

**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
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Income TOTAL	83442	2102
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Expenditure	2025	2024
	£	£

General fund

Insurance	435	425
Car park	560	280
Fundraising	61	86
Misc		35
Total	1056	826

***Restricted fund -
reordering***

Building & furnishings 180208

Total 180208 0

Restricted fund - building purchase

Architect and planning fees 4065 5924

Wildlife survey 200

Solicitor fees 2407

Valuation fee 2441

Drainage 6264

Tree removal 5034

Total 20411 5924

Expenditure TOTAL 201675 17717

Operating (deficit)/surplus -118233

Net (deficit)/surplus -118233 -15615

Balance sheet 2025 2024

Current assets

General fund 21652 54380

Restricted fund reordering 9550 97500

Restricted fund - building purchase 44589 42144

Cash at bank & in hand TOTAL 75791 194024

Fixed asset -car park land 87912 87912

Net current assets 163703 281936

Capital account

At 1/04/2024(2034) 281936 297551

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Asset Register

The Trustees of the Association of Friends of the Church of England Church of St Mary and St Peter Tidenham hold the following property on behalf of the Association:

Land adjacent to the churchyard on the North-Eastern side

Value £87,912 (purchase price £9000 from Treasury Solicitors, July 2015; development costs 2015-19, £76,687 and £2,225 in 2021-22 for the final surfacing. The capitalised development costs include all costs incurred in developing the land as a car park after the purchase of the land excepting the initial legal fees of £546 relating to the purchase. This was agreed by the trustees in preparing the 2015-16 accounts. The costs do not include maintenance costs following initial development.)

Ownership of this property will be transferred to the Parochial Church Council when its development as a car park for the church has been completed.

I have prepared these accounts based upon the income and expenditure records I have kept from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. I acknowledge my responsibility for the accounts and for providing Mr Peter Cook with all the information and explanations necessary for their review and audit.

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Professor Brian I. Duerden CBE,MD

Friends of Tidenham Accounts 2024-2025

From [Peter Cook](#) on 29-12-2025 15:27

Dear Professor Duerden,

I have completed my examination of the accounts for the Friends of St Mary and St Peter, Tidenham 2024-2025 and I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the trust as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts & Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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Yours sincerely

Peter Cook

Churchwarden, Secretary and Treasurer of the Wimborne Minster Musical Heritage Trust and Trustee of Michael James Music Trust, Laudemus and the Friends of the Musicians' Chapel.

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