

Charity Name	Initial Criteria	Minimum Age	Financial Status	Exceptional Circumstances
<p>Almshouse Charity  aka “Guild Cottages” Church Street</p>	<p>The allocation of accommodation has no restrictions with regard to where applicants are living BUT local, needy people should receive priority at all times.</p> <p>Applicants will ideally have been resident in the town for at least 12 months.</p> <p>Applicants must be able to demonstrate to the Trustees that they are in need of the type of accommodation offered.</p> <p>Applicants must be able to live independently and to care for themselves.</p> <p>Applicants should have a reliable network of family, friends and acquaintances to whom they can turn in times of illness, poor health, etc.</p>	<p>Applicants will normally be at least 60 years of age but there is no limit stated in the governing deed.</p> <p>When considering applicants under 60 years, offers of accommodation should be made only if such applicants are in receipt of Disability Living Allowance or other similar long-term sickness and/or invalidity benefit; i.e. evidence that the applicant is deemed unfit to work BUT other relevant eligibility criteria must also be met.</p>	<p>Governing deed stipulates applicants must be “poor persons”, i.e. of limited financial means (capital, savings, income etc.).</p> <p>However, applicants may be considered as “poor”, even if they have limited capital (i.e. £100K single; £150,000 couples) and a weekly income ceiling of no more than £200 single and £400 couples. Such individuals will have no benefit entitlement and would have to pay for “rent”, council tax and, when applicable, their own care packages.</p> <p>The majority of applicants will qualify for housing benefit and/or council tax relief.</p>	<p>Where a vacancy exists and there is no suitable local interest, trustees may consider applicants who:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ live within five miles radius of SonA;</li> <li>▫ used to live in the town for a number of years, moved away, but wishes to move back;</li> <li>▫ has lived in SonA for less than a year;</li> <li>▫ has worked in SonA for a number of years but lived outside of the town.</li> </ul> <p>Where it has not been possible to appoint a local applicant as set out above, trustees may consider applicants who live within 12 miles radius of the town (to include Alcester, Bidford on Avon, Henley in Arden, Shipston on Stour, Wellesbourne) or the south of Warwickshire, i.e. the area covered by Stratford on Avon District Council (to include Studley, Southam).</p> <p><b>In extreme circumstances</b>, the trustees may need to consider applicants who live in other parts of Warwickshire, or in a town or village situated within 20 miles radius of SonA (this will encompass parts of Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Worcestershire and West Midlands).</p> <p><b>As a last resort</b>, trustees may consider someone of limited financial means who lives in almshouse accommodation or other supported/sheltered housing elsewhere in the Midlands area but who wishes to live in SonA for an apparently valid reason, i.e. relatives or close, supportive friends live in/near to SonA, spiritual, cultural or health reasons etc.</p>

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<p>Emily Payne &amp; Elizabeth Saunders Homes</p> <p>aka "Shakespeare Court" Guild Street</p>	<p>Trustees will consider applicants from either the town or the area served by Stratford-on-Avon District Council. Prior to the introduction of the bidding process, SDC had an option to nominate up to 50% of the residents.</p> <p>Ideally, applicants will have been resident in the town or district for at least 12 months.</p> <p>Applicants must be able to demonstrate to the Trustees that they are in need of the type of accommodation offered.</p> <p>Applicants must be able to live independently and to care for themselves.</p> <p>Applicants should have a reliable network of family, friends and acquaintances to whom they can turn in times of illness, poor health, etc.</p>	<p>Applicants will be at least 60 years of age.</p>	<p>Applicants should be of limited financial means (capital, savings, income etc.).</p> <p>However, applicants may be considered as "poor", even if they have limited capital (i.e. £100K single; £150,000 couples) and a weekly income ceiling of no more than £200 single and £400 couples. Such individuals will have no benefit entitlement and would have to pay for their own care packages.</p> <p>The majority of applicants will qualify for housing benefit and/or council tax relief.</p>	<p>Flats 8 and 12 are suitable for wheel-chair users so every effort should be made to allocate such accommodation to those most in need of such facilities.</p> <p>In special cases, approval may be sought from the Charity Commission to appoint resident(s) who are not ordinarily resident in the District of SonA at the time of appointment.</p>

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Mary Newland's Almshouse Charity 23 - 26 Guild Street	<p>Applicants must be poor widows and spinsters who are resident in the town of SonA.</p> <p>Applicants will ideally have been resident in the town of Stratford-upon-Avon for at least 12 months.</p> <p>Applicants must be able to demonstrate to the Trustees that they are in need of the type of accommodation offered.</p> <p>Applicants must be able to live independently and to care for themselves.</p> <p>Applicants should have a reliable network of family, friends and acquaintances to whom they can turn in times of illness, poor health, etc.</p>	<p>Applicants will normally be at least 60 years of age but there is no limit stated in the governing deed.</p> <p>When considering applicants under 60 years, offers of accommodation should be made only if such applicants are in receipt of Disability Living Allowance or other similar long-term sickness and/or invalidity benefit; i.e. evidence that the applicant is deemed unfit to work BUT other relevant eligibility criteria must also be met.</p>	<p>Applicants should be of limited financial means (capital, savings, income etc.).</p> <p>However, applicants may be considered as "poor", even if they have limited capital (i.e. £100K single person) and a weekly income ceiling of no more than £200. Such individuals will have no benefit entitlement and would have to pay for their own care packages.</p> <p>The majority of applicants will qualify for housing benefit and/or council tax relief.</p>	<p>Should there be no suitable applicants, approval from the Charity Commission may be sought to appoint a resident from a town or village in close proximity to SonA.</p>

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<p>John Roberts Almshouses Charity</p> <p>aka 1,3,5,7,9, &amp; 11 Brookvale Road</p>	<p>Priority of residency is given to needy, aged or infirm person(s) who, in order of priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ is enrolled on the Membership Roll of the United Reformed Church, SonA;</li> <li>▫ is not enrolled on the said Membership Roll but has been a regular attendant at the services of the URC, SonA for at least a year.</li> </ul> <p>No restrictions in allocating accommodation with regard to where applicants live BUT local, needy people to receive priority at all times.</p> <p>Applicants must be able to demonstrate to the Trustees that they are in need of the type of accommodation offered.</p> <p>Applicants must be able to live independently and to care for themselves.</p> <p>Applicants should have a reliable network of family, friends and acquaintances to whom they can turn in times of illness, poor health, etc.</p>	<p>Applicants will normally be of state pension age or above (currently 65 for men; 60 for women)</p>	<p>Applicants should be of limited financial means (capital, savings, income etc.).</p> <p>However, applicants may be considered as “poor”, even if they have limited capital (i.e. £100K single; £150,000 couples) and a weekly income ceiling of no more than £200 single and £400 couples. Such individuals will have no benefit entitlement and would have to pay for their own care packages.</p> <p>The majority of applicants will qualify for housing benefit and/or council tax relief.</p>	<p>In the event of no interest from URT members/ adherents, the trustees may consider individuals regularly attending a church which is a member of Stratford Churches Together.</p> <p>In the event of no suitable applicants from either the URT or SCT, needy individuals with no church connection, but who meet other qualifying criteria, may then be considered.</p>