



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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| 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 |
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| Not applicable | |

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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| Not applicable | | |
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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| Not applicable |
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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

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| 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

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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:

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| 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:

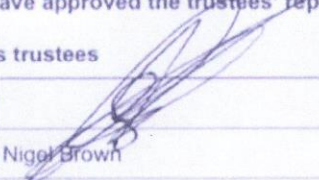
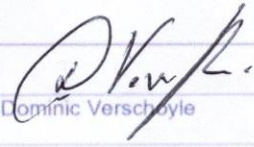
- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| 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

Charity Number 1088639

For the Year ended 31 December 2023

**IMW Office Services Limited
4 Brownleaze Lane
Potterne, Devizes
Wiltshire SN10 5PA
Telephone: 01380 728731**

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 | 107,247 | 985 |
| 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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