

THE CONSERVATION TRUST FOR ST LAURENCE LUDLOW

England & Wales · Charity number 1114678

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 2006-06-15

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

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Activities

Objects: 3.1 THE TRUSTEES SHALL STAND POSSESSED OF THE TRUST FUND UPON TRUST TO APPLY THE INCOME AND CAPITAL THEREOF IN SUCH MANNER AS THEY SHALL IN THEIR ABSOLUTE DISCRETION THINK FIT FOR ALL OR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CHARITABLE PURPOSES NAMELY:3.1.1 TO MAINTAIN REPAIR RESTORE PRESERVE RECONSTRUCT BEAUTIFY AND IMPROVE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE FABRIC OF THE CHURCH3.1.2 FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT THE TRUSTEES DECLARE THAT THEY DO NOT CLAIM AND WILL NOT SEEK ANY PROPRIETORIAL INTEREST IN THE CHURCH AND THE OBJECTS OF THE TRUST ARE SET OUT IN SUB-CLAUSE 3.1.1 ABOVE SUBJECT ONLY TO THE PROVISIONS OF CLAUSE 14 HEREOF AND NOTHING HEREIN CONTAINED SHALL IN ANY WAY AFFECT OR PREJUDICE THE POWERS FUNCTIONS DUTIES OR LIABILITIES OF THE OWNER

Activities: THE CONSERVATION TRUST PROMOTES REGULAR GIVING AND FUND RAISING EVENTS TO PROVIDE MONEY TO MAINTAIN, REPAIR, RESTORE AND PRESERVE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC, THE FABRIC OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST LAURENCE, LUDLOW. THE FUNDS ARE GRANTED TO THE CHURCH PCC FOR ADMINISTRATION FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS. THE TRUST IS SECULAR AND INDEPENDENT

Classification

- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST LAURENCE LUDLOW
- Shropshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£32,223	£19,894	-	-
2024-03-31	£29,584	£10,693	-	-
2023-03-31	£23,020	£1,392	-	-
2022-03-31	£22,198	£6,591	-	-
2021-03-31	£74,845	£8,005	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
William Louis Sebastian Bowen	Chair	2024-06-12
Dr Dina Dhorajiwala		2023-02-08
Eleanor Grace Wilkins		2025-02-12
Eric Griffiths		2024-08-21
Gabrielle Service		2025-02-12
IAN MARSHALL		2020-02-16
Karen Raymond-Blake		2019-06-16
Peter Salter		2025-02-12
Robert John Richard Owen		2025-06-03
Roy Thwaites		2018-06-17

THE CONSERVATION TRUST FOR ST LAURENCE LUDLOW

England & Wales - Charity number 1114678

Accounts

Conservation Trust for St Laurences Ludlow Annual Meeting 2025

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-2025

I am very pleased to report a continuing improvement in our finances after the lean years of Covid. During that time, thanks to our regular supporters, our income held up fairly well but we missed the contribution to our funds, and our profile, made by the many activities organised during more normal years - monthly teas and talks, outings, celebrations, and more. Thanks to the sterling efforts of our trustees and other key volunteers that situation is now turning round and we are starting to see more income from the events which are so key to our place in the community. Against that of course there is more expenditure on those events but still they bring in a valuable additional revenue stream and our thanks must go to everyone who attends and assists at those events.

With the passing of Covid the purpose for which we exist has also come more to the fore and after a fallow period we have started making grants once more to the church. In the past 12 months we have supported work to repair the roof and stonework in various locations and replacement of the hood moulds which are so vital to protecting the windows from the weather. We continue to hold considerable reserves against the prospect of supporting the Church's big project to restore and protect perhaps our greatest asset - the stained-glass windows - and we continue to work with the PCC to find a way forward on this.

Statement of Annual Account

A summary of the income and expenditure of the Trust in 2024-25 and our financial position at the start and the end of the financial year is provided in Attachment 1.

We have received income this year totalling £32,608. This is about £3,000 more than last year and over £9,000 more than 2022-23. Admin costs (secretarial services, printing, insurance, etc) increased to just over £2,300 (7% of our income), while events and sales of Christmas cards made a profit of nearly £3,000 over the year, leaving us an operating balance of £27,711.

We made grants to the church of £15,381, so overall our asset position improved by £12,329 to a total of £241,134. This is held in one current account and several deposit accounts. These last continue to provide a healthy injection of interest - over £9,750.

As noted in my introduction, the bulk of our funds continues to be held pending decisions on funding of the major works to the Church windows which we have agreed in principle to support.

Supporters' Donations

Our regular supporters have sadly declined in number to just over 50, most of whom donate regularly (monthly, quarterly or annually). The vast majority of

these are able to gift aid their donations and we reclaim gift aid retrospectively every year making a significant contribution to our funds.

The Trust expresses great thanks for the generous support of all these donors plus those who give willingly of their time and effort to support our work.

A focus this year will be on trying to return the number of regular supporters to prior levels, through a improved communications and more events

This year we have continued to receive a small but steady flow of contributions from the EasyFundraising platform. When supporters who have signed up to the scheme buy online from many different online retailers, the retailer gives a percentage of the value of each purchase to the purchasers nominated charity. This does not affect the sale price to the purchaser. All our supporters are encouraged to join this scheme and to nominate the Palmers as their chosen charity as an easy way to help the Trust (see www.easyfundraising.org.uk or please do contact me for advice on how to sign up).

We also receive a small flow of donations through the text giving QR code displayed in the church and in our literature.

Looking Forward

Assets and Liabilities

We had no assets and no outstanding liabilities at the start of the new financial year.

Planned Grants to the Church

In January 2025 the trustees approved a grant of £38,000 to the Church for work on the external stonework and buttresses around the East end of the church. This work will take place during 2025. It forms part of a larger programme of exterior repairs identified in the last quinquennial review which we expect to contribute further to in future.

Karen Raymond-Blake

Treasurer

27th May 2025

treasurer@ludlowpalmers.uk

CTSL Annual Account 2024-25

Receipts and Payments Account for Year Ending 31 March 2025

2023-24		2024-25	Notes	31-Mar-24		31-Mar-25	Notes
	Receipts				Assets		
£8,577.00	Donations - gift aided	£9,499.76		£12,323.67	Current Account Balance	£14,900.08	a. b.
£3,225.00	- not gift aided	£3,285.00		£110,369.54	CCLADeposit Account Balance	£90,461.70	
£61.00	-collections	£226.28		£106,112.04	Flagstone Platform Account Balance	£135,772.46	
£1,796.11	Event takings	£4,765.82		£0.00	Petty Cash	£0.00	
£263.50	Sale of Goods	£1,123.00		£228,805.25	TOTAL	£241,134.24	
£401.00	EasyFundraising & QR NFS DONATE	£64.36					
£5,000.00	Legacies	£0.00	b.				
£2,343.86	Gift Aid Recovery for Previous Year	£2,128.68					
£7,896.45	Deposit Account Interest	£9,752.58					
£0.00	VAT Refund from Church	£2,079.00					
£19.65	Miscellaneous	£0.00					
£29,583.57	TOTAL RECEIPTS	£32,924.48					

Signed

Date:

Karen Raymond-Blake (Treasurer)

2023-24	Payments	2024-25
£1,845.77	Cost of Events	£2,200.19
£0.00	Cost of goods sold	£386.00
£0.00	Publications/publicity	£13.46
£0.00	Secretarial services	£1,090.27
£22.80	IT, Stationery, Printing, Post	£447.42
£694.29	Insurance	£699.65
£0.00	Miscellaneous	£61.10
£2,562.86	OPERATING COSTS	£4,898.09
£27,020.71	OPERATING BALANCE	£28,026.39

Sebastian Bowen (Chair)

Date:

£8,130.00	Grants to SLL	£15,381.90
£10,692.86	TOTAL PAYMENTS	£20,279.99

£18,890.71	NET	£12,644.49
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Notes

a. £2000 reserved for use in restoration of the East Window at request of donor.

b. £5000 reserved for repairs to the St Catherine's Chapel hood mounls (agreed re legacy)

CTSLL Annual Account 2024-25

Receipts and Payments Account for Year Ending 31 March 2025

2023-24		2024-25	Notes	31-Mar-24		31-Mar-25	Notes
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£61.00	-collections	£226.28		£0.00	Petty Cash	£0.00	
£1,796.11	Event takings	£4,765.82		£228,805.25	TOTAL	£241,134.24	
£263.50	Sale of Goods	£421.50					
£401.00	EasyFundraising & NFS DONATE	£64.36					
£5,000.00	Legacies	£0.00	b.				
£2,343.86	Gift Aid Recovery for Previous Year	£2,128.68					
£7,896.45	Deposit Account Interest	£9,752.58					
£0.00	VAT Refund from Church	£2,079.00					
£19.65	Miscellaneous	£0.00					
£29,583.57	TOTAL RECEIPTS	£32,222.98					
	Payments	2024-25					
£1,845.77	Cost of Events	£2,200.19					
£0.00	Cost of goods sold	£0.00					
£0.00	Publications/publicity	£13.46					
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£22.80	IT, Stationery,Printing, Post	£447.42					
£694.29	Insurance	£699.65					
£0.00	Miscellaneous	£61.10					
£2,562.86	OPERATING COSTS	£4,512.09					
£27,020.71	OPERATING BALANCE	£27,710.89					
£8,130.00	Grants to SLL	£15,381.90					
£10,692.86	TOTAL PAYMENTS	£19,893.99					
£18,890.71	NET	£12,328.99					

Signed

Karen Raymond-Blake (Treasurer)

Sebastian Bowen (Chair)

Notes

a. £2000 reserved for use in restoration of the East Window at request of donor.

b. £5000 reserved for repairs to the St Catherine's Chapel hood moulds (agreed re legacy)

Date:

Date:



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

The Conservation Trust For St Laurence Ludlow

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1114678

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended *31/12/2025*.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

R. Tingle

Date:

9 January 2026

Name:

Ralph Tingle

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Chartered Institute for Public Finance and Accountancy

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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THE CONSERVATION TRUST FOR ST LAURENCE LUDLOW

England & Wales - Charity number 1114678

Accounts

Conservation Trust for St Laurences Ludlow

Annual Meeting 2024

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-2024

Apologies that I am again unable to attend the Annual Meeting this year and thank you to Ian for agreeing to read my report. If anyone has any questions that Ian is unable to answer please do contact me.

1. Statement of Annual Account

A summary of the income and expenditure of the Trust in 2022-23 and our financial position at the start and the end of the year is provided in Attachment 1.

We have received income this year totalling £29,584. This is about £6,500 more than last year's figure, helped by one significant legacy and much improved interest rates on our deposit accounts. Operating costs continued at a much lower level than pre-COVID and our operating balance before grants to the church was just over £27,000.

One grant was made to the Church of £8,130 for repairs to the Parvis tower stonework and roof. The bulk of our funds continues to be held pending decisions on funding of the major works to the Church windows which we have agreed in principle to support.

Over the year our asset position improved from £209,915 to £228,805. £2,000 of funds are restricted for use in restoration of the East Window at the request of the donor and a legacy of £5,000 received this year will be used for a specific purpose which will be agreed with the executors.

Our assets are held in our current account at NatWest (ca. £12,000), an instant-access interest-earning deposit account with the Church of England Deposit Fund (ca. £110,000) and two fixed-term accounts of 6 and 12 months duration within a new savings platform run by Flagstone for the Charities Aid Foundation (ca. £106,000). The Trustees have agreed that a transfer will be made from the CoE Deposit Fund to the Flagstone platform to ensure we remain within the FSC protected ceiling of £85,000 in any one institution. The Flagstone monies are split between two separate institutions.

Interest rates on our deposit and savings accounts have continued to improve over the year and this year we have earned nearly £7,900 in interest compared to £3,500 last year and only £165 the year before.

2. Supporters' Donations

We continue to have approximately 90 active supporters almost all of whom donate regularly (monthly, quarterly or annually). The vast majority of these are able to gift aid their donations and we reclaim gift aid retrospectively every year making a significant contribution to our funds.

The Trust expresses great thanks for the generous support of all these donors plus those who give willingly of their time and effort to support our work.

This year we have continued to receive a small but steady flow of contributions from the EasyFundraising platform. When supporters who have signed up to the scheme buy online from many different online retailers, the retailer gives a percentage of the value of each purchase to the purchasers nominated charity. This does not affect the sale price to the purchaser. All our supporters are encouraged to join this scheme and to nominate the Palmers as their chosen charity as an easy way to help the Trust (see www.easyfundraising.org.uk).

This year for the first time we have started to receive donations via the text giving QR code displayed in the church. This adds one more arrow to our quiver of fundraising tools.

3. Events and Sale of Goods

We held four events during the year – Roy Thwaites' Spring Church Crawl which raised £377, Francesca Bingham's Autumn Amble (£216), the Christmas Social (£125) and the Brewery Quiz Night (£473).

We sold our remaining stocks of Christmas cards this year and sales amounted to £226. All costs were accounted for in previous years.

4. Newsletter and Administration

We have not produced a printed Newsletter since before Covid and communications have been mainly by email. As a result admin costs have been the main one being insurance at £694 (an increase of about £45 on last year).

The cost of administering the Trust (excluding income from and costs of events and sales) used 2.6% of our income.

5. Looking Forward

Assets and Liabilities

We have no assets and no outstanding liabilities at the start of the new financial year.

Planned Grants to the Church

We have a remaining tranche of funding of about £3,500 from an existing approved grant to the church still to be incurred and we have two current applications for further funding from the Church for repairs to two arched doorways amounting to approximately £22,000 under consideration. As reported last year we had agreed to fund the trial work on restoration of the first panel from the Ten Commandments Window, as match funding associated with the Church's bid to the National Heritage Lottery Fund. A new application is currently being developed and we await information on the contribution that may be requested from the Trust.

Karen Raymond-Blake
Treasurer
28th May 2024

Attachment 1 Annual Accounts 2023-24

Receipts and Payments Account for Year Ending 31 March 2024

2022-23		2023-24	Notes
	Receipts		
	Donations		
	- gift aided	£8,577.00	
	- not gift aided	£3,225.00	
	-collections	£61.00	
	Legacies	£5,000.00	
	Easyfundraising/QR Donate	£401.00	
	Gift Aid Recovery for Previous Year	£2,343.86	
	Event takings	£1,796.11	
	Sale of Goods	£263.50	
	VAT Refund from Church	£0.00	
	Deposit Account Interest	£7,896.45	
	Miscellaneous	£19.65	
£8,873.01	TOTAL RECEIPTS	£29,583.57	
	Payments		
£644.22	Cost of Events	£1,845.77	
£0.00	Cost of goods sold	£0.00	
£0.00	Publications	£0.00	
£0.00	Publicity/Advertising	£0.00	
£75.80	Stationery, Printing, Post	£22.80	
£0.00	Training	£0.00	
£0.00	Studies re grant funding	£0.00	
£649.08	Insurance	£694.29	
£23.00	Miscellaneous	£0.00	
£1,392.10	OPERATING COSTS	£2,562.86	
£21,627.49	OPERATING BALANCE	£27,020.71	
£0.00	Grants to SLL	£8,130.00	
£1,392.10	TOTAL PAYMENTS	£10,692.86	
£15,607.21	NET	£18,890.71	

Assets 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

01-Apr-22		31-Mar-23	Notes
£16,315.49	Current Account Balance	£12,323.67	a. b.
£92,008.11	CBF Deposit Account Balance	£110,369.54	
£101,577.02	Flagstone Platform balance	£106,112.04	
£13.92	Petty Cash	£0.00	
£209,914.54	TOTAL	£228,805.25	

a: £2,000 reserved for restoration of the East Window at request of donor.

b. Use of £5,000 legacy to be agreed in advance with the executors

CTSL Annual Account 2023-24

Receipts and Payments Account for Year Ending 31 March 2024

2022-23		2023-24	Notes	01-Apr-23		31-Mar-24	Notes
	Receipts				Assets		
	Donations			£16,315.49	Current Account Balance	£12,323.67	a. b.
£8,873.01	- gift aided	£8,577.00		£92,008.11	CCLADeposit Account Balance	£110,369.54	
£3,285.00	- not gift aided	£3,225.00		£101,577.02	Flagstone Platform Account Balance	£106,112.04	
£547.08	-collections	£61.00		£13.92	Petty Cash	£0.00	
£60.22	EasyFundraising/AmazonSmile	£401.00		£209,914.54	TOTAL	£228,805.25	
£2,408.02	Gift Aid Recovery for Previous Year	£2,343.86					
£2,653.03	Event takings	£1,796.11					
£566.00	Sale of Goods	£263.50					
£950.00	Legacies	£5,000.00	b.				
£0.00	VAT Refund from Church	£0.00					
£3,677.23	Deposit Account Interest	£7,896.45					
	Miscellaneous	£19.65					
£23,019.59	TOTAL RECEIPTS	£29,583.57					
	Payments						
£644.22	Cost of Events	£1,845.77					
£0.00	Cost of goods sold	£0.00					
£0.00	Publications	£0.00					
£0.00	Publicity/Advertising	£0.00					
£75.80	Stationery,Printing, Post	£22.80					
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£1,392.10	TOTAL PAYMENTS	£10,692.86					
£21,627.49	NET	£18,890.71					

Signed
Karen Raymond-Blake (Treasurer)

Date:

Ian Marshall (Chair)

Date:

Notes

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- b. Use of £5,000 legacy to be agreed in advance with the executors



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Conservation Trust for St Laurences Ludlow

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31ST March 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1114678

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

R. Tingle

Date:

13th December 2024

Name:

Ralph Tingle

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Section B

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None

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES



THE CONSERVATION TRUST FOR ST LAURENCE LUDLOW

England & Wales - Charity number 1114678

Accounts

Annual Meeting of the Conservation Trust for St Laurence's, Ludlow
Sunday 20 June 2021 at 2pm
Minutes

Present

11 trustees - Sylvia Turner (Chair), Viv Parry, James Caird, John Cherry, Chris Crowcroft, Nick Ford, Lesley Harling (minutes), Ian Marshall, Malcolm Perrett, Karen Raymond Blake

15 supporters - Mike Beazley, Margery Wood, Michael Evans, Phyllis Rai, Iain and Myra Field, Robert and Jennifer Gill, Bridget Cherry, Tony Mahalski, Jane and Michael Hunt, Hazel Noble, Rosemary and Jonathan Wood

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the 14th annual meeting of the Conservation Trust for St Laurence's, Ludlow, the first for two years because the Covid-19 pandemic had made it impossible to hold a meeting in 2020.

2 Apologies for absence

Trustees: Francesca Bingham, Dick Franks

Others: Rory Chase, Bill Eastwell, Lou Griffiths, John and Helen Parsons, Mike Penn, Carole Perrett, Portia Powell, Gareth Williams

3 Approval of the minutes of the meeting of 16 June 2019

The minutes of the 13th annual meeting held on 16 June 2019 were scrutinised and agreed to be an accurate record.

Proposed - Mike Beazley; seconded - Ian Marshall; agreed unanimously

4 Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising

5 Appointment of Officers for 2021/2022 and Trustee changes

The Chair informed the meeting that two trustees were standing down and offered her heartfelt thanks to both of them. John Cherry had completed a 3-year term during which he had masterminded an erudite and most enjoyable tour of the stained glass at Fairford. Viv Parry was a very long-serving trustee having served two full terms as the Ludlow Town Council representative, plus an extra year because of Covid-19.

The Chair welcomed one new trustee, Nick Ford, who introduced himself to the meeting describing St Laurence's as the jewel in the crown of the Queen of the Marches. The second new trustee would be appointed in due course by the town council. The presence of an LTC representative on the board of trustees provided an important link with the town and was one of the terms of the Trust deed.

The Chair confirmed that Treasurer, Karen Raymond-Blake, and Secretary, Lesley Harling, would continue in post and thanked them for their service to date. She announced that the new Chair of the Conservation Trust would be Ian Marshall, previously Vice Chair, so a new Vice Chair would be identified soon.

Ian introduced himself to the meeting, saying that he was grateful for the opportunity to

help with the preservation and conservation of such a fine building. His ambition was to continue the great work done by Sylvia who had led the Trust so efficiently and imaginatively.

6 Chair's Report for the year 2020/2021

The Chair referred the meeting to her written report circulated in advance of the meeting. She described the previous year as an 'interesting period' but stressed that the Trust had not been idle. One significant achievement had been the launch of a new website. Several people had provided text but the bulk of the work had been done by James Caird. James explained that the aim had been to create a site which did not simply inform people about the Palmers as an organisation but engaged them with the fabric of church, possibly leading to donations for the major projects which lay ahead. It was designed as a tour of church with all the points available on a mobile phone.

The Chair drew attention to the work done by Mike Beazley to engage with Facebook users to spread knowledge about the building, particularly locally. 'Likes' and 'follows' were rising gradually and there was a link on the Facebook page with the website.

The Chair said that the Trust was now a leaner, more efficient and fully compliant organisation. It was also in a good financial position, having received very few grant requests because the church had been unable to do any work during the pandemic.

The Chair invited questions from the floor but there were none. She concluded by saying how much she had enjoyed being the Chair, a role she had taken on 'for one year only'. She had soon recognised that it took time to learn the ropes and establish contacts. She had learned a lot, especially about IT, and proved to herself that one can function and be useful even in one's seventies.

7 Treasurer's Report for the year 2020/2021

The Treasurer spoke to her written report, previously circulated, outlining key points. Despite everything it had been a very good year financially. Event takings and one-off donations were down but single donations including one very substantial gift and two sizeable legacies more than counterbalanced this and efforts to pursue Gift Aid declarations had borne fruit.

The annual income had risen from under £30k to nearly £75k while expenses had been halved. Printing and posting costs had been reduced by encouraging use of email. Current funds had risen from £105k to £173k by the year end, currently £180k. The number of regular donors had held up at approximately 100 individuals and foundations. The PayPal account, which had not been used much, had been closed and a text giving account had been set up.

A small sub-committee had been set up to review the Trust's investment policy. The £50k emergency reserve had been earning 0.01%. The group would look at alternative, secure investments, spreading funds to stay under the £85k protection limit.

There were no questions from the floor.

The meeting accepted the accounts; proposed – Chris Crowcroft; seconded – Mike Beazley; agreed unanimously.

The Treasurer confirmed that Ralph Tingle, who had acted as independent examiner for 2020-21, was willing to do so again.

The meeting agreed to appoint Ralph Tingle as independent examiner for 2021-22; proposed – Chris Crowcroft; seconded – Mike Beazley; agreed unanimously.

8 Supporters - Report for the year 2020/21

The Secretary stated that there was little to add to the Treasurer's report on supporters. She commented that there were still 52 supporters for whom the Trust had no email address, 20 of them living outside Ludlow. More than half of these had not made a financial contribution in 2020-21 while the Trust incurred printing and postage costs to 'service' these supporters, typically £40 for a 'monthly email'.

9 Plans for 2021 – 2022

The Chair explained that she had initiated a system for having a rolling plan covering all aspects of ideas for the further development of the Trust. The version circulated was a snapshot of the current situation and the new board would take it forward. The Covid-19 pandemic meant that in several areas no progress had been made eg liaison with the church and fund-raising and relationships with supporters would have to be rebuilt.

The board would need to find one new recruit when she stepped down as a trustee in December 2021 and a new Vice Chair as soon as possible.

The events sub-group had been successful in drawing in more trustees and supporters to play an active part. Before Covid-19 it had put in place a programme of events up to the end of 2020 but some things had not come to fruition and other new ideas had arisen.

Two events were in the diary, Covid-19 restrictions permitting – a street collection on Saturday 4 September and the first in a new series of Talk & Tea, a talk on 16 September by Leon Bracelin on witches' marks in Ludlow.

10 Any Other Business

Ian expressed the gratitude of all the trustees for the excellent job done by Sylvia as Chair of the Trust, which she was leaving in very good shape financially and ready to face the future. It was a massive achievement, born of diligence and imagination. It had been an education to see how she managed the board. He presented her with a token of the Trust's appreciation.

11 Date of next Annual Meeting tba

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.32pm and was followed by a talk by John Cherry on Beriah Botfield and the great west window.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

The Conservation Trust for St Laurence Ludlow

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1114768

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2020.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

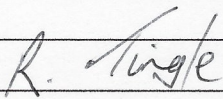
**Independent
examiner's statement**

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Date: 8 January 2022

Name: Ralph Tingle

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy.

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32 Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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