



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 6 April 2023 to 5 April 2024**

**Charity name: Friends of St Mary's Church Ross-on-Wye**

**Charity registration number: 1121282**

## **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>The Charity's objects are the preservation, restoration, improvement and development of the church buildings, fabric, fittings, stained glass, ornaments, monuments and all other chattels in and belonging to the church of St. Mary the Virgin, Ross-on-Wye and its churchyard, and all additions thereto.</b>
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	<b>During the year to 5 April 2024, the Charity was very active in fundraising. This allowed the Charity to fund a major grant of £19,758 towards the new audio-visual system in St Mary's Church during.</b>  <b>The biennial Ross-on-Wye Open Gardens event took place in June 2023 which raised £8,637.</b>  <b>Regular concerts and talks were held in St Mary's Church which were very popular and well attended, and which together raised £5,195.</b>  <b>The Trustees were very grateful for grants received from The Rowlands Trust, the Edward Cadbury Charitable Trust and the William Allen Young Charitable Trust towards the Nave Platform project. The Charity paid initial Architect's costs of £617 during the year and will continue to financially support the project during the next financial year.</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit</b>

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<b>The Charity's funding of the new sound system in St Mary's Church in 2022 was followed by grants towards the cost of a digital projector in the Church. This includes a specially designed retractable projector screen that is concealed behind the chancel arch when not in use. This has enhanced the Church's worship and services, as well as allowing a wider range of other community activities to take place within the Church.</b>

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p><b>During the year, the Charity received grants of £20,307. Income from fundraising activities and events was £13,832. Subscriptions from members and other donations were £2,197, and interest received was £309.</b></p> <p><b>The Charity made grants of £20,375.</b></p> <p><b>There was a surplus for the year of £15,618.</b></p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>The Charity holds cash in reserve until opportunities arise for suitable ways to spend those funds in accordance with the Charity's objects.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>At the year end, the Charity's funds were £25,450, all of which was represented by cash at bank. Of these funds, £12,383 was unspent restricted grants received towards the Nave Project.</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties regarding the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.</b>

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>The Charity is governed by the Constitution adopted on 16 September 2007.</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>The Charity is an unincorporated association.</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<b>The Trustees are the members of the committee comprising the President (Rector of Ross, ex-officio), the Vice President (Mayor of Ross-on-Wye. Ex officio), Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, two members nominated by the Parochial Church Council of Ross Parish Church, and not less than three ordinary members appointed at the annual meeting. A Trustee must be a member of the Charity or the nominated representative of an organisation that is a member of the Charity</b>

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	<b>THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH ROSS-ON-WYE</b>
Registered charity number	<b>1121282</b>
Charity's principal address	<b>The Parish Office, The Rectory, Church Street, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 5HN</b>

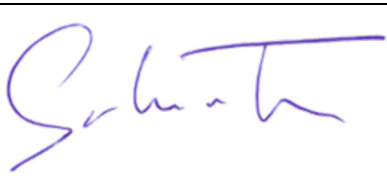
### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Bill Fulp	Chairman		
2	Mark Sanderson	Secretary		
3	Graham John	Treasurer		
4	Chris Bartrum			
5	Caroline Utting			
6	Rustie Baker			
7	Eleanor Kercher		From 12 December 2023	
8	Teresa Newman		From 12 December 2023	
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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)		
Full name(s)	Graham John	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	03/07/2024	



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Charity Name  
**FRIEND OF ST MARY'S CHURCH ROSS-ON-WYE**

No (if any)  
**1121282**

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period  
from

Period start date  
06/04/2023


To

Period end date  
05/04/2024

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Members' subscriptions and donations	2,197	-	-	2,197	2,707
Grants received	-	20,307	-	20,307	-
Fundraising income	15,443	-	-	15,443	1,672
Interest received	309	-	-	309	29
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>17,949</b>	<b>20,307</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,256</b>	<b>4,408</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>17,949</b>	<b>20,307</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,256</b>	<b>4,408</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Grants paid	12,451	7,924	-	20,375	10,390
Fundraising expenses	1,611	-	-	1,611	319
Bank charges	210	-	-	210	158
Insurance	418	-	-	418	418
Subscriptions paid	24	-	-	24	24
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>14,714</b>	<b>7,924</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,638</b>	<b>11,309</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>14,714</b>	<b>7,924</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,638</b>	<b>11,309</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>3,235</b>	<b>12,383</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,618</b>	<b>- 6,901</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>9,832</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,832</b>	<b>16,733</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>13,067</b>	<b>12,383</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,450</b>	<b>9,832</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current account	1,091	-	-
	Deposit account	11,976	12,383	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>13,067</b>	<b>12,383</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Graham John	03/07/2024	





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## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH ROSS-ON-WYE

On accounts for the year  
ended

05 April 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1121282

Set out on pages

5 and 6

(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 05/04/2024.

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 (other than that disclosed below \*) 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.

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

Signed:

*Keith A Ray*

Date:

20/03/25

Name:

KEITH DENNIS RAY

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

N/A

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### Section B

### Disclosure

(NOT REQUIRED) Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).