

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

DATE OF COMMENCEMENT	1975
CONSTITUTION	Charitable Constitution adopted 29 May 1997
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	Christine Stevenson - Chairman, Ayot St Lawrence (resigning in 2024) Katharine Morrissey (new Secretary in 2024) Kitty Turner (new Chairman in 2024) Sandra Taylor William Berrington - Treasurer
CORRESPONDENT	William Berrington The Coach House Ayot House Ayot St Lawrence Welwyn Hertfordshire AL6 9BP
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1062882
INLAND REVENUE REFERENCE	614/42788/12103
PRINCIPAL OBJECTS	To raise funds for restoring the Ayot St Lawrence Palladian Church and for charitable purposes within the Parish.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Charity continues to be administered by an Executive Committee which served throughout the year.

The persons organizing fund raising events and those involved with administration matters provide their services on a non-remunerated basis. The Executive Committee express their warm thanks to everyone who has organised and participated in Village Fund raising activities.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of The Charity is open to any person over the age of 18 interested in furthering the objects. An Annual General Meeting shall be held each year and members are not required to pay any annual subscriptions.

POLICY

It is the policy of the Executive Committee to encourage annual fund raising events and to keep funds readily available in order to advance charitable objects within Ayot St Lawrence

VALUE OF FUND

The value of the fund as at 31 December 2024: £124,773

EXAMINATION OF ACCOUNTS

The Executive Committee understands that there is no requirement for the accounts of the Festival to be audited but they will be independently examined. The financial statement to be presented and agreed at the AGM at The Brocket 29th April 2025.

SOLICITORS

Balderston Warren
11 Whitehouse Street
Baldock
Hertfordshire SG7 6PZ

BANKERS

Barclays Bank plc
12/12A The Howard Centre
Welwyn Garden City
Hertfordshire AL8 6ER

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE AYOT ST LAWRENCE FESTIVAL

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 4,5 and 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43 (7) (b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basic of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Relevant professional qualification or body: FCA, ICAEW

Address: The Coach House, Ayot House, Ayot St Lawrence, AL6 9BP


Date: 29/4/2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	£	£
<u>Incoming Resources</u>		
Donations	0	0
Marquee Rental	0	0
Net Interest on deposits	96	60
Income for Events	52,423	64,829
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Total Incoming Resources	52,519	64,889
<u>Resources Expended</u>		
Direct Charitable Expenditure:		
Grants to Ayot St Lawrence PCC for the Palladian Church (see note 7)	25,608	18,160
Grants to Ayot St Lawrence Old Church Preservation Trust (see note 8)	3,414	0
Other Expenditure:		
Outgoings for Events – Page 6	38,937	48,179
Management and administration	-	-
Total Resources Expended	67,959	66,339
Net Incoming Resources (Outgoings) before Transfers	(15,440)	(1,450)
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January	140,213	141,663
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December	124,773	140,213

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Cash deposit - Caf Cash Limited	0	0
Cash at Bank	123,331	140,020
Cash in Hand	193	193
Cash at Bank and in Hand (see note 6)	123,524	140,213
Add Cash Receivable (see note 9)	1,249	0
Add Prepayments	0	0
	<u>124,773</u>	<u>140,213</u>
Funds		
Brought forward		
Increase in restricted funds		
General Fund	124,773	140,213
Total Fund	<u>124,773</u>	<u>140,213</u>

Approved by the Executive Committee on 25/2/2025 and signed on its behalf by



Committee Member

Notes to the Accounts

- 1 The accounts have been drawn up in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting by Charities.
- 2 Donations are recognised when they become available to the Executive Committee.
- 3 Grants are recorded when they are authorised by the Executive Committee.
- 4 Expenditure is recognised when incurred.
- 5 The funds are represented by cash at Bank.
- 6 Petty cash for Ball held by Neil Robinson
- 7 PCC transfer, for works on the restoration of the New Church
- 8 Ruined Church transfer for a survey on the state of the Ruined Church.
- 9 Monies received by the PCC for the Art Show not paid until Jan 2025

FUNDS RAISED DURING THE YEAR

			<u>Gross Income</u>	<u>Outgoings</u>	<u>2024 Net</u>
			£	£	£
June	June	Art Exhibition and Sale	52,423	38,937	13,486
July	July	Mid-Summer Ball	0	0	0
			<u>52,423</u>	<u>38,937</u>	<u>13,486</u>

Net amounts raised in previous years:

2024	£13,486
2023	£16,110
2022	£14,674
2021	£11,524
2020	Covid
2019	£11,622
2018	£10,974
2017	£11,064
2016	£9,741
2015	£10,643
2014	£8,377
2013	£6,423
2012	£4,403
2011	£11,487
2010	£10,756
2009	£8,653
2008	£9,228
2007	£5,837
2006	£5,725
2005	£7,674
2004	£5,213
2003	£10,294
2002	£7,831
2001	£6,355
2000	£10,518
1999	£6,963
1998	£8,782
1997	£7,096
1996	£6,667
1995	£4,196
1994	£6,0415
1993	£7,383
1992	£6,152