

# THE GRAIL SOCIETY (WAXWELL) UK

England & Wales - Charity number 1104750

## Details

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Other names	THE GRAIL SOCIETY
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2004-07-05
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT WITHIN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION BOTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AND ALSO ECUMENICALLY.THE PROMOTION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND HARMONY BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION AND MEMBERS OF OTHER RELIGIONS.THE ADVANCEMENT WITHIN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD OF THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC.SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN ITS ABSOLUTE DISCRETION SHALL THINK FIT.

**Activities:** The trustees continue with their primary task of receiving and considering applications for grants from the Grail Society Grant Scheme in order to fulfil their charitable responsibilities and continue to make known the Grail's ethos: "To help one person to grow is to help to build the world". In 2022 grants totalling £20,46 were made. In total since 2014 groups have received a total of £104,203.

## Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNITED KINGDOM AND OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD
- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£238,248	£44,228	-	-
2023-12-31	£295,764	£13,417	-	-
2022-12-31	£2,553	£20,648	-	-
2021-12-31	£2,866	£30,430	-	-
2020-12-31	£22,602	£14,950	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anne-Marie France		2023-06-29
Maureen Jeanne Glynn		2024-09-07
Peter Martin Hayllar		2023-06-29
Sandra Maria Miller		2024-09-07
Simon Benedict Schmidt		2023-06-29
Tracy Margaret Jean Smith		2023-06-29

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# Accounts

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## The Grail Society (Waxwell) UK Charity No: 1104750

Report to Annual General Meeting held on June 26, 2025 at Shallowford House and via Zoom link

Officers: Chair of Trustees: Sandy Miller  
Hon Sec: Anne-Marie France/Simon Schmidt/Tracy Smith  
Hon Treasurer: Peter Hayllar/Philip Hayllar

Report of the Trustees for the period from 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024 to 26th June 2024. The accounts are for the calendar year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

Thank you for attending this AGM and welcome to those joining via the Zoom link.

As you know, our primary function as trustees of the Grail Society is the administration of the Grail Society grant scheme. Since the last AGM we have held two Trustees' meetings, in December 2024 and, most recently, in June 2025. The meetings have been held via Teams but in between we have communicated via the trustees' WhatsApp group and by email to circulate and discuss Grant applications. The Trustees have shared the task of minute taking at meeting and Philip is in the process of handing over management of the accounts to Peter.

In terms of administration, Sheelagh and Philip retired as trustees following the last AGM and Sandy and Maureen were appointed in their place so we now have six trustees (one more than required by our constitution). Both Sheelagh and Philip continue to attend Trustees' meetings as advisors and the Trustees have found their knowledge and continued support invaluable.

Earlier this year, HSBC gave notice of the closure of the Society's bank account for reasons unknown. Philip was quick to open a new community account with Lloyds which now gives us the ability to make grant payments by bank transfer rather than cheque. Philip will provide his financial report shortly with further details of how the Trustees are currently managing the funds.

We have continued to award grants on an ad hoc basis rather than employing deadlines for applications. This works effectively at the moment but is always open to review should circumstances change in the future. As was reported last year, following receipt of the bequest from the estate of Grail Companion Mary Low, the trustees took the decision to increase the maximum grant available for applicants from £3000 to £5000 Philip will be explaining how the Trustees are currently managing the funds. All grants were either at or under the maximum amount, except for one exceptional grant of £10000 to the WeCare Foundation in Papua New Guinea

Due to the increased funds available to the Trustees and following a call to action given at the December 2024 Trustees' meeting and taken up enthusiastically by the Grail Grapevine there has been a significant uptick in grant giving during the last 12 months. This has made the last 12 months our largest grant giving period. Since the last AGM grants have included the following:

- Birmingham Phab Camps ([www.bhamphabcamps.org.uk](http://www.bhamphabcamps.org.uk)). We were able to support a trip to Nibley Festival in Gloucestershire in July 2024 for 10 disabled children in the Birmingham area and their carers.
- WeCare Foundation in Papua New Guinea ([www.wecarepng.org.pg](http://www.wecarepng.org.pg)). Our grant supports an important infrastructure project for this charity providing educational and other support to vulnerable women and girls.
- Unity is Strength (<https://unityisstrength.org.uk/>). Our grant supported the purchase of plot of land next to the St Paul KAASO Primary School in Uganda to cultivate for coffee seedlings to provide additional income to the school's important work educating young children.
- World Villages for Children ([www.worldvillages.org.uk](http://www.worldvillages.org.uk)). Our grant supported a programme to feed boys and girls in Honduras.

- St. Agnes' Church, Leeds. Our grant supported the church's Warm Space Group supporting those affected by the rise in heating costs to turn off their heating and spend the day in a warm dry hall, with free food, drinks, Wi-Fi, newspapers and above all friendship.
- Hope City Furniture ([hopecityfurniture.org.uk](http://hopecityfurniture.org.uk)). We have supported this charity's activities alleviating furniture poverty in Derby.
- Hope and Vision ([hopeandvision.org.uk](http://hopeandvision.org.uk)). We made a grant to support the work of this charity providing residential accommodation to ex-offenders in Berkshire.
- Mkombozi Montessori School ([srsredeemer.org](http://srsredeemer.org)). We have supported the Sisters of the Holy Redeemer in Tanzania with a project to build dormitories at the school to allow more students to avoid travelling long distances to school.
- Witney CAP Debt Centre ([caplifefskills.org](http://caplifefskills.org)). We support this project run by the Witney chapter of Christian Against Poverty supporting those caught in the debt trap.
- English for Speakers of Other Languages. We supported 2 different projects focused on helping immigrants to integrate into their communities through English language education and activities.
- St. Monica's Housing, Leeds ([stmonicashousingleeds.org.uk](http://stmonicashousingleeds.org.uk)). Funds were awarded to support the expansion of this charity's work providing accommodation to vulnerable female asylum seekers in Leeds.
- Cupertino, North Yorkshire. We have supported this amazing grass roots initiative to provide opportunities for worship to severely disabled children in North Yorkshire.
- Chnaniir Scout Camp, Lebanon. We provided a grant to enable the Maronite church in Chnaniir to hold its annual scout camp, an important annual event for the village's young Christian population allowing them to grow in fellowship with God and which was under threat from the current situation in the country.

The Trustees' objective remains to award relatively small grants which make an outsized impact in the community. Close focus has been given to this and a number of applications which did not meet these criteria were not successful.

There have been preliminary conversations with the trustees of the Ladies of the Grail Society regarding areas of cooperation and a possible merger of activities. Sheelagh and Simon met with the trustees of the Ladies of the Grail Society in London in July 2024 and Peter met with them in Winchester in March 2025. There is broad consensus that the two charities should work together, with The Grail Society having the ability to pick up some of the ad hoc grant applications that The Ladies of the Grail receive. It is currently considered best to wait until the Ladies of the Grail Society has completed its conversion to a charitable incorporated organisation before proceeding with any formal association. A joint trustees' meeting is scheduled to take place in London in April 2026 and an update will be provided at next year's AGM.

Sandy Miller 26/06/2025

**The Grail Society (Waxwell) UK  
Income & Expenditure A/C  
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024**

		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<b>Income</b>	Donations	1,110		1,520		
	Gift Aid Tax Refunds	277		302		
	Interest	22,216		2,627		
	Legacy	214,644		291,315		
		<hr/>	238,248	<hr/>	295,764	
<b>Expenses</b>	Trustees Expenses - travel	63				
	- room hire etc					
	- training					
	Presidential team					
	Society Day					
	Conference fees - CCC					
	NCLA					
	NBCW	45		45		
	Finance charges	75		66		
	Professional fees	65		65		
	CHAPS Charge					
	Gifts					
	Postage					
	Donations	43,980	44,228	13,241	13,417	
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	<b>SURPLUS</b>		<b><u>£194,020</u></b>		<b><u>£282,346</u></b>	

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Notes to 2024 Accounts

1. Debtors

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Accrued Income		
Gift Aid	300.00	275.00
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	300.00	275.00
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2. Creditors

Accrued expenses		
- Donations		
NBCW Subscriptions		
- Examination Fee	65.00	65.00
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	65.00	65.00
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**The Grail Society (Waxwell) UK    Charity No: 1104750**

Report to Annual General Meeting held on June 13 2024 at Shallowford House and via Zoom link

Officers: Chair of Trustees: Sheelagh Pickles  
Hon Sec: Anne-Marie France/Simon Schmidt  
Hon Treasurer: Peter Hayllar/Philip Hayllar

Report of the Trustees from 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 to 13th June 2024. The accounts are for the calendar year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Thank you for attending this AGM and welcome to those joining via the Zoom link.

As you know, our primary function as trustees of the Society is the administration of the Grail Society Grant Scheme. Since the last AGM we have held three Trustees' meetings, in July 2023, December 2023 and, most recently, in June 2024. The meetings have all been held via Zoom but in between we have communicated via the trustees WhatsApp group and by email to circulate and discuss Grant applications. Anne-Marie and Simon have shared the task of minute taking and Philip is gradually introducing Peter to the mysteries of the accounts!

We have continued to award grants on an ad hoc basis rather than employing deadlines for applications. This works effectively at the moment but is always open to review should circumstances change in the future. As you will learn from Philip when he presents the Accounts, thanks to a very generous legacy from the estate of Grail Companion Mary Low, the Grail Society funds have increased by £500,000, comprising £291,000 in August 2023 and a further £214,000 in May 2024 with a final £92,000 still to come from the estate. Philip will be explaining how the Trustees are currently managing the funds.

One immediate action on receiving the first tranche, was to increase the maximum grant available for applicants from £3000 to £5000. Since our last meeting grants have been awarded to:

The Archer Project in Sheffield which supports homeless people in the city. We were able to fund a replacement industrial size washing/drying machine for the Project. [www.archerproject.org.uk](http://www.archerproject.org.uk)

Sacred Heart Parish in Waterlooville, providing extra large containers for the storage of clothing and other goods for distribution to those in need. One of the containers is equipped with solar panels to provide power for keeping food fresh!

HMP Drake Hall Women's Prison through an application from PACT has benefitted from a grant to improve the outside space for families visiting the women.

Refugee Action York have received assistance for their drop in sessions <https://www.refugeeactionyork.org> and Adventure Plus - Youth work and Outdoor Education Charity in Bampton have been able to purchase five refurbished mountain bikes. <https://www.adventureplus.org.uk>

The grants we have awarded make a huge difference to the small projects.

I am delighted to have been working with our new Trustees for the past year so I know I will be leaving The Grail Society in capable hands when my term of office comes to an end on 17th September; having completed two terms of office I am required to step down. However, we do need at least one more trustee as our Constitution requires a minimum of five trustees.

Looking to the future of both the Grail Society and the Ladies of the Grail Charity, we will be having a joint meeting in London on 20th July to discuss and discern the way forward. Please keep both groups in your prayers.

Sheelagh Pickles 08/06/2024

**The Grail Society (Waxwell) UK**  
**Income & Expenditure A/C**  
**For The Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	£	£	<u>2022</u>	£
<b>Income</b>				
Donations	1,520		1,555	
Gift Aid Tax Refunds	302		383	
Interest	2,627		615	
Legacy				
Society Day fees	291,315			
		<u>295,764</u>		<u>2,553</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Trustees Expenses - travel				
- room hire etc				
- training				
Presidential team				
Society Day				
Conference fees - CCC				
NCLA				
NBCW	45		45	
Finance charges	66		66	
Professional fees	65		65	
CHAPS Charge				
Gifts				
Postage				
Donations	<u>13,241</u>	<u>13,417</u>	<u>20,460</u>	<u>20,648</u>
		<u><b>£282,346</b></u>		<u><b>-£18,095</b></u>
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023 TO THE  
BOARD MEMBERS OF THE GRAIL SOCIETY (WAXWELL) UK**

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The board members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The board members consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination it is my responsibility to: - examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act - to follow the procedures laid down in the General directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and - to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

**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 prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities 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.

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Signed.....*N McCormack*

Date.....*12th March 2024*