

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

**Society Of St Columba**  
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**For The 15 Months Ended 30 June 2024**

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**Society Of St Columba  
Charity Information  
For The 15 Months Ended 30 June 2024**

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**Registered Charity Number**

1160486

**Trustees**

Rev. Beverley Thomas (Chair)  
Greg Valerio  
Andrew Armitage

**Registered Office**

Cricketts  
Vera's Walk  
Storrington  
West Sussex  
RH20 3JF

**Bankers**

Co-operative Bank  
Skelmsdale  
Yorkshire  
WN8 6WT

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

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## **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**

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**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**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds (30 June 2024)</b>	<b>Last Year (31 March 2023)</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Receipts</b>				
Voluntary receipts	28,506	-	28,506	20,627
Activities for generating funds	230	-	230	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>28,736</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,736</b>	<b>20,627</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
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
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>17,915</b>	<b>7,176</b>	<b>25,091</b>	<b>13,323</b>
<b>Net Receipts/(Payments)</b>	<b>10,821</b>	<b>(7,176)</b>	<b>3,645</b>	<b>7,304</b>
Transfers Between Funds	-	-	-	-
Cash Funds - Last Year End	4,139	10,428	14,567	7,263
<b>Cash Funds - This Year End</b>	<b>14,960</b>	<b>3,252</b>	<b>18,212</b>	<b>14,567</b>

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

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

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