



# Friends of Droxford Church

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Registered Charity No 1165874

## Financial Statement for period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### Receipt and Payment Basis

#### 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<sup>A)</sup></u>	<u>12,320.36</u>	<u>33,046.25</u>
Closing bank	Current A/C			<u>33,016.38</u>
balances	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. Brumby*  
TREASURER  
24.12.2024.



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## Notes to Accounts

### Note 1:

Income	Current 2024	Last year 2023
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*



## **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 finance sub-group 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 2024: £ 33,046.25 of which £20,725.89 were allocated to projects in progress, leaving £12,320.36 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.

*PMS*  
*TREASURER*  
*24.12.2024*



## Independent Examiners Report

Report to Annual General Meeting of Friends of Droxford Church (FODC) on the accounts for the year ended 30th September 2024 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.

*Stephen Casey*

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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 80<sup>th</sup> 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

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**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.