



Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
	Period start date			T o	Period end date	
	1st	May	2023		30	April
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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

The Friends of St Mildred's Tenterden Kent

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1159264

Charity's principal address

14 Eastwell Meadows,

Tenterden,

Kent

Postcode

TN30 6QR

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 Roy Isworth			
2 Jeremy Cooper	Chairman	Elected 28-10-2020	
3 Jill Clark	Secretary	Elected 03-01-23	
4 Malcolm Kneller	Treasurer	Elected 20-10-2019	
5 Tim Monckton	Chairman	Retired chair 28-10-2020	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution and By-Laws
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Constitution and By-Laws
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by members

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.

The Trustees have been assisted in the general running of the charity by a Committee of members. The members on the Committee and not trustees for this financial year were Linda Fennell, Barbara Frikstad, Tim Lee, Roger Graham, Eddie O'Donnell and Chris Northen

The Trustees would like to thank the members of the Committee for their support during the year.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

The Friends are established to advance the restoration, preservation, repair, maintenance, improvement and beautification of the Grade 1 Listed Building, the Parish Church of St Mildred, Tenterden in the Diocese of Canterbury and of the monuments, fittings, fixtures, stained glass, furniture, ornaments and chattels in the church and churchyard belonging to 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)

Arrange and provide for or join in arranging and providing for the holding of exhibitions, meetings, lectures and classes and concerts and recitals and events

Raise funds by any lawful means and through any lawful activity and invite and receive contributions from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscriptions.

Collect and disseminate information on all matters affecting the objects. Cause to be written and printed or otherwise circulated, gratuitously or otherwise, such papers, books, periodicals, pamphlets or other documentation or films, websites or recorded tapes (whether audio or visual or both) as shall further the objects.

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.

Make grants or gifts of other property to the clergy, Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St Mildred Tenterden exclusively for the purpose of the said objects, and generally assist those responsible for the care and maintenance of the church.

Invest the monies of the charity not immediately required for the said objects in or upon such investments, securities or property as may be thought fit, subject nevertheless of such conditions (if any) as may for the time being be imposed or required by law.

Do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the attainment of the said objects.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

It has been another successful year for the Friends of St Mildred's Church. In addition to running the ever popular Summer Garden Party on a beautiful August afternoon as a thanks to all our loyal supporters in the Vicarage Gardens, our Committee organized six musical events, all of which were well supported and of outstanding quality, achieving a total surplus in excess of £5000. Most important of all, we passed the milestone £200,000 mark of monies raised by the Friends for the upkeep, restoration and beautification of the Church, since we were first established 10 years ago.

The first of the year's six concerts took place on a damp November evening, delivered by the London Adventist Chorale. The London Adventist Chorale was formed in 1981, bringing together and developing the latent talents of singers from various Seventh-day Adventist Churches. Throughout its years, the choir has made a strong impact on the choral world internationally through its moving performances, combining, as one music critic put it, 'discipline with fervour'. Its repertoire has included music in Hebrew, African-American Spirituals, close harmony, and Western choral music from the Renaissance through to new commissions.

The Chorale's performances have been witnessed by tens of millions world-wide on stage, screen, recordings and radio appearances. The choir has performed in most of the UK's major performance venues and now it was the turn of St Mildred's! The beauty and intense spirituality of the Choir's unaccompanied singing in St Mildred's with its characteristic sound modulation and close harmonies was mesmerising, climaxing with The Lord's Prayer, rendered a capella – unaccompanied - almost as a whisper. Nobody in the audience whether of faith or no faith, could have failed to be moved by this performance.

The second concert took place in December and was delivered by the Benenden Chapel Choir, from Benenden School. This disciplined and highly musical group of girl choristers gave an excellent rendition of Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols which has become one of the best loved Christmas choral works. The girls parading silently onto the stage as the singing began and leaving the stage in similar fashion as the singing ended added a dramatic subtlety to the performance, and the audience loved it! The pleasure was two-sided, Benenden Musical Director Edward Whiting writing:

We really enjoyed ourselves, as I hope you and the audience could tell. It was lovely to sing for such a good crowd, and the girls were on a real high coming back to school.

An additional pleasure for the audience that evening was a rendition of Claude Debussy's Arabesque by the highly talented young harpist Rosanna Rolton. Losing no time we rapidly booked her for a full solo concert in May 2024 which was well attended, and a delight to the eyes and ears of all those fortunate enough to be present. The concert even included a whistle stop exposition of the history of the harp! This concert was followed in June by the return of Bukolika pianist Anna Szalucka, accompanying yet another Polish musical virtuoso, the violinist Jaga Klimaszewska in a concert of classical and romantic music, appealing to all tastes.

Our season also included two full evenings of Jazz cabaret style by the Benoit Viellefon Hot Club and the Kate Daniels Sextet. Both bands were old favourites of FOSM stalwarts and their evening performances were full of eclectic sound and high audience appreciation. Benoit Viellefon's band included the rare appearance of the Romanian superstar jazz violinist Rares Morescu, a one time protégé of Stéphane Grappelli

We will enter 2025 with a new Chairman, as my term of office comes to an end after this year's AGM. It has been highly enjoyable and a privilege to serve FOSM in this role. I wish my successor, whom you will elect today, the very best fortune. Our Treasurer, the inestimable Malcolm Kneller, will also be retiring this year. I wish to thank him sincerely for the tremendous amount of work he has put into this post and the careful, steady and wise control he has exercised over our financial progress. He will bequeath to his successor books in excellent order.

Jeremy Cooper
December 2024

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

None

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.

This charity's main income is through subscriptions, donations, planned music events, grants, and social gatherings.

Since the creation of this charity, it has made grants to St Mildred's church for: -

1. Roof repairs.
2. Repairs to stained glass windows and stonework.
3. Improvements to lightning protection.

Section F

Other optional information

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Section G	Declaration
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)		
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Full name(s)	Malcolm Harry Kneller	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee / Treasurer	
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Date	1 st December 2024
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THE FRIENDS OF ST MILDRED'S CHARITY.
Helping to maintain a thousand years of history.

THE FRIENDS OF ST MILDRED'S CHARITY

Treasurers Report for financial period 1st May 2023 until 30th April 2024

1. The FOSM annual accounts to 30th April 2024 have been independently examined and approved by Mr. Frank Port.
2. We must submit a form CC16a to the charity commission each year end. I have completed this form ready for submission and it is shown on pages two and three of this report. I have a few comments to make on this form: -
 - 2.1 Subscriptions were slightly down this year.
 - 2.2 Donations and events are generally closely associated. (The more events we put on, the more donations we normally receive).
 - 2.3 We have been fortunate to receive another substantial legacy this year.
 - 2.4 Unfortunately, we have not received any sponsorship or grants this year.
 - 2.5 Gift Aid was very slightly up.
 - 2.6 Most of our funds are held in a 100-day notice account with The Charity Bank.
 - 2.7 FOSM has passed £24,578 to St Mildred's PCC for roof repairs during this year.
3. We made £14,364 profit for the year. (Note – This after passing £24,578 to St Mildred's)
4. On 30th April 2024, our FOSM bank accounts stood at £13,466 in Nat West, £81,179 in the Charity Bank and £1,336 in cash.
5. As always, my sincere thanks go to: -
 - 5.1 Brian Guest for the time that he has spent maintaining records and giving me help and advice when asked. Brian also keeps our website up to date and is involved with our annual submission to the Charity Commission.
 - 5.2 The team at Webbs Ironmonger's in Tenterden for running our ticket office for events. They do a brilliant job.
 - 5.3 Mr Frank Port, for carrying out the independent examination of our accounts. (Frank has retired from MMP accountants but has agreed to carry on doing our independent examination for a small fee).
 - 5.4 All the other FOSM committee members, for the work and the time they donate to ensure that we are a successful organisation.
6. I have now completed five and a half years as the treasurer for The Friends of St Mildred's and I will be resigning at the end of this financial year (30th April 2025). I will gladly give advice after my retirement if asked.

Malcolm Kneller
Honorary Treasurer



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Friends of St. Mildreds, Tenterden

1159264

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	01/05/2023	To	30/04/2024
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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					
Subscriptions	4,389	-	-	4,389	4,528
Donations	1,419	-	-	1,419	2,658
Legacies	26,825	-	-	26,825	8,000
Sponsorship	0	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	1,228	-	-	1,228	1,135
Events	11,768	-	-	11,768	8,687
Grants	0	-	-	-	-
Smile Amazon / Bridge / Misc	13	-	-	13	10
Bank interest	1,179	-	-	1,179	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	46,822	-	-	46,822	22,018
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	46,822	-	-	46,822	22,018
A3 Payments					
Events	7,460	-	-	7,460	5,849
Admin	44	-	-	44	55
Publicity and Web site	280	-	-	280	47
Insurance	96	-	-	96	96
Misc	0	-	-	-	38
Payments to St Mildreds PCC	24,578	-	-	24,578	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	32,458	-	-	32,458	6,085
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	32,458	-	-	32,458	6,085
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,364	-	-	14,364	15,933
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	81,617	-	-	81,617	-
Cash funds this year end	95,981	-	-	95,981	15,933

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 £
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B1 Cash funds

Bank	13,466	-	-
Cash	1,336	-	-
Savings accounts	81,179	-	-
Total cash funds	95,981	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
None	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
None		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
None		-	-
		-	-

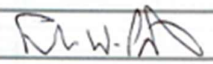
B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
None		-	
		-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	M. K. KELLER	3-7-24

Independent Examiner





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

The Friends of St. Mildred's Tenterden

On accounts for the year
ended

30th April 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1159264

Set out on pages

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

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below *~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

FWA

Date:

5.6.2024

Name:

FRANK WILLIAM FORT BA.

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

Address:

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Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.