

THE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHURCH OF ST MARY AND ST PETER TIDENHAM

England & Wales · Charity number 1159658

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2014-12-17

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

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Activities

Objects: TO HELP CONSERVE, RESTORE, MAINTAIN AND UPKEEP THE BUILDING, GROUNDS, FABRIC, FURNISHINGS AND FITTINGS OF THE CHURCH OF ST MARY AND ST PETER, TIDENHAM (THE CHURCH) FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AND FOSTERING PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE BUILDING OF THE CHURCH, ITS FABRIC AND ITS GROUNDS.

Activities: to help conserve, restore, maintain and upkeep the buildings, grounds, fabric, furnishings and fittings of the Church of St Mary and St Peter, Tidenham (the church) for the benefit of the community by the provision of funding and other activities and fostering public interest in the building of the church, its fabric and its grounds

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£83,442	£201,675	-	-
2024-03-31	£2,102	£17,717	-	-
2023-03-31	£71,625	£23,520	-	-
2022-03-31	£158,577	£9,122	-	-
2021-03-31	£6,299	£7,139	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MAJOR GENERAL PETER GILCHRIST	Chair	2014-05-20
Dr Marian Lillington		2021-07-19
PROFESSOR BRIAN ION DUERDEN CBE		2014-05-20
Robert William Thomas Adams		2014-11-08
SARAH JANE GILCHRIST		2014-05-20

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**THE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHURCH OF ST
MARY AND ST PETER TIDENHAM
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025**

This is the annual report for the charity the Association of Friends of the church of England church of St Mary and St Peter Tidenham, charity number 1159658.

The Charity registered address is: Chapel Cottage, Netherhope Lane, Tidenham, Chepstow, NP16 7JD. Its name and registered number are above.

The Trustees for the financial year ending the 31st March 2025 were: Peter Gilchrist, Brian Ion Duerden, Sarah-Jane Gilchrist, Oliver Hinton (stood down 11/24), Robert Adams (joined 11/24) and Marian Lillington.

Structure, governance and management.

1. The charity is governed by a written unincorporated constitution adopted on the 20th May 2014, approved by the Charity Commission, and managed by the Trustees who are appointed at the AGM and subject to re-election at the end of a three year period on a rotating basis. The Trustees all undertake appropriate training in their duties and self awareness of the requirements to comply with the relevant charity law and good practice. The Trustees meet several times a year to discuss and decide matters of business to further the objects of the charity.
2. The objects of the charity are to help conserve, restore, maintain and upkeep the buildings, ground, fabric, furnishings and fittings of the Church of St Mary and St Peter Tidenham for the benefit of the community by the provision of funding and other activities and fostering public interest in the building, its fabric, grounds and history.

Activities and Objectives in the Year

3. A Faculty for the reordering of the North Aisle of the church was granted on the 27th October 2023. Once granted grants were applied for to enable the works to be completed. Preparatory work was started in May 2024 which entailed the removal of the pews in the North Aisle and creating ramps at the entrance of the church to improve access.
4. The old boiler house was demolished and, under the supervision of an archaeologist, drains were laid through the churchyard to a new septic tank and water was brought in.
5. Repairs were made to the roof to stop water ingress and a significant amount of re-plastering was completed. Once finished the North Aisle and elements in the main body of the church which had been repaired were lime washed. Once completed the structures in the West and East end of the North Aisle could be erected.
6. At the West end a disabled toilet was inserted, a kitchenette created and a store/utility room where all the engineering could be accessed.

7. In the East End a larger Vestry was created with a robing area and further storage. A focal point was created using a section of an 1858 stained glass window which had been stored since 1926. This was mounted in a LED light box and is stunning.
8. All the work, including snagging, was complete on the 29th November 2024 which meant that the Annual Christmas Tree Festival could be held. The project was Project Managed by the Chairman and all the tradesmen used were local who became invested in the project and the finished result is excellent and in keeping with the Grade II* listed category of the building.
9. During the year supporting activities were run to continue to raise funds to support the activities of the Charity and additional funds were sought to provide heating in the North Aisle as a subsequent phase in 2025.

Public Benefit Statement

10. Throughout the period of the financial year the Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance of public benefit published by the Charity Commission when exercising their powers or duties.

Financial Statement

11. The financial statement for the year ending 31st March 2025 shows an income of £83442 , which included Grants of £40,000, donations of £24,692, Gift Aid of £4,975 and VAT refunds of £10,091. Expenditure for the year of £201675 which was almost entirely the re-ordering of the North Aisle which left an operating deficit of £118233 which was in our plan for the year.
12. There is no general reserve policy decided by the Trustees.



Major General Peter Gilchrist CB

Chairman

Authorised to sign the report on behalf of the Trustees



Friends of St Mary and St Peter, Tidenham

Registered Charity no. 1159658

From the Honorary Treasurer: Professor Brian I. Duerden CBE, MD

Income and Expenditure Report: 2024 – 2025

Income	2025	2024
	£	£
General fund		
Subscriptions	1609	1310
Donations	844	134
Fundraising	992	353
Historical Society	35	10
Misc		35
Gift Aid	204	260
Total	3684	2102
Restricted fund- reordering		
Donations	24692	
Gift aid	4975	
Grants	40000	
VAT refund	10091	
Total	79758	0
Restricted fund - building purchase	0	0
Income TOTAL	83442	2102
Expenditure	2025	2024
	£	£
General fund		
Insurance	435	425
Car park	560	280
Fundraising	61	86
Misc		35
Total	1056	826

Asset Register

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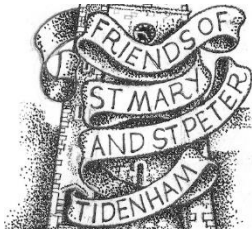
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	£	£
<i>General fund</i>		
Subscriptions	1645	1650
Donations	3555	30620
Fundraising	481	861
Historical Society	5	30
Gift Aid	939	5416
Total	6625	38577
<i>Restricted fund- reordering</i>		
Donations		120000
<i>Restricted fund - building purchase</i>		
Donations	65000	
Income TOTAL	71625	158577

Expenditure	2023	2022
General fund		
Insurance	426	403
Car park	250	2856
Fundraising		122
Misc		120
Total	676	3501
Restricted fund - reordering		
Architect fees	9106	2100
Asbestos survey	327	
Total	9433	2100
Restricted fund - building purchase		
Architect and planning fees	11830	3041
Wildlife survey	1095	
Asbestos survey	486	
Valuation fee		480
Total	13411	3521
Expenditure TOTAL	-23520	-9122
Operating (deficit)/surplus	48105	149455
Net (deficit)/surplus	48105	149455
Balance sheet		
2023		
2022		
Current assets		
General fund	53104	
Restricted fund reordering	108467	
Restricted fund - building purchase	48068	
Cash at bank & in hand TOTAL	209639	161534
Fixed asset -car park land	87912	87912
Net current assets	297551	249446
Capital account		
At 1/04/2022(2021)	249446	97776
(Deficit) Surplus for the year		
Cash	48105	149455
Fixed asset - car park		2225
	297551	249446

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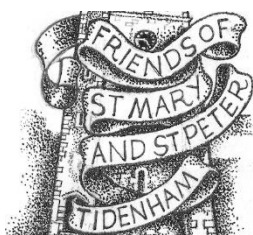
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Income	2022	2021
	£	£
Subscriptions	1650	1965
Donations	150620	950
Fundraising	861	90
Historical Society	30	5
Miscellaneous		2527
Grants		
Gift Aid	5416	762
Total	158577	6299
Expenditure	2022	2021
Insurance	403	396
Car park	2856	250
Disabled access		
Reordering	2100	6427
Architect & Planning fees	3521	
Fundraising	122	
Misc	120	
Total	-9122	-7139
Operating (deficit)/surplus	149455	-840
Net (deficit)/surplus	149455	-840

Balance sheet	2022	2021
Current assets		
Cash at bank & in hand	161534	12089
Fixed asset -car park land	87912	85687
Net current assets	249446	97776
Capital account		
At 1/04/2021(2020)	97776	98616
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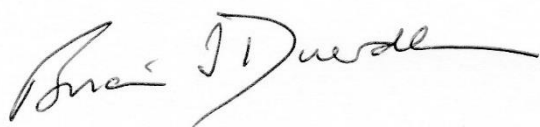
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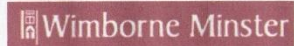
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