



## Rules for Saltaire Almshouses

### Context:

These rules are first listed in *Saltaire and its Founder*; published in 1873, by Abraham Holroyd (a resident of Saltaire).

1. The occupants of the almshouses may be either men or women, and either single, married or widowed.
2. The almshouses will, so far as the occupants are concerned, be free from rents and taxes, and the obligation to make repairs other than such as may be rendered necessary by the wilful act of any occupant, will rest alone upon the founder and his trustees.
3. Each married almsman residing with his wife in one of the almshouses shall receive a weekly allowance of ten shillings; and each almsman or almswoman living there without a wife or husband, shall receive the weekly allowance of seven shillings and sixpence, which allowances will be paid weekly.
4. No person shall be appointed or chosen to be an occupant of one of the almshouses unless he or she be a person of good character, destitute of property, or other means sufficient for his or her support, and incapacitated for labour by reason of age, disease or infirmity so as to be unable to earn his or her own living.
5. The almspeople will be appointed by the founder during his life, and after his death by the trustees for the time being.
6. Any applicant for nomination of election shall send to the founder during his lifetime, and after his decease to the trustees, an application in writing, stating his or her name, age, occupation and place or places of residence during one year preceding such application, also a written statement of the applicant's circumstances as regards means of livelihood... If the applicant be married, the fact must be stated in the application, and the like information and certificates as before mentioned must be furnished as to the wife or husband...
7. Before any person shall be admitted an inmate of any of the almshouses, he or she shall sign a paper, in such form as shall be prescribed, by which he or she shall undertake to quit and give and give up the house to be occupied by him or her whenever required to do so by the founder or the trustees; to abide by and observe all the regulations now made or hereafter to be made in regard to the occupation of the almshouses, and the conduct of the inmates thereof.
8. In the event of any inmate of the said almshouses leaving a widow at his death, such widow shall, if she gives notice in writing of her desire to continue to reside in the said almshouses, be considered an applicant... without any further compliance with the preceding rules for application for admission.
9. Each house is to be kept clean by or at the expense of the occupant, and any damage to any of the houses, fixtures, or furniture, must be made good by the occupant, or otherwise the cost thereof will be deducted from the weekly allowance thereafter to become due to each occupant. The founder or his trustees will make a periodical inspection of the almshouses for the purpose of ascertaining that this rule is observed.
10. None of the inmates of the almshouses shall underlet the tenement assigned to him or here or any part thereof, or take any person to lodge or reside therein, without the written permission of the founder, or of the trustees, or of some two of such trustees first obtained; nor shall any such inmate take in washing, or carry on any trade or business of any kind, nor shall any of the inmates absent themselves from the almshouses for a period exceeding forty-eight hours without the life written consent, and then only for such time as shall be thereby authorised.
11. The Garden in the Square opposite the houses will be under the charge of the founder, and after his death of the trustees, and it will be the duty of each occupant to protect the property therein from injury. The chimneys will be swept at the expense of the founder or trustees.
12. No clothes are to be hung out to dry in front of any of the houses.
13. If any inmate of the almshouses shall at any time after his or her election marry, or wilfully disobey or infringe any of these regulations, or any of the rules of the Institution, or if it shall at any time appear that any inmate, or the wife of any inmate, is guilty of insobriety, or immoral or other improper conduct ...the founder or the trustees will, upon proof thereof to his or their satisfaction, displace and remove any such person...
14. The founder during his life... will have the power to alter, modify, add to or expunge these regulations from time to time at their discretion, in order the better to carry out the intentions of the founder and increase the utility of the Charity.