

HALLATON CHURCH RESTORATION TRUST

Registered Charity No. 1029595

Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2025

Contents

1.	Annual Report	Pages 1 – 2
2.	Receipts and Payments Account	Page 3
3.	Statement of Assets & Liabilities	Page 4
4.	Independent Examiner's Report	Page 5

HALLATON CHURCH RESTORATION TRUST

Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

Reference and administrative details including Structure, Governance and Management

Hallaton Church Restoration Trust ("the Charity") is constituted by Deed of Trust and is registered with the Charity Commissioners (No. 1029595).

The Charity's principal address is 7 Eastgate, Hallaton, Market Harborough, Leicestershire, LE16 8UG.

The Charity is administered and managed, in accordance with its Trust Deed, by Trustees. The following served during the year:

Christopher David Clarke	
Steven James Redfern	
Miranda Elizabeth Roberts	Resigned 14 January 2025
Lucy Jane Ashley	Resigned 15 January 2025
Peter Jeremy Gordon Buckingham	
Philip Gilbert	
Eva-Lotte Kirsten Molle	Appointed 28 January 2025

Trustees are selected from the congregation of the Church and all new Trustees undergo a briefing on: their legal obligations under charity law; the content of the Trust Deed, the management and decision making process; the recent financial performance of the charity; and its future cash flow and other business plans. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

Objectives and Activities

The object of the Charity is the restoration and future maintenance of the Parish Church building known as St. Michael and All Angels, together with its churchyard and churchyard wall, situated in Hallaton, Leicestershire.

The Trustees work closely with the P.C.C. and appropriate professional advisers to identify such restoration and maintenance projects and, where they consider it to be appropriate and of public benefit, they will commission the work or make grants to finance an agreed proportion of the costs.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Financial Review, Achievements & Performance

The attached financial accounts are presented on a receipts and payments basis, which is a factual record of the money received and paid by the Charity during the financial year. This basis, which has been consistently applied from one year to the next, is considered to be the most appropriate for unincorporated Charities with an annual income of less than £250,000. A separate Statement of Assets and Liabilities, listing the significant possessions and outstanding financial commitments of the Charity, at the end of the financial year is also included.

The accounts also comply with the appropriate legal requirements and pronouncements made by the Charity Commission.

This has been a busy year for the Trust. As in previous years, it participated in the Leicestershire Festival of Archaeology, which comprised of a number of invited speaker events over several weekends, video and static displays on St Morrell and pilgrimage, and their links with the church, Bottle Kicking and the Hare Pie Scramble.

The Trust secured a grant of £20,000 from the Government's Rural Grant Fund, which was used to renew and improve the church's electrical installation and to purchase new catering equipment for St Morrell Café. The café, which is held weekly in the church, has become a social hub for the village.

HALLATON CHURCH RESTORATION TRUST

Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

Financial Review, Achievements & Performance (continued)

In addition, the Trust secured a Faculty (Church of England consent) to remove the fixed pews in the north aisle and make good the wooden floor, creating a flexible space for exhibitions and church uses. This also serves as preparatory stage works for the crypt restoration project.

The Charity's gross receipts for the year were £27,694 compared with £2,251 in the previous year. Of this sum £940 related to voluntary donations from individuals and £25,520 related to grants from Harborough District Council, Hallaton Parish Council, Hallaton PCC and the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.

Receipts from fundraising events totalled £1,042, all of which came from events held as part of the Leicestershire Festival of Archaeology and the remaining £192 was interest received on money held on deposit.

Expenditure in the year amounted to £27,604, of which £369 was spent on fundraising activities and £792 on assets that have been retained for future fundraising events.

Reserves

As a result of the transactions described above the Charity's receipts exceeded its payments for the year by £90.

This surplus has been added to the cash reserves brought forward which, as a consequence, have increased to £17,409 at 31 March 2025, including £826 related to the restricted fund for St Morrell's chapel. The Trustees believe that these reserves are required to enable the Charity to make further meaningful contributions to the restoration and upkeep of the Church and Churchyard, as need arises, over the next few years.

Trustee Remuneration

No remuneration was paid to Trustees and there is no Trustee Indemnity Insurance in place.



Declaration

As Trustees we recognise our responsibility for the report above and the accounts set out on pages 3 and 4 and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

I declare, in my capacity of Charity Trustee, that:

- The Trustees have approved the report above and the accounts set out on pages 3 and 4; and
- Have authorised me to sign on their behalf.

Philip Gilbert
Chairman
21 January 2026



21st Feb 26

HALLATON CHURCH RESTORATION TRUST

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
RECEIPTS				
Donations, gifts, legacies and similar receipts:				
Donations and legacies	160	-	160	196
Gift aid and covenanted payments	780	-	780	780
Grants	-	25,520	25,520	-
Income Tax reclaimed	-	-	-	195
	940	25,520	26,460	1,171
Fundraising:				
Events staged at Leicestershire Festival of Archaeology	1,042	-	1,042	881
	1,042	-	1,042	881
Interest from cash deposits:				
Gross bank and building society interest	192	-	192	99
Other receipts:				
Compensation payment from bank	-	-	-	100
Total Receipts	2,174	25,520	27,694	2,251
PAYMENTS				
Grants and expenditure in furtherance of the charity's objects:				
Expenditure on the restoration and maintenance of the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels Hallaton:				
Electrical remediation works throughout church	-	25,043	25,043	-
Removal of pews and making good of nave	49	1,272	1,321	-
	49	26,315	26,364	-
Fundraising:				
Expenditure on events staged at Leicestershire Festival of Archaeology:				
Leaflets and posters advertising events	-	-	-	58
Refreshments	244	-	244	474
Temporary events notice	-	-	-	42
Merchant charges	125	-	125	99
	369	-	369	673
Other payments:				
Assets purchased for fundraising purposes:				
Banners detailing the story of St. Morrell	-	-	-	1,716
Display panels detailing 2000 years of history	792	-	792	-
Miscellaneous - Ex gratia gift for Independent Examiner	17	-	17	17
Bank charges	62	-	62	60
	871	-	871	1,793
Total Payments	1,289	26,315	27,604	2,466
Net Receipts/(Payments) for the Year	885	(795)	90	(215)
Transfers Between Funds	795	(795)	-	-
Cash at Bank & Building Society Brought Forward	14,903	2,416	17,319	17,534
Cash at Bank & Building Society Carried Forward	16,583	826	17,409	17,319

HALLATON CHURCH RESTORATION TRUST

Statement of Assets & Liabilities As At 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Monetary Assets:				
Debtors:				
Gift Aid Taxation recoverable	390	-	390	195
	390	-	390	195
Cash at Bank & Building Society				
Barclays Bank plc	7,001	-	7,001	2,687
Market Harborough Building Society	8,660	-	8,660	12,468
HSBC UK plc	922	826	1,748	2,164
	16,583	826	17,409	17,319
Total Monetary Assets	16,973	826	17,799	17,514
Non-Monetary Assets				
Assets retained for fundraising purposes:				
3D model of the church crypt	-	800	800	800
St. Morrell tapestry	143	700	843	843
Banners detailing the story of St. Morrell	2,326	-	2,326	2,326
Display panels detailing 2000 years of history	792	-	792	-
Total Non-Monetary Assets	3,261	1,500	4,761	3,969

Statement and Explanation of Fund Balances As At 31 March 2025

Unrestricted Funds

Funds that the trustees are free use as they see fit, in fulfilling the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted Funds

Revenue donations or grants to be expended only on the specific purposes intended by the donor.

The following restricted funds existed during the year;

	Funds Brought Fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Funds Carried Fwd
	£	£	£		£
St Morrell fund	2,416	300	1,095	(795)	826
Church refurbishments fund	-	25,220	25,220	-	-
	2,416	25,520	26,315	(795)	826

St Morrell fund - Donations to the trust for use specifically in connection with the "St Morrell's chapel" project. £795 from the St Morrell fund has been redesignated as unrestricted with the written agreement of the original donor.

Church refurbishments fund - Funds received to cover electrical and associated refurbishment costs.

Restricted funds for the previous year were as follows;

	Funds Brought Fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Funds Carried Fwd
	£	£	£	£	£
St Morrell fund	2,416	-	-	-	2,416
	2,416	-	-	-	2,416

Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of Hallaton Church Restoration Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hallaton Church Restoration Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 3 to 4.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

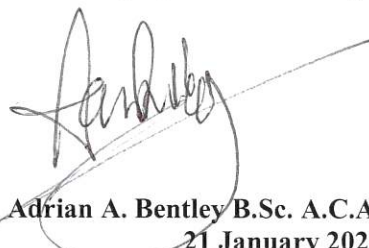
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Adrian A. Bentley B.Sc. A.C.A.
21 January 2026

Edward Thomas Peirson & Sons
Chartered Accountants
21, The Point
Rockingham Road
Market Harborough
Leicestershire
LE16 7NU