

# **THE FRIENDS OF LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

**Charity Registration No. 1122672**

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# **THE FRIENDS OF LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL**

## **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

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The trustees are pleased to present their annual report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019).

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The Objectives are:

- To assist the Chapter to fulfil its duty of worship and contribute to the repair, maintenance, improvement of and additions to the fabric, furnishings and vestments.
- To promote and support any charitable activities calculated to preserve and beautify the cathedral, its history and its music.

#### **Public Benefit**

In considering the objectives and activities, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit to ensure that the organisation is meeting its Public Benefit requirements.

#### **Membership**

Membership of the charity is open to all those who are interested in furthering the aims of the charity. The charity is managed by a committee, which reports to the members at the Annual General Meeting each year. The committee is responsible for maintaining accounting records and preparing financial statements for each financial period. They are also responsible for presenting the accounts to the Annual General Meeting together with an Independent Examiners' Report on the accounts.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

Income has continued to be generated through subscriptions, donations and legacies as well as fundraising events.

There was a talk and presentation about the collection held in the Elizabeth Hoare Embroidery Gallery and the restoration work carried out there. A second talk and demonstration was given by the cathedral's former stone mason.

During the financial year of 2024 we paid for the building and installation of the echo Organ and the repair and refurbishment of the remaining cross gild maces. Together with the Duchy of Lancaster, we paid for improvements to the western approach to the cathedral.

We part commissioned a piece of music and two stained glass panels to commemorate the Cathedral's Centenary. We helped to sponsor the science and faith day in conjunction with Liverpool University as well as making our annual contribution for the provision of flowers and the maintenance of the west end garden.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Total income for the year was £36,512 (2023: £44,205) of which £nil (2023: £nil), related to funding for projects upon which restrictions are placed.

Total expenditure for the year was £98,139 (2023: £150,710), leaving a deficit for the year of £61,627 (2023: deficit £106,505).

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At 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 the charity's reserves stood at £305,223 (2023: £366,850) of which £69,868 (2023: £159,611) represented restricted funds.

#### **Risk Management**

The main risks to which the charity is exposed as identified by the Trustees have been considered and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

In accordance with the Constitution the Committee hold within their finances a sum of twenty thousand pounds to cover any debts or liabilities should the Charity be dissolved. No members of the committee receive any payment for their services and outgoing costs are kept to a minimum.

Income was down and had to rely solely on subscriptions, donations and legacies. However, we have been able to continue supporting the Cathedral during these difficult times. We have not received any financial support from any other sources.

#### **Reserves Policy**

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves that allows the charity to continue its activities for three years should no further funding be received.

As at the end of the financial year the unrestricted funds totalled £235,355. The charitable company requires £8,396 for 12 months' running costs.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The Friends of Liverpool Cathedral is a registered charity, number 1122672, registered on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2008. It is governed by its constitution dated 13<sup>th</sup> July 2003, subsequently amended on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

The Charity is managed by a committee consisting of eleven members; five appointed by the Chapter of Liverpool Cathedral (Chapter), four elected by the Friends at the Annual General Meeting, a Chair personally appointed by the Chapter and a Chapter representative.

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

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**Name** The Friends of Liverpool Cathedral

**Charity Number** 1122672

**Address & Office** Liverpool Cathedral  
St James Mount  
Liverpool  
L1 7AZ

**Trustees** During the year members of the Committee were as follows:

Mr David Hudson (Deceased 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024)  
Alan S Matthews (Chair)  
Margaret Palmer  
Valerie Rooke  
Mr Gratten Williams

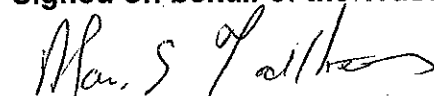
**Treasurer** Clive Harris

**Other Committee Members** Elsie Ander  
Carol Connor  
Alan Cookson  
Neal Barnes (Chapter representative)  
Dianne Rothwell  
Ann Trigg  
Mike Trigg

**Independent Examiner** Ying Huang ACCA  
c/o LCVS  
151 Dale Street,  
Liverpool,  
L2 2AH

**Bankers** Barclays Bank PLC  
Lord Street  
Liverpool  
L2 1TD

**Signed on behalf of the Trustees**



Alan Matthews,  
Trustee - Chair

Date: 19. 3. 25

CLIVE JOHN HARRIS

C. J. Harris

19/03/25

TREASURER

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FRIENDS OF LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL

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I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 12.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 trustees 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 statement 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 keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act.
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

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.

Name: Ying Huang



Relevant professional qualification or body: ACCA

Address: c/o LCVS 151 Dale Street, L2 2AH

Dated: ..... 25/03/2025 .....

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		2024	2024	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2a	20,556	-	20,556	31,799
Other trading Activities	2b	790	-	790	1,205
Investments	2c	15,166	-	15,166	11,201
		-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total income</b>		<b>36,512</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,512</b>	<b>44,205</b>
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<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising Funds		450	-	450	473
Charitable Activities	3	7,946	89,743	97,689	150,237
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<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>8,396</b>	<b>89,743</b>	<b>98,139</b>	<b>150,710</b>
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<b>Net expenditure, net movement in funds</b>		<b>28,116</b>	<b>(89,743)</b>	<b>(61,627)</b>	<b>(106,505)</b>
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Total funds brought forward	8, 9	207,239	159,611	366,850	473,355
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<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>7-9</b>	<b>235,355</b>	<b>69,868</b>	<b>305,223</b>	<b>366,850</b>
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The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these accounts.

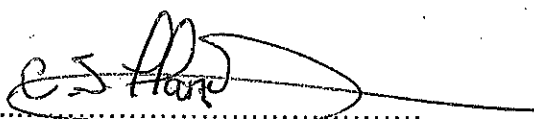
All the above amounts relate to continuing activities of the charity.

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2024	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023
		£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>	4	-	-
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	5	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		305,933	367,510
		<u>305,933</u>	<u>367,510</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(710)	(660)
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		305,223	366,850
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		305,223	366,850
		<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>
<b>Funds:</b>		£	£
Unrestricted funds	7, 8	235,355	207,239
Restricted funds	7, 9	69,868	159,611
		<u>305,223</u>	<u>366,850</u>
		<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>

Approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on ..... and signed on their behalf by:

  
 Alan Matthews  
 Trustee, Chair

  
 Clive Harris  
 Treasurer



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## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

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### **1. Accounting Policies**

#### **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (SORP 2019) effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 and Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for Charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

#### **Going concern**

At the time of approving the accounts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Trustees have therefore adopted the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

#### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are the charity's free reserves available for the trustees to apply in accordance with the charitable company's charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by the donor. All restricted funds are accounted for as restricted income and expenditure for the purposes is charged to the fund.

#### **Income recognition**

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty of receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies comprise of donations and general grants which are recognised in the accounts when received, with the exception of known legacies which are accounted for when their receipt is certain.

Income from other trading activities relates to outing and events and is recognised when the amount is certain.

Income from investment relates to bank interest received and is recognised when the amount is certain.

#### **Expenditure recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charitable company to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual's basis. All expenses, including support costs and governance costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings in the Statement of Financial Activities. Support and governance costs are applied to unrestricted funds unless specifically included in the restrictions, as specified by the donor.

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Expenditure on charitable activities relate to the operation of the charity comprising of direct charitable expenditure to meet the objectives of the charitable company. Support and governance costs relate to the management and operation of the organisation and also compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements in producing the annual report. These are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities when payment has been approved by the charitable company.

#### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

#### **Financial instruments**

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

#### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

#### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### **Taxation**

Income and gains are exempt from taxation as they are applied for charitable purposes only. The charitable company benefits from various exemptions from taxation afforded by tax legislation and is not liable to corporation tax on income or gains falling within those exemptions.

#### **Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024

that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

### 2. Income and endowments from

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>a. Donations and legacies</b>				
Donations	11,490	-	11,490	2,561
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-
Legacies	-	-	-	15,559
Membership subscriptions	9,066	-	9,066	13,679
	<u>20,556</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,556</u>	<u>31,799</u>

Income from donations and legacies for 2023 related wholly to unrestricted funds

	£	£	£	£
<b>b. Other trading activities</b>				
Outings and Events	790	-	790	1,205
	<u>790</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>790</u>	<u>1,205</u>

Income from other trading activities for 2023 related wholly to unrestricted funds

	£	£	£	£
<b>c. Investments</b>				
Bank Interest	15,166	-	15,166	11,201
	<u>15,166</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,166</u>	<u>11,201</u>

Income from investments for 2023 related wholly to unrestricted funds

### 3. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Direct Charitable Expenditure £	Support & Governance Costs £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
To promote and support any charitable activities calculated to preserve and beautify the cathedral, its history, and its music.	96,443	1,246	97,689	150,237
	<u>96,443</u>	<u>1,246</u>	<u>97,689</u>	<u>150,237</u>

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**a. Analysed as follows:**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<i>Direct charitable expenditure:</i>		
Chapter gifts	6,700	59,987
Organ scholarship	89,743	89,350
	<b>96,443</b>	<b>149,337</b>
	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>
<i>Support &amp; Governance costs:</i>		
Office costs	380	-
Lawn master	156	240
Accountancy	710	660
	<b>1,246</b>	<b>900</b>
	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>
<b>Total expenditure on charitable activities</b>	<b>97,689</b>	<b>150,237</b>
	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>

£89,743 (2023: £89,350) of the above expenditure is restricted expenditure

**b. Particulars of employees:**

There were no employees during the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 (2023: none).

The Trustees are not remunerated for their services.

No out-of-pocket expenses were reimbursed to trustees in the year (2023: £nil).

**4. Tangible fixed assets**

There were no tangible fixed assets as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 (2023: nil).

**5. Debtors**

There were no debtors as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 (2023: nil).

**6. Creditors**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accruals	710	660
	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>

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### 7. Analysis of net assets between funds

2024	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Total £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	-	128,010	128,010
Legacies	-	107,345	107,345
	-	235,355	235,355
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
E Golby Legacy	-	69,868	69,868
<b>Totals</b>	-	305,223	305,223

2023	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Total £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	-	99,894	99,894
Legacies	-	107,345	107,345
	-	207,239	207,239
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
E Golby Legacy	-	159,611	159,611
<b>Totals</b>	-	366,850	366,850

### 8. Unrestricted Funds

2024	Funds at Beginning of year £	Movements in the Year		Funds at End of Year £
		Income £	Expenditure £	
General Fund	99,894	36,512	(8,396)	128,010
Legacies	107,345	-	(-)	107,345
	207,239	36,512	(8,396)	235,355

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2023	Funds at Beginning of year £	Income £	Expenditure £	Funds at End of Year £
General Fund	132,608	28,646	(61,360)	99,894
Legacies	91,786	15,559	(-)	107,345
	<u>224,394</u>	<u>44,205</u>	<u>(61,360)</u>	<u>207,239</u>

**General Fund** is used to finance the charity's general activities and core costs as outlined in the Trustees' Report.

**Legacies** received to be used for the charity general activities and core costs.

**9. Restricted Funds**

2024	Funds at Beginning of year £	<u>Movements in the Year</u>		Funds at End of Year £
		Income £	Expenditure £	
E Golby Legacy	159,611	-	(89,743)	69,868
	<u>159,611</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(89,743)</u>	<u>69,868</u>

2023	Funds at Beginning of year £	<u>Movements in the Year</u>		Funds at End of Year £
		Income £	Expenditure £	
E Golby Legacy	248,961	-	(89,350)	159,611
	<u>248,961</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(89,350)</u>	<u>159,611</u>

These are monies given to the Charity to be spent at the discretion of the Board of Trustees for specific charitable purposes, as follows:

**E Golby Legacy** – Contribution towards providing music in the Cathedral and build of the last section of the organ in the Cathedral and choral scholarship

**Organ Scholarship Donation** – Contribution towards organ scholarship

**10. Guarantees and Other Financial Commitments**

At the year-end there are no financial commitments under non-cancellable operating leases (2023: £Nil).

**11. Related Parties**

There were no related party transactions during this or the previous year which require disclosure.