

White Goods Policy

Amersham United Charities

The Trustees acknowledge that a policy is required for the provision of white goods for residents of Miss Day's and Drake's almshouses.

1. For the purpose of this policy, the term 'white goods' refers to the following basic appliances deemed necessary to enable a resident to live independently:

- Cooker;
- Fridge-freezers; and
- Washing/drying machines.

2. Residents appointed to an almshouse or re-located to a different almshouse owned by the Charity may choose to purchase or supply their own freestanding white goods and pay for the removal of any existing white goods as necessary. The Charity will arrange testing of freestanding electrical appliances on a periodic basis but the Charity's obligations do not extend to their maintenance, repairs or insurance.

3. When residents move out and leave white goods behind in agreement with the Charity, white goods that are functional and in reasonable condition will be deep-cleaned and sanitised.

4. Residents may request financial support from the Charity to repair or purchase new white goods if they have no recourse to any other funds and these requests will be referred to the Board to make a decision.

5. Any new white goods provided by the Charity will be mid-range in terms of brand, price and quality and the Charity will aim to meet the best possible energy efficient standards.

6. In the event that kitchens in Miss Day's and Drake's almshouses are refurbished and freestanding appliances are replaced with integrated white goods, the integrated items would be "landlord's fixtures and fittings" owned and maintained by the Charity.

7. PAT testing of free-standing electrical white goods will be arranged by the Charity on a periodic basis. PAT tests are not required for integrated appliances.

8. Fixtures and fittings within an almshouse as well as white goods owned by the Charity are included in the Charity's insurance policy and the overall Sum Insured should be reviewed as required to ensure that it remains adequate.

9. This policy is to be reviewed every two years. The next review will be in March 2028.

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