

The Friends of Roundhay St. John's Church

Charity number 1165879

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025



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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2025

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position
Martin Muers	Chair
Lynne Staveley	
Roger Potts	Joint Treasurer
David Whittaker	
Anne Muers	

Charity number 1165879 Registered in England and Wales

Registered and principal address

Milestone,
16A Breary Lane, Bramhope,
Leeds.
LS16 9AE.

Bankers

Santander	HSBC
2 Triton Square	PO Box 105
Regents Place	33 Park Row
London	Leeds
NW1 3AN	LS1 1LD

Accountants

West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

Stringer House
34 Lupton Street
Leeds
LS10 2QW

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a CIO formed on 4 March 2016 and is governed by a constitution.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2025

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The object of the Friends of Roundhay St. John's Church is for the benefit of the public to maintain, repair, restore, preserve, improve and enhance the fabric of the church of Roundhay St Johns, Leeds, its monuments, fixtures, fittings, furniture, stained glass, ornaments, and other chattels and its churchyard.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular members of the public have mentioned and complimented us on the state of the churchyard.

Achievements and performance

Ultimately the Ariens lawnmowers which we had used very successfully reached the end of their usable life and we took the advice of the lawnmower engineers and replaced them initially with one Chinese Weibang machine. While the Aiens machines had proved extremely robust in general it was rapidly realised that the new machine was indeed even better at coping with the very uneven terrain of the Churchyard and proved able to provide an excellent cutting finish overall. As a result of the success of the first Wibang machine we decided to use the donated funds to purchase a second although unfortunately the price had increased moderately over the months which had elapsed since we purchased the first. However as will be recorded in next years report we were to enjoy the use of them very briefly as following the year end our garden store was burgled despite all the security that we had in place, but details of this will be in the next year's report.

During the year the several members of the small group managed to keep the north church graveyard in a presentable and attractive condition for visitors and others using the footpath through the graveyard as an access point to Roundhay Park. The Church alongside the graveyard remains abandoned by the owners, the Pentecostal City Mission with the exception that they have now surrounded it with security linked fencing carrying signs which imply that work on the Church is in hand and about to start, but we have seen no sign of any work commencing. This is a great pity as memorials in and outside the building relate to many of the people involved in the original development of Roundhay Park and the Mansion House as visitors see it today.

Financial review

The net payments for the year were £4,850, including net payments of £2,705 on unrestricted funds and net payments of £2,145 on restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £7,014.

There is no reserves policy at the moment.

Approved by the board of trustees on 20/11/2025

Roger Karl Potts (Trustee)

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Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Receipts					
Donations	(2)	3,381	-	3,381	4,285
Gift aid		-	-	-	526
Total receipts		<u>3,381</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,381</u>	<u>4,811</u>
Payments					
Maintenance		2,947	1,965	4,912	1,764
Equipment		1,234	127	1,361	763
Insurance		380	-	380	449
Accountancy		462	-	462	189
Bank charges		-	53	53	62
Subscriptions		652	-	652	120
Printing		411	-	411	-
Total payments		<u>6,086</u>	<u>2,145</u>	<u>8,231</u>	<u>3,347</u>
Net receipts / (payments)		<u>(2,705)</u>	<u>(2,145)</u>	<u>(4,850)</u>	<u>1,464</u>
Fund balances brought forward		<u>9,359</u>	<u>2,505</u>	<u>11,864</u>	<u>10,400</u>
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	<u>6,654</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>7,014</u>	<u>11,864</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 31 March 2025

	2025	2025	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	7,014	-	7,014	11,864
Cash in hand	-	-	-	-
Total cash funds	<u>7,014</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,014</u>	<u>11,864</u>
	(360)	360		

Assets retained for the charity's own use

Wheeled strimmer
 Strimmer x3
 Lawnmower x2
 Storage shed

Liabilities

	2025
	£
Accruals	462
	<u>462</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 20/11/2025

Roger Karl Potts (Trustee)

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

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Notes to the accounts continued
for the year ended 31 March 2025

2 Restricted funds	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
North Churchyard	2,505	-	2,145	-	360
	<u>2,505</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,145</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>360</u>

Fund name

North Churchyard

Purpose of restriction

Towards the upkeep, maintenance, repairs, restoration, preservation, and improvements of the North Churchyard.

Related party transactions

3 Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

4 Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.