

Ombersley Spire and Church Appeal

also known as OSCA

Charity registration number: 1131675

St Andrew's Church
Main Road
Ombersley
WR9 0EP

Trustees

Anthony Philip Gilson Hughes (Chair)
Robert Thornton
Paul Wyresdale John Adams
James Martineau (Treasurer)

Trustees' Annual Report

for the period: 1 January 2024 – 31 December 2024

Charity was established as an unincorporated association by Trust Deed dated 5 July 2009. Trustees are appointed by existing trustees after consultation with the churchwardens of St Andrew's, Ombersley.

1 Objectives and Activities

Purpose

The charity's purpose is to enable the restoration, preservation, repair, maintenance, improvement, or reconstruction of St Andrew's church, Ombersley and its immediate environs.

Main Activities

The main activities are to raise funds to fulfil the charity's purpose. Without a useable church building, the people of Ombersley and wider public will be deprived of a community asset.

Statement of compliance

The charity's sole purpose is to help make St Andrew's church Ombersley and its immediate environs useable for a variety of community purposes.

Policy on grant making

Grants are awarded to the Parochial Church Council of St Andrew's Ombersley who are responsible for the management of projects.

Contribution made by volunteers

Fund raising is undertaken entirely by volunteers.

2 Achievements and performance

In the year under review the main effort of the charity was to raise funds for the replacement of the Tenor bell which cracked and became unusable towards the end of 2023. After professional assessment, St Andrew's PCC decided the only practical long-term solution was replace the bell. The charity therefore created an appeal aimed at both the local community and appropriate grant making charities. In less than nine months nearly £30,000 had been raised or pledged, of which

personal donations accounted for 56% (including a significant gift in memory of a donor's late husband). Grant making charities contributed 44% of the total amount raised. Of this, the pledged sum of £5,000 was from another grant making charity who paid the donation direct to the bell hanging company. It is expected that the total raised will be enhanced through Gift Aid tax recovery on personal donations.

The sound of new tenor bell is now greatly appreciated by the village community.

The charity made a grant of £25,000 to St Andrew's PCC to cover most of the cost of the replacement bell with a small contribution towards updating the WC to meet current disability standards.

The charity also donated £32,000 towards the cost of the under-pew electric heating system. This replaced the wet system previously heated by an oil burning boiler which had been condemned.

The charity continued funding raising from personal donors for future projects, including improved access for the disabled, repairs and ongoing maintenance at St Andrew's.

3 Financial Review

Financial position at the end of the period

The charity continues to accumulate funds for both current and future projects at St Andrew's church, Ombersley.

Reserves policy

The charity will continue to accumulate funds to fund both current and future projects at St Andrew's church, Ombersley.

Amount of Reserves held

The reserves held on 31 December 2024 amounted to £87,662.

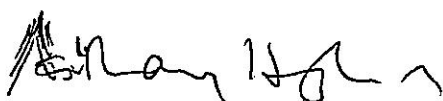
4 Public Benefit Statement

The charity's aim is to enable St Andrew's church to continue to be fit for use as a community asset by both current and future generations of the people of Ombersley and wider public.

5 Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Anthony Hughes
Chair

Date: 28 Jan 25

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 January 2024 TO 31 December 2024
FOR
THE OMBERSLEY SPIRE AND CHURCH APPEAL
A REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1131675

Ombersley Spire and Church Appeal Income and Expenditure Statement
For the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

<u>Receipts</u>	Note	2024	2023
Charity Grants	1	£10,400.00	£2,400.00
Fund raising		£16,868.92	
Donations	1	£940.00	£1,863.35
Tax Recovery	2	£1,659.42	
Dividends & Interest		£177.73	£225.19
Total		£30,046.07	£4,488.54
<u>Expenses</u>			
Donation to St Andrew's PCC		£57,000.00	
Other Expenses		£60.00	£60.00
Total		£57,060.00	£60.00
Surplus / Shortfall		-£27,013.93	£4,428.54
Cash position on 1 January			
CAF Bank		£114,676.18	£110,247.64
Total		£114,676.18	£110,247.64
Cash position on 31 December			
CAF Bank		£87,662.25	£114,676.18
Total		£87,662.25	£114,676.18
Cashflow		-£27,013.93	£4,428.54

Ombersley Spire and Church Appeal Notes re Income and Expenditure Statement
For the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Income

1 Donations

Ombersley charities

Ombersley Church Houses Trust	£2,400	
Ombersley Conservation Trust	£4,000	
Sandys Trust	<u>£4,000</u>	£10,400

Individuals

Village Bell envelopes	£1,530	
Tenner for a Tenor (Bell)	£3,303	
Donations for Bell fund	£12,036	
Donations (Regular)	<u>£940</u>	£17,809

2 Tax recovery - Oct 2020 -Mar 2024 (excluding Bell fund)	<u>£1,659</u>
	<u>£29,868</u>

Expenditure

Bank charges	£60
Grant to Ombersley St Andrew's PCC	<u>£57,000</u>
	<u>£57,060</u>

Ombersley Spire and Church Appeal Financial Statements
For the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

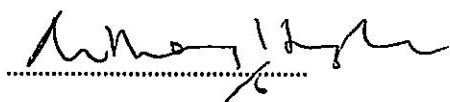
	2024	2023
Income and Expenditure Account		
Income	£30,046.07	£4,488.54
Expenditure	£57,060.00	£60.00
Surplus / Shortfall	-£27,013.93	£4,428.54
Cash deposits on 1 January	£114,676.18	£110,247.64
Cash deposits on 31 December	<u>£87,662.25</u>	<u>£110,247.64</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

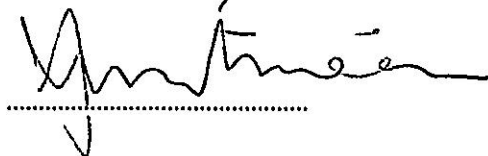
Assets		
CAF Bank	£87,662.25	£114,676.18
Total	<u>£87,662.25</u>	<u>£114,676.18</u>

Liabilities	<u>NIL</u>	<u>NIL</u>
	<u>NIL</u>	<u>NIL</u>

Chairman



Treasurer



Date.....

28 Jan 25

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

For the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Report to the trustees of the Ombersley Spire and Church Appeal

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

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.

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:

- * 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.



Paul Hunter FMAAT

15 Sandys Road

Ombersley

Worcestershire

WR9 0DY

Date: 27/04/25

