

Garrett's Charity Annual Report December 2025

Presented at the Annual Parish Meeting, Heighington 27th April 2026

Garrett's Charity Number: 1053847

Background

Garrett's Charity dates back to around 1620 when Thomas Garrett a local man left money and land in his will for the founding of a boys' school in the private chapel he had owned in Heighington, which has late Norman origins. The buildings we know as the Heritage Rooms today were built in 1865 as a major refurbishment and expansion of the premises. The funds to build the school rooms came from the former Thomas Garrett Apprenticing Charity and the former Sir Edward Clarke's Charity which both had educational purposes in their objects. The new schoolrooms housed the village boys' school until 1976. Both the chapel and Heritage Rooms continue to be owned by Garrett's Charity. It is unusual for a functioning community chapel to be under independent charity ownership, which makes this building in the heart of our community both distinctive and special. The premises are grade II listed (No. 1360209). The charity maintains The Thomas Garrett Heritage Rooms and St Thomas' Chapel of Ease for the benefit of the community. It promotes both education and inclusion through use of the premises.

Whilst the charity is very old, the current governing document was registered with the Charity Commission in 1995 and slightly amended in 2020. The 2020 amendment was to allow for co-option of two additional local residents onto the local Trustee board to give a potential complement of nine. The Lincoln Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd is the Custodian Trustee of the charity.

During 2025 further work on revising the governing document to more accurately reflect the current use of the Heritage Rooms as a community building has been ongoing. This does not affect the operation of the Chapel.

Principal charity address

Garrett's Charity c/o 9 Washingborough Road, Heighington, Lincoln LN4 1QW

Trustees serving during 2025

In 2025 David Trafford was co-opted as a Trustee (June), Chris Sprigg joined as the second PCC nominated Trustee (June) and the new incumbent Yüce Kabakçı joined the board in July. There was therefore a full complement of Trustees from July as follows: D E Chantler (Chairman), C J Dunning (Secretary), N J Eyre (Treasurer), G J Chard, N J Briscoe, C R Oxby, Y Kabakçı, C D Sprigg and D J Trafford.

Finances

The charity's main routine source of income is from hire of the Heritage Rooms to community groups which in 2025 amounted to £7,100. This was slightly lower than the previous year and can be attributed to the fact that the Car Boot sale scheduled for June and the Arts & Crafts Exhibition planned for October did not go ahead this year. The Friends of the Garrett's Charity manage the bookings on a day-to-day basis on behalf of Garrett's Charity. The activities undertaken there include glass making, felt work, needlework, art groups, woodcarving, coffee mornings, drama, dance, willow weaving, Tai-Chi, and a community choir. These activities reflect the educational emphasis of the original benefaction.

Donations from the local community have included one-off gifts, sponsorship of roof slates as part of an appeal, regular giving and a cash collection box at Anderson's butchers. The charity is registered with HMRC for Gift Aid and has also registered on digital giving platform: crowdfunder.co.uk. Legacy giving is encouraged. The 100 Club (a monthly prize draw) again proved successful in 2025.

Other fundraising initiatives operating during 2025 included aluminium recycling and the Smarties© Challenge (where participants are invited to fill empty tubes with loose change.) Unfortunately the scheme ended in December as the scrap merchant is no longer accepting cans.

Finances: Roof Appeal

The Quinquennial Report undertaken in 2023 highlighted the poor condition of the roof. Following granting of Listed Building Consent in December 2024 considerable effort was made to raise funds. We have been blessed with significant donations, support from local businesses and support from local grant funders. In September 2025 the Chapel of Ease was reroofed and the internal ceilings insulated, which was a significant milestone. The challenge for 2026 is to move on to undertake similar work on the Heritage Rooms. The cost is estimated to be in the region of £120,000. In addition to grant funding we are hopeful that the local community will rally together to secure the future of this valuable distinctive historic asset at the heart of the village.

In 2025 as part of our roof appeal the charity was successful in applying for grants from local funders as follows:

Michael Cornish Foundation (Lincoln) £5,000
BNA CIO (Lincoln) £10,000
Washingborough with Heighington PCC £12,000
Heighington Parish Council £1,000
Lincolnshire Churches Trust £4,000
North Kesteven District Council £3,000

We express our sincere thanks to those grant funders, individuals and numerous local businesses for their generosity during 2025.

Work on the chapel roof was eligible for a refund of VAT through the Government Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. This has returned £11,680 to the charity, which may now be deployed towards subsequent phases of the roof project.

The Annual Accounts are attached to this report. Overall income in 2025 was £87,276 and expenditure was £87,354.

The modest capital funds of the charity are invested in CCLA COIF Charities Ordinary Investment Fund which provides valuable income and an emergency reserve for the charity.

The Annual Accounts to 31st December 2025 were examined by Nicholas Oakes. We are grateful for his help.

The Trustees are grateful to the Friends of the Garrett's Charity for their support and particular thanks go to the Friends Management Committee for their dedication.

Current Trustees:

D E Chantler (Chairman)	C R Oxby
C J Dunning (Secretary)	Y Kabakçi
G J Chard	C D Sprigg
N J Briscoe	D J Trafford

Declaration

The Trustees declare that this report was approved at a meeting of the Trustees on 10th February 2026.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Garrett's Charity	No (if any) 1053847
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1/1/2025	To	Period end date 31/12/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

2025

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £

A1 Receipts

Public Donations	447	19,063	-	19,510	2,551
Grant Heighington Parish Council	-	1,000	-	1,000	900
Grant Wash with Heigh PCC	1,829	12,000	-	13,829	754
Grant Friends of The Garretts Charity	-	121	-	121	327
Grants Other	100	23,908	-	24,008	500
Room Hire	7,101	-	-	7,101	7,373
100 Club Receipts	2,050	-	-	2,050	2,338
Fundraising Events & Initiatives (inc metal)	44	441	-	485	808
Direct payments for use of premises	550	-	-	550	450
Dividends COIF	2,174	-	-	2,174	2,291
Other receipts	16,449	-	-	16,449	453
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	30,744	56,533	-	87,276	18,743

A2 Asset and investment sales,

Sales of Investments	24,286	-	-	24,286	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	24,286	-	-	24,286	-

Total receipts	55,030	56,533	-	111,562	18,743
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A3 Payments

Premises maintenance	437	-	-	437	220
Premises improvements	13,885	45,890	-	59,775	-
Caretaking services	1,575	-	-	1,575	1,250
Insurance	3,663	-	-	3,663	3,655
Electricity costs	5,554	-	-	5,554	2,724
Water costs	321	-	-	321	374
Professional charges	-	-	-	-	-
Grounds maintenance & improvement	1,304	1,678	-	2,982	200
100 Club Payments	970	-	-	970	960
Printing Costs	80	-	-	80	85
Other payments	11,998	-	-	11,998	293
Sub total	39,786	47,568	-	87,354	9,760

A4 Asset and investment

Purchases of Investments	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	39,786	47,568	-	87,354	9,760
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Net of receipts/(payments)	15,243	8,965	-	24,208	8,983
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A5 Transfers between funds

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A6 Cash funds last year end

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	30,184	15,028	-	45,213	21,005
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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

N. Eyre

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15 JAN 2026



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the
trustees/members of

GARRETT'S CHARITY

On accounts for the year
ended

2025

Charity no
(if any)

1053847

Set out on pages

1 to 3

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act, or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

N A Oakes

Date:

19.1.26.

Name:

NICHOLAS WILLIAM ANTHONY OAKES.

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

*26 ST AUBIN'S CRESCENT
HEATHINGTON
LINCOLN LN4 1EH.*

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Checklist for Independent Examination of Charity Accounts
Garrett's Charity (1053847) 2025

Confirmed that Garrett's Charity income is below £250,000 for the year to be examined.	✓
Confirmed that Garrett's Charity is eligible for independent examination.	✓
Confirmed that Garrett's Charity operates receipts and payments accounts.	✓
Confirmed that there are no close personal relationships with the trustees that compromise independence.	✓
There are no circumstances that would lead to the perception that the examiner is not independent.	✓
Considered whether sufficiently skilled to carry out the examination.	✓
Evidence of appointment is on file.	✓
Received a copy of Garrett's Charity Scheme 1995 (amended 2020).	✓
Received a copy of the draft Annual Report 2025.	✓
Accounting records have been kept and are complete and considered to be of the required standard.	✓
Asked trustees about how they ensure the accounting records are complete.	✓
Asked trustees if they have carried out a review of Garrett's Charity's internal financial controls in the year reported.	✓
Compared the accounts and the underlying accounting records.	✓
Confirmed that restricted/designated funds are correctly reported in the accounts.	✓
Asked the trustees whether they expect Garrett's Charity to be able to settle outstanding invoices, bills and commitments as and when they fall due.	✓
Asked the trustees about the reserves policy and the adequacy of the level of reserves held.	✓
Carried out an analytical review: selected materials have supporting evidence.	✓
Compared the draft Annual Report 2025 with the accounts for any material inconsistency.	✓
Considered whether there are any matters of concern that should be reported in the examiner's report (Section B Disclosure above).	✓
Considered whether there are any matters of material concern to be reported to the Charity Commission.	✓