

FRIENDS OF ST LAURENCE CHURCH BLACKMORE

England & Wales · Charity number 1113888

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2006-04-25

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTIVE OF THE "FRIEND" SHALL BE TO ASSIST IN THE MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, RESTORATION, PRESERVATION, BEAUTIFICATION AND RECONSTRUCTION, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC AND WORSHIPPERS, THE FABRIC OF ST LAURENCE CHURCH, ITS MONUMENTS, FIXTURES, FITTING, FURNITURE, STAINED GLASS, ORNAMENTS AND OTHER CHATTELS BELONGING TO THE CHURCH, ITS CHURCHYARDS AND ITS SURROUNDINGS.

Activities: Concerts, Art Exhibition, Quizes, History Walk and Talk and other fund-raising events to help maintain, repair, restore, preserve and beautify the fabric of St Laurence Church and it's surroundings.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ST LAURENCE CHURCH AND ITS SURROUNDINGS.
- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£25,328	£15,816	-	-
2024-04-30	£29,821	£6,838	-	-
2023-04-30	£7,725	£2,091	-	-
2022-04-30	£6,334	£5,152	-	-
2021-04-30	£29,881	£1,075	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Brenda Flack		2015-09-08
Christopher William Parkinson		2019-07-02
Claire Marjorie Norris		2023-10-30
JOHN CATON		
Kay Doyle		2015-09-09
MARION WOLLASTON		
Peter John Mason		2015-09-09
Richard Thwaite		2018-06-07

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01 May 2024** Period start date To **30 April 2025** Period end date

Charity name: **Friends of St Laurence Church, Blackmore**

Charity registration number: **1113888**

Objectives and Activities

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Fund-raising for Tower and Lych Gate Project through 2 Events: Art Exhibition and Games Night. Donations invited via the Replica Tower and Social Media. Funds were granted to St Laurence PCC towards project management costs.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	A statement was made to members at the Annual General Meeting of 16th October 2025 within the Chairman's Report regarding Public Benefit. The statement reported that CC Guidance was followed and there were no conflicts of interest.

Additional information (optional)

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Treasurer reported to members at the AGM of 16th October 2025 citing a satisfactory year of fundraising bringing in £1760. The £20005 of donations raised includes Membership fees of £1640. The accounts show an excess of receipts over payments of £9511 at the end of the year. Our Funds have therefore increased and the total held at year end was £100,828.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	All our funds/reserves are held in accordance with our Objects
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
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Additional information (optional)

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The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of St Laurence Church, Blackmore
Other name the charity uses	none
Registered charity number	1113888
Charity's principal address	Uvongo Blackmore Road Blackmore Ingatstone CM4 0QX

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	Marion Wollaston	Chairman		FoSL committee and support of members at AGM
2	Carol Moulder	Hon. Secretary		
3	John Caton	Hon. Treasurer		
4	Richard Thwaite	Vice Chairman and Membership Secretary		
5	Kay Doyle			
6	Claire Norris			
7	Peter Mason	PCC representative		
8	William Parkinson			
9	Brenda Flack			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	CJ M	MW
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Full name(s)	Carol Jill Moulder	Marion Wollaston
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Chairman
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Date	27 November 2025
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Friends of St Laurence Church Blackmore
Registered Charity 1113888
ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

<u>2024 RECEIPTS</u>	<u>2025</u>
1561 Membership	1640.00
224 Donations - General	208.00
23678 Donations - Tower Project	18157.09
1698 Gift Aid Tax reclaimed	0
419 Bank Deposit Interest	3563.21

<u>FUND RAISING EVENTS</u>	<u>IN</u>	<u>OUT</u>	<u>PROFIT</u>	
Art Exhibition	2002.28	948.08	1054.20	
Fun and Games Night	<u>737.00</u>	<u>31.47</u>	<u>705.53</u>	
2240	<u>2739.28</u>	<u>979.55</u>	<u>1759.73</u>	<u>1759.73</u>
<u>29820</u>				<u>25328.03</u>

<u>LESS PAYMENTS</u>			
260 Insurance			275.59
0 Postage and Stationary			69.68
5990 Donations to St Laurence PCC fabric fund			15029.76
0 Miscellaneous			19.00
121 Bank and Card charges			22.73
99 Card Reader Payments			108.00
368 Tower Project Expenses			0
0 Website and Domain Fees			<u>291.60</u>
6838			<u>15816.36</u>
22982 <u>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS</u>			<u>9511.67</u>

<u>FUNDS HELD</u>		
91133 Bank		100660.39
183 Cash		168.12
91316		<u>100828.51</u>
Of this amount £75828.51 is designated for the Tower Project		

<u>FUNDS ACCUMULATED</u>		
68334 Balance at 1st May 2024		91316.84
22982 Excess above		<u>9511.67</u>
91316 Balance at 30th April 2025		<u>100828.51</u>

M Wollaston, Chairman

J Caton, Treasurer

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES OF FRIENDS OF ST LAURENCE
CHURCH BLACKMORE
YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2025**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 30 April 2025 which are attached.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act;
and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiners Statement

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 from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act;
Or
- To prepare accounts, which accord with these accounting records have not been met:
Or
- To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Gillian Romang

Date: 11/9/ 2025

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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	All our funds/reserves are held in accordance with our Objects
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Full name(s)	Carol Jill Moulder	Marion Wollaston
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Date	13 October 2024
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Registered Charity 1113888
ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

<u>2023 RECEIPTS</u>	<u>2024</u>
2186 Membership	1561.00
1295 Donations - General	224.00
800 Donations - Tower Project	23678.62
425 Gift Aid reclaimed	1697.96
272 Bank Deposit Interest	419.31

<u>FUND RAISING EVENTS</u>	<u>IN</u>	<u>OUT</u>	<u>PROFIT</u>	
Quiz	693.00	63.15	629.85	
Fun and Games Night	859.79	90.58	769.21	
<u>Sid Bolan Big Band</u>	<u>1259.58</u>	<u>418.58</u>	<u>841.00</u>	
<u>2746</u>	<u>2812.37</u>	<u>572.31</u>	<u>2240.06</u>	<u>2240.06</u>
<u>7724</u>				29820.95

<u>LESS PAYMENTS</u>		
260 Insurance		260.06
12 Postage		0
1630 Donations to St Laurence PCC fabric fund		5990.00
17 Miscellaneous		0
76 Bank and Card charges		121.11
0 Tower Project Expenses		368.17
95 Card Reader Payments		<u>99.00</u>
<u>2090</u>		<u>6838.34</u>
5634 <u>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS</u>		<u>22982.61</u>

<u>FUNDS HELD</u>	
68146 Bank	91133.72
183 Cash	183.12
<u>5</u> Other	<u>0.00</u>
68334	<u>91316.84</u>

Of this amount £66316.84 is designated for the Tower Project

<u>FUNDS ACCUMULATED</u>	
62700 Balance at 1st May 2023	68334.23
5634 Excess above	<u>22982.61</u>
68334 Balance at 30th April 2024	<u>91316.84</u>

M Wollaston, Chairman

J Caton, Treasurer

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Signed:  Gillian Romang

Date: 21/8/ 2024

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Friends of St Laurence Church, Blackmore

Preserving our ancient church

M I N U T E S

15th Annual General Meeting of Friends of St Laurence

Held at the Priory Church of St Laurence, Church Street,
Blackmore,

On 28th October 2021 at 7.30 pm

1. Welcome by the Chairman

Marion Wollaston chaired the meeting and welcomed all members. There were 20 members in attendance.

A copy of the accounts for the year was distributed to those present. The agenda and minutes of the last AGM had been distributed to all members with notice of the meeting.

2. Apologies

The Secretary read out the apologies received: Kevin and Sandra Wood, Sue and Andrew Watley, Jane Marr, John and Carol Riley, Pam Slow and Charles Hiron, Lillian Haward, Terry and Eileen Smith, Reverend Sam Brazier-Gibbs, Eileen Hopton, Joan Westover, Elaine and Andrew Smith, John and Helen Cannon, Mike Jefferyes, Stuart and Kim Lucas, Judi Wood, Terry and Elaine Smith, Kay Doyle and Bill Parkinson.

3 Chairman's Report

Membership

The Chairman first thanked all members for their support throughout the year.

She confirmed that at 30th April 2021 our membership was 143 versus 149 last year with 2 new members and 8 leaving due to moving away or passing away. The breakdown of our membership types are 12 life memberships, 31 adult memberships, 74 concession memberships and 10 family memberships. It is satisfying to see that our core membership is stable and continuing actively to participate in events and contribute gifts in addition to their annual membership subscriptions.

However given the need for substantive repairs to the tower and lychgate we will need to make efforts to increase our membership income and gift income to supplement our fund-raising.

Fundraising

Again the year to 30th April 2021 was an extraordinary one with restrictions placed on us due to the on-going coronavirus pandemic. As a result we could not hold any major events. In early December we invited villagers to enter a Christmas Tree decorating competition, but perhaps we were late in advertising this and we raised just under £100 which we shared with the Church PCC.

On the plus side, we were fortunate recipients of a substantial legacy which was most gratefully received.

Media

Our Friends website, www.foslblackmore.org continues to receive viewings. Details of forthcoming events are posted on it along with a brief history of the Friends, photos of the church and our past events. We also have a Facebook page.

Spending

During the year we made a grant to the PCC towards the regular churchyard grass cutting.

Our vice Chairman Richard Thwaite was invited to join the PCC Fabric Committee which has been discussing various projects including of course the church tower and lychgate.

Members will know that we set aside a percentage of our funds raised specifically for repairs to the tower, which is expected to be a considerable sum. Richard will be elaborating further on this after this meeting.

Future Events

Despite the cancellation of most of our events of this year, we have boldly planned our future fundraising calendar. Our 3 events are the Caribbean Evening, a New Year Quiz and a concert by David Pickthall and his Big Band which will be held on Saturday 19th March 2022.

Public Benefit Report and Data Protection Review

In accordance with the Charities Act 2008, we are required to make this report as a condition of maintaining our charitable status. Without reading the whole statement, I confirm we have complied with the Charity Commission's requirements and have not had any conflicts of interest. In addition, we have reviewed our General Data Protection Regulations and I again confirm we are compliant in this respect.

Administration

The minutes of the last AGM were approved by the committee at their meeting on 23rd February 2021 and have been circulated to members along with the notice of this meeting.

Also at that meeting the various officers of the Friends were appointed and other roles assigned. The present Committee which is limited to nine members comprises:

Chairman and Media Officer - Marion Wollaston

Vice Chairman and Membership Secretary - Richard Thwaite

Hon. Treasurer - John Caton

Hon. Secretary - Carol Moulder

PCC Representative - Peter Mason

Committee - Brenda Flack

Committee - Kay Doyle

Committee - Bill Parkinson

The Chairman thanked the Committee for their on-going hard work and support for FoSL throughout the year.

She concluded by thanking the Reverend Sam Brazier Gibbs and the PCC for their support of FoSL and all the willing volunteers who regularly help with our work and events throughout the year.

Following the Chairman's Report questions were invited from the floor.

4. Treasurer's Report

The accounts showed an excess of receipts over payments of £28806.55 for the year to 30 April 2021. Net funds held in total including the legacy now stand at £61517.43. Of this amount £45727 is set-aside for the tower.

The Treasurer reported on monies raised over the 15 year history of Friends of St Laurence:

Membership and donations £32341

Fundraising £25933

Legacies £29456

A total of £87730

Our operating expenses have totalled £2990, most of which is for public liability insurance.

Donations to the PCC for various fabric and churchyard projects total £23583.

There were no questions concerning this report.

5. Election of Members to the Executive Committee

The Constitution requires members of the Committee to retire by rotation after serving a three year period. This happens at the AGM. This year it was Chairman Marion Wollaston and Vice Chairman Richard Thwaite who were due to retire. Being eligible they stood for re-election.

With John Laing's retirement last year there is a further vacancy on the committee and the Chairman invited any other nominees to come forward. There were no other nominations.

John Caton proposed both Marion Wollaston and Richard Thwaite to the committee and Jill Griffiths seconded these. Both were unanimously elected after a show of hands.

6. Appointment of the Independent Examiner

The Chairman thanked Andrew Smith for undertaking the role of Independent Examiner of the accounts. Fortunately for FoSL, Andrew has kindly agreed to offer himself as a candidate for reappointment. There were no other nominations from the floor. Andrew's appointment was proposed by Debbie Thwaite and seconded by Jill Griffiths. He was unanimously elected.

7. Any Other Business

Stuart Jennings proposed a vote of thanks to the FoSL committee for their hard work and support of the PCC.

There was no other business and the meeting was closed at approximately 7.50pm.

The meeting was followed by a presentation from Richard Thwaite on the Tower and Lychgate. Following this tea and coffee was served.

FRIENDS OF ST. LAURENCE CHURCH BLACKMORE
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1113888

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR END 30TH APRIL 2021

2020

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RECEIPTS

1220 MEMBERSHIP
536 DONATIONS
328 GIFT AID TAX CLAIMED
18 SALE OF GOODS - Profit

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

1374 Christmas Tree Competition

0 LEGACY

66 Bank Deposit interest

3542 **Totals**

Less:-

PAYMENTS

219 Insurance £231.64
5 Postage, stationery and Membership expenses £0.00
33 Miscellaneous £0.00
1332 Donations to St. Laurence PCC Fabric Fund (net) £843.00

1589 **£1,074.64**

1953 **EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS FOR YEAR**

FUNDS HELD

32,482 Bank Balances
100 Cash
129 Sundries

32,711

FUNDS ACCUMULATED

30758 Balance at 1 May 2020
1953 Excess of receipts above
32711 Balance at 30th April, 2021

J.A. CATON
HON. TREASURER

M WOLLASTON
CHAIRMAN

2021

£ p

1282.00

379.50

667.80

0.00

86.00

27455.81

10.09

29881.20

1074.64

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61267.96

120.08

129.39

61517.43

£ 32,710.87

£ 28,806.56

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**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES OF FRIENDS OF ST LAURENCE
CHURCH BLACKMORE
YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2021**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 30 April 2021 which are attached.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act;
and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiners Statement

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 from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act;
Or
- To prepare accounts , which accord with these accounting records have not been met:
Or
- To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  A Smith

Date: 21 AUGUST 2021

A SMITH

White House, Blackmore Rd Blackmore CM4 0QX