



Almshouse Accommodation



Isleworth & Hounslow Charity provides affordable and comfortable housing in friendly communities where older people can live full and active lives.



Butler's Almshouses



Farnell's Almshouses



Ingram's Almshouses



Priory Court



Raybell Court



Sermon's Almshouses



Tolson House



Whittingham Court

The Charity owns and manages 99 almshouses on seven estates in Isleworth, Hounslow and Chiswick. We also own Farnell's Almshouses in Isleworth and these are currently managed by Notting Hill Housing Trust. The charity has been providing almshouse accommodation in the borough for over 350 years.

What is an almshouse?

An almshouse is a house or flat that belongs to an almshouse charity and is occupied by a qualified beneficiary.

An almshouse charity's purpose is the relief of financial hardship by the provision of housing which it does by the grant of a licence to occupy the accommodation that it owns to its beneficiaries. Almshouse beneficiaries are required to pay a weekly maintenance contribution that must not be set at a level that would cause hardship. Beneficiaries must show particular consideration for the needs of other residents.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for an almshouse run by the charity, you need to meet these requirements:

1. You must be in a difficult financial situation.
2. Your needs shouldn't be too big for the charity to handle.
3. You have a good reputation.
4. You've lived in the London Borough of Hounslow for at least two years.
5. A carer sharing with a beneficiary must not be less than 40 years of age.

All five criteria must be met before an enquirer's name will be added to the Charity's Almshouse Housing Register.

When evaluating your housing requirements, the Trustees will assess whether applicants can afford to rent an equivalent-sized dwelling within the area and meet their other fundamental needs on a sustainable basis, taking into account their eligibility for housing benefit. Applicants who are under-occupying public sector accommodation will also be considered. The duration of time an applicant has experienced housing need, as well as their current need, will be taken into account.

A person appointed as a resident of the Charity is a beneficiary of the Charity, not a tenant. This means that the resident has no legal interest in the accommodation but occupies it under licence with the permission of the Trustees.

Independent living

Almshouse accommodation is available to older people who live in the London Borough of Hounslow. The age requirement varies according to the covenant on each of our properties, but is generally 55 years. Our residents must be able to live independently and have a clear financial or social need. We provide self-contained almshouses which are finished to a high standard.

Isleworth and Hounslow Charity, though, is not simply a provider of accommodation for older people. Trustees, staff and residents aim to build friendly, supportive communities. We offer accommodation to people who are disadvantaged or in housing need and have a commitment to living in a community.

Sustaining communities

As well as providing high quality accommodation for older people, we aim to create a community by providing central activities and encouraging residents to set up and run their own groups and events.

Centrally, the Charity arranges events such as a summer coach trip to the coast and a Christmas lunch for all residents. We also organise fortnightly minibus transport to a supermarket.

Resident groups arrange a number of events such as coffee mornings, fish and chip suppers, Christmas parties and pub nights.

Applying for an Almshouse



Further information on applying for an almshouse can be found on the Charity's website : iahcharity.org.uk, where you can also download an application form.

Alternatively, you can contact the office by email (info@iahcharity.org.uk) or by telephone (020 8569 9200).

