DISCOVER DECRYPT

England & Wales · Charity number 1167097

Details

Other names	THE OLD SCHOOLROOM CHARITY OF ST MARY DE CRYPT
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2016-05-16
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:-3(1) TO ADVANCE HERITAGE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY THE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF THE HISTORIC TUDOR SCHOOL ROOM OF ST MARY DE CRYPT IN GLOUCESTER3(2) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE TUDOR SCHOOL ROOM OF ST MARY DE CRYPT AND OF THE ATTACHED CHURCH OF ST MARY DE CRYPT IN GLOUCESTER INCLUDING BUT WITHOUT LIMITATION BY PROMOTING AND PROVIDING LECTURES AND TALKS; STAGING EXHIBITIONS; AND PREPARING AND DISTRIBUTING EDUCATIONAL PUBLICATIONS;3(3) TO BENEFIT RESIDENTS OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF AGE, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY PROVIDING FACILITIES IN THEINTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS.IN FURTHERANCE OF THE OBJECTS BUT NOT OTHERWISE, THE CHARITY TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE POWER TO MAINTAIN OR MANAGE A COMMUNITY CENTRE AT THE OLD SCHOOL ROOM OF ST MARY DE CRYPT GLOUCESTER FOR ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE CHARITY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE OBJECTS.

Activities: advancing heritage for the public benefit by restoration and preservation of thehistoric Tudor School Room of St Mary de Crypt in Gloucester;advancing education for the public benefit about the history of the Tudor SchoolRoom of St Mary de Crypt and of the attached Church of St Mary de Crypt;providing

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facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£119,882	£131,043	-	-
2023-12-31	£129,623	£139,808	-	-
2022-12-31	£117,686	£124,370	-	-
2021-12-31	£91,218	£103,792	-	-
2020-12-31	£150,300	£155,022	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David John Evans		2019-05-10
Mathew McCall		2025-06-06
PETER CONRAD GOULD		2016-05-16
Rev Nicola Mary Arthy		2016-05-16
Richard John Ryan		2020-12-04
Ursula Edith Corcoran		2019-09-20

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Accounts

Discover DeCrypt, Gloucester Annual Report for 2024

Discover DeCrypt is a charity based in the Church of St Mary de Crypt and the adjacent Tudor schoolroom in Southgate Street in the centre of Gloucester. Our £2.1 million restoration project, completed in 2019, was made possible through a grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and donations from other trusts, organisations and individuals. We aim to share our faith in Jesus Christ, to promote the story of our history and heritage and to enhance the life of our city.

Following our vision of sharing our 'faith', 'story' and 'life', Discover DeCrypt has continued throughout 2024 to welcome people from far and wide in the spirit of Christian hospitality. In addition to groups which use our buildings on a regular basis, we have received 24,500 visitors this year.

Gloucester Glow Festival, June 2024

2024 has been a year in which Discover DeCrypt has developed into an increasingly active community hub, making a valued contribution to the life of the city. Our Christian ethos remains very much at the forefront, but a wide range of different groups make use of our facilities.

We were also fortunate this year to be awarded a grant of £117,000 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to begin the development phase of a major new conservation project. This initial grant has been used to employ a professional fundraiser and to commission specialist reports on the stained glass, stonework and polychromy of our chancel and sanctuary. If we are successful in attracting further funding to implement the project fully in 2025 and 2026, this will achieve a complete conservation of what is currently a very vulnerable part of the church, including the stabilisation and interpretation of our late medieval wall painting of the Adoration of the Magi.

This report highlights some of the major events we have held in 2024 and the groups we have supported in order to fulfil the three-fold objectives that lie at the heart of Discover DeCrypt's vision.

Objective 1 – FAITH:
To share an inclusive sacred space

- As a consecrated Christian church, we continue to offer space within our busy city for people to pray, reflect or simply take in the tranquillity of our building.
- Our regular events include Friday morning Coffee, Cake and Conversation, at which anyone facing challenges or problems in life may seek a sympathetic ear, our weekly lunchtime service of 'Prayers for the City' and Zoom services of Morning Prayer and Compline. Parish Eucharists are held at St Mary de Crypt whenever there is a fifth Sunday in the month.
- The annual Gloucester Day service, which takes place in September, is held in the church followed by a parade through the four main gated streets led by the Town Crier. It has become a wonderful celebration of life in our diverse city and the ability of the church to provide bridges within the community.

Canon Nikki at the Gloucester Day celebrations

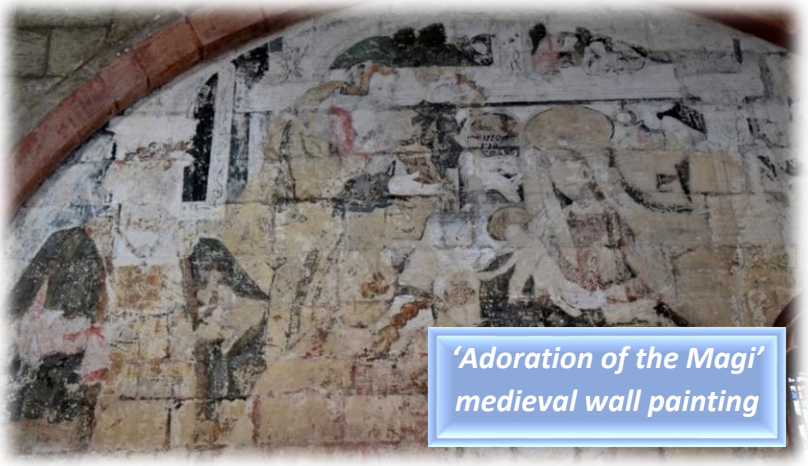
- A special Choral Evensong service was held at the end of the Gloucester Glow Festival in June, organised by Creative Field and led by the singing ensemble, Gaudeamus.

Unfurling our Pride banner outside the church

- Services were held during the festivals we hosted for the Steampunks community in June and December. The Rector commented that on these Sundays she may possibly have been the only member of the clergy in the country whose service was accompanied by a saw and six kazoos. Feedback was very favourable, highlighting our willingness to embrace different approaches and to include those who may not normally consider visiting a church. The summer festival saw the Archbishop of Canterbury making a call during his prayer walk in the city!
- Our aim is to be as inclusive as possible and to share God's love broadly. We continue to engage with the LGBTQI+ community, hosting the Pride of Gloucestershire AGM and a service to mark the Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Objective 2 – STORY:
To preserve and enhance our heritage, making heritage and history accessible

- Our team of volunteer guides has been on hand throughout the year to escort visitors around all areas of the church and schoolroom, focusing on the architecture and historical characters who have given interest to this place. The church was particularly showcased with tours during the Gloucester Heritage Open Days in September.



'Adoration of the Magi' medieval wall painting

- An exhibition has been mounted in the chancel to raise awareness of its architecture, considered by many to be the finest jewel within the church, and to explain the major conservation project which is proposed of the stained glass, stonework and medieval paintings. This project will complement the restoration of the rest of the building undertaken in 2019.

- The church's exhibition on the life and work of George Whitefield has been extensively reworked to set his links with slavery into the context of his time. In partnership with the University of Gloucestershire and the City Council, we have been working on ways to address this difficult history in consultation with representatives of Gloucester's diverse communities.

- Our Friends organisation has sponsored two informative evenings this year, one to mark the 350th anniversary of the death of Colonel Edward Massie, who commanded the city's forces during the Siege of Gloucester, and another to commemorate the life of the poet William Henley, who was educated at the Crypt School and is considered the inspiration for Long John Silver in 'Treasure Island'.

- Grove Productions attracted large audiences for their performances of 'A Christmas Carol', which took place over successive nights in December, celebrating the link St Mary de Crypt has with Jemmy Wood, the Gloucester miser who may have been in Charles Dickens' mind when he created the character of Scrooge. "I thought the show was great fun", wrote one reviewer, "and having it at the church was inspired".

- The churchyard has continued to develop as an intriguing and nature-filled space. A new raised pond and rockery were created during the summer with help from Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust.

'Christmas Carol' Production

Pond and Rockery

Objective 3 – LIFE:
To provide an inspiring community space that is affordable, accessible and welcoming

- The Tudor Tea Room, located in the old schoolroom, has been developed this year and now acts as a vibrant social centre, offering high quality hospitality, attracting its own customers and supporting the events we have with a wide range of refreshments on offer.
- The groups which lease our premises on a regular basis reflect a range of different community interests. Among these are a tai chi health and fitness class, a 'stay and play' toddler group, a meditation class specialising in mindfulness, the Heart of Gloucester community choir and the Cuddesdon, Gloucester and Hereford training course for ordinands.
- We have continued to host a regular programme of concerts and drama performances which have been well-received by the community. The Saturday morning Creative Field Coffee Concerts have continued to be popular and have provided a wide range of inspiring music of different genres. Special concerts have included the Carducci Quartet's Mozart Concert, featuring clarinettist Emma Johnson.
- Our historic church lends itself naturally to both music and drama. Two of the most successful drama productions played out to packed audiences over several nights were the Rococo Players' 'A Book of Will' and Lou Beckett's 'A Rose by Any Other Name', both on Shakespearean themes.
- Among more commercially orientated events, two that stick in the mind are the Pre-Loved Kilo sale that brought more than 700 people into the church early in the year and the Vinyl Daze Record Fair, the first vinyl record fair to be held in Gloucester for over twenty years.

- The most lavish community events have been our two Steampunks Weekends. The summer weekend was a Pirate Festival coinciding with the Tall Ships Festival at the Docks and brought in more than 2,500 visitors. The Yuletide Revels in December brought a further 1,700 people into the church, admiring many of the outlandish frivolities on display. One of those visitors commented: "It's really impressive that this church is still a consecrated church and holds services, but it is also open to events like this – a fine example to other churches, I think".

Thank You

We would like to thank all those who have enabled Discover DeCrypt to flourish and move forward this year. A particular debt of thanks is owed to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for its support of the preparatory stages of the sanctuary conservation project. We are also grateful to: our devoted volunteers, who welcome visitors week after week; our faith community, on whose continued prayer we rely; our regular hirers, who are always so appreciative of our facilities; and all our visitors and supporters, whose continued engagement and interest has made all we seek to do worthwhile.

WATAN Event by Dominic Rai, artist in residence
Photo by John Whitfield

Crypt School Choir Rehearsal

Charity Details

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The board of trustees has continued unchanged in 2024: Rev Canon Nicola Arthy (Ex-Officio Chair); Mr Peter Gould (Treasurer); Mr David Evans (Secretary); Rev Dr Canon Sandra Millar; Ms Ursula Corcoran; and Mr Richard Ryan.

Trustees are either nominated by the PCC or appointed by the Chair following consultation with existing trustees. The full Board of Trustees has at least four meetings a year, whilst a smaller group referred to as the Operations Board meets more frequently.

The charity employs an Operations Manager and a Community Manager and others in duty manager, café manager and cleaning roles. We also rely extensively on our volunteers.

David Evans on behalf of Discover DeCrypt

SECTION A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total funds	
A1 Receipts					
Services	0			0	
The Foyle Foundation	5000			5000	
NHLF Resilience	6250			6250	
Sanctuary project	22466			22466	
DCMS	0			0	
Gift Aid	938			938	
Friends	397			397	
SMdC	15500			15500	
School	4000			4000	
Personal	1765			1765	
Other	5610			5610	
SMdC Fabric	0			0	
Donations Public	3288			3288	
Tearoom	18644			18644	
Shop	6978			6978	
Lettings	20821			20821	
Events	7169			7169	
Ins claims	0			0	
Sanctuary Donations	1056			1056	
Tours	0			0	
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	119882	0	0	119882	
A2 Investment sales					
	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	
Sub total	0	0	0	0	
Total Receipts	119882	0	0	119882	
A3 Payments					
Resilience	2185			2185	
Sanctuary Project	19487			19487	
Sanctuary Project offset	0			0	
Maintenance; Sces	11290			11290	
Maintenance: Fabric	3111			3111	
Maintenance: Quin	0			0	
Gas	3248			3248	
E/L	5326			5326	
Insurance	7223			7223	
Water	1563			1563	
Website	60			60	
Tel/BB	1566			1566	
Fees	360			360	
Stat/Print	0			0	
Event costs	5981			5981	
Goods	3512			3512	
Management/Cleaning	40120			40120	
Tearoom	11189			11189	
Duty Mgr	6078			6078	
Other	3708			3708	
Equipment	1004			1004	
Tearoom supplies	3915			3915	
Marketing/Publicity	115			115	
Sub total	131043	0	0	131043	0

A4 Asset & Investment purchases

	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0

Total payments	131043	0	0	131043	0

Net of receipts/(payments)	-11160	0	0	-11160	
A5 Transfer between funds		0	0	0	
A6 Cash funds last year end	20715	0	0	20715	
Cash funds this year end	9555	0	0	9555	

Bank accounts Y/C balances:

Cooperative	4961	0	0	4961	
NatWest	15100	0	0	15100	
Lloyds	1414	0	0	1414	
Total	21474	0	0	21474	

Bank accounts Y/E balances:

Cooperative	619	0	0	619	
NatwWest	8281	0	0	8281	
Lloyds	654	0	0	654	
Total	9555	0	0	9555	

SECTION B Statement of assets and liabilities at Y/E

	Details	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment
B1 Cash funds		9555	0	0
B2 Other monetary assets		0	0	0
B3 Investment assets		0	0	0
Assets retained for the charity's own use		0	0	0
Liabilities Loan repayments	Diocesan loan	30000	0	0

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Discover DeCrypt
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2024 — **Charity no (if any)** 1167097
Set out on pages	1 - 4 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:	[signature]	**Date:**	23/07/2025
Name:	BALBINDER SINGH BHANDAL		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCCA		
Address:	25 HORSESHOE WAY, HEMPSTED, GLOUCESTER GL2 5GD.		

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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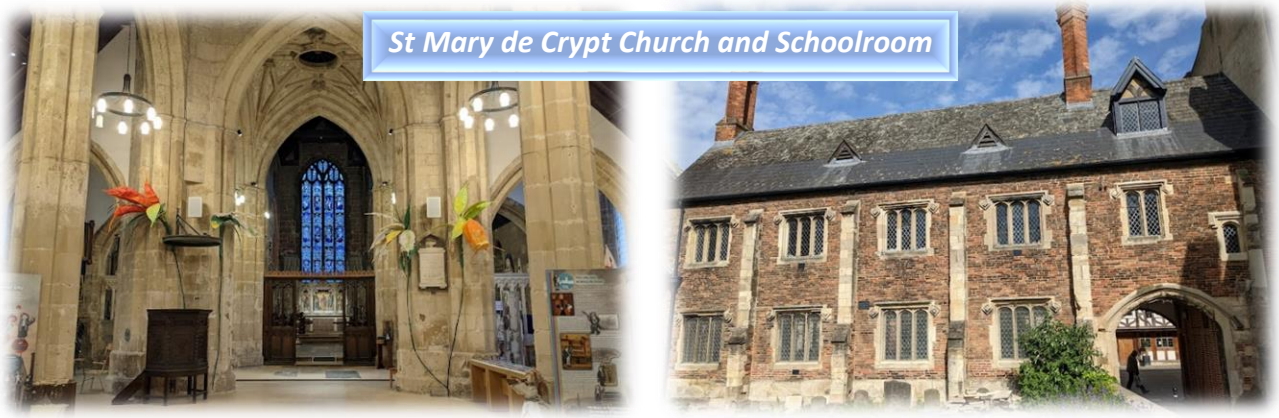


Inspired by the vision of sharing our 'Faith', our 'Story' and our 'Life', Discover DeCrypt has continued throughout 2023 to maintain a mission to welcome people in the spirit of Christian hospitality. In addition to groups which use our buildings on a regular basis, we have welcomed 25,800 visitors during the course of the year, an increase of 18% over the previous year. Visitors are greeted by our team of well-briefed volunteers, who are always keen to share their passion for our heritage and their interest in the story of the city of Gloucester.

2023 has been an important year in the development of the Discover DeCrypt charity. In spring, our NLHF funding came to an end, although we were fortunate in receiving an additional resilience and recovery grant to offset some of the impact of the pandemic on our business plan.

At the same time a complete review of all aspects of the operation of the charity was undertaken by Cultural Associates Oxford. From this process, trustees have an increasing resolve that Discover DeCrypt should function as an active community hub and should seek deeper partnerships with our local community. As a result, lots of new contacts have been made with various groups and our space has been used almost to maximum capacity during the second part of the year, with bookings which bring real community impact being prioritised. We aim to keep our Christian ethos at the forefront, but we seek to be a church that does things differently and is open to all in our community. A significant part of our appeal is the ambience and hospitality created by an on-site café, which has now been rebranded as a Tudor Tea Room; although still searching for the right complement of staff to run this in 2023 to its full potential, trustees are of no doubt about its overall importance. Also stimulated by the CAO report, 2023 has seen an increased focus on fundraising. This, together with the increasing number of groups using our facilities, has enabled Discover DeCrypt to end the year on a note of cautious optimism. We look to the future with confidence and trust in God's provision as we seek to build on the real sense of enthusiasm and concern for the community that pervades our life.

This report highlights some of the major events we have held in 2023 and the groups we have supported in order to fulfil the three-fold objectives at the heart of Discover DeCrypt's vision. It also reflects the growing importance of our community role.

Objective 1 – FAITH:

To share an inclusive sacred space

- As a consecrated Christian church, we continue to offer space within our busy city for people to pray, contemplate or simply take in the tranquillity of our building. Several exhibitions have enhanced this reflective atmosphere, such as the 'Stations of the Cross from the Eyes of Jesus' by Jonathon Brown during Lent.
- Each Friday lunchtime we host a weekly service of 'Prayers for the City' and commemorate Christian festivals such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Ascension Day with special services. We held a Christian Aid service in May, a service to mark the Coronation of Charles III and a Holy Communion to remember the departed on All Saints' Day. The U3A Carol Service in early December was another well attended highlight and saw St Mary de Crypt referred to as 'the best place in Gloucester for singing'.

One of the 'Stations of the Cross'

Canon Nikki with our Pride flag

- Discover DeCrypt continues to occupy a special place in the religious and civic life of our city. The annual Gloucester Day service, which takes place in September, is held in the church followed by a parade through the four main gated streets led by the Town Crier. This year's celebration was very well-attended.
- In March, we also had the pleasure of hosting the Back Badge service for members of the Gloucestershire Regiment. The service was led by Rev Canon Arthy, accompanied by ex-members of the Glosters Band, and was followed by a march through the city.
- Our aim is to operate in as inclusive a manner as possible and to share God's love broadly. We continue to engage with the LGBTQI+ community, hosting the Pride AGM, a very well-supported Transgender Day of Remembrance and a powerful service for International AIDS Day.

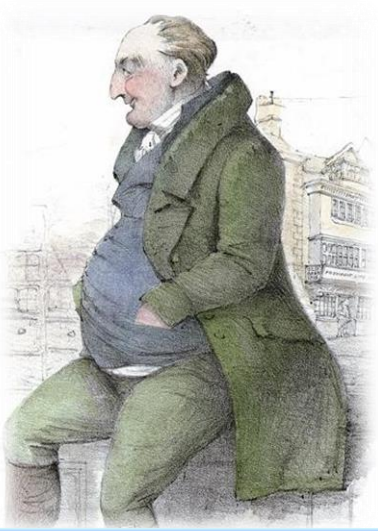
Objective 2 – STORY:

To preserve and enhance our heritage, making heritage and history accessible

- Our team of volunteer guides has continued to staff the church throughout the year to escort visitors, focusing on the architecture and historical characters who have given interest to this place.
- We showcased the church at its best during the Gloucester Heritage Open Days in September with 'Bones and Bells' tours, which included areas such as the crypt and the tower which are not

normally open. One innovative aspect saw our team of bell-ringers teaching the public the first principles of bell-ringing.

- In July Discover DeCrypt joined with the Civic Trust and other heritage organisations to host the Gloucester Festival of Archaeology. Our particular focus was on the Romans and we were able to exhibit the fragments of the cornice and altar stone from the Roman temple discovered in Southgate Street in 2019.
- Gloucester Day saw the re-forming of the 'Ancient Society of Crypt Youths', with members wearing new sweaters sporting the logo 'Bells of St Mary de Crypt', and also saw the blessing of a newly designed ASCY banner, which is now on display in the church.
- Another special event that brought our story to a wider audience was a sell-out performance of scenes from 'A Christmas Carol' expertly performed by drama students from the Crypt School. Sponsored by our Friends organisation, the performance was preceded by a lecture on the life of Jemmy Wood, the 18th century Gloucester banker who is buried beneath our chancel and is believed to have been one of the inspirations for Dickens' character Ebenezer Scrooge.



Eccentric banker Jemmy Wood

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To provide an inspiring community space that is affordable, accessible and welcoming

- The groups which lease our premises on a regular basis reflect a diverse range of different interests. Among those included are the Heart of Gloucester community choir, a tai chi group, an Inclusion Gloucestershire drama group, AA meetings and the Cuddesdon, Gloucester and Hereford training course for ordinands.
- Throughout May the church was brought alive by an exhibition of artwork by the pupils of Beech Green Primary School.
- An indoor street party with food and games was held for the local community to mark the coronation of Charles III. Events in London were shown on large screen TV at the same time.

City dignitaries at Discover DeCrypt for the Coronation, May 2023

- We have continued to host a number of concerts and drama performances throughout the year, which have been very well-received by the community. The monthly Coffee Concerts pioneered by local musicians Vicki and Seb Field have provided a wealth of beautiful music in an inspired setting. Evening concerts have included the joyous and uplifting folk concert by the Rodborough Folk Orchestra. One of the most successful drama productions over several nights in February was 'Great Expectations' by the Rococo Players.
- As in previous years, we have been a venue for a number of well-patronised weekend trading fairs. Foremost among these have been Love Viva Cakes and Crafts and Pre-Loved Kilo, an organisation which offers vintage and retro clothing at affordable prices.
- The main community development of the year has been the hosting at Discover DeCrypt of two hugely successful Steampunks Weekends, which have seen the site taken over by madcap shenanigans, with music, markets and monster hunts for all ages. These weekends have brought in many new visitors and raised our profile among those who might not normally visit.

The Community Events: Viva Crafts, Steampunks and 'Great Expectations'

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The charity employs an Operations Manager and a Community Manager and others in duty manager, café manager and cleaning roles. In addition, we rely extensively on a good group of stalwart volunteers, all of whom work hard to help make Discover Decrypt the lively and vibrant community it is. We are also grateful to our faith community, on whose continued prayer we rely, our regular hirers, who are always so appreciative of our facilities, and all our visitors and supporters, whose continued engagement and interest has made all we seek to do worthwhile.

David Evans on behalf of Discover DeCrypt Trustees

SECTION A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total funds
A1 Receipts				
Services donations	283			283
Grants:				
Core fundraising	7500			7500
NHLF Resilience	25150			25150
Levelling Up	20000			20000
Friends	50			50
DCMS	0			0
Gift Aid	728			728
SMdC Ins	6500			6500
SMdC Fabric	6922			6922
Personal	1958			1958
School	902			902
Other	2773			2773
Public donations				
Cash	3814			3814
Direct	386			386
Tearoom	16634			16634
Shop	8487			8487
Lettings	20642			20642
Events	4927			4927
Insurance claims	0			0
Tours/other	1968			1968
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	129623	0	0	129623
A2 Investment sales				
	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
Sub total				
Total Receipts	129623	0	0	129623
A3 Payments				
Resilience:	0			
Fees	17520			
Other	15888			
Levelling Up	12507			12507
Maintenance:	0			
Services	10628			
Fabric	549			
Quinquennial	0			
Energy:	0			
Gas	6000			
E/L	3473			
Insurance	6789			
Water	1311			
Website/Domain name	2243			
Tel/BB	1369			
Legal & Accounting	0			
Stationery, Printing	0			
Event costs	5733			
Payroll:	0			
DdC	34561			
Tearoom	14507			14507
Duty managing	2816			2816
Tearoom supplies	4260			4260
Goods	4802			4802
Equipment	2325			2325
Marketing/Publicity	0			0
Other	4145			4145
Adjusted for projects:	0			0
Resilience	0			0
Levelling Up (in budgets above)	-11619			-11619
Sub total	139808	0	0	33745
A4 Asset & Investment purchases				
	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0
Total payments	139808	0	0	139808
Net of receipts/(payments)	-10185	0	0	-10185
A5 Transfer between funds		0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	31659	0	0	31659
Cash funds this year end	21474	0	0	21474

Bank accounts Y/C balances:

Cooperative	5180	0	0	5180
NatWest	25967			25967
Lloyds	512	0	0	512
Total	31659	0	0	31659

Bank accounts Y/E balances:

Cooperative	4961	0	0	4961
NatwWest	15100			15100
Lloyds	1414	0	0	1414
Total	21474	0	0	21474

SECTION B Statement of assets and liabilities at Y/E

	Details	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment
B1 Cash funds		21474	0	0
B2 Other monetary assets		0	0	0
B3 Investment assets		0	0	0
Assets retained for the charity's own use		0	0	0
Liabilities Loan repayments	Diocesan loan	30000	0	0

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees DISCOVER DE CRYPT

On accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 **Charity no (if any)**

Set out on pages

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Signed: Pauline B. Bolton **Date:** 1/7/24

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DISCOVER DECRYPT

England & Wales - Charity number 1167097

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Inspired by the vision of sharing our 'Faith', our 'Story' and our 'Life', Discover DeCrypt has continued throughout 2022 to maintain our mission to welcome people in the spirit of Christian hospitality. In addition to groups which use our buildings on a regular basis, we have welcomed 22,000 visitors over the course of the year. Visitors are greeted by our team of well-briefed volunteers, who are always keen to share their passion for our heritage and their interest in the story of the city of Gloucester.

Platinum Jubilee Concert

This report highlights some of the major events we have held in 2022 and the groups we have supported in order to fulfil the three-fold objectives at the heart of Discover DeCrypt's vision.

Objective 1 – <u>FAITH</u>:
To share an inclusive sacred space

- As a consecrated Christian church, we continue to offer space within our busy city for people to pray, reflect or simply take in the tranquillity of our building.
- We hold a weekly service of 'Prayers for the City' each Friday lunchtime; a particular focus this year has been to pray for the people of Ukraine.

- Special Eucharist services have taken place on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Ascension Day and Pentecost; the year ended with a service of carols and Christmas readings. On Good Friday we had a prayer board outside the church where people could stop and write their prayers and concerns for Ukraine. This was extremely well received.
- In June we contributed to the Churches Count on Nature, recording the diversity of life in the churchyard and giving thanks for the glory of God's creation. We are working towards the national Gold Eco Church Award.
- The annual Gloucester Day service, which takes place in September, is held in the church followed by a parade through the four main gated streets led by the Town Crier.

Hardwicke Art Club Exhibition

Primary Schools' Art Exhibition

Objective 2 – <u>STORY</u>:
To preserve and enhance our heritage, making heritage and history accessible

- Our team of volunteer guides has been on hand throughout the year to escort visitors around all areas of the church and schoolroom, focusing on the architecture and historical characters who have given interest to this place. Specialist tower tours have also been provided.
- Planning has continued for a major conservation project of the unusual medieval wall painting of the Adoration of the Magi in our chancel. Condition reports on the painting, stonework and stained glass in this area have been undertaken.
- Significance reports have also been commissioned on the wall monuments in St Katherine's Chapel in order to begin to understand their conservation needs. Developing access to this area forms the basis of the faculty application made for the removal of the Victorian organ.

Small Ships

- The exhibition created by students from the University of Gloucestershire has remained in a prominent location to explain George Whitefield's links with slavery and to set his career in the context of his time. It featured on a BBC Points West report in February.
- We played a full part in the city's Tall Ships Festival in June and ran a competition in which participants designed, built and raced their own 'small ships'; we also hosted a fascinating Siege of Gloucester tabletop re-enactment.

- Throughout the year we have had the pleasure of hosting a series of art exhibitions. These have included: an 'Inside Out' exhibition by art therapist trainees; an exhibition by members of Hardwicke Art Club; an exhibition of artwork by primary school children; a display of fine art, sculpture, carving and ceramics by the Gloucestershire Society of Artists; and an exhibition on the Cotswolds by local artist Joanna Howe.

Objective 3 – LIFE:
To provide an inspiring community space that is affordable, accessible and welcoming

- The café in the schoolroom has been enhanced with additional seating and a wider range of refreshments. It supports our weekly Coffee, Cake and Conversation mornings, and hosts events such as the 'Rainbow Cuppa' attended by members of the LGBTQI+ community. The café is popular with its own customers and groups which hold meetings at Discover DeCrypt.
- The groups which lease our premises on a regular basis reflect a diverse range of different interests. Among those included are the Heart of Gloucester community choir, a tai chi group, an Inclusion Gloucestershire drama group, AA meetings and the Cuddesdon, Gloucester and Hereford training course for ordinands.

Stay and Play

- We hold a weekly 'Stay and Play' drop-in session for parents, carers and under-5s, which has gone from strength to strength with an increasing number of participants supported by their own WhatsApp group.
- Community events to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of her late Majesty were a real highlight of 2022. We hosted a Jubilee concert and a vintage tea dance, both of which were greatly enjoyed and supported by community workshops in flower arranging, bunting-making and frocks and frills up-cycling.
- The year ended with a Christmas Tree Festival, which saw a variety of organisations from across the city put up trees around the church as well as a popular wreath-making workshop.

Flower Arranging and Frocks and Frills Workshops

Thank You

We are grateful to have received continued funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to support professional consultancy advice into Discover DeCrypt's organisational resilience. A range of meetings has been held with many individuals and groups with an interest in our work. The result should be lots of fresh initiatives to implement in 2023 and beyond!

We would like to thank all those who have enabled Discover DeCrypt to flourish and move forward this year. A particular debt of thanks is due to Jess Gordon, who has contributed so much to Discover DeCrypt over many years and sadly relinquished the role of Community Manager this summer. We are also grateful to: our devoted volunteers, who welcome visitors week after week; our faith community, on whose continued prayer we rely; our regular hirers, who are always so appreciative of our facilities; and all our visitors and supporters, whose continued engagement and interest has made all we seek to do worthwhile.

One visitor comment which seems to sum up the year was: "Very welcoming and well-organised; we loved the tea dance on Jubilee Sunday!"

Jubilee Tea Dance

Charity Details

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David Evans on behalf of Discover DeCrypt

SECTION A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total funds	
A1 Receipts					
NHLF Delivery grants	527			527	
DCMS LPOW VAT Delivery	1520			1520	
NHLF Operations grants	25539			25539	
NHLF Resilience grant	31400			31400	
Kick Start	1115			1115	
Covid recovery	1700			1700	
Other donations /grants/GA	9577			9577	
Insurance claim	0			0	
PCC	6200			6200	
School account	897			897	
Trading	39212			39212	
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	117686	0	0	117686	0
A2 Investment sales					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total					
Total Receipts	117686	0	0	117686	0
A3 Payments					
Glos DBF Loan repayment	0			0	
Fabric maintenance	7537			7537	
Window repair (Insurance)	3995			3995	
Energy/Insurance/Water	16336			16336	
Website/Telecomms	4296			4296	
Legal/Accounting/Marketing	1048			1048	
Payroll/ Payroll admin	52878			52878	
Resilience	19502			19502	
School account	1297			1297	
Other	17482			17482	
Sub total	124370	0	0	124370	0
A4 Asset & Investment purchases					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total payments	124370	0	0	124370	0
Net of receipts/(payments)	-6684	0	0	-6684	
A5 Transfer between funds		0	0	0	
A6 Cash funds last year end	38342	0	0	38342	
Cash funds this year end	31659	0	0	31659	
Bank accounts Y/C balances:					
Cooperative	3595	0	0	3595	
NatWest	33835			33835	
Lloyds	912	0	0	912	
Total	38342	0	0	38342	
Bank accounts Y/E balances:					
Cooperative	5180	0	0	5180	
NatWest	25967			25967	
Lloyds	512	0	0	512	
Total	31659	0	0	31659	

SECTION B Statement of assets and liabilities at Y/E

	Details	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment
B1 Cash funds		31659	0	0
B2 Other monetary assets		0	0	0
B3 Investment assets		0	0	0
Assets retained for the charity's own use		0	0	0
Liabilities	Diocesan Loan	30000		
	NHLF Resilience; balance of first drawdown	11898	0	0

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

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On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2022 — **Charity no (if any)** 1167097
Set out on pages	1,2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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Photo Credt: Phil Boorman

2021 has been a challenging year. The first few months witnessed a national lockdown to limit the spread of Covid and throughout the summer and autumn recovery remained hesitant, impacting on all our streams of income. Nonetheless, inspired by the vision of sharing our 'Faith', our 'Story' and our 'Life', Discover DeCrypt has maintained its buoyant, welcoming and uplifting atmosphere, meaning that we end the year in good spirits and full of hope.

This report highlights some of the major events we have held in 2021 and the groups we have supported in order to fulfil the three-fold objectives at the heart of the vision for Discover DeCrypt.

Objective 1 – FAITH:
To share an inclusive sacred space

- As a consecrated Christian church, we have continued to hold our weekly service of Prayers for the City, either physically inside the Discover DeCrypt building or virtually online.
- A special service was held in May to mark Christian Aid Week, and the year ended with an inspirational and well-supported service of carols and Christmas readings.
- A Lent quiet day was held online in March, focusing on the life of Mary, Mother of Jesus, and offering activities to encourage people to think about their own faith journeys.
- The annual Gloucester Day service took place in the church in September. Although originally a thanksgiving for the lifting of the Siege of Gloucester in 1643, this year the service also encompassed thanks for the many acts of kindness and support that have sustained the local community during the difficulties of the pandemic.

Taking part in Gloucester Day Parade

Women at the Well

- Prayers for Pride were held in the church prior to Gloucester's annual Pride March, which was also held in September. We then hosted a Transgender Day of Remembrance, inviting people to contemplate, pray and light candles to remember those who have fallen victim to acts of anti-transgender violence.
- We held a service for COP26 and had prayer stations around the church focusing on environmental concerns. As they made their way on foot from Bristol to Glasgow, Camino for Climate Change pilgrims were welcomed at Discover DeCrypt to break their journey and sleep the night. To raise awareness further, we hosted a thought-provoking banner entitled 'Women at the Well'. Produced by a group of Gloucestershire Muslim and Christian women, it focused on the importance of clean water and its sustainability.
- Among several art displays in the church over the year was an exhibition of Guardian Angels by Stroud-based artist, Jo Howe. An accompanying workshop also dwelt on this theme, enabling participants to paint their own angel, and a family 'angel trail' was organised to invite young people to explore the many beautiful angels depicted in our church.

Transgender Day of Remembrance

Wall Painting

Objective 2 – <u>STORY</u>:
To preserve and enhance our heritage, making heritage and history accessible

- Plans are now taking shape for a major project to begin the conservation of the spectacular and unusual medieval wall painting of the Adoration of the Magi in St Mary de Crypt's chancel and to provide interpretation for visitors. A visit has been made by one of the country's leading conservators and reports have been commissioned to investigate what needs to be done to conserve the painting, stonework and stained glass in this part of the church.

- As in previous years, we took a full part in the Gloucester History Festival. During the Spring Festival in April, we shared an online virtual tour of the Crypt, part of the building which cannot be opened to the public for health and safety reasons.
- We provided a number of guided tours of the church and schoolroom as part of the Heritage Open Days held during the main History Festival in September. We also organised a hands-on Tudor school workshop for families and talks on the Tudor schools of Gloucester and the links between our church and the life of Florence Li Tim-Oi, a pioneer of women's Anglican ministry.
- Over the summer we mounted an exhibition of finds from the archaeological digs conducted beneath the schoolroom in 2013, including examples of pottery, coins, slates and even a toy cannon. So popular was this exhibition that it had to be extended for an additional month!

Tudor School Workshop

One of our Roman Stones

Luba Arnold's Discover DeCrypt

- We hosted well-received school events relating to two large and beautifully carved fragments of stonework from a Roman temple, which archaeologists discovered in Southgate Street in 2019. Plans are afoot for these artefacts eventually to be on permanent display inside Discover DeCrypt. The events were supported with imaginative worksheets that encouraged children to test their own archaeological skills.
- In June, to celebrate Love Your Burial Ground week, a heritage tour of our churchyard was laid on to enable visitors to learn about the stories of some of those commemorated there.
- We have also had the pleasure of hosting two spectacular exhibitions of paintings during 2021. The first profiled the work of local artist, Luba Arnold Larnie, whose colourful landscapes are often inspired by the architecture of Gloucester and reflect the influence of masters such as Turner and Van Gogh. Later in the year came an exhibition of stunning photography by Dimitrios Zampelis, the 'Colours of the Deep', showing flowers as we have never quite seen them before.

'Colours of the Deep' on display in the Chancel

Café in the Old Schoolroom

Christmas Concert

Objective 3 – <u>LIFE</u>:
To provide an inspiring community space that is affordable, accessible and welcoming

- The church and old schoolroom have remained open five days each week from May onwards and in the seven months since then we received over 10,000 visitors. Visitors are welcomed by our team of well-briefed volunteers, who are always keen to share their faith and their passion for our heritage and the story of the City of Gloucester.
- The café in the schoolroom has been enhanced with new staffing employed under the Government's Kickstart Scheme. A wider range of refreshments is now provided, offering 'holy hospitality' to all-comers in return for a donation. The café supports our weekly Coffee, Cake and Conversation mornings, regular 'Rainbow Cuppa' events supported by the local LGBTQI community and special occasions, such as the Family Eco-Café held in October.
- We provided hospitality to support one of the main civic events held in the city this year, the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Gloucestershire Regiment's part in the Battle of the Imjin River during the Korean War. Discover DeCrypt was pleased to host tea for HRH the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and others before the Duke took the salute in Southgate Street as a parade passed by.
- Groups who use our premises on a regular basis have gradually returned, representing a wide range of different interests and drawing in people from diverse backgrounds. Among those included are community choirs, a tai chi group, Inclusion Gloucestershire, adult education classes, AA meetings, U3A groups and the Cuddesdon, Gloucester and Hereford training course for ordinands.
- Performance events, although fewer in number than previously, have included the Rococo Players' production of Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night', a guitar recital which was part of GLOW, the Gloucester Music Festival, and a Christmas concert led by the City of Gloucester Community Choir.
- In June a week of community events was held in the churchyard focused on the diversity of the wildlife there. Groups of volunteers, including children, enjoyed bird-spotting, squirrel-watching and bug-hunting before submitting a summary of the species identified to a nationwide database of wildlife across the UK.

Wildlife in the Churchyard

- We are now hosting a new community walking group, the St Mary's Strollers, who have been setting off on monthly rambles into the wilds of Alney, Maisemore and Hempsted.
- The year ended with a marvellous Christmas Tree Festival, which saw charities and other organisations from across the City put up more than a dozen trees around the church during Advent.

Christmas Tree Festival

Thank You

We would like to thank all those who have enabled Discover DeCrypt to continue to flourish in 2021, despite the challenging circumstances of the ongoing pandemic: the National Heritage Lottery Fund, who have provided financial support, mentorship and encouragement; our stalwart volunteers, who have adapted brilliantly to restrictions and taken on additional tasks with unfailing good will; our faith community, whose continued prayer has done so much to support those in need; our regular hirers, who have loyally stayed with us as far as circumstances have allowed; those who are providing regular support by joining our new Friends organisation; and all our visitors and supporters, whose continued engagement and interest has made all we seek to do worthwhile.

Launch Event for the Friends of Discover DeCrypt

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David Evans on behalf of the Discover DeCrypt Trustees, January 2022

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	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total funds	2020
A1 Receipts					
NHLF Delivery grants	0			0	
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NHLF Operations grants	47126			47126	
DCMS LPOW VAT Operations	0			0	
Covid recovery	1290			1290	
Other donations /grants/GA	5794			5794	
Insurance claim	2596			2596	
PCC	6000			6000	
School	867			867	
Trading	27545			27545	
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	91218	0	0	91218	0
A2 Investment sales					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total					
Total Receipts	91218	0	0	91218	0
A3 Payments					
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Delivery final costs	0			0	
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Other	15706			15706	
Sub total	103792	0	0	103792	0
A4 Asset & Investment purchases					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total payments	103792	0	0	103792	0
Net of receipts/(payments)	-12573	0	0	-12573	
A5 Transfer between funds		0	0	0	
A6 Cash funds last year end	50916	0	0	50916	
Cash funds this year end	38343	0	0	38343	
Bank accounts Y/C balances:					
Cooperative	50831	0	0	50831	
Natwest	0	0	0	0	
Lloyds	85	0	0	85	
Total	50916	0	0	50916	
Bank accounts Y/E balances:					
Cooperative	3596	0	0	3596	
Natwest	33835	0	0	33835	
Lloyds	912	0	0	912	
Total	38343	0	0	38343	

SECTION B Statement of assets and liabilities at Y/E

	Details	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment
B1 Cash funds		38343	0	0
B2 Other monetary assets		0	0	0
B3 Investment assets		0	0	0
Assets retained for the charity's own use		0	0	0
Liabilities	Loan repayments (2 @ £15k pa 2022, 2023)	30000	0	0

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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January – March 2020

During the first three months of the year, we maintained the exciting programme of regular faith and community activities, which had been established during our initial year of opening. We continued to welcome visitors to both the church and schoolroom and were able to support a range of regular activities and bookings.

Using the headings of 'Faith', 'Story' and 'Life', the events held and the groups supported were designed to meet the four-fold objectives that lie at the heart of the Discover DeCrypt charity:

Objective 1 – To offer people a sacred space to engage with and explore spirituality

- As a consecrated church, we continued to hold our weekly service of Prayers for the City and a monthly Eucharist
- Coffee, Cake and Conversation sessions each week provided local folk with an informal meeting place and support for those in need of a listening ear
- We hosted a service on the theme of 'Acts of Unusual Kindness' to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; whilst the format of this was written by Christian churches in Malta, it showcased local charities such as the Haven Project, Gloucester City Mission and Garas

- A city-wide 'Conversations over Brexit' event was held over morning coffee on 31st January, marking the day when the UK officially left the EU and providing an opportunity to listen to one another, committing the future to God.

Objective 2 – To put our resources to work for the common good, so people can learn new skills and access support

- Groups who had begun to use our premises during our first year of operations – including community choirs, adult education life skills classes and an adult Tai Chi group – continued to meet
- Cuddesdon Gloucester & Hereford continued to make weekly use of the building for its ordinand training
- A 'Creative Crafty Club' for 7–12 year olds met during February half term, including activities such as painting to music, exploring watercolours and thinking about spring.

Objective 3 – To preserve our heritage, keeping the buildings in good repair and making our history accessible to all, so that people can enjoy and learn from it

- The church and schoolroom remained open five days each week and, although this was not the tourist season, up until closure in mid-March we had received 2,958 visitors.
- Visitors were welcomed by our team of volunteers, who are always keen to share their passion for the heritage of the church and city
- Interpretation roundels and other signage guide visitors around the site.

Objective 4 – To promote a community space that is affordable, accessible and welcoming, so that people can build relationships and engage with the community

- We continued to provide an inspiring venue for community groups to meet.
- One new event organised during February was a 'Valentine Funtastic' community cake and craft fair by Love Viva Cakes and Crafts.

April – December 2020

2020 began very successfully and looked like it would shape up to become a year in which events would build on the strong foundations laid in 2019 during the first nine months since Discover DeCrypt's opening.

Following government and Church of England advice, we then closed our doors between 18th March and 3rd July and again between 4th November and 2nd December to reduce the spread of Covid-19. We have attempted to fulfil our four main objectives during each of these periods and in the intervening summer and early autumn, when a limited range of activities was permitted.

Throughout the pandemic, Discover DeCrypt has worked alongside the parish pastoral team to support people in the community both practically and emotionally. During the first lockdown, we supported the Diocese of Gloucester's Feeding the 5000 initiative to provide home-cooked meals. We signposted free school meals for families during October half-term and distributed 97 Christmas meals cooked by the Long Table at Stroud, bringing Comfort and Joy throughout the parish.

Online Activities

During the two periods of lockdown, we worked on furthering Discover DeCrypt's work by improving our online presence in the community:

- Using social media to stay in touch with friends and supporters through our website, Facebook and the monthly publication of e-News
- Launching our own Discover DeCrypt YouTube channel
- Posting weekly homilies and prayers on the website
- Regularly recording Prayers for the City and uploading them to the website
- Recording a service for Remembrance Sunday available on the YouTube channel
- Filming a First World War story for Remembrance in the style of Godly Play
- Broadcasting a Comfort and Joy Carols for Christmas service from the church
- Providing a weekly downloadable Family Activity Pack to bring our Creative Crafty Club directly into people's homes
- Creating downloadable resources for schools based on local heritage
- Working with Civic Trust members and others to improve our social media skills, purchasing our own filming equipment and improving our technology for livestreaming future concerts, lectures or dramatic productions.

The Churchyard

When the buildings were closed, a team of enthusiastic and enterprising socially-distanced volunteers came together to tidy up the churchyard and undertake regular gardening sessions. The result has been to make the space much more nature-friendly and to turn it into a place capable of hosting events in its own right. As part of the transformation the churchyard has already provided a home for a large Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust sculpture and bee hotel.

The churchyard also became one of the sites across the city that hosted an installation of large sculptured lettering displaying the rather apt slogan 'Miss you, mate'. This was part of Luke Jerram's 'Of Earth and Sky' project, which was designed to spread hope across the community.

'In Person' Activities inside our Buildings

When Discover DeCrypt was allowed to open again to welcome people in person, careful risk mitigation measures were put in place and, although these limited the use of our facilities by groups, they enabled a number of valuable socially-distanced activities to take place:

- Some of the groups who normally use our premises - Cuddesdon Gloucester & Hereford, Tai Chi, our Art Group and a branch of Slimmers' World – all returned, albeit in some cases for a relatively short time
- We received 3,616 visitors to the church and schoolroom between 4th July and 3rd November and there was a high level of interest
- Prayers for the City resumed each Friday
- The Raikes Chapel was maintained as a space for private prayer and contemplation
- A display of prayer buntings was mounted created by Church of England schools across Gloucestershire, featuring each school's logo, artwork or school prayer
- During Gloucester History Festival, we hosted an exhibition – 'It Takes One Woman' – on the life of Florence Li Tim-Oi, celebrating her life of faith and telling her story as an Anglican priest during China's Cultural Revolution
- In conjunction with this, we also exhibited the work of local artist Eloise Hopkins, using her book 'The God Who Gave You Birth'
- Although the Heritage Open Days were not as well attended as usual, some tours were provided for those who did visit

- The church hosted a Remembrance Angel in November, beneath which visitors were invited to leave a name or message about a loved one
- A vigil of private prayer and reflection was held to mark the Transgender Day of Remembrance
- In Advent an Angels of Light Family Trail was devised around the church, inviting children to spot all the many angels hidden away in our architecture and stained glass
- A small Christmas service of festive music, entitled 'Christmas @ DeCrypt', was held in the Nave
- Our shop remained open offering a wide range of local hand-made gifts, cards, books and calendars; our niche products enabled us to build on our retail following and this turned into one of the great successes of the year.

Although 2020 was not the year we had planned or hoped for, there remains a strong sense that Discover DeCrypt is moving forward so that 2021 may bring renewed optimism. We give thanks for so much: our beautiful buildings and inspiring facilities; the generous giving of time and talent by staff, volunteers and trustees; the ongoing financial support of the National Lottery Heritage Fund; the buoyant number of visitors; the enthusiasm of the groups who use our premises; and the variety of services, concerts, plays, lectures and events that have in the past filled our spaces with energy and joy and will undoubtedly do so again in the future.

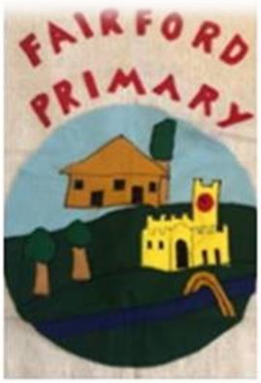
Charity Details

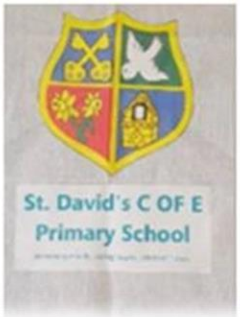
Registered Charity Number: 1167097
Address: St Mary de Crypt Church and School, Southgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 1TP

The following have been trustees throughout the year: Rev Canon Nicola Arthy (Ex-Officio Chair); Mr Peter Gould (Treasurer & Vice-Chair); Mr David Evans (Secretary); Rev Dr Sandra Millar and Ms Ursula Corcoran.
During the course of the year Rev Guy Treweek officially became a trustee in October 2020 and we were joined by Mr Richard Ryan in December.

Trustees are either nominated by the PCC or appointed by the Chair following consultation with existing trustees. The full Board of Trustees has four meetings a year, whilst a smaller group referred to as the Operations Board meets each month.
The charity employs an Operations Manager and a Community, Arts and Events Manager and others in duty manager and cleaning roles. We also rely extensively on a committed team of volunteers, who work hard to help make Discover Decrypt the lively and vibrant community it is.

David Evans on behalf of the Discover DeCrypt Trustees, January 2021





Discover DeCrypt 2020

Charity registration 1167097

SECTION A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total funds	2019
A1 Receipts					
NHLF Delivery grants		23738		23738	
DCMS LPOW VAT Delivery		1913		1913	
NHLF Operations grants	73423			73423	
DCMS LPOW VAT Operations		4353		4353	
Covid recovery		21410		21410	
Other donations /grants/GA	2345			2345	
Insurance claim		2724		2724	
PCC	5400			5400	
School	838			838	
Trading	14156			14156	
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	96162	54137	0	150300	0
A2 Investment sales					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total					
Total Receipts	96162	54137	0	150300	0
A3 Payments					
Glos DBF Loan repayment	15000			15000	
Delivery final costs		43435		43435	
Fabric maintenance	7089			7089	
Window repair (Insurance)		3224		3224	
Energy/Insurance/Water	13901			13901	
Website/Comms	4866			4866	
Legal/Accounting/Marketing	11820			11820	
Payroll/ Payroll admin	43394			43394	
Other	12294			12294	
Sub total	108363	46659	0	155022	0
A4 Asset & Investment purchases					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total payments	108363	46659	0	155022	0
Net of receipts/(payments)	-12201	7478	0	-4723	
A5 Transfer between funds		0	0	0	
A6 Cash funds last year end	55639	0	0	55639	
Cash funds this year end	43438	7478	0	50916	
Bank accounts Y/C balances:					
Cooperative	55152	0	0	55152	
Lloyds	487	0	0	487	
Total	55639	0	0	55639	
Bank accounts Y/E balances:					
Cooperative	50831	0	0	50831	
Lloyds	85	0	0	85	
Total	50916	0	0	50916	

SECTION B Statement of assets and liabilities at Y/E

	Details	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment
B1 Cash funds		43438	7478	0
B2 Other monetary assets		0	0	0
B3 Investment assets		0	0	0
Assets retained for the charity's own use		0	0	0
Liabilities	Loan repayments (2 @ £15k pa 2022, 2023)	30000	0	0

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	DISCOVER DE CRYPT
On accounts for the year ended	December 2020
Charity no (if any)	1167097
Set out on pages	

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended .

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete* [ ] *if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination ~~(other than that disclosed below~~ *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:	Pauline B. Bolton	**Date:**	09.06.2021
Name:	PAULINE BOLTON		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body	BSc (Hons) Former Treasurer of PCCS of St. Mary de Crypt + Wickwar		

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