



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

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

**From 01 August 2024 To 31 July 2025**

**Charity name: Friends of High Weald Churches**

**Charity registration number: 1133172**

### **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The object of Friends of High Weald Churches is, by contribution, to maintain, repair, protect, restore, improve and reconstruct the fabric of the Penshurst, Fordcombe and Chiddingstone churches including their monuments, fixtures, fittings, furniture, stained glass or chattels and its churchyard for the benefit of the public.
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	<p>The trustees' main activities during the year have been the raising of funding for works on the church and the associated staging of events in the church and Penshurst village.</p> <p>During the year the trustees have in particular worked with local residents to raise funds for the servicing and restoration of the bells in Penshurst church.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## 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	<p>FOHWC has staged a series of performances and fund-raising events in the church and in Penshurst village. It has made contributions to costs incurred by the Parochial Church Council consistent with its purposes and continued to liaise with the Parochial Church Council on the renovation of parts of the church not previously addressed.</p> <p>During the year the trustees worked with local residents to raise funds for the servicing and restoration of the bells in Penshurst church. The bells were removed from the church in 2025 and are expected to be reinstalled shortly.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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 charity had a sound financial position at the end of the period.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity's policy is to raise and hold reserves sufficient to cover the likely future costs of achieving its objects.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£80,314
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

### 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:		None
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association
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	Trustees are selected based on personal recommendation and expressions of interest received within the local community.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
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 High Weald Churches
Other name the charity uses	FOHWC
Registered charity number	1133172
Charity's principal address	The Oaks Greenview Avenue Leigh Tonbridge Kent, TN11 8QT



## 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	Stephen Hazell-Smith	Chairman		
2	Charles Lloyd	Treasurer		
3	David Lough			
4	Simon Crookenden			
5	Elizabeth Woolman			
6	Christine Rose			
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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	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

**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)		
Full name(s)		J. CHARLES LLOYD
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		TREASURER
Date	13 FEBRUARY 2026	







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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01-Aug-24

To

31-Jul-25

### 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>					
	19,760	40,832	-	60,592	33,265
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	19,760	40,832	-	60,592	33,265
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	19,760	40,832	-	60,592	33,265
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
All expenses	16,668	45,842	-	62,510	3,447
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	16,668	45,842	-	62,510	3,447
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	16,668	45,842	-	62,510	3,447
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	3,092	5,010	-	1,918	29,818
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	23,704	58,528	-	82,232	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	26,796	53,518	-	80,314	29,818

### 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>				
		26,796	53,518	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	26,796	53,518	-

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Friends of High Weald Churches (the Trust) for the year ended 31 July 2025.

### **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 all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do 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.

Signed: *Richard Geyer*

Name: *R L CSERJEN*

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: *LINNETS  
THE LAWE  
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Date: *19/2/26*