

THE SOCIETY OF ST. COLUMBA

England & Wales · Charity number 1160486

Details

Other names THE SOCIETY OF ST.COLUMBA

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-02-13

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

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Activities

Objects: 1. To advance the Christian Faith for the benefit of the public by fostering spiritual development and in accordance with the Statement of Faith appearing in the Schedule to the Articles of Association and in particular by the practice of prayer, devotional work and devotional learning.2. In the context of the objects at 2.1 and in acknowledgement of the beauty of God's creation and humankind's responsibilities towards it, in Christian understanding of God's salvation of all of creation, to educate through study, engagement and practice, and encourage and promote to the general public (in particular young people and those in need) all matters relating to conservation of the environment and an understanding of human impact on the natural environment.3. To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in accordance with the moral principles and the spirit of love that authenticates the Christian faith, for the public benefit of those of all faiths and none.

Activities: The objective of the Charity is to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public by fostering spiritual development in particular through the practice of prayer, devotional work and devotional learning. The Charity is taking practical steps towards setting up a Christian Community at the Great Barn on the Wiston Estate in West Sussex.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£34,467	£51,810	-	-
2024-06-30	£28,736	£25,091	-	-
2023-03-31	£20,627	£13,323	-	-
2022-03-31	£29,715	£26,179	-	-
2021-03-31	£2,863	£2,074	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Elizabeth Ann York		2025-12-19
GREG VALERIO		2014-10-14
Jon Badcock		2025-12-19
Nicholas Whiteley		2025-12-19
Rev Beverley Ann Thomas		2020-05-29

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**SOCIETY OF ST COLUMBA
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

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Charity Information
For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

Registered Charity Number

1160486

Trustees

Rev. Beverley Thomas (Chair)
Dr Greg Valerio, MBE
Elizabeth Ann York
Nicholas Whiteley
Jon Badcock

Registered Office

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**Society Of St Columba
Report of the Trustees
For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

Structure Governance and Management

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 30th June 2025. The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comply with the Charity's governing document and applicable law.

The Society of St Columba is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission with number 1160486.

The Society was established as a membership organisation, with the trustees and between two and 12 individuals as the only members.

During the year ended 30th June 2025, the trustees of the Charity were as follows:

- Rev. Beverley Thomas (Chair).
- Dr Greg Valerio, MBE.
- Andrew Armitage.

Objects

The Society is established with objects to advance the Christian Religion. Its stated intent is to do this by the establishment of a new monastic community which will live in line with Christian principles of sustainability, environmental protection and stewardship, based particularly on the Celtic tradition.

Achievements and Performance

The Society works closely with its co-tenants of the site, Columba's Barn CBS Limited, to advance the objects of the Society. This included managing the site and its small flock of rare breed sheep in an environmentally sensitive manner and in accordance with its principles. The Society continued to make grants to Columba's Barn CBS for the repair and improvement of the farm buildings.

In terms of its activities:

- As part of succession planning, in March 2024 Nick Graham-Smith was appointed as Community Co-ordinator to supervise operations and activities on site.
- Following receipt of a generous grant from Horsham DC, the team were able to commence work on the restoration of the barn which will become the Education Centre.
- Community Days continued to take place on a weekly basis attended by a small but dedicated and growing group of volunteers which included repairs to the four main doors in the Great Barn, making other buildings weatherproof, and growing produce from the market garden.
- Other spiritual / social events were arranged occasionally.

Financial Summary

The Society ended the year with a cash balance of £869.

**Society Of St Columba
Report of the Trustees (continued)
For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

Reserves Policy

Most activities of the Society have been carried out by volunteers on an unpaid basis. The Society's current policy is not to hold committed reserves.

Public Benefit

The Trustees affirm that its activities are carried out for the public benefit and have had due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

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Rev. Beverley Thomas
Chair
27 April 2026

**Society Of St Columba
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Last Year
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Voluntary receipts	8,014	-	8,014	28,506
Grants (Restricted)	-	26,285	26,285	-
Activities for generating funds	168	-	168	230
Total Receipts	8,182	26,285	34,467	28,736
Payments				
Costs of generating voluntary receipts	-	-	-	1,508
Governance and administrative costs	616	-	616	4,231
Costs of charitable activities	23,097	28,097	51,194	19,352
Total Payments	23,713	28,097	51,810	25,091
Net (Payments) / Receipts	(15,531)	(1,812)	(17,343)	3,645
Transfers Between Funds	1,440	(1,440)	-	-
Cash Funds - Last Year End	14,960	3,252	18,212	14,567
Cash Funds - This Year End	869	-	869	18,212

**Society Of St Columba
Statement Of Financial Position
As At 30 June 2025**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Last Year £
Cash Funds				
Cash at bank and in hand	869	-	869	18,212
Liabilities	-	-	-	-
Total Charity Funds	869	-	869	18,212

There are no guarantees given by the Society or debt outstanding at the date of this statement.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 27 April 2026

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Rev. Beverley Thomas
Chair

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Society of St Columba ('the CIO')

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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

Signed:



Name:

Chris Morton

Date:

27 April 2026

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**SOCIETY OF ST COLUMBA
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE 15 MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

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For The 15 Months Ended 30 June 2024**

Registered Charity Number

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**Society Of St Columba
Report of the Trustees
For The 15 Months Ended 30 June 2024**

Structure Governance and Management

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the 15 months ended 30th June 2024; the Charity's year-end was changed from March to June to simplify the administrative timetable. The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comply with the Charity's governing document and applicable law.

The Society of St Columba is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission with number 1160486.

The Society was established as a membership organisation, with the trustees and between two and 12 individuals as the only members. In 2023-2024 it continued to make progress following its year of consolidation in the previous year.

During the period ended 30th June 2024, the trustees of the Charity were as follows:

- Rev. Caroline Armitage (Co-Chair, resigned 31 May 2023).
- Rev. Beverley Thomas (Co-Chair till 31 May 2023, Chair from 1 June 2023).
- Greg Valerio.
- Andrew Armitage (appointed 5 June 2024).

Objects

The Society is established with objects to advance the Christian Religion. Its stated intent is to do this by the establishment of a new monastic community which will live in line with Christian principles of sustainability, environmental protection and stewardship, based particularly on the Celtic tradition.

Achievements and Performance

The Society works closely with its co-tenants of the site, Columba's Barn CBS Limited, to advance the objects of the Society. This included managing the site and its small flock of rare breed sheep in an environmentally sensitive manner and in accordance with its principles. The Society continued to make grants to Columba's Barn CBS for the repair and improvement of the farm buildings.

In terms of its activities:

- As part of succession planning, in March 2024 Nick Graham-Smith was appointed as Community Co-ordinator to supervise operations and activities on site.
- Community Days continued to take place on a weekly basis attended by a small but dedicated and growing group of volunteers.
- Other spiritual / social events were arranged occasionally.

Financial Summary

The Society ended the year with a cash balance of over £18,000.

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Report of the Trustees (continued)
For The 15 Months Ended 30 June 2024

Reserves Policy

Most activities of the Society have been carried out by volunteers on an unpaid basis. The Society's current policy is not to hold committed reserves.

Public Benefit

The Trustees affirm that its activities are carried out for the public benefit and have had due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

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Rev. Beverley Thomas
Chair
28 April 2025

Society Of St Columba
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For The 15 Months Ended 30 June 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds (30 June 2024)	Last Year (31 March 2023)
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Voluntary receipts	28,506	-	28,506	20,627
Activities for generating funds	230	-	230	-
Total Receipts	28,736	-	28,736	20,627
Payments				
Costs of generating voluntary receipts	1,508	-	1,508	1,170
Governance and administrative costs	4,231	-	4,231	2,795
Costs of charitable activities	12,176	7,176	19,352	9,358
Total Payments	17,915	7,176	25,091	13,323
Net Receipts/(Payments)	10,821	(7,176)	3,645	7,304
Transfers Between Funds	-	-	-	-
Cash Funds - Last Year End	4,139	10,428	14,567	7,263
Cash Funds - This Year End	14,960	3,252	18,212	14,567

**Society Of St Columba
Statement Of Financial Position
As At 30 June 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds (30 June 2024)	Last Year (31 March 2023)
	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds				
Cash at bank and in hand	14,960	3,252	18,212	14,567
Liabilities	-	-	-	-
Total Charity Funds	14,960	3,252	18,212	14,567

There are no guarantees given by the Society or debt outstanding at the date of this statement.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 28 April 2025

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Rev. Beverley Thomas
Chair

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Charity Information
For The Year Ended 31 March 2023**

Registered Charity Number

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Trustees

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Greg Valerio

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**Society Of St Columba
Report of the Trustees
For The Year Ended 31 March 2023**

Structure Governance and Management

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The Society of St Columba is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission with number 1160486.

The Society was established as a membership organisation, with the trustees and between two and 12 individuals as the only members. In 2022-2023 it made many significant steps forward and consolidated much of the progress made during 2021-2022.

During the year ended 31st March 2023 the trustees of the Charity were as follows:

- Rev. Caroline Armitage (Co-Chair).
- Rev. Beverley Thomas (Co-Chair).
- Greg Valerio.
- Simon Thomas (resigned 30 June).
- Jonathan Barnes (resigned 31 March).

Objects

The Society is established with objects to advance the Christian Religion. Its stated intent is to do this by the establishment of a new monastic community which will live in line with Christian principles of sustainability, environmental protection and stewardship.

Changes in Trustees

Simon Thomas stepped down as a trustee from 30 June. Simon was heavily involved in the establishment of the charity, bringing significant spiritual and much needed practical guidance and support in seeking to help fulfil the mission of the charity. He is very much missed.

Achievements and Performance

The Society works closely with its co-tenants of the site, Columba's Barn CBS Limited, to advance the objects of the Society. A Co-Operation Agreement between the Society and the CBS to clarify and record the respective areas of responsibility was signed during the financial year. The Society was fortunate in being joined by two particularly enthusiastic and professionally qualified volunteers to work on the land, to revise and refine the basis of operation, to improve productivity and to develop a long-term plan for its maintenance. Some members and volunteers left, and others joined, inevitable in voluntary organisations.

In terms of its activities:

- Community Days continued to take place on a regular basis.
- Other spiritual / social events were arranged occasionally.
- The main pond was restored following the award of a £5,000 grant from the Wilder Horsham District / Network Recovery programme run by Horsham District Council in conjunction with the Sussex Wildlife Trust.
- There were regular sessions to tidy up the site and remove old equipment and materials.
- Several policies were reviewed and updated, including those for Health & Safety, Safeguarding, Data Protection and Privacy, and Volunteer Complaints
- More support in the areas of finance and administration was identified as a need, with an external accountant appointed.

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Report of the Trustees (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 March 2023

Financial Summary

The Society ended the year with a cash balance of £14,567, about double the amount with which it started the year.

This was partly due to a significant reduction in costs incurred in organising activities, no doubt because there were a lot of 'set-up' costs in the previous year, so net receipts were almost double those of the previous year.

Reserves Policy

Most activities of the Society have been carried out by volunteers on an unpaid basis. While the Society has and continues to strengthen its financial position, the Society's current policy is not to hold committed reserves.

Public Benefit

The Trustees affirm that its activities are carried out for the public benefit and have had due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

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Rev. Beverley Thomas
Chair
24 June 2024

**Society Of St Columba
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For The Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Last Year
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Voluntary receipts	10,347	10,280	20,627	29,115
Charitable activities	-	-	-	600
Total Receipts	10,347	10,280	20,627	29,715
Payments				
Costs of generating voluntary receipts	1,170	-	1,170	1,982
Governance and administrative costs	2,795	-	2,795	959
Costs of charitable activities	4,551	4,807	9,358	23,238
Total Payments	8,516	4,807	13,323	26,179
Net Receipts/(Payments)	1,831	5,473	7,304	3,536
Transfers Between Funds	-	-	-	-
Cash Funds - Last Year End	2,308	4,955	7,263	3,727
Cash Funds - This Year End	4,139	10,428	14,567	7,263

**Society Of St Columba
Statement Of Financial Position
As At 31 March 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Last Year
	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds				
Cash at bank and in hand	4,139	10,428	14,567	7,263
Liabilities	-	-	-	-
Total Charity Funds	4,139	10,428	14,567	7,263

There are no guarantees given by the Society or debt outstanding at the date of this statement.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 24 June 2024

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Rev. Beverley Thomas
Chair

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Society of St Columba ('the CIO')

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Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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

Signed:



Name:

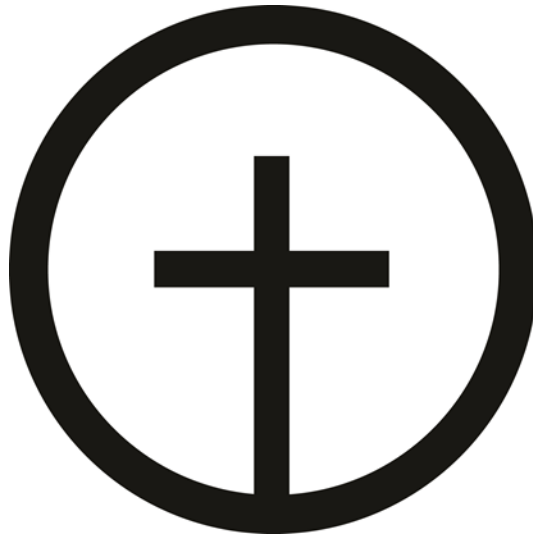
Chris Morton

Date:

31st January 2023

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022



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CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

TRUSTEES: Caroline Armitage (Co-Chair)
Beverley Thomas (Co-Chair)
Greg Valerio
Simon Thomas
Jonathan Barnes

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SOCIETY OF ST COLUMBA
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021
TRUSTEES REPORT 2021-2022

Structure Governance and Management

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2022.

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comply with the Charity's governing document and applicable law.

The Society of St Columba is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission no 1160486 and governed by its Constitution copies of which are available from the Charity's registered office.

The Society was established as a Membership organisation, but since its foundation has effectively operated on a foundation model, with the Trustees as the only Members. In October 2021 it was able to take its first step as a more widely founded membership organisation with its first Members making a commitment of faith and becoming full members of the Society. Membership is on an annual basis.

Objects

The Society is established with objects to advance the Christian Religion. Its stated intent is to do this by the establishment of a new monastic community which will live in line with Christian principles of sustainability, environmental protection and stewardship.

Achievements and Performance

While the beginning of 2021 was still significantly affected by the pandemic, as the 2021-22 year progressed the Society, like society generally, slowly emerged from pandemic, and began to truly 'inhabit' its place on the Wiston Estate.

The Society continues to work closely with its co-tenants of the site, Columba's Barn CBS to advance the objects of the Society and develop its vision of a new monastic community founded on Christian and ecological principles, drawing from the Celtic stream of Christian theology, and looking to live lightly on the land and farm in a way that is generative and regenerative of life. It is supported by a core committed group of followers and friends, some of whom are formal members of the Society, and looks to reach out into its local community and beyond.

In terms of its activities

- Night Prayers on a Friday were able to take place regularly in the Barn for most of the year.
- The regular monthly Community Days (generally held on the final Saturday of a month) have developed well with a wide variety of people attending. Our prayer meetings are attended by various numbers of people, with single digits in the winter, and anywhere up to 2 dozen in the summer months. Our catchment is primarily local to the immediate vicinity around Chanctonbury/Wiston.
- In partnership with Columba's Barn CBS we have broadened our community impact to include specialist community groups working with homeless and trafficked women. This

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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is focussed primarily around our community garden work.

- The locations of the property at a regularly used crossroads on the footpath and bridleway network has enabled many conversations to take place with those passing through, particularly when the Columba's Barn trailer coffee shop has been able to be opened for drop in refreshments.
- A very successful Christmas meeting was the Barn in full use for hospitality, fellowship and worship.
- As a Society we continue to host community volunteer days in our growing community garden in partnership with our sister organisation Columba's Barn CBS.
- In the last 12 months we have worked in partnership with Sussex Wildlife Trust to undertake a pond restoration work and with South Downs National Park authority to begin the planting of a mixed fruit and woodland forest garden and develop a wildflower meadow.
- Our shepherds hut is increasingly being used by members of the public and community members alike for private prayer retreats and quiet days.

Reserves Policy

Most activities of the Society have been carried out by volunteers on an unpaid basis. The Trustees only undertake committed outgoings for which they have obtained funding and have no legally committed ongoing obligations. Consequently, the Society's current policy is not to hold committed reserves.

Public Benefit

The Trustees affirm that its activities are carried out for the public benefit and have had due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.



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Rev Caroline Armitage

Co - Chair

Dated

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	2022			2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	£
Income				
Donations and Gifts	13,279	-	13,279	2,863
Grants (Restricted)	-	15,836	15,836	-
Charitable Activities	600	-	600	-
Investments - bank interest -	-	-	-	-
Total Income	13,879	15,836	29,715	2,863
Expenditure				
Charitable activities	15,266	10,913	26,179	2,074
Total expenditure	15,266	10,913	26,179	2,074
Net income / (expenditure)	- 1,387	4,923	3,536	789
Transfers between funds	-	32	-	-
Net movement in funds	- 1,419	4,955	3,536	789
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds 1 April 2021	3,727	-	3,727	2,938
Total Funds 31 March 2022	2,308	4,955	7,263	3,727

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (BALANCE SHEET) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Current Assets		
Debtors	-	-
Cash at bank and in Hand	7,263	3,727
Total Income	<u>7,263</u>	<u>3,727</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	-	-
Net current assets	7,263	3,727
Total assets less current liabilities	7,263	3,727
The funds of the charity:		
Restricted income funds:	4,955	-
Unrestricted income funds:	2,308	3,727
Total charity funds	<u>7,263</u>	<u>3,727</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	2022		2021	
	£		£	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
Activities	48	10,913	10,961	
Administrative	2,941	-	2,941	
Wiston Estate Great Barn - maintainance/development fees	12,277	-	12,277	1,634
Total Expenditure	<u>15,266</u>	<u>10,913</u>	<u>26,179</u>	<u>1,634</u>
Current Assets	2,308	4,955	7,263	3,727
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	-	-	-	-
	<u>2,308</u>	<u>4,955</u>	<u>7,263</u>	<u>3,727</u>

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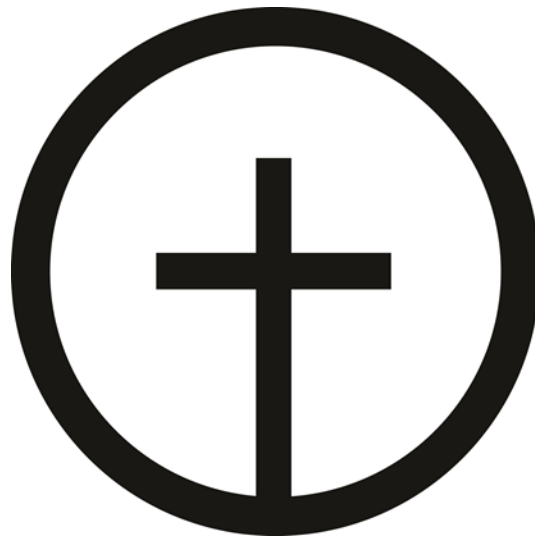
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CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

TRUSTEES: Greg Valerio
Simon Thomas
Jonathan Barnes (App 10/09/2020)
Rev Caroline Armitage (App 10/09/2020)
Rev Beverly Thomas (App 29/05/2020)

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2021.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's governing document, applicable law and the requirements of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects

The objective of the Charity is to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public by fostering spiritual development in accordance with the Statement of Faith appearing in the schedule attached to the Charity Constitution and in particular through the practice of prayer, devotional work and devotional learning.

Aims, Objectives, Strategies and Activities for the Year

The policy of the Charity is to fulfil its objects by continuing to develop both the vision and the practical steps towards setting up a Christian Community in line with Christian principles of sustainability, environmental protection and stewardship at the Great Barn on the Wiston Estate in West Sussex. In planning activities for the period, the Trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

- In furtherance of its charitable objectives the Society has secured planning application approval from SDNP planning authority to create an ecumenical prayer and retreat centre and working farm at a location on the Wiston Estate off Chanctonbury Ring Road, previously known as Great Barn Farm and to be known as St. Columba's Community Farm. The vision for this establishment is as the Mother House of the Society to provide a home for spiritual nurturing, training and a working model of integrated holistic Christian living, that can in time be replicated. The farm is to be a place where a small working community is established in the context of a growing wild life habitat, flourishing ecology, and in the working context of an active and functioning small farm.
- The Society works closely with Columba's Barn Community Benefit Society (CBS), established to support the work of the Society. Occupation of the farm premises will be jointly with the CBS.
- The Society jointly with the CBS formally completed a lease of up to 30 years of the buildings and some 23 acres of surrounding farmland at Great Barn Farm from the Wiston Estate in February 2020. The timing has made the launch of the next phase of the project challenging as we almost immediately went into the Covid pandemic and the first and subsequent lockdowns. While it was possible to invite volunteers onto the farm in a limited way to start community activity on the farm this was severely limited by the impact of the pandemic. Progress has therefore inevitably been slower than we would have hoped. Nevertheless, we made progress clearing the site, including planting saplings, beginning the natural regeneration of the site, and welcoming interested visitors on to the farm when possible.
- The Society has for some years held regular 'Night Prayers' at locations around Sussex

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to enable and to encourage local Christians with a heart for responsibility for God's creation to grow in faith and experience deeper understanding of God in creation. These continued during the year in line with government and Church of England Guidance as a result of the Covid19 pandemic.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Total income for the year amounted to £2,863 (2020-£3,806) and net incoming resources were £789 (2020-£1,602 outgoing). Unrestricted reserves at 31st March 2021 were £3,727.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have reviewed their policy, taking into account recommendations by the Charity Commission, so as to establish an acceptable level of reserves which is the cornerstone of the prudent financial management of the Charity. Because the charity has no ongoing commitments and exists to raise funds and make grants from those funds there is little need for reserves. At 31st March 2021 free reserves amounted to £3,727.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Charity was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 15th February 2015.

Trustees

Trustees are elected and removed by the Board of Trustees. Trustees' details are listed on page 1.

The power to appoint new trustees is vested in the existing trustees. Future trustees will be selected to ensure the board maintains a suitable mix of skills and experience to continue its work. The Board of Trustees are actively looked to recruit new trustees to replace those retiring and expand the skills and diversity of the Board. New trustees will be given an appropriate induction into the charity. Trustees attend training courses where it is considered necessary.

Organisational Structure

The charity is managed and operated by the board of Trustees who meet at least bi-annually.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are required under Charity law to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the financial activities of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable laws and regulations. They are also responsible for ensuring that the Charity maintains an adequate system of internal control designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss or unauthorised use and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

C Armitage – Chair of Trustees
Date: 20 January 2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Income		
Donations and gifts	2,863	3,806
Investments - bank interest -	-	-
Total Income	<u>2,863</u>	<u>3,806</u>
Expenditure		
Charitable activities	<u>2,074</u>	<u>2,204</u>
Total expenditure	<u>2,074</u>	<u>2,204</u>
Net income and movement in funds for the year		
Reconciliation of funds	789	1,602
Total Funds 1st April 2020	2,938	1,336
Total funds at 31st March 2021	3,727	2,938

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (BALANCE SHEET) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

	2021	2,020
	£	£
Current Assets		
Debtors	-	-
Cash at bank and in Hand	3,727	2,938
Total Income	<u>3,727</u>	<u>2,938</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	-	-
Net current assets	3,727	2,938
Total assets less current liabilities	3,727	2,938
The funds of the charity:		
Unrestricted income funds:	3,727	2,938
Total charity funds	<u>3,727</u>	<u>2,938</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	2021	2,020
	£	£
Activities		
Administrative wages		
Wiston Estate Great Barn - development fees	1634	
Office costs	440	1094
Bank fees		
<u>Governance Costs</u>		
Independent examination		
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	2074	1094

Debtors

Contribution to Legal fees	0	-1590
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	0	-1590

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Accruals and deferred income	0	0
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	0	0

Analysis of net assets between funds

Current Assets	3727	1816
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
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	3727	1816