

FRIENDS OF COLERNE CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1157116

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2014-05-19

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC BY: RAISING FUNDS TOWARDS THE COST OF ANY REPAIRS OR RESTORATION REQUIRED TO THE FABRIC OR STRUCTURE OF THE PARISH CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD OF COLERNE; ORGANISING AND ENCOURAGING THE PROVISION OF VOLUNTARY LABOUR TO CARRY OUT REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE TO THE CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD, OR TO TAKE PART IN RELATED FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES; ENCOURAGING THE ATTENDANCE OF PEOPLE LIVING WITHIN THE PARISH OF COLERNE AT THE SERVICES OF THE CHURCH.

Activities: To advance the Christian religion for the benefit of the public by: Raising funds towards the cost of any repairs or restoration required to the fabric or structure of the Parish Church and Churchyard of Colerne; Organising volunteers to take part in related fund raising activities; Encouraging the attendance of people living within the Parish of Colerne at the services of the Church.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Religious Activities, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Wiltshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£22,023	£6,208	-	-
2024-08-31	£20,147	£18,495	-	-
2023-08-31	£17,331	£5,071	-	-
2022-08-31	£17,237	£4,843	-	-
2021-08-31	£710	£13,325	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
RAY BARKER	Chair	2014-03-15
LAVINIA MARY WILSON		2014-03-15
Peter John Brookes		2022-06-20
Sarah Jane Margaret Alexander Edmonds		2022-06-20

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	September	2024		31	August	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Postcode

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	Raymond Leonard BARKER	Chairman		The Trustees
2	Lavinia Mary WILSON			The Trustees
3	Peter John BROOKES	Treasurer		The Trustees
4	Sarah Jane Margaret Alexander EDMONDS			The Trustees

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
None	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
None		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Managing Committee:
 Chairman - Ray Barker;
 The Trustees;
 Other Committee Members - Margaret Edmonds, Rob Featherstone, Robert Jones, Sue Jones, Serena Gambarini, Beverly Youdan, Simon Youdan and Ffion Prestidge.

Description of the charity's trusts

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- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Review of Major Risks

The majority of the Friends activities do not require any significant commitment of funds and the financial risks are therefore low. An exception is the Bonfire where the cost of fireworks etc. (approximately £1900 this year) might not be recovered if the weather on the night was very bad. If the Bonfire were to be cancelled the stocks would have to held over to the following year as they are not on a sale or return basis. The Trustees consider this financial risk justified in the light of the potential to generate income in good years and because of the value of the event to the community as a whole.

The bonfire and fireworks have always been recognised as the greatest source of safety risks. A thorough review of the risk assessment, environmental impact and the insurer's safety recommendations is carried out each year before the display.

Funds in the Bath Building Society currently exceed the £85k limit that is covered under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme by about £20k. The risk is considered acceptable at present because of the low chance of bank failure and the likely use of funds for grants in the coming year.

We recognise the introduction of The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025, and are considering its implications for our public events.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are to advance the Christian religion for the benefit of the public by:

Raising funds towards the cost of any repairs or restoration required to the fabric or structure of the Parish Church and Churchyard of Colerne;

Organising and encouraging the provision of voluntary labour to carry out repairs and maintenance to the Church and Churchyard, or to take part in related fund raising activities;

Encouraging the attendance of people living within the Parish of Colerne at the services of the Church.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The main activities of the Friends are to organise fundraising events to support present or future repairs or restoration of the church and churchyard.

The Trustees have assessed these activities against the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and consider that they are fully consistent with both the guidance and the objects of the Charity.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Grant-making Policy

At the end of the year the bank balance is £108,974. This money stands available to be spent on repairs or restoration whenever necessary. The normal process is for the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to request a grant for specific items of work from the Friends. If the Trustees consider the request is covered by the Friends objects then the money is paid to the PCC who manage the work.

Investment Selection Policy and Banking Arrangements

The Friends do not hold investments.

The Friends current account is a Treasurer's Account with Santander. The majority of funds are held in a Bath Building Society (BBS) Charity Account. The interest rate at the end of the period is 2.44%.

At the end of this financial year approximately 95% of the funds are held in the Charity account and 5% in Santander.

Volunteers

All officers, members and other active supporters are volunteers. There are no paid associates. The Trustees are very grateful for all the voluntary support.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**Income and Fund Raising**

The money donated to the Friends is a major source of funds for the PCC to maintain the church and churchyard for the benefit of all the local community.

The gross income for the year was £22,023, which is consistent with previous years; and the net income after costs and expenses (not including grants) was £15,816.

The contributions of the principal activities were as follows.

May Fair 2025.

The May Fair took place on 17 May. As in the past two years the Fair began with a parade of local voluntary organisations. This year the parade was led by the Marshfield Band whose playing was much appreciated. The committee would like to thank Karen Prees for sponsoring the band.

The May Fair was better attended than ever on a perfect summer afternoon. The Fair raised £7,281, a 15% increase on the previous record takings.

The Friends would like to thank the many people who helped in this achievement by operating stalls, helping with the arrangements and donating prizes.

Bonfire Night 2024.

The 2024 bonfire night and fireworks display raised £5286, very close to the record set in 2023. Overall it was agreed that the evening was a great success attracting many family groups to an enjoyable community event, which is what the Friends always aim to achieve rather than seeking solely to maximise profit.

The Trustees and Committee give special thanks to all those who worked so hard this year to build an impressive bonfire and provide a spectacular fireworks display.

The Trustees thank Mr and Mrs Harvey for allowing us the use of their field despite the considerable disruption this causes. We would also like to thank the residents of Eastrip Lane for bearing with the intrusion on the night.

The Trustees thank Euridge Manor for their generous sponsorship of the event.

The Trustees and Committee have continued to review the environmental impact of this event and believe that the precautions and controls they have put in place strike a reasonable balance between the impact on the environment and the benefit to the community. This consideration will be reviewed as part of the planning for all future events.

Subscriptions. The total subscription income was £580. In addition £814 was reclaimed in Gift Aid on subscriptions and donations for the year to April 2025.

Donations. £3,492 was received in donations during the year. (Note that most of these donations are now shown in the accounts under the Bonfire and May Fair).

Section D

Achievements and performance

Deposit Account Interest. The reserves are held in a Bath Building Society Charity Account. £2,547 was received in interest.

Expenditure

The cost of running our events came to a total of £5,514.

The cost of insurance was £674, which is the principal administrative expense.

Grants to the PCC

The PCC did not ask for any grants during the year. The Trustees have approved a grant of £10,000 for work on the pathway to the South door but this has been unavoidably delayed until next year.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

When income exceeds expenditure in the current year it is the Trustees' policy to build a reserve towards a major item of future expenditure. These reserves are in no way binding and the money is still available to be spent should a serious problem be found elsewhere in the church or churchyard.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Friends committee always aim to ensure that costs and expenses are kept to a minimum. For every £1 received this year, 72p will be available for grants, which is in line with figures for previous years.

Many large charities now state the amount available for grants as a percentage of income "after expenses" and a figure around 90% is common. If expenses are taken to be the cost of running events plus insurance and licensing costs then the figure for the Friends this year is effectively 100%. This is achieved by the generous donation of time and resources by the Committee and the many volunteers who support the Friends.

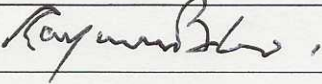
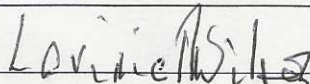
Section F**Other optional information**

The Trustees would like to thank Karen Sayers for carrying out the examination of the accounts.

Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	RAYMOND BARKER	LAVINIA WILSON
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR of TRUSTEES	TRUSTEE
Date	10 November 2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Friends of Colerne Church

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/09/2024	To	31/08/2025
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
May Fair	8,783	-	-	8,783	7,698
Fireworks	9,298	-	-	9,298	8,880
Subscriptions - Standing Order	580	-	-	580	840
Subscriptions - Other	-	-	-	-	80
Donations	1	-	-	1	1
Gift Aid	814	-	-	814	494
May Fair 22 Late receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Bath Building Society Interest	2,548	-	-	2,548	2,153
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	22,023	-	-	22,023	20,147
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	22,023	-	-	22,023	20,147
A3 Payments					
May Fair Expenditure	1,502	-	-	1,502	1,625
Fireworks Expenditure	4,012	-	-	4,012	3,221
Support Costs	694	-	-	694	694
Grants Paid	-	-	-	-	12,950
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6,208	-	-	6,208	18,489
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	6,208	-	-	6,208	18,489
Net of receipts/(payments)	15,816	-	-	15,816	1,658
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	93,158	-	-	93,158	91,501
Cash funds this year end	108,974	-	-	108,974	93,158

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in Hand	-	-	-
	Santander Current Account	6,484	-	-
	Bath Building Society	102,489	-	-
	Total cash funds	108,974	-	-
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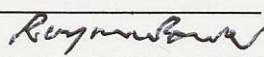
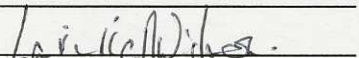
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	R BARKER	10/11/25
	L WILSON	10/11/25

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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Type of adviser	Name	Address
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 Chairman - Ray Barker;
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**Income and Fund Raising**

The money donated to the Friends is a major source of funds for the PCC to maintain the church and churchyard for the benefit of all the local community.

The gross income for the year was £20,147, which is consistent with previous years; and the net income after costs and expenses (not including grants) was £14,608.

The contributions of the principal activities were as follows.

May Fair 2024.

The May Fair took place on 12 May. In 2023 (Coronation year) the Fair began with a parade of local voluntary organisations and it was decided to repeat this in 2024. A number of local organisations took part in the parade and ran stalls during the Fair.

The May Fair was again very well attended on what proved to be one of the few warm days of the early summer and raised £6,073, a similar amount to the previous (record) year.

The Friends would like to thank the many people who helped in this achievement by operating stalls, helping with the arrangements and donating prizes.

Bonfire Night 2023.

The 2023 bonfire night and fireworks display raised £5660, beating the previous record in 2021 by £400. Overall it was agreed that the evening was a great success attracting many family groups to an enjoyable village event, which is what the Friends always aim to achieve rather than seeking solely to maximise profit.

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The Trustees thank Mr and Mrs Harvey for allowing us the use of their field despite the considerable disruption this causes. We would also like to thank the residents of Eastrip Lane for bearing with the intrusion on the night.

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The Trustees and Committee have continued to review the environmental impact of this event and believe that the precautions and controls they have put in place strike a reasonable balance between the impact on the environment and the benefit to the community. This consideration will be reviewed as part of the planning for all future events.

After the 2023 bonfire it was noted that there had been a significant increase in attendance since the end of the pandemic. Previously numbers were estimated to be between 700 and 1000 but from 2021 onward this has risen to about 1400. Our insurance was based on approximately 1000 attendees so the increase was reported to the insurance company who agreed to extend the cover to 1500 in 2024 in return for an additional premium of £112.

Subscriptions. The total subscription income was £840. In addition £494 was reclaimed in Gift Aid on subscriptions and donations for the year to April 2024.

Donations. £1,949 was received in donations during the year. (Note that these donations are now shown in the accounts under the Bonfire and May Fair).

Deposit Account Interest. The reserves are now held in a Bath Building Society Charity Account. £2153 was received in interest.

Expenditure

The cost of running our events came to a total of £4846.

The cost of insurance was £674 – the principal administrative expense.

Grants to the PCC

As agreed at the Trustees' meeting on 31 January 2024 the Friends made two major grants to the PCC during the year totalling £12,950.

West Window Repair

For quite a few years the very large window, probably installed in the 1867 restoration, has been on the list of Fabric items needing attention. The main reason was very noticeable distortion due to the need for re-leading causing bending of the window and bowing away from the support bars. Additionally, some of the glass diamonds had become cracked and lost their paint, and the whole window was coated in almost 150 years of 'grime'.

The Church Council agreed to go ahead with a full restoration, and selected J H Stained Glass, based in Kingswood, Bristol who removed the window, cleaned the glass, replaced the cracked and broken diamonds and renewed the all the lead.

The Friends made a grant of £10,000 towards the overall cost of £17,000.

Clock Repair

A grant of £2,949 was made to fund repairs to the church clock, including the replacement of the auto winder system on the strike side.

Pathway Replacement

The Trustees' meeting also approved a grant in the order of £10,000 towards the repair of the pathway from the West door to the South door to make it suitable for wheelchair use. However, unexpected contractor delays have meant that the work did not take place during this reporting period.

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

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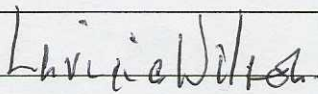
The Trustees were sad to hear of the death of Janet Austin during the year. Janet and her husband Barrie (who was treasurer through the 1990s) were strong supporters of the Friends.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	RAYMOND BARKER	LAVINIA WILSON
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR OF TRUSTEES	TRUSTEE
Date	18 November 2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/09/2023	To	31/08/2024
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
May Fair	7,698	-	-	7,698	7,417
Fireworks	8,880	-	-	8,880	7,113
Subscriptions - Standing Order	840	-	-	840	370
Subscriptions - Other	80	-	-	80	155
Donations	1	-	-	1	1,062
Gift Aid	494	-	-	494	551
May Fair 22 Late receipts	-	-	-	-	156
Bath Building Society Interest	2,153	-	-	2,153	508
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	20,147	-	-	20,147	17,331
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	20,147	-	-	20,147	17,331
A3 Payments					
May Fair Expenditure	1,625	-	-	1,625	1,092
Fireworks Expenditure	3,221	-	-	3,221	3,396
Support Costs	694	-	-	694	582
Grants Paid	12,950	-	-	12,950	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	18,489	-	-	18,489	5,071
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	18,489	-	-	18,489	5,071
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,658	-	-	1,658	12,260
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	91,501	-	-	91,501	79,240
Cash funds this year end	93,158	-	-	93,158	91,501

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in Hand	-	-	-
	Santander Current Account	6,216	-	-
	Bath Building Society	86,942	-	-
	Total cash funds	93,158	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

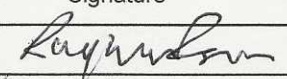
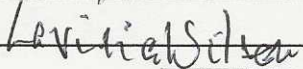
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	RAYMOND BARKER	18/11/24
	LAVINIA WILSON	18/11/24

FRIENDS OF COLERNE CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1157116

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	1	September	2022	To	31	August	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

The Friends of Colerne Church

Other names charity is known by

None

Registered charity number (if any)

1157116

3 Box View

Colerne

Chippenham

Postcode

SN14 8DH

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	Raymond Leonard BARKER	Chairman		The Trustees
2	Lavinia Mary WILSON			The Trustees
3	Peter John BROOKES	Treasurer		The Trustees
4	Sarah Jane Margaret Alexander EDMONDS			The Trustees

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
None	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
None		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Managing Committee:

Chairman - Ray Barker;

The Trustees;

Other Committee Members - Margaret Edmonds, Karen Brzezicki, Rob Featherstone, Robert Jones, Sue Jones, Serena Gambarini, Beverly Youdan and Ffion Prestidge.

Peter Brookes has continued in the role of Treasurer

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation dated 1 March 2014 and approved 19 May 2014.
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed by a resolution passed at a meeting of the charity trustees in accordance with the requirements of the constitution

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Review of Major Risks

The majority of the Friends activities do not require any significant commitment of funds and the financial risks are therefore low. An exception is the Bonfire where the cost of fireworks etc. (approximately £1900 this year) might not be recovered if the weather on the night was very bad. If the Bonfire were to be cancelled the stocks would have to held over to the following year as they are not on a sale or return basis. The Trustees consider this financial risk justified in the light of the potential to generate income in good years and because of the value of the event to the village as a whole.

The bonfire and fireworks have always been recognised as the greatest source of safety risks. A thorough review of the risk assessment, environmental impact and the insurer's safety recommendations is carried out each year before the display.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are to advance the Christian religion for the benefit of the public by:

Raising funds towards the cost of any repairs or restoration required to the fabric or structure of the Parish Church and Churchyard of Colerne;

Organising and encouraging the provision of voluntary labour to carry out repairs and maintenance to the Church and Churchyard, or to take part in related fund raising activities;

Encouraging the attendance of people living within the Parish of Colerne at the services of the Church.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The main activities of the Friends are to organise fundraising events to support present or future repairs or restoration of the church and churchyard.

The Trustees have assessed these activities against the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and consider that they are fully consistent with both the guidance and the objects of the Charity.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Grant-making Policy

At the end of the year the bank balance is £91501. This money stands available to be spent on repairs or restoration whenever necessary. The normal process is for the Parochial Church Council to request a grant for specific items of work from the Friends. If the Trustees consider the request is covered by the Friends objects then the money is paid to the PCC who manage the work.

Investment Selection Policy and Banking Arrangements

The Friends do not hold investments.

The Friends current account is a Treasurer's Account with Santander. During this year the Trustees agreed that the authorisation on this account should be reduced to a single signature to enable the Treasurer to use online banking for BACS payments. The majority of funds are held in a Bath Building Society (BBS) Charity Account. (The previous BBS 30 day notice account was closed on 26 October 2022 and the balance transferred to the charity account).

At the end of this financial year approximately 95% of the funds are held in the Charity account and 5% in Santander.

A trial of card payments using a Sumup card reader was carried out at the bonfire and again at the May Fair. This seemed to work well and greater use will be made of it in the future.

Volunteers

All officers, members and other active supporters are volunteers. There are no paid associates. The Trustees are very grateful for all the voluntary support.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**Income and Fund Raising**

The money donated to the Friends is a major source of funds for the PCC to maintain the church and churchyard for the benefit of all the local community.

The gross income for the year was £17,331, which is consistent with previous years; and the net income after costs and expenses (not including grants) was £12,260.

The contributions of the principal activities were as follows.

May Fair 2023.

The May Fair was planned for 13 May, just a week after the Coronation of King Charles III. In April discussions were held with the Parish Council (PC) and other village organisations about whether the Fair should be moved to the Coronation weekend and amalgamated with other village events. However the PC informed us that there would not be any formal event other than street parties on the Sunday. Nationally, the Bank Holiday Monday was to be a celebration of volunteering and it was suggested that the May Fair should continue this theme on the following Saturday. Local volunteer organisations would be invited to parade through the village and then set up stalls in the Market Place to publicise the work of their groups and to encourage new members. The PC recognised the benefit of this to the local community and supported it with a grant of £250 towards publicity.

The day was a great success, adding a new dimension to the May Fair. 18 local organisations and charities set up stalls and attracted a lot of interest.

With fine weather and a very good attendance the May Fair raised £6,324, continuing the trend of steady increase over the past eight years.

The Friends would like to thank the many people who helped in this achievement by operating stalls, helping with the arrangements and donating prizes.

Bonfire Night 2022.

The 2022 bonfire night and fireworks display raised £3716, which is a decrease of £1500 on the previous (record) year but a significant improvement on the years before the pandemic. The drop in takings is largely due to a fall in numbers from the peak in 2021 when a several competing displays did not take place because of ongoing Covid restrictions. Overall it was agreed that the evening was a great success attracting many family groups to an enjoyable village event, which is what the Friends always aim to achieve rather than seeking solely to maximise profit.

The Trustees and Committee give special thanks to all those who worked so hard this year to build an impressive bonfire and provide a spectacular fireworks display.

The Trustees thank Mr and Mrs Harvey for allowing us the use of their field despite the considerable disruption this causes. We would also like to thank the residents of Eastrip Lane for bearing with the intrusion on the night.

The Trustees and Committee have carried out a careful review of the environmental impact of this event and believe that the precautions and controls they have put in place strike a reasonable balance between the impact on the environment and the benefit to the community. This consideration will be reviewed as part of the planning for all future events.

The Trustees thank Hunter French for their generous sponsorship of the event.

Subscriptions. The total subscription income was £525. In addition £551 was reclaimed in Gift Aid on subscriptions and donations for the year to April 2023.

Donations. £1,062 were received in donations during the year.

Deposit Account Interest. As described above majority of the reserves are now held in a Bath Building Society Charity Account. £41 was received in interest from the old 30 day account and £467 from the Charity Account.

May Fair 2022. £155.87 was received in November 2022 from the sale at auction of some items donated to the Bric a Brac stall.

Bank Reconciliation. Some cheques issued during the year had not been presented by the year end. Two cheques raised in November 2022 for Swift Medics and Bath Air Cadets never reached their destination and are presumed to have been lost in the postal strike. They were cancelled and reissued in March 2023. The new cheque for £50 to the Air Cadets had not been cashed by the end of August but was cashed in September in FY23.

A cheque for £14.20 for hire of the Old School at the May Fair was delivered to the Parish Council in February but appears to have been lost. It was paid by BACS in September 23.

Expenditure

No grants were made to the PCC during the year.

The cost of running our events came to a total of £3980.

The cost of insurance was £562 – the only administrative expense.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

When income exceeds expenditure in the current year it is the Trustees' policy to build a reserve towards a major item of future expenditure. These reserves are in no way binding and the money is still available to be spent should a serious problem be found elsewhere in the church or churchyard.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Friends committee always aim to ensure that costs and expenses are kept to a minimum. For every £1 received this year, 70p will be available for grants, which is in line with figures for previous years.

Many large charities now state the amount available for grants as a percentage of income "after expenses" and a figure around 90% is common. If expenses are taken to be the cost of running events plus insurance and licensing costs then the figure for the Friends this year is effectively 100%. This is achieved by the generous donation of time and resources by the Committee and the many volunteers who support the Friends.

Section F

Other optional information

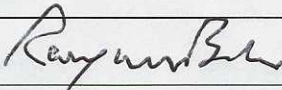
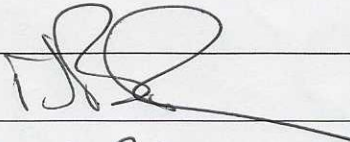
The Trustees would like to thank Karen Sayers for carrying out the examination of the accounts.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	RAYMOND BARKER	PETER BROOKES
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TREASURER
Date	7 NOVEMBER 2023	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Friends of Colerne Church

1157116

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/09/2022

To

31/08/2023

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 £
A1 Receipts					
May Fair	7,417	-	-	7,417	6,837
Fireworks	7,113	-	-	7,113	8,256
Subscriptions - Standing Order	370	-	-	370	320
Subscriptions - Other	155	-	-	155	300
Donations	1,062	-	-	1,062	1,110
Gift Aid	551	-	-	551	364
May Fair 22 Late receipts	156	-	-	156	-
Bath Building Society Interest	508	-	-	508	50
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	17,331	-	-	17,331	17,237
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	17,331	-	-	17,331	17,237
A3 Payments					
May Fair Expenditure	1,092	-	-	1,092	988
Fireworks Expenditure	3,396	-	-	3,396	2,973
Support Costs	582	-	-	582	582
Grants Paid	-	-	-	-	-
Candy Floss Machine	-	-	-	-	300
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,071	-	-	5,071	4,843
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,071	-	-	5,071	4,843
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,260	-	-	12,260	12,395
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	79,240	-	-	79,240	66,845
Cash funds this year end	91,501	-	-	91,501	79,240

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in Hand	-	-	-
	Santander Current Account	3,712	-	-
	Bath Building Society	87,789	-	-
	Total cash funds	91,501	-	-
	<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>			

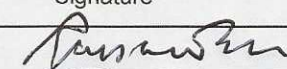

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	R L BARKER	7/11/23
	P J Brooks	7/11/23

FRIENDS OF COLERNE CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1157116

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	1	September	2021	To	31	August	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

The Friends of Colerne Church

Other names charity is known by

None

Registered charity number (if any)

1157116

3 Box View	
Colerne	
Chippenham	
Postcode	SN14 8DH

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	Raymond Leonard BARKER	Chairman		The Trustees
2	Lavinia Mary WILSON			The Trustees
3	Fiona Anne HARTLEY		Resigned 6 June 2022	The Trustees
4	Peter John BROOKES		Appointed 20 June 2022	The Trustees
5	Sarah Jane Margaret Alexander EDMONDS		Appointed 20 June 2022	The Trustees

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
None	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
None		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Managing Committee:
 Chairman - Ray Barker;
 The Trustees;
 Other Committee Members - Margaret Edmonds, Karen Brzezicki, Rob Featherstone, Robert Jones, Sue Jones, Serena Gambarini.
 In the absence of an appointed Treasurer, Peter Brookes has resumed this role temporarily.
 Normal committee meetings have now resumed after the pandemic.

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation dated 1 March 2014 and approved 19 May 2014.
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).
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Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
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- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Review of Major Risks

The majority of the Friends activities do not require any significant commitment of funds and the financial risks are therefore low. An exception is the Bonfire where the cost of fireworks etc. (approximately £1700 this year) might not be recovered if the weather on the night was very bad. If the Bonfire were to be cancelled the stocks would have to held over to the following year as they are not on a sale or return basis. The Trustees consider this financial risk justified in the light of the potential to generate income in good years and because of the value of the event to the village as a whole.

The bonfire and fireworks have always been recognised as the greatest source of safety risks. A thorough review of the risk assessment and the insurer's safety recommendations is carried out each year before the display.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are to advance the Christian religion for the benefit of the public by:

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The main activities of the Friends are to organise fundraising events to support present or future repairs or restoration of the church and churchyard.

The Trustees have assessed these activities against the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and consider that they are fully consistent with both the guidance and the objects of the Charity.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Grant-making Policy

At the end of the year the bank balance is £79,240. This money stands available to be spent on repairs or restoration whenever necessary. The normal process is for the Parochial Church Council to request a grant for specific items of work from the Friends. If the Trustees consider the request is covered by the Friends objects then the money is paid to the PCC who manage the work.

Investment Selection Policy

The Friends do not hold investments.

The Friends cash balance is held in a current bank account with Santander. At the start of the year there were deposit accounts with the Charities Deposit Fund (COIF) and the Bath Building Society (BBS). On 16 December 2021 the COIF account was closed because of the poor historic rate of interest offered. A new Charity account was opened with the BBS in addition to the BBS 30 days' account. As the Charity account is instant access and offers better interest the funds in the 30 day notice account are being progressively transferred to it and the 30 day notice account will be closed in October 2022.

At the end of this financial year approximately 70% of the funds are held in BBS Charity account, 18% in the 30 Day account and 12% in Santander.

Volunteers

All officers, members and other active supporters are volunteers. There are no paid associates. The Trustees are very grateful for the voluntary support

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Income and Fund Raising

The money donated to the Friends is a major source of funds for the PCC to maintain the church and churchyard for the benefit of all the local community.

The gross income for the year was £17,237, which is a significant increase on previous years; and the net income after costs and expenses (not including grants) was £12,395.

The contributions of the principal activities were as follows.

May Fair 2022.

After cancellations in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic there was clearly a huge appetite in the village for the return of the May Fair. The Fair raised £5849, which is more than any previous year.

Bonfire Night 2021.

The 2021 bonfire night and fireworks display raised £5284, which is almost double the average for the last three years the event was held. The attendance was noticeably greater than in previous years, in part due to the lifting of pandemic restrictions and in part because a number of competing events were not held this year. Overall it was agreed that the evening was a great success attracting many family groups to an enjoyable village event, which is what the Friends always aim to achieve rather than seeking solely to maximise profit.

The Trustees and Committee give special thanks to all those who worked so hard this year to build an impressive bonfire and provide a spectacular fireworks display.

The Trustees thank Mr and Mrs Harvey for allowing us the use of their field despite the considerable disruption this causes. We would also like to thank the residents of Eastrip Lane for bearing with the intrusion on the night.

The Trustees thank Hunter French and John Robinson for their generous sponsorship of the event.

Subscriptions. The total subscription income was £620. In addition £364 was reclaimed in Gift Aid on subscriptions and donations for the year to April 2022.

Donations. £1110 was received in donations during the year.

Deposit Account Interest. As described above the reserves have now been transferred from COIF to the Bath Building Society. £0.22 was received in interest from COIF and £50 from BBS.

Expenditure

No grants were made to the PCC during the year.

The cost of running our events came to a total of £3980.

The cost of insurance was £562 – the only administrative expense.

With the help of a generous donation a replacement Candy Floss machine was purchased for the May Fair, the old machine having become electrically unsafe.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

When income exceeds expenditure in the current year it is the Trustees' policy to build a reserve towards a major item of future expenditure. These reserves are in no way binding and the money is still available to be spent should a serious problem be found elsewhere in the church or churchyard.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Friends committee always aim to ensure that costs and expenses are kept to a minimum. For every £1 received this year, 72p will be available for grants, which is in line with figures for pre-pandemic years.

Many large charities now state the amount available for grants as a percentage of income "after expenses" and a figure around 90% is common. If expenses are taken to be the cost of running events plus insurance and licensing costs then the figure for the Friends this year is effectively 100%. This is achieved by the generous donation of time and resources by the Committee and the many volunteers who support the Friends.

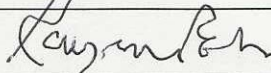
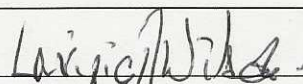
Section F Other optional information

The Trustees would like to thank Karen Sayers for carrying out the examination of the accounts.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	RAYMOND BARKER	LAVINIA WILSON
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TRUSTEE
Date	7 NOVEMBER 2022	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/09/2021	To	31/08/2022
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
May Fair	6,837	-	-	6,837	-
Fireworks	8,256	-	-	8,256	-
Subscriptions - Standing Order	320	-	-	320	270
Subscriptions - Other	300	-	-	300	260
Donations	1,110	-	-	1,110	-
Gift Aid	364	-	-	364	-
COIF Interest	0	-	-	0	1
Bath Building Society Interest	50	-	-	50	179
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	17,237	-	-	17,237	710
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	17,237	-	-	17,237	710
A3 Payments					
May Fair Expenditure	988	-	-	988	20
Fireworks Expenditure	2,973	-	-	2,973	-
Support Costs	582	-	-	582	510
Grants Paid	-	-	-	-	12,795
Candy Floss Machine	300	-	-	300	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,843	-	-	4,843	13,325
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,843	-	-	4,843	13,325
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,395	-	-	12,395	- 12,615
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	66,845	-	-	66,845	79,460
Cash funds this year end	79,240	-	-	79,240	66,845

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 £
B1 Cash funds	COIF Deposit Account	-	-	-
	Santander Current Account	9,959	-	-
	Bath Building Society	69,281	-	-
	Total cash funds	79,240	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

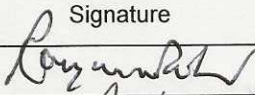
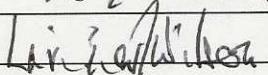
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	RAYMOND BARKER	7/11/22
	LAVINIA WILSON	7/11/22

FRIENDS OF COLERNE CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1157116

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date		
1	Sept	2020	31	Aug	2021
From			To		

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **The Friends of Colerne Church**

Other names charity is known by **None**

Registered charity number (if any) **1157116**

Charity's principal address **6 Fosseway Close**

Colerne

Chippenham

Postcode **SN148EE**

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	Raymond Leonard BARKER	Chairman		The Trustees
2	Lavinia Mary WILSON			The Trustees
3	Fiona Anne HARTLEY			The Trustees

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
None	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
None		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Managing Committee:

Chairman - Ray Barker; Other Trustees - Lavinia Wilson and Fiona Hartley;

Other Committee Members - Margaret Edmonds, Karen Brzezicki,, Sarah Edmonds, Rob Featherstone, Robert Jones, Sue Jones, Serena Gambarini, Peter Brookes.

In the absence of an appointed treasurer, the Trustees continued to embrace this role. The Trustees thank the retired treasurer, Mr Peter Brookes, for his continued help and support to the Trustees to enable the accounts to be effectively managed, and the annual statements to be produced on time.

Due to the COVID restrictions the 51st Annual General Meeting of The Friends of Colerne Church was a 'ZOOM' meeting on 11th January 2021. It was recorded with sadness that Mr Russell Harding one of our Honorary Life Members died towards the end of 2020 and his massive contribution to the work of the Friends was remembered.

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation dated 1 March 2014 and approved 19 May 2014.
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed by a resolution passed at a meeting of the charity trustees in accordance with the requirements of the constitution.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Review of Major Risks

The majority of the Friends activities do not require any significant commitment of funds and the financial risks are therefore low. An exception is the Bonfire where the cost of fireworks etc. (usually in the order of £1800 each year), might not be recovered if the weather on the night was very bad. The Trustees consider this financial risk justified in the light of the potential to generate income in good years and because of the value of the event to the local community.

The bonfire and fireworks have always been recognised as the greatest source of safety risks. A thorough review of the risk assessment and the insurer's safety recommendations is carried out each year before the display.

The on-going Covid 19 pandemic continued to impact our loss of income from events. Specifically in 2020, our annual Bonfire & Fireworks display was cancelled, and our annual 2021 May Fair was also cancelled as required by Government regulations. Fortunately associated expenses can be managed such that the net impact can be minimised for these events. However, our income stream would stagnate if Covid 19 continues into future years. The resultant impact would only affect our ability to make grants. It is not a threat to the existence of the *Friends of Colerne Church* as an organisation or to our existing financial assets which will remain available to the PCC if needed.

The pandemic also had an impact on the ability of the Management Committee to meet. Instead of the normal 6 meetings in a year, the meetings were reduced to the AGM on 11th January 2021. The last May Fair planning meeting was held on 2nd March 2020.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are to advance the Christian religion for the benefit of the public by:

Raising funds towards the cost of any repairs or restoration required to the fabric or structure of the Parish Church and Churchyard of Colerne;
Organising and encouraging the provision of voluntary labour to carry out repairs and maintenance to the Church and Churchyard, or to take part in related fund raising activities;
Encouraging the attendance of people living within the Parish of Colerne at the services of the Church.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The main activities of the Friends are to organise fundraising events to support present or future repairs or restoration of the church and churchyard.

The Trustees have assessed these activities against the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and consider that they are fully consistent with both the guidance and the objects of the Charity.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, no events were held during the year.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Grant-making Policy

At the end of the year the cash funds were £66,845. This money stands available to be spent on repairs or restoration whenever necessary. The normal process is for the Parochial Church Council to request a grant for specific items of work from the Friends. If the Trustees consider the request is covered by the Friends objects then the money is paid to the PCC who manage the work.

Investment Selection Policy

The Friends do not hold investments.

The Friends cash balance is held in a current bank account with Santander and in two deposit accounts with the Charities Deposit Fund (COIF) and the Bath Building Society (BBS). The BBS account requires 30 days' notice of withdrawal. The Trustees can move the deposit funds to maximise interest as they see appropriate.

Approximately 90% of the funds are held in BBS, 6% in COIF and 4% in Santander.

Volunteers

All officers, members and other active supporters are volunteers. There are no paid associates. The Trustees are very grateful for the voluntary support

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Income and Fund Raising

The money donated to the Friends is a major source of funds for the PCC to maintain the church and churchyard for the benefit of all the local community.

The gross income for the year was £710, which is considerably lower than normal due to no events because of the Covid 19 pandemic; and the net income after costs and expenses (not including grants) was £530

The contributions were as follows.

Subscriptions. The total subscription income was £530.

Deposit Account Interest. £0.64 was received in interest from COIF and £180 from BBS.

Expenditure

Two grants the Colerne PCC were made during the year. The Trustees agreed to fund the cost of re-wiring following an unexpected electrical failure in the tower. The Grant of £6,795 was made during May 2021 and the Management Committee were kept informed of this decision. A further grant of £6,000 to Colerne PCC was approved by the Trustees – as advised to the AGM, towards the cost of the replacement of the church building sound system. The total of the 2 grants was £12,795

The cost of Insurance was £510 and the continuing Lottery Registration was £20.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

When income exceeds expenditure in the current year it is the Trustees' policy to build a reserve towards a major item of future expenditure. These reserves are in no way binding and the money is still available to be spent should a serious problem be found elsewhere in the church or churchyard.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Friends committee always aim to ensure that costs and expenses are kept to a minimum. It was considered essential that the 2 costs – Lottery Registration and Insurance continued despite the lack of event income.

It is hoped that we can return towards our normal events in 2021/2022.

Section F

Other optional information

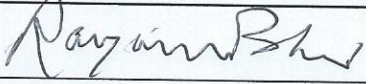
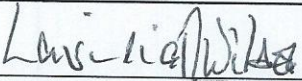
The Trustees would like to thank Karen Sayers for carrying out the examination of the accounts.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Raymond Leonard Barker	Lavinia Mary Wilson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman & Trustee	Trustee
Date	8 th November 2021	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Friends of Colerne Church

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/09/20

To

31/08/21

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
May Fair	-	-	-	-	46
Fireworks	-	-	-	-	5,028
Subscriptions - Standing Order	270	-	-	270	270
Subscriptions - Other	260	-	-	260	170
Donations	-	-	-	-	799
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	429
COIF Interest	1	-	-	1	23
Bath Building Society Interest	179	-	-	179	727
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	710	-	-	710	7,492
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	710	-	-	710	7,492
A3 Payments					
May Fair Expenditure	20	-	-	20	88
Fireworks Expenditure	-	-	-	-	2,610
Support Costs	510	-	-	510	588
Grants Paid	12,795	-	-	12,795	22,751
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	13,325	-	-	13,325	26,037
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	13,325	-	-	13,325	26,037
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 12,615	-	-	12,615	- 18,545
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	79,460	-	-	79,460	79,460
Cash funds this year end	66,845	-	-	66,845	

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 £
B1 Cash funds	COIF Deposit Account	5,046	-	-
	Santander Current Account	2,544	-	-
	Bath Building Society	59,231	-	-
	Total cash funds	66,821	-	-
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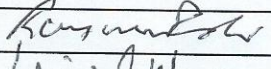
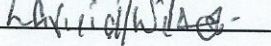
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Cash	24	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	R. L. BARBER	08/11/21
	LAVINIA WILSON	08/11/21