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It was a great shame that, in the circumstances, I was unable to present the Patron's Awards at Hopton's Almshouse today, and to visit the Almshouses in Colchester tomorrow, as these events always give me the opportunity to hear about the good work that particular Almshouses have achieved through their community care or newly-expanded buildings.

In these troubled times, it is very good to hear from you how your different groups of Trustees, Clerks, Wardens and Residents have risen to the occasion and looked after each other during lockdown to meet everyone's varied needs.

I congratulate all those who have played a part in this and hope you can keep this horrid virus at bay through the care given to your residents.

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