

Quality Homes for Those Over 60

Have you heard of Sloswicke's Almshouses? If not, please read on!

The Sloswicke Trust has been established for many years and provides quality homes for over 40 of Retford's retired residents. But many people in the area know nothing about Sloswicke and what it has to offer – hence this article.

The Almshouses have a long and interesting history dating back to the late 1700s when Richard Sloswicke left money for the homes to be built. The site of the first building was in Churchgate and the Trust now offers 10 flats and 2 cottages close to the Denman Library in Cannon Square. (A plaque commemorating Richard Sloswicke can be seen on the Churchgate property, which is included in Retford's Heritage Walk.) In addition, the Trust has bought properties in Protestant Place and Union Street and has built 9 flats at Hawksley House, opposite the Majestic Theatre. Each of the properties provides self-contained accommodation for both single people and couples.

The aim of the Trust is to provide high quality housing for those people who have strong links with Retford, but have limited means. We hope that by providing good quality housing at an affordable cost we can enable the residents to lead fulfilling, independent lives for as long as possible.

As Trustees, we want to ensure that as many people as possible know about Sloswicke's Almshouses so that we can be confident that those who should be benefiting from the work of the Trust are doing so. Sloswicke's Almshouses were established to be an asset to the town and we don't want them to be Retford's 'best kept secret'.

**We hope that anyone who would like to know more about the accommodation will not hesitate to contact the Clerk, Mr. Matthew Sharpe at Jones & Co., Cannon Square, Retford.
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