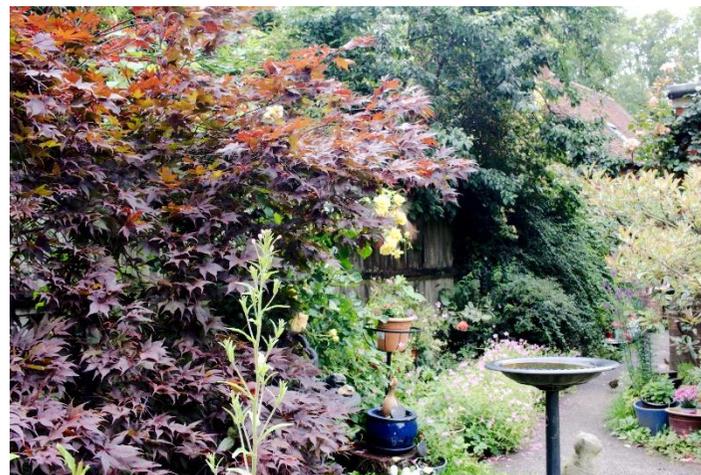
In 1882, William Eames built six almshouses for the village, for use by local people who would otherwise not be able to have accommodation in Steep. The houses are suited to older people.

Steep is rightly proud of these almshouses, which are locally controlled, and which provide homes in an area of outstanding beauty where property prices are beyond the reach of many.

The charity which runs the almshouses is administered by local trustees, chaired by John Owen, who is vicar of Steep.

The properties are well maintained, in a pleasant setting, and situated close to the school and church. Residents all have a connection with the village.

The Almshouses in the village are a registered charity, No. 234976.



WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

The South Downs National Park Planning Authority will insist that affordable housing is included in the development of Steep In Need's Church Road site (next to the Village Hall) and they anticipate that four such homes may be built.

Steep In Need and Wilson Designer Homes, the Developer, have agreed to use all reasonable endeavours to ensure these homes are first offered to Eames to purchase. Steep In Need have also indicated that they will support Eames purchase of this social housing, provided the Charity