



Friends of Droxford Church

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Registered Charity No 1165874

AGM 2023/2024

Chairman's Report

Overview

Firstly, thank you all for coming and welcome to the FODC 2024 AGM and with a special thankyou to Andy Davis our new Rector (or is it Priest in Charge ?) for attending.

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.**

More information - www.FriendsofDroxfordChurch.org.uk.

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 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 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



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

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Notes to Accounts

Note 1:

Income	Current 2023	Last year 2022
Regular giving and gifts from village (AV fund £5750)	6,348.56	800.00
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	2,480.88	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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Reserves Policy:

We submit our annual report in accordance with the requirements of the Charity Commission guidance in CC19.

- (I) The trustees have established their mission aims taking into account all of the resources available in terms of people, property and money
- (II) Mission initiatives/projects have been costed or estimates made of projected future costs which take into account the needs of the buildings and the requirements of ongoing running costs.
- (III) We have agreed a Reserves Policy which is set out below and is recorded in the trustees' minutes and this Annual Report
- (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 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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Independent Examiners Report

Report to Annual General Meeting of Friends of Droxford Church (FODC) on the accounts for the year ended 30th September 2023 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:

- 1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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STEPHEN CASEY

Date 20th January 2024