

# The Friends of Oundle Parish Church 2016

Registered Charity No. 1168165

Receipts and Payments Account for the  
Period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

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**Registered Charity No.1168165**

**Report of the Trustees for the calendar year 1st January 2025 — 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

**Objective of the charity:**

The Friends were formed in 1983 to help maintain the Church of St. Peter in Oundle and restore it where necessary. Until then this task fell solely upon the Parochial Church Council supported by members of the congregation. Donations, sale of electricity produced by the solar panels and fund-raising are the principal income sources of the charity, supplemented by income from COIF investments and the annual Income Tax refund for donations qualifying for Gift Aid.

The objective of the charity as stated in the Constitution is as follows: "To promote for the benefit of the public, including the widest access and use especially for the inhabitants of the parish of Oundle in the county of Northamptonshire, the permanent preservation and enhancement of Oundle Parish Church as a building of architectural and historical interest."

**Activities and Achievements:**

We are pleased to report that the annual submission of our Accounts and Trustee Report for last year to the Charity Commission was accepted without query.

This has been another good year.....

Trustees met to consider the annual Jazz evening, courtesy of Oundle School Jazz Orchestra and this was held in January. The concert was "Sold out" and those attending were most appreciative. Our second concert by the GUS band was also a success, 'though tickets were not so easy to sell as previously. The provision of local beer was appreciated!

In the year ahead we look forward to our annual Jazz Concert and are, at the time of writing, discussing future concerts.....Watch this space!

A considerable amount of work has been undertaken in the Church and the following have been supported from Friend's funds:

- Considerable work on the heating system.

In total £8925.94 has been paid to the Church to enable these projects to proceed, with further funds already allocated to cover the costs of those projects that are currently being planned, including, Further work to complete the heating upgrade, complete refurbishment of the existing kitchen area and safety works on the tower to enable tower tours to recommence.

Trustees look forward to reporting on the successful completion of those works next year.

Support for a number of other projects have been requested which will be detailed in the next Annual Report.

Our thanks to David Gooda who works tirelessly to ensure our projects represent best value and further be reported and care for our beautiful church.

Donations by Bankers Order accounted for £815. A Tax Rebate (Gift Aid reclaim) provided additional income of £221.78, income from the solar panels was £4744.75, sundry donations £600, bequest £10000, profit from our Jazz Evening £3798.29. Interest on the COIF account amounted to £12650.91. Trustees have reviewed organisation, expenditure and pricing ready for the next Jazz Evening.

Year-end accounts and balance sheet are attached and are also available to view in the Church entrance.

**Local correspondent and principal address:** Neil Underwood. 9, Scotney Way, Thrapston NN14 4SA

**Officers:**

Chairman: Ian Goldsmith  
Treasurer: Neil Underwood

Secretary: David Webb.  
Independent Reviewer: T.C. Group

**Trustees:**

Mr. I. Goldsmith, Mr N Underwood, Ms. J. Turton, Mr. D. Gooda, Mr I. Baker, Mr. D. Webb,  
Ms. J. Pearson . Mrs. J Ray. Ms L. Davies Mrs P. Weatherington

Bankers and Policies:

- Lloyds Bank current account - utilised for all day to day banking and holding funds for any regular transactions.
- CCLA Investment Management Ltd (COIF Charity Funds) - high interest account utilised by many registered charities.
- In the year ahead we are required to change our bank account and are currently making arrangements with Barclays Business Banking division to open a Charity Account.

Acknowledgements:

Trustees wish to thank all associated with our ventures and notably Oundle Bookshop for the sale of tickets..

The Friends also thank St Peters Church staff for the continued support of all fundraising events at the church. Thanks also to T. C. Group for arranging the Independent Review of the annual accounts.

Further information:

Pamphlets are available and can be found on the table inside the church or the following links can be accessed:

- WEBSITE: <https://friendsofoundleparishchurch.uk/>
- FACEBOOK: #Friends Of Oundle Parish Church
- TELEPHONE: 07885663935

Signed on 26/1/26 2026 on behalf of the Trustees:



Neil Underwood  
Treasurer



Ian Goldsmith  
Chairman

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees**

I report on the accounts of The Friends of Oundle Parish Church, charity number 1168165, for the period ended 31 December 2025.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period 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;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- 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 charity 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 you the trustees concerning any 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 the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
  - proper accounting records are kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Graham Darbourne FCA  
TC Group  
The Old Town Hall  
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Peterborough  
PE8 4BA  
Date: 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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**Income & Expenditure Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2025**

	<b><u>Note</u></b>	<b><u>2025</u></b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Donations (Bankers Order)		815.00
HMRC Gift Aid		221.78
Bank Interest on COIF account		12650.91
Income from Solar Panels		4744.75
Sundry Donations		10634.96
Fund Raising		7028.66
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		£ 36096.06 <hr/>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
Contributions to Church	1	8925.94
Fund Raising Expenses		2855.11
Sundry Expenses		125.00
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		£ 11906.05 <hr/>
Surplus (Deficit) of Income over Expenditure for the year		24190.01
2024 Balance brought forward:		51828.62
		Bank
		COIF deposit
		296007.60
Balance Carried Forward		£ 372026.23 <hr/> <hr/>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
COIF Account		308658.51
Current Account		£ 63367.72
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		£ 372026.23 <hr/> <hr/>

Approved by:

I Goldsmith - Chair

*I Goldsmith*

Date 06.02.2026

Neil Underwood - Treasurer

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Date 06.02.2026

**Notes**

1 Contributions to Church:

Extensive work to heating system.