

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

Society Of St Columba
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For The Year Ended 30 June 2025

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**Society Of St Columba
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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Storrington
West Sussex
RH20 3JF

Bankers

Co-operative Bank
Skelmersdale
Yorkshire
WN8 6WT

**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.

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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