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Dear Members, Trustees, Staff & Volunteers

I wanted to write to you all to acknowledge the important role that you have all played in the last, very challenging, year.

Nick Phillips, at the Almshouse Association, has told me how incredibly hard you have worked, with enormous dedication and commitment, to put systems in place to make sure your residents are safe. Although it has been an anxious time, and you have had concerns for the wellbeing of your residents, you have remained positive throughout, and I am very proud of all of you.

The role of almshouses as safe homes has, for many centuries, had an immeasurably positive impact on the lives of those in need, and this pandemic has shown that once again. The pressures and responsibilities on almshouse members, trustees, staff and volunteers have not gone unnoticed.

As your Vice Patron I am delighted to hear how in this, the 75th anniversary of the Almshouse Association, you are making significant steps forward, with new almshouses being built and more at the planning stage. I look forward to hearing more about these exciting developments in due course.

I congratulate you on your resilience over the last year and take this opportunity to wish you all well for the future.

Yours sincerely
Richard
