

ST MARY'S STEEPLE ASHTON PRESERVATION TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1088639

Details

Other names ST MARY'S TRUST

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2001-09-27

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE RESTORATION, PRESERVATION, REPAIR, MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT, BEAUTIFICATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CHURCH OF ST MARY'S, STEEPLE ASHTON AND OF THE MONUMENTS, FITTINGS, STAINED GLASS, FURNITURE, ORNAMENTS AND CHATTELS IN THE CHURCH.

Activities: THE RESTORATION OF ST MARY'S CHURCH STEEPLE ASHTON

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** CHURCH OF ST MARY'S, STEEPLE ASHTON
- Wiltshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£24,691	£32,894	-	-
2023-12-31	£113,874	£6,627	-	-
2022-12-31	£24,167	£23,182	-	-
2021-12-31	£5,488	£547	-	-
2020-12-31	£13,836	£2,871	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dominic Verschoyle		2024-03-22
Gerald John Oughton		2017-03-24
Gillian Mary Aldridge		2023-03-31
Helen Parr Montague-Smith		2017-03-24
Katherine Jane Perrin		2023-03-31
Lord Geddes		2017-03-24
MR PETER LOWERY		2013-07-16
Mark Richard Kirwan		2025-07-11
RONALD CHARLES PLUM		2013-07-16
Sir Robert Henry Gervase Fulton KBE		2025-09-05

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	January	2023		31	December	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

St Mary's Steeple Ashton Preservation Trust

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1088639

Charity's principal address

16 Great Hinton

Trowbridge

Wiltshire

Postcode

BA14 6BU

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Lord Euan Geddes	Chairman		St Mary's Preservation Trust AGM
2	Nigel Brown	Secretary		
3	Allan Edwards	Treasurer		
4	Helen Montague-Smith			
5	Peter Lowery			
6	Ron Plum			
7	Gerry Oughton			
8	Kathryn Sewell		Resigned 31 March 2023	
9	Graham Dalby		Resigned 31 March 2023	
10	Gill Aldridge		App'ted 31 March 2023	
11	Linda Hollister		App'ted 31 March 2023	
12	Kate Perrin		App'ted 31 March 2023	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Not applicable	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Not applicable		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Not applicable

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	From volunteers elected by the Trust AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Trust's purpose is the provision of grants to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Mary's Steeple Ashton for the maintenance and upkeep of the church and its fixtures. The PCC organises and supervises works. The Trust issues letters of Intent if the trustees agree to support a project and transfers grants on completion or on completion of stages of the work.

It raises money through donations, through minor events such as dinners or concerts, through an Open Gardens day in Steeple Ashton every alternate year and through bequests.

The Trust maintains a risk register and sets out the methods by which risk is to be managed or avoided.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

“The aim of the Trust is to support the maintenance of St Mary’s Church for all generations to come.”

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Preservation Trust supports the Steeple Ashton PCC in the maintenance of a Grade 1 Listed Building to the benefit of:

The congregation and any individual who wishes to attend services or events.

The village of Steeple Ashton which has a major highly visible Listed Building in its midst.

Tourists who visit the Listed Building which is routinely open every day.

The trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commissioners on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

The board of trustees and all those who organise and manage events and fundraising are volunteers. There are no paid employees.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Trust raised £106,000 during the year mainly through a large bequest.

There was no Steeple Ashton Open Gardens event in the year. It takes place every other year and is a main fund raising event.

Grants to the Steeple Ashton PCC in year totalled only £3,444. The PCC suffered from the resignation of many of its officials, members and volunteers in this and the previous year and through the absence of the vicar through sickness. Maintenance works were carried out by the PCC which were due to be supported by the Trust but the PCC was unable to produce invoices to the Trust. The backlog is expected to unwind in 2024.

The trust expects to pay the PCC the following estimated sums in 2024 among other commitments:

Restoration of stonework, work completed.	£17,000
Restoration of organ pipes, work completed.	£40,000

The PCC Quinquennial Review identified the replacement of the lead roofing to part of the Nave as an urgent task with a cost bracket of £50,000 to £250,000. The PCC is carrying out studies to define the work and narrow the cost bracket. The Trust has not yet made any commitment to the PCC.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

A policy on reserves is under discussion

Details of any funds materially in deficit

No funds are in deficit.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

(Empty box for optional information)


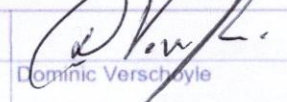
Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Nigel Brown	Dominic Verschoyle
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Treasurer
Date	30 October 2024	

ST MARY'S TRUST, STEEPLE ASHTON

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For the Year ended 31 December 2023

**IMW Office Services Limited
4 Brownleaze Lane
Potterne, Devizes
Wiltshire SN10 5PA
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St Mary's Trust
Summary Income and Expenditure Account - as at 31.12.23

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Fund Raising Events				
Income		4,687		11,822
Expenditure		<u>(2,390)</u>		<u>(1,805)</u>
Net money raised from fund raising events		2,297		10,017
Donations				
Donations received to General Fund		1,650		2,414
Donations received to Clock Appeal		0		0
Legacies received		103,718		11,000
Tax recovered		<u>551</u>		<u>583</u>
		105,919		13,997
Bank interest received on deposit account		3,268		153
Transfer from Organ Fund to Current Account		0		0
Other expenditure				
Accountancy		(185)		(185)
Insurance		(279)		(279)
Printing postage & stationery		(149)		(109)
Church Repairs		(3,444)		(22,503)
AGM		<u>(180)</u>		<u>(106)</u>
		(4,237)		(23,182)
Excess generated in the year		<u>107,247</u>		<u>985</u>
Brought forward From Prior Year		134,193		133,208
Less Transfer from Organ Fund		0		0
Carried forward 31.12.23		<u>241,440</u>		<u>134,193</u>
Represented by:				
Current account		72,185		118,206
COIF Deposit account		169,156		15,887
Cash Float - Bar		50		50
Petty Cash		50		50
		<u>241,440</u>		<u>134,193</u>
Summaries				
St. Mary's Trust				
Monies held	Santander		72,185	
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Total Amount currently available			<u>241,440</u>	

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Auditor's Statement

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IMW Office Services Ltd.

Ian Wheeler
IMW Office Services Limited

9th February 2024

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