

THE FRIENDS OF FECKENHAM PARISH CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1168889

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-08-24

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE SUCH CHARITIES AND CHARITABLE PURPOSES ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF ENGLAND AND WALES IN SUCH WAYS AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL THINK FIT IN THE CIVIL PARISH OF FECKENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY PURPOSES CONCERNED WITH RECREATION, CONSERVATION AND LOCAL HERITAGE BY MEANS OF THE MAINTENANCE RESTORATION AND REFURBISHMENT OF THE CHURCH BUILDING OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST FECKENHAM AND ITS SURROUNDING CHURCHYARD

Activities: The Friends of Feckenham Church was founded in order to ensure that Feckenham Parish Church remains the symbolic centre of our village and continues to be able to be used for a wide range of community activities. The maintenance and heritage of the building, fabric and surrounds are our principal concern. This is to be achieved by raising money, to be used to maintain, repair and enhance!

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Worcestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-30	£626	£231	-	-
2023-09-30	£21,807	£16,049	-	-
2022-09-30	£19,294	£15,754	-	-
2021-09-30	£2,815	£3,179	-	-
2020-09-30	£7,344	£2,519	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Fisher QC	Chair	2016-10-31
Catherine Maura Fisher		2024-07-09
Christopher John Bristow		2023-11-01
FELICITY JANE BURMAN		2020-01-21
Nicholas Jan Reading		2024-07-09
PHILIP GUISE		2016-10-31

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ANNUAL TRUSTEE REPORT OF THE FRIENDS OF FECKENHAM PARISH CHURCH 2024 /2025

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1168889

The Charity was formed in August 2016. This report covers the period from December 2023 to July 2025. The accounts are attached. The Trustees met on 7 occasions since December 2023.

The Charity's principal concern is the maintenance of the building and fabric of the Church and its surrounds as the symbolic centre of the Village.

The current Trustees are;

Andrew Fisher KC (Chair)

Philip Guise (Secretary)

Christopher Bristow (Treasurer)

Catherine Fisher

Felicity Burman

Katie Wormington

Simon Sharp

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN TO IN ORDER TO EXECUTE ITS PURPOSE

1 church roof repairs

As identified in the Quinquennial report received in May 2024 the cost of replacing the roof exceeds £570,000.00. Following competitive tendering processes Fund raisers Irving Patrick have been appointed together with an Architect, John Middleton, to oversee the project. Meetings have and will be taking place over the next few months to consider how the matter will progress.

2 £1700.00 has been paid for the installation of new netting on certain windows to prevent bird ingress.

Dated 17th July 2025

Philip Guise

Secretary

The Friends of Feckenham Parish Church

Registered Charity Number 1168889

Accounts for the Year ended 30 September 2024

	2024	2023
Income	£	£
Clock donations	-	3,150
General Donations	396	2,437
Open Gardens	152	-
Gift Aid received	78	715
Bio-Diversity	-	15,505
	626	21,807
Less Expenditure		
Insurance	96	-
Cost of Wake- teas	135	-
Bio diversity	-	9,930
Cumbria Clocks	-	6,119
	231	16,049
Deficit for the year		
Surplus for year	395	5,758
Add Balance at Bank B/F	£20,282	£14,524
Closing Balance at Bank	£20,677	£20,282

Notes to Accounts

1. Accounts are prepared on the cash basis
2. During the period there were 3 regular donors

Approved at Trustees Meeting Wednesday 6th November 2024

Proposed

Chris Bristow 6th November 2024 Trustee

Andrew Fisher 6th November 2024 Chairman Trustees

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FRIENDS OF FECKENHAM PARISH CHURCH
TRUSTEES REPORT FOR 2022/2023

Registered charity number 1168889

The Charity was formed in August 2016. This is the report covering the Charities activities since the last AGM held on 5 June 2022. Together with the approved accounts it will form the basis of the submission to The Charities Commission. Since the last AGM there have been 7 meetings of the Trustees.

The Charity was founded so that our Church remains the symbolic centre of our village and continues to be able to be used by a wide range of community activities. The maintenance and heritage of the building, fabric and surrounds are our principal concerns.

The Trustees deal with suitable requests for finance to keep the Church and surroundings in good order.

The current trustees are:

Andrew Fisher KC (Chair)

Philip Guise (secretary)

Chris Bristow (treasurer)

Catherine Fisher

Felicity Burman

Katie Wormington

John Eaton

Simon Sharp

We are sorry to report the sad death of Mike Sansom who served as Trustee but retired a few months ago. Our thoughts are with his family.

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE TRUSTEES IN ORDER TO EXECUTE ITS PURPOSE

1 New flags have been purchased. Others have been refurbished.

2 Damaged windows in the Tower have been repaired and bird intrusion netting installed where necessary.

3 The Bio-Diversity project has been completed in the Churchyard.

4 The Church Architect reported that the roof would need replacing at a total cost of £592,000 including fees. Concern was expressed by the Trustees who subsequently had a meeting with the FPCC. It was agreed to wait for the imminent Quinquennial report (recently received) to decide on the most appropriate strategy to deal with this significant issue.

Please refer to the attached accounts for the financial transactions.

P J Guise

Secretary

The Friends of Feckenham Parish Church

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Accounts for the Year ended 30 September 2023

Income	2023 £	2022 £
Clock donations	3,150	5,170
General Donations	2,437	396
Parish Council Re Boards	-	2,000
Open Gardens	-	1 1,728
Gift Aid received	715	-
Bio-Diversity	15,505	-
	21,807	1 9,294
Less Expenditure		
Bio-Diversity	9,930	1 2,817
Cumbria Clocks	6,119	2,770
Open Gardens CC Machines	-	167
	16,049	1 5,754
Deficit for the year		-
Surplus for year	5,758	3,540
Add Balance at Bank B/F	£14,524	£10,984
Closing Balance at Bank	£20,282	£14,524

Notes to Accounts

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Approved at Trustees Meeting Wednesday 9th July 2024

Proposed

Chris Bristow 9th July 2024
Treasurer

Andrew Fisher 9th July 2024
Chairman of Trustees

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Friends of Feckenham Parish Church: Trustees Report for 2020/22

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The last AGM was held on 13.12.2018. 14 meetings have been held since then by Zoom initially and in latterly in person.

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Current Trustees

	Length of Tenure	End of Tenure
Andrew Fisher	2	30/11/2022
Louise Denne	2	31/10/2022 retired 21/10/2021
Toby Denne	2	31/10/2022 retired 21/10/2021
David Street	2	31/10/2022 retired 21/10/2021 reapp 15.6 22
John Eaton	3	31/10/2023
Lionel Hill MBE	Retired	17/11/2020 retired Nov 2020
Simon Sharp	2	31/10/2022 retired Feb 2022 reapp 15 .6 22
Phil Guise	3	31/10/2023
Felicity Burman	3	21/01/2023
Mike Sansom	3	21/01/2023
Katie Wormington	3	15.6. 2022
Catherine Fisher	3	15.6 2022

As can be seen above, Louse and Toby Tenne have retired, regrettably leaving our village for pastures new. David (& Rosie) Street have moved to retirement accommodation near Evesham. Simon Sharp retires but maintains an avid interest in the Charity. They have all contributed enormously to the Charity during their years' of service for which we give them very grateful thanks and wish them well.

We are delighted to announce that Katie Wormington and Catherine Fisher have agreed to join us as Trustees and David Street and Simon Sharp have requested to be reappointed for which we are grateful

Activity Undertaken by Trustees in Order to Execute its Purpose

The Trustees continue to prioritise projects agreed with the PCC.

Emerging from their joint meeting, it was agreed to prioritise projects which would make the church more amenable to wider community use, irrespective of faith.

Specifically:

The clock requires further work at a cost of £8000 approximately.

Projects were then prioritised on their immediate risk to the structure of the building, as specified by the Quinquennial review:

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Tower access has been completed.

High roof repairs. This has now been completed.

Churchyard maintenance continues under Jeff Matthews and his band of helpers. New secure mower shed provided.

A drainage overhaul has been undertaken.

The drainage and resurfacing of the driveway to the Church from the Square including the Archway was reviewed. The Archway has been refurbished and replaced. The driveway is still work in progress.

The Churchyard and Community Project is now underway under the guiding hand of Jeff Matthews. The project incorporates the Cricket Club, the Recreation Ground and the Historical site. All grants have been applied for and received and work is underway as you have noticed. The Gate from the Churchyard towards Winfields is being refurbished and replaced.

Matched funding records were introduced to maximise grants obtainable (matched funding is showing evidentially the amount of hours spent by Trustees in the work they do for the Trust which can positively affect the amount of grants received.

Please refer to the attached accounts for the financial transactions during the year.

P J Guise Secretary.



The Friends of Feckenham Parish Church

Registered Charity Number 1168889

Accounts for the Year ended 30 September 2022

	2022	2021
Income	£	£
Clock donations	5170	0
General Donations	396	930
Parish Council Re Boards	2000	0
Donations in Kind	0	157
Open Gardens	11728	0
Bar at Wake 13 August 2021	0	228
Parish Council Cont to BD Proj	0	1500
	19294	2815

Less Expenditure

Church Yard Gateway	0	2631
Cost of Wake	0	548
Bio diversity	12817	0
Cumbria Clocks	2770	0
Open Gardens CC Machines	167	0
	15754	3179
Defecit for the year		-364
Surplus for year	3540	

Add Balance at Bank B/F **£10,984** **£11,348**

Closing Balance at Bank **£14,524** **£10,984**

Notes to Accounts

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2. During the period there were 3 regular donors
3. A payment of £2000 was received form from Feckenha Parish Council in respect of the Bio Diversity explanatio

Approved at Trustees Meeting Wednesday 1st March 2023

Proposed

John Eaton 25 June 2023 Trustee



Andrew Fisher 25 June 2023 Chairman Trustees



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The clock requires further work at a cost of £8000 approximately.

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	2021	2020
Income	£	£
Income from Coffee Morning. All costs donated.	0	30
Bar income at Wake 13 Aug 2021	228	0
Donations in Cash	930	516
Donations in kind	157	0
Window Fund VAT & Gift Aid recover	0	6,798
Parish Council Contribution to Biodiversity Project	1,500	0
Total Income	<u>2,815</u>	<u>7,344</u>
 Less Expenditure		
Sound system stage payments	0	2,015
Work on Church Yard (Gateway)	2,631	504
Cost of Wake night 13 August 2021	548	0
Total Expenditure	<u>3,179</u>	<u>2,519</u>
Total of Expenditure over Income for year	364	
Total of Income over Expenditure for year		4,825
Add Balance at Bank B/f	£11,348	£ 6,523
Closing Balance at Bank	<u>£10,984</u>	<u>£ 11,348</u>

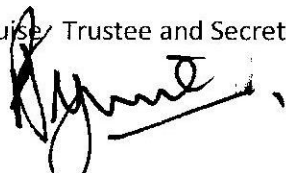
Notes to Accounts

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2. During the period there were 4 regular donors and 3 other donors.
3. A payment of £1500 was received from Feckenham Parish Council in respect of the Feckenham Biodiversity project.

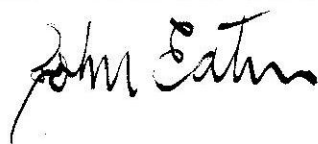
Approved at Trustees Meeting Tuesday 5th October 2021

Proposed

P. Guise Trustee and Secretary



J Eaton Trustee and Treasurer



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Friends of Feckenham Parish Church: Trustees Report for 2019/20

Registered Charity Number 1168889

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Felicity Burman	3	21/01/2023
Mike Sansom	3	21/01/2023



During the period November 2019 and date, the Trustees met on 4 occasions.

Activity Undertaken by Trustees in Order to Execute its Purpose

The Trustees continue to prioritise projects agreed with the PCC.

- Emerging from their joint meeting, it was agreed to prioritise projects which would make the church more amenable to wider community use, irrespective of faith:
- Specifically:
 - The project relating to the sound system has been completed
 - The window repair/restoration and cleaning project has been completed.
 - The clock has been reinstalled and is working satisfactorily
- Projects were then prioritised on their immediate risk to the structure of the building, as specified by the Quinquennial review:
- Specifically:
 - Tower access to facilitate tower roof and lightening conductor maintenance has been completed.
 - High roof repairs. This has now become more urgent as storm damage was incurred to south nave tiles near the tower. It has now been decided that the process repair to the South Nave and Chancel roof be started. The architect is preparing the detailed spec so that a faculty can be applied for and quotes obtained. The estimate is in the order of £175,000 and the process of raising the money will soon begin.
 - Churchyard maintenance continues under Jeff Matthews and his band of helpers. Anyone wishing to join the band will be most welcome!!The condition of the ride on mower for the churchyard is concerning and may need replacing this year.
 - A Drainage survey is currently being costed for work to be done
 - The drainage and resurfacing of the driveway to the Church from the Square including the Archway is currently being costed with a view to being done during 2021 funds permitting. This work was delayed from 2020 due to covid



No fund raising activities were conducted in the year due to covid restrictions however the VAT and Gift aid totalling £6,798 was recovered.

- Income from regular Donations amounted to £516
- Stage payments for the sound system were completed in the year

Please refer to the attached accounts for the financial transactions during the year.


P Guise Secretary

The Friends of Feckenham Parish Church

Registered Charity Number 1168889

Accounts for the year ended 30 September 2020

	2020	2019
Income	£	£
Income from Concert	0	442
Income from Coffee Morning. All costs donated.	30	0
Donations	516	939
Window fund donations	0	9,277
Window Fund VAT & Gift Aid recover	6,798	0
Total Income	<u>7,344</u>	<u>10,658</u>
Less Expenditure		
Sound system stage payments	2,015	4,030
Banner and Domain names	0	30
Work on Church Yard	504	0
Work on window refurbishment	0	23,352
Total Expenditure	<u>2,519</u>	<u>27,412</u>
Total of Expenditure over Income for year		(16,754)
Total of Income over Expenditure for year	4,825	
Add Balance at Bank B/f	£ 6,523	£ 23,277
Closing Balance at Bank	<u>£11,348</u>	<u>£ 6,523</u>

Notes to Accounts

1. Accounts are prepared on the cash basis.
2. During the period there were 4 regular donors and 5 other donors.
3. We signed an agreement with Keystone Sound Systems Ltd to supply and fit a new church sound system. The stage payments were completed by 22 February 2020 £2,015.

Approved at Trustees Meeting Tuesday 17th November 2020

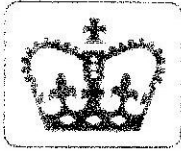
Proposed

P. Guise Trustee and Secretary

J Eaton Trustee and Treasurer



The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The top signature is for P. Guise, and the bottom signature is for J. Eaton. Both signatures are written in a cursive style.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

The Friends of Feckenham Church

On accounts for the year ended

30 September 2020

Charity no (if any)

1168889

Set out on pages

1

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 September 2020

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:

C Bristow

Date:

15 July 2021

Name:

C J BRISTOW

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

ICAEW

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The Byre, Compass Cottages
Feckenham
Redditch B96 6HW.