

FRIENDS OF DROXFORD CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1165874

Details

Other names FODC

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-03-04

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE: (1) FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC TO MAINTAIN, REPAIR, RESTORE, PRESERVE, IMPROVE AND ENHANCE THE FABRIC OF THE CHURCH OF ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS, DROXFORD, IN THE DIOCESE OF PORTS-MOUTH, ITS MONUMENTS, FIXTURES, FITTINGS, FURNITURE, STAINED GLASS, ORNAMENTS AND OTHER CHATTELS AND ITS CHURCHYARD. (2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE HERITAGE OF THE CHURCH AND THE LOCAL AREA BY PROVIDING INFORMATION ON ITS HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE. (3)To promote activities for the benefit of the inhabitants of Droxford parish and neighbouring districts without distinction of age, sex, race, political, religious or other opinion, by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities or activities in the interests of social welfare, for recreation or other leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

Activities: 1) FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC TO MAINTAIN, IMPROVE AND ENHANCE THE FABRIC OF THE CHURCH OF ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS, DROXFORD.(2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE HERITAGE OF THE CHURCH AND THE LOCAL AREA BY PROVIDING INFORMATION ON ITS HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE.(3) TO PROMOTE ACTIVITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF DROXFORD AND NEIGHBOURING DISTRICTS.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£27,321	£18,842	-	-
2024-09-30	£31,968	£17,284	-	-
2023-09-30	£24,197	£11,705	-	-
2022-09-30	£11,851	£8,350	-	-
2021-09-30	£1,678	£2,426	-	-
2020-09-30	£26,693	£30,071	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Lee George Jones	Chair	2026-01-04
ANTHONY FRANK HOILE		2016-03-04
Graham Charles Bell		2026-05-29
June Elizabeth Kershaw		2022-05-05
Rosemary Hoile		2026-05-29
Sarah Elizabeth Sturt		2020-11-26

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Financial Statement for period 1st October 2024 to 30th September 2025

Receipt and Payment Basis

Income Statement

		Allocated Funds	Unallocated Funds	Total
		£	£	£
Opening balances	Main A/C	20,725.89	12,290.49	33,016.38
	Savings A/C	<u>0</u>	<u>29.87</u>	<u>29.87</u>
	Total			33,046.25
Income	(Note 1)	18,233.19	9,087.79	27,320.98
Expenses	(Note 2)	13,764.92	5,076.88	<u>18,841.80</u>
Closing balance		25,194.16	16,331.27	<u>41,525.43</u>
Closing bank	Current A/C			12,179.15
balances	Savings A/C			^(A) 24,346.28
	Reserve A/C			<u>5,000.00</u>
				<u>41,525.43</u>

Note (A): Allocated funds, projects in progress (£'000):

AV fund	12.85
Heritage project	2.3
Improved security	0.7
Building maintenance	5.0
Roof fund	0.5
Heating fund	1.75
Display	0.7
Radiator clean	<u>0.5</u>
	£24,346.28



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Notes to Accounts

Note 1:

Income	Current 2025	Last year 2024
Regular giving and gifts from village (AV fund £)	5,976.30	6,925.00
Tax relief on gifts from village	1,288.08	1,550.46
Fund raising activities (AV fund £)	2,399.01	4,826.77
Bank interest	0.23	6.02
Building contribution from Wilfrid's café		1,000.00
Repairs	150.00	
Utilities contribution from Wilfrid's café	2,082.36	2,146.70
Gifts to community from Wilfrid's cafe (Note 3)	13,633.00	10,050.00
Grants and gifts (AV fund)	1,000.00	
Sumup use, FODC cards	10.47	173.30
PCC payment	741.53	0
Jomati		3,500.00
PCC Gift	40.00	40.00
Repayment		1,750.00
Total:	27,320.98	31,968.25

Note 2:

Expenses	Current 2025	Last year 2024
Repairs	1,233.27	4,186.04
Maintenance	1,382.61	2,690.00
Improvements	1,599.08	0
Insurance	169.00	168.83
Communication including website	933.73	524.84
Fund raising expenses	535.49	1,437.60
Utilities	1,955.62	2,146.70
Heritage		316.35
Gifts to community	11,033.00	4,050.00
Sumup		13.27
Payment error		1,750.00
TOTAL	18,841.80	17,283.63

NOTE 3 Gifts to community from Wilfrid's café

Beneficiaries paid:	11,083.00
Beneficiaries to be paid:	2,550.00

Ailsa Duckworth for an A3 laminator £50, Stuart Attrill for a unknown grave plaque £50, Joanna Selwood for church kids craft items £153, Ian Withers for a bird box £180, FODS for art resources £250, Droxford Speedwatch for a speed gun £250, Cricket club for a shed £400, PCC for decorating the south porch £450, FODC for pulpit radiators £500, Bellringers for draught proofing £600, FODC for display boards £700, Scouts for food courses £750, FOMS for literacy support £750, Ian Withers for a rotavator £1000, FODC towards the replacement heating fund £1250, Village Hall for floor replacement fund £1500, PCC for the clerestory window £1600, FODC for the AV project £1600, PCC for north chapel roof £1600.



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- (IV) We recognise the need to be accountable as charity trustees for all the money which comes into our hands and will provide further information as required by the Charity Commission

General funds held at year end 30 Sept 2024: £41,525.43 of which £24,346.28 were allocated to projects in progress, leaving £17,179.19 unallocated.

Reserves policy for General Funds:

We aim to hold £5,000 reserves that are unallocated, to provide a contingency fund for current and future projects.



Independent Examiners Report

Report to Annual General Meeting of Friends of Droxford Church (FODC) on the accounts for the year ended 30th September 2025 as set out on page 1.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The FODC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act; to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the FODC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the FODC concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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STEPHEN CASEY

Date 10th NOV 2025

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Financial Statement for period 1st October 2023 to 30th September 2024

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Income Statement

		Allocated Funds	Unallocated Funds	Total
		£	£	£
Opening balances	Main A/C	13,645.56	4,686.65	18,332.21
	Savings A/C	<u>0</u>	<u>29.42</u>	<u>29.42</u>
	Total			18,361.63
Income	(Note 1)	20,016.70	11,951.55	31,968.25
Expenses	(Note 2)	12,936.37	4,347.26	<u>17,283.63</u>
Closing balance		<u>20,725.89^{A)}</u>	<u>12,320.36</u>	<u>33,046.25</u>
Closing bank balances	Current A/C			<u>33,016.38</u>
	Savings A/C			<u>29.87</u>

Note (A): Projects in progress - £11K for improvement to audio visual, £2.6K for Jomati project, £0.7K for improved security, £4.5K for building maintenance, £1.5K Bell ringers

P. Brull
TREASURER
24.12.2024.



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Regular giving and gifts from village (AV fund £5750)	6,925.00	6348.56
Tax relief on gifts from village	1550.46	914.07
Fund raising activities (AV fund £1303.60)	4826.77	3330.79
Amazon Smile donation	0	19.61
Bank interest	6.02	0.16
Building contribution from Wilfrid's café	1,000.00	1,000.00
Repairs		1,050.00
Utilities contribution from Wilfrid's café	2,146.70	2,460.88
Gifts to community from Wilfrid's cafe (Note 3)	10,050.00	8,000.00
Grants and gifts (AV fund)		962.00
Sumup use, FODC cards	173.30	62.53
DCH payment	0	48.00
Jomati	3,500.00	0
PCC Gift	40.00	0
Repayment	1,750.00	0
Total:	31,968.25	24,196.60

Note 2:

Expenses	Current 2024	Last year 2023
Repairs	4186.04	2,564.59
Maintenance	2690.00	0
Improvements	0	937.62
Insurance	168.83	168.64
Communication including website	524.84	384.00
Fund raising expenses	1437.60	869.59
Utilities	2146.70	2,460.88
Heritage	316.35	0
Gifts to community	4050.00	4,300.00
Sumup	13.27	19.67
Payment error	1,750.00	
TOTAL	17,283.63	11,704.99

NOTE 3

Gifts to community from Wilfrid's cafe

Dog bags £50, Book Trolley £100, Community planter £200, Village Hall tables £150, FODC printer & laminator £250, Scarecrow Festival £250, Allotments £200, Biodiversity Group £200, FOMS £300, FODS £600, Droxford Bellringers £1,000, PCC for churchyard paths £1,750, Biodiversity Group for a wildflower area £1,000, FODC contribution for audio system £2,000, FODC for church window repairs £2,000

Beneficiaries paid:	5,800.00
Beneficiaries to be paid:	4,250.00

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TREASURER
24.12.2024



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Stephen Casey

STEPHEN CASEY

Date

23rd December 2024



Chairman's Report

Overview

Firstly, thank you all for attending and welcome to the FODC 2024 AGM

Secondly, a sincere thank you to my fellow Trustees, our partners DCH (Wilfrids Café) and PCC for their support over the last 12 months and to the other FODC members and indeed nonmember volunteers for their hard work in keeping “our show on the road” despite the usual obstacles.

The Election of Trustees follows later in the agenda. I am delighted to announce that Adam Sinnott and Paul Cooper have joined the board of Trustees, they bring a wealth of technical expertise that will enhance the IT and professional approach in pursuit of our objectives.

As many of you will know, John Dryden Brownlee, a dear friend and colleague, passed away earlier this year.

John contributed his vast architectural experience and energies to many projects but none more important than the design and project management of what we know as the “Annexe” to provide much needed toilets and kitchen facilities.

It will certainly be a fitting memorial to remember him by.

We would also like pass on our sincere best wishes to Andy Davis, our Priest in Charge, for a speedy recovery from his injury and look forward to seeing him soon.

As last year, the past twelve months has seen further encouraging improvements in communication and closer working relationships with the community and especially our partners, the PCC and the Droxford Community Hub (Wilfrid's Café).

At this point, special congratulations and a huge thank you must go the board and volunteers of Wilfrids Café for donating over £10,000.00 to support Church maintenance, enhancement and local community groups.

The following is a summary of what has been achieved in the past year in relation to the Church building:

Building maintenance / projects

- Repairs and re-surfacing of the main church path.
- Repairs and resurfacing of the south door path.



- Specialist cleaning and repairs of the stained glass / leaded light window glazing
- Guttering works to the north elevation
- Re-siting of heritage light fitting from the Community room to the Lady Chapel
- Installation of emergency lighting to the tower access stairs
- Funding towards the cost of the audio / visual upgrade has reached in excess of £11K which, subject to final DAC approval, will see the Phase 1 audio upgrade commencing in the spring of '25.

Heritage

- Ongoing working with English Heritage to promote the celebrations of the “Swing Riots” over the next two years, culminating in a big performance for the bi-centenary celebrations in 2030

Communications

- Art Show at the Country Fair
- Fund raising at the Christmas Fair
- Ongoing improvements to the FODC website
- Installation of Permanent FODC noticeboard.
- DD 80th Anniversary program of events, including miniature railway and Tea Dance

Recruitment and Finance

- Ongoing recruitment drive and regular donation requests.
- Two new Trustees have joined

More information - www.FriendsofDroxfordChurch.org.uk.

To repeat my words from the last AGM, there is still much to do, and we would welcome any assistance whether it be administrative, trade based or anyone with a talent for fund raising, event planning or just ideas !!

It is essential that we and our partners continue to “pull together” to ensure that our Church continues to not only remain the local focus of worship but also to develop it as a community asset to help to provide the finance required to support its continued use for all the community.

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AGM 2023/2024

Chairman's Report

Overview

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Secondly, a sincere thank you to my fellow Trustees, our partners DCH (Wilfrids Café) and PCC for their support over the last 12 months and to the other FODC members and indeed nonmember volunteers for their hard work in keeping “our show on the road” despite the usual obstacles.

The Election of Trustees follows later in the agenda but just to mention that Nick Capon, who has gallantly served the FODC for many years is standing down and I would like to offer my personal thanks for his help, advice and friendship in my time as chair.

The past year has seen further encouraging improvements in communication and closer working relationships with the community and especially our partners, the PCC and the Droxford Community Hub (Wilfrid's Café).

At this point I believe it important to clarify that DCH (trading as Wilfrids Café) is an independent Community Interest Company, not to be confused with Droxford community hub which encompasses all the activities of the FODC including events that are jointly run with our partners.

June Kershaw will expand on this a little later in the meeting.

The following is a summary of what has been achieved in the past year in relation to the Church building:

Building maintenance

- ❖ Installing the sink in the tower and coat hooks
- ❖ Tower clock and flagpole repairs.
- ❖ Repairing the heating
- ❖ Clearing drains and improving drainage in anticipation of further flash floods.
- Tower cupboard and Nicholson screen final fittings
- Moving of the brass corona light.
- Implementing improved security arrangements.
- Progressing the AV improvements.
- Progressing urgent items on the quinquennial plan.
- Emergency Tower Lighting
- Improving the paths in the churchyard.

Heritage

- ❖ Installing the final donor board.
- ❖ Exhibition of the pew cushions.
- Retrieving further heritage items
- Setting up access to the heritage items in the Community Office.
- Digital Heritage website.
- Working with English Heritage to promote the celebrations of the “Swing Riots” over the next two years, culminating in a big performance for the bi-centenary celebrations in 2030

Community

- ❖ Talk by Tracy Chevalier together with bell ringing demonstration.
- ❖ Art Show at the Country Fair
- ❖ Holding the play Jesus My Boy
- ❖ Fund raising at the Christmas Fair
- Finalising improvements to the FODC website
- Permanent FODC noticeboard.
- DD 80th Anniversary program of events.

Recruitment and Finance

- ❖ One new Trustee joined.
- ❖ Creation and deployment of a dedicated QR code for ease of fund raising.
- **Ongoing recruitment drive and regular donation requests.**

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It is essential that we and our partners continue to “pull together” to ensure that our Church continues to not only remain the local focus of worship but also to develop the community assets that help to provide the finances required to support it’s continued use. As I have said before, our message to all must be **“USE IT OR LOSE IT”**

Forthcoming events.

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Tony Hoile

Chair

Friends of Droxford Church

February 2024



Financial Statement for period 1st October 2022 to 30th September 2023

Receipt and Payment Basis

Income Statement

		Allocated Funds	Unallocated Funds	Total
		£	£	£
Opening balances	Main A/C	1,750	4,090.76	5,840.76
	Savings A/C	<u>0</u>	<u>29.26</u>	<u>29.26</u>
	Total	1,750	4120.02	5,870.02
Income	(Note 1)	11,895.56	12,301.04	24,196.60
Expenses	(Note 2)	<u>0</u>	<u>11,704.99</u>	<u>11,704.99</u>
Closing balance		<u>13,645.56^(A)</u>	<u>4,716.07</u>	<u>18,361.63</u>
Closing bank balances			Current A/C	18,332.21
			Savings A/C	29.42

Note (A): Projects in progress - £8K for improvement to audio visual, £0.7K for improved security, £4K for building maintenance, and £1K for churchyard pruning.

DAVID S
TREASURER
20 FEBRUARY 2024



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Notes to Accounts

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Income	Current 2023	Last year 2022
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Tax relief on gifts from village	914.07	441.33
Fund raising activities (AV fund £1303.60)	3,330.79	688.14
Amazon Smile donation	19.61	5.60
Bank interest	0.16	0.00
Return from PCC of noticeboard donation		800.00
Building contribution from DCH café	1,000.00	750.00
Repairs contribution from DCH café	1,050.00	1,634.53
Utilities contribution from DCH café	2,460.88	3,231.00
Gift to community from DCH café	8,000.00	3,500.00
Grants and gifts (AV fund)	962.00	0
Sumup use, FODC cards	62.53	0
DCH payment	48.00	0
Total:	24,196.60	11,850.60

Note 2:

Expenses	Current 2023	Last year 2022
Repairs	2,564.59	1,092.67
Improvements	937.62	0
Insurance	168.64	218.00
Communication including website	384.00	423.00
Fund raising expenses	869.59	210.15
Utilities	2,460.88	3,231.00
Gifts to community	4,300.00	2,375.00
Sumup	19.67	0
TOTAL	11,704.99	8,349.82

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TREASURER
20 FEBRUARY 2024



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General funds held at year end 30 Sept 2023: £18,361.63 of which £13,645.56 were allocated to projects in progress, leaving £4,716.07 unallocated.

Reserves policy for General Funds:

We aim to hold £3,000 reserves that are unallocated, to provide a contingency fund for current and future projects.

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TREASURER
20 FEBRUARY 2024.



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STEPHEN CASEY

Date 20th January 2024

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**Financial Statement for period 1st October 2021 to 30th September 2022****Receipt and Payment Basis****Income Statement**

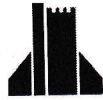
		Allocated Funds £	Unallocated Funds £	Total £
Opening balances	Main A/C	0	2,339.98	2,339.98
	Savings A/C	0	<u>29.26</u>	<u>29.26</u>
	Total	0	2,369.24	2,369.24
Income	(Note 1)	1,750	10,100.60	11,850.60
Expenses	(Note 2)	<u>0</u>	<u>8,349.82</u>	<u>8,349.82</u>
Closing balance		<u>1,750^(A)</u>	<u>4,120.02</u>	<u>5,870.02</u>
Closing bank balances			Current A/C	5,840.76
			Savings A/C	29.26

Notes to Accounts**Note 1:**

Income	Current 2022	Last year 2021
Regular giving from village	800.00	1,666.00
Tax relief on gifts from village	441.33	0
Fund raising activities (fund raising expenses of £210.15)	688.14	0
Amazon Smile donation	5.60	12.08
Bank interest	0.00	0.03
Return from PCC of noticeboard donation	800.00	0
Building contribution from DCH café	750.00 ^(A)	0
Contribution from DCH café for repairs (cost of those repairs of £1,892.67)	1,634.53	0
Contribution from DCH café for utilities (payment to PCC for those utilities of £3,231)	3,231.00	0
Contribution from DCH café for gifts to community (distribution to community groups of £2,375) (contribution to FODC for AV fund of £1,000 ^(A)) (cont ⁿ to FODC of £125 for art display stands)	3,500.00	0
Total:	11,850.60	1,678.11

Note (A): identifies funds received allocated for a specific purpose and as yet unspent

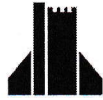
Nicholas C Capen
20th February 2023
Treasurer



Note 2:

Expenses	Current 2022	Last year 2021
Repairs <i>(current year contribution of DCH café of £1,634.53)</i>	1,892.67	1,188.00
Improvements	0	0
Allocated fund for AV improvement		
Insurance	218.00	218.00
Communication including website	423.00	176.40
Fund raising expenses <i>(compared to £688.14 gross funds raised in current year)</i>	210.15	0
Utilities <i>(contribution from DH café of £3,231 in current year)</i>	3,231.00	0
Gifts to community <i>(contribution from DCH café of £3,500 in current year)</i>	2,375.00	844.00
Total:	8,349.82	2,426.40

Nicholas C Capon
Treasurer
20th February 2023



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General funds held at year end 30 Sept 2022: £5,870.02

Reserves policy for General Funds:

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Nicklas C Capon
Treasurer
20th February 2023



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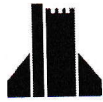
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15-2-23

Date



Chairman's Report

Overview

In the Year ending September 30th 2022, one of our major goals of the past year has been to encourage further improvements in communication and closer working relationships with the community and especially our partners, the PCC and the Droxford Community Hub (Wilfrid's Café). To this end we embarked on a major consultation to develop a five-year Strategy and Plan covering each of our three constitutional objectives: Church Building, Heritage, and Community. We invited our partners and other representatives of the community to contribute and over 25 people joined together on a Strategy day in February 2022. After further iterations by the Trustees the output of that session is the 5-year Plan now published on our website. From September onwards we have turned to implementation and at future AGM's I expect to be judged on our progress against that Plan.

We have made significant progress in stabilising FODC finances following the costs of launching Wilfrid's Cafe in 2019 and the 'pause' caused by the Covid pandemic., with particular thanks to those who are making regular donations. Wilfrid's Cafe is trading profitably and contributing as intended to our Community objectives (Wilfrid's gave away £3,500 from their trading surplus in the year), and also to our Building obligations.

The following is a summary of what has been achieved in the past year in relation to the Church building:

Building maintenance

- Relocation of the "Nicholson" screen, some works to complete.
- Boiler and heating system service and further maintenance work.
- Church sign and noticeboard.
- Re-ordering of the Tower and installation of cupboards therein, some additional works to complete.
- Research and specification of new A/V system – fund-raising started
- Ongoing: Update of the Quinquennial report, pricing and agreement of priority items with the PCC; new internal intruder alarm and external CCTV surveillance.

To repeat my words from the last AGM, we still have much to do, and would welcome any assistance whether it be administrative, trade based or anyone with a talent for fund

*Approved at AGM 20th February
2023*



raising, event planning or just ideas. In 2022 we welcomed June Kershaw to the Board of Trustees.

It is essential that we and our partners continue to “pull together” to ensure that our Church continues to not only remain the local focus of worship but also to develop the community assets that help to provide the finances required to support it’s continued use. As I have said before our message to all must be “USE IT OR LOSE IT”

Forthcoming events

- Talk by Tracy Chevalier – 21st April ‘23
- Art Show – 3rd June ‘23 (Country Fair)
- Safari Supper 2023 – September ’23 (to be confirmed)
- Jesus My Boy - play performed by Mick Keegan – October/November ’23 (to be confirmed)
- 80th D-Day Remembrance 1st June ’24 (details to be confirmed)
- Art Exhibition during Hants Open Studios. 16th – 27th August ’23 (details to be confirmed)

More information - www.FriendsofDroxfordChurch.org.uk.

Tony Hoile

Chair

Friends of Droxford Church

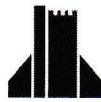
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FRIENDS OF DROXFORD CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1165874

Accounts



Financial Statement for period 1st October 2020 to 30th September 2021

Receipt and Payment Basis

Income Statement

		Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total
		£	£	£
Opening balances	Main A/C	0	3,088.30	3,088.30
	Savings A/C	0	<u>29.23</u>	<u>29.23</u>
	Total	0	3,117.53	3,117.53
Income	(Note 1)	0	1,678.11	1,678.11
Expenses	(Note 2)	<u>0</u>	<u>2,426.40</u>	<u>2,426.40</u>
Closing balance		<u>0</u>	<u>2,369.24</u>	<u>2,369.24</u>
 Closing bank balances			Current A/C	2,339.98
			Savings A/C	29.26

Notes to Accounts

Note 1:

Income	Restricted	Unrestricted
Gifts from village residents		1,666.00
Tax relief on gifts from village		0
Events		0
Amazon smile donation		12.08
Bank interest		0.03
Total:	0	1,678.11

Note 2:

Expenses	Restricted	Unrestricted
Gents toilet screen	0	1,188.00
Insurance		218.00
Website		176.40
Noticeboard contribution		844.00
Total:	0	2,426.40

Nicholas C Capon
 13th May 2022
 (Trustee)
 Approved A&M 5th May 2022



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General funds held at year end 30 Sept 2021: £2,369

Reserves policy for General Funds:

We aim to hold £2,000 reserves to provide a contingency fund for current and future projects.

Nicholas Capon
13th May 2022
(Trustee)



Financial Accounts for year ending 30th September 2021

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N. Keitley (NICHOLAS KEITLEY)

9th January 2022

Date



Chairman's Report

Overview

Despite ongoing constraints imposed by Covid restrictions until earlier this year, the FODC in co-operation with the PCC and DCH have continued to carry out our responsibilities across all three major objectives, Building Fabric Repair and Maintenance, Heritage Development and Community Involvement.

A major factor that has influenced our priorities over the past year, and indeed into the future, in all three of our objectives is the realization that, with Church attendance falling, funds available for investing in the Church are failing to meet costs, even for basic routine and reactive maintenance.

As a result the FODC and its partners have, as many will know, developed a "Strategy Plan" following consultation meetings with local community organizations and individual residents who contributed ideas and suggestions of how we might engage in a positive way to increase community use of the church and its facilities.

This view is endorsed by many ecclesiastical charities and by an increasing number of senior church spokesmen and has the full support of our own rector, Father Tony Forrest.

I do hope that the enthusiastic response received so far will encourage others to consider becoming FODC members and volunteers to be a force in preserving our beautiful church for generations to come.

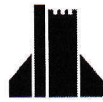
We have much to do, and would welcome any assistance whether it be administrative, trade based or anyone with a talent for fund raising, event planning or just ideas.

The following is a summary of what has been achieved in the past year:

Objectives

Building maintenance

- Chancel roof repair and installation of CCTV on the roof.



- Flood mitigation strategy developed and liaison with the PC for drainage inspection and clearance.
- Preparation of a 5-year maintenance plan and discussions with the PCC over priorities.
- Boxing in of the electrics and redecorations in the Community room (funded by DCH)
- Replacement of the fencing by the Eastern boundary.
- Liaison, research and advising on vandalism within the Churchyard.

Current Year 2022/2023

- Re-ordering of the Tower and installation of cupboards therein.
- Boiler and heating system service and further work
- Discussions regarding the location of the Nicholson screen.
- Church sign and noticeboard

Heritage

- Pamphlet display on the Church, Meon Valley Trail etc.
- Articles in the Bridge, our parish magazine.
- Donor board.
- Discussions with a metal detectorist
- Discussions regarding the cataloging, organizing and putting on a display of Droxford Church prayer cushions.

Community

- Shantyhead's event.
- Participation and providing advice on the neighbouring parish green proposals.
- New notice board with details of social media for the village
- Beat surgeries for the PCSO.
- Pamphlet display for walkers, cyclists and other visitors.
- Communication routes established and ensuing extensive discussions with the PCC and DCH.
- Educational display at the village picnic August 2021 (omitted from last year's report)

Current year 2022/2023

- Art Exhibition June 2022

AGM – 5 May 2022



Country Fair – Participation over the Jubilee weekend with Trustees supporting different aspects at the Fair.

Fund raising and Finance

- Shantyheads event.
- New auditor.
- Discussions on a recruitment drive together with a 200 club style of membership.

Current year 2022/2023

- Obtaining a “sumup” device
- Art Exhibition June 2022
- Print and card sales

Strategic 5-yr Plan

- Trustee planning meetings 8 January and 7 March 2022
- Stake holders day 19 February.
- Village presentation day 26 March

More information - www.FriendsofDroxfordChurch.org.uk.

Tony Hoile

Chair

Friends of Droxford Church

April 2022

FRIENDS OF DROXFORD CHURCH

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Accounts



Friends of Droxford Church

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Charitable Incorporated Organisation 1165874

Financial Statement for period 1st October 2019 to 30th September 2020

Receipt and Payment Basis

Income Statement

		Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total £
Opening balances	Main A/C	2,000.00	4473.01	6473.01
	Savings A/C	0	<u>2.80</u>	<u>22.80</u>
	Total	2,000.00	4,495.81	6,495.81
Income	(Note 1)	16,200.00	10,492.96	26,692.96
Expenses	(Note 2)	<u>18,200.00</u>	<u>11,871.24</u>	<u>30,071.24</u>
Closing balance		<u>0</u>	<u>3,117.53</u>	<u>3,117.53</u>
 Closing bank balances			Current A/C	3088.30
			Savings A/C	29.23

Notes to Accounts

Note 1:

Income	Restricted	Unrestricted
Gifts from village residents		6,843.68
Tax relief on gifts from village		418.75
PCC contribution to fit out		1,382.00
Grants – Winchester council		500.00
– National Lottery	9,600.00	0
– South Downs Park	6,600.00	0
Gift from Kebble Homes		450.00
Events – Safari Supper		892.10
Bank interest		6.43
Total:	16,200.00	10,492.96

Note 2:

Expenses	Restricted	Unrestricted
Heritage display (Note 3)	18,200.00	0
Fit out (Note 4)		7,465.07
Builder's retention		3,974.18
Insurance		258.00
Website		173.99
Total:	18,200.00	11,871.24

Nicholas C. Capa
16th July 2021
Treasurer.



Note 3:

Heritage	Restricted
Video filming	1,350.00
TV and DVD player	368.00
Content development	4,786.00
Design style and illustrations	3,500.00
Display stands	3,036.00
Website of history	3,792.00
3,000 leaflets	368.00
Radiator changes	<u>1000.00</u>
Total:	18,200.00

Note 4:

Fit out	Unrestricted
Plumbing	2,492.20
Coffee machine	3,036.00
Electrics	1,013.70
Paint	519.29
Disability alarm	260.00
Signs	<u>143.88</u>
Total:	7,465.07

Commentary:

This year finances have been spent to complete the display of the history of our village and to fit out the café within the annex.

We now plan to use our professional skills to support: increasing footfall and benefit to the community from the use of both the café and the history displays; ensuring that the church building and community annex are kept in good repair; and further improving this beautiful and largest public building in Droxford to extend the use and value to the community.

Trustees at AGM date: 15th July 2021.....

Nicholas C. Capa
Treasurer
16th July 2021



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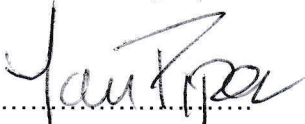
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Ian Piper

..... 4/5/2021

Date



Trustees Annual Report 2019-2020

Chairman's Report 2019-20

Last year I reported on the successful completion of the Community Annex, the outcome of a seven year project to restore and enhance the Church in Droxford, providing the toilet and kitchen facilities essential to sustaining the future of this Grade-1 listed Norman Church. In December 2019 we opened the Heritage Centre in the North Aisle of the church, and in January 2020 we were delighted to open Wilfrid's, our volunteer-run community Café. From March 2020 onwards we were subject to the Coronavirus pandemic restrictions and the Café was closed – opening briefly when permitted during the lockdowns.

Droxford Community Hub CIC

The Community Café was a key part of the overall project business plan and a key deliverable for our two major funders, the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Hampshire County Council. In order for the Café to trade efficiently and to deliver the quality and range of activities we anticipated, a Community Interest Company, Droxford Community Hub CIC, was set up closely coupled to the Friends' Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The operation of the Community Hub and Wilfrid's Café is licensed for 25 years from the PCC according terms set out in the Licence to FODC and signed in December 2019.

Wilfrid's café opened on 6th January 2020, and traded profitably for three months despite the adverse season and difficult weather conditions, before the Coronavirus pandemic forced the national lockdown. The opening reception to which our many friends and donors were invited had to be cancelled. As I write this report in June 2021, the Covid restrictions are gradually easing, and Wilfrid's Café has opened again at the earliest opportunity.

Heritage Centre

The Heritage Centre displaying the history of Droxford's Church and community from Saxon times to the 20th Century, was installed in the North Aisle in December 2019, and is open when the church is open. The Centre was designed and created by a team directed by Michael Chandler (trustee) and funded by South Downs National Park, and National Lottery Heritage Fund. Highlights include John of Droxford, Chancellor of England in the early 14th Century, and Churchill's visit to Droxford Railway Station before D-Day in 1944. An Archive section has been added to the Friends website to complement the displays and will continue to be developed.



AGM – The Friends AGM was held in May 2020 by Zoom meeting owing to the pandemic. The meeting endorsed a change to our constitution by the addition of a new object to support the local community.

Country Fair

No Country Fair was held in 2020 owing to the pandemic restrictions.

Management and Finance

At the beginning of 2020 we were able to complete the heritage displays which were delivered on budget. In addition the Friends contributed to the start-up costs of the café for which generous donations enabled the funding of essential equipment and fitting out. Given the short trading period of the café and the restrictions on other fund-raising activities due to the Coronavirus restrictions it has not been possible raise significant new funds in the year ended in September 2020. Consequently the FODC continues to operate with very low reserves and we are grateful for careful husbanding of our resources by our Treasurer.

Current Status and Strategic 5-yr Plan

The Trustees recognize that the completion of the Annex and the commencement of Community Hub operations, particularly Wilfrid's Café, mark an opportunity to review the priorities and renew the focus of the Friends for the next five year period. In May 2021 the Trustees therefore agreed to develop a five-year strategic plan which they aim to publish in the autumn of 2021.

More information

As usual more information is available on our website www.FriendsofDroxfordChurch.org.uk.

John Symes
Chairman, FODC
July 2021



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