

Friends of the World of Bede

Charity Number: 1168975

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Period

31st March 2024 to 30th March 2025

January 2026

Reference & Administration Details

Charity name: Friends of the World of Bede

Other names charity is known by:

Charity number: 1168975

Charity's operating address: 2 Chapel Mews, Gilesgate, Durham City

Postcode
DH1 1WB

Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity *(Add extra rows as required)*

	<i>Trustee Name</i>	<i>Office (if any)</i>	<i>Appointed</i>	<i>Retired</i>
1	Eric Cambridge	Chairperson	2 nd July 2022	
2	Gillian Wilson	Vice Chairperson	14 th July 2018	2 nd September 2024
2	Brian Freeman	Joint Secretary	12 th March 2016	
3	Claudine Freeman	Joint Secretary	12 th March 2016	
4	Rachel Webb	Membership Secretary	21 st July 2024	
5	Christopher Carr	Treasurer	22 nd July 2023	

Names of Trustees for the Charity

	<i>Trustee Name</i>	<i>Dates acted, if not for whole year</i>
1	Belinda Burke	
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2	Gillian Boughton-Wilmore	Retired as a Trustee on 16 th August 2025
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3	Shirley Johnson	

Names & Addresses of Advisors *(Delete rows which are not relevant)*

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address & Postcode</i>
Bank:	Barclays Bank	53 Fawcett Street, Sunderland, SR1 1RS
Financial Advisor	Ralph Thoburn	Prime Accountancy Group Ltd., 2 Defender Court, Sunderland, SR5 3PE

Description of the Charity's Trusts

Type of Governing Document: Constitution

How the Charity is Constituted: Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Objectives & Activities

Summary of the Objects of the Charity as set out in its Governing Document.

The objective of the Friends of the World of Bede is to advance the education of the public in the life, work and times of the Venerable Bede, primarily by supporting and assisting the charitable work of the Bede Museum at Jarrow, but also through its own activities away from the Bede Museum at locations with historical links to the Venerable Bede and Anglo Saxon Britain more generally.

Summary of the Main Activities Undertaken for the Public Benefit in Relation to the Charity's Objects.

The Charity continued to liaise on a regular basis with representatives from Jarrow Hall, the arm of Groundwork that is responsible for the day to day running of the Bede Museum. These discussions included matters such as the interior design of an Anglo-Saxon replica building that was being renovated. Changes to the layout of the Museum's displays was also a matter of discussion on a number of occasions.

The Charity played a significant role in planning and preparing for a major exhibition at the Bede Museum commemorating the life and achievements of the founder of the Museum, the late Professor Dame Rosemary Cramp, the renowned academic who from 1963 until 1978 ran the archaeological excavations of the medieval monastery at Jarrow where Bede lived and wrote works of such great historical importance. The Charity worked closely with the staff of the Bede Museum in arranging the physical and written contents of the exhibition. The Exhibition opened in May 2024.

In September 2024 the Charity presented the bespoke replica Anglo-Saxon sword which it had commissioned to the Bede Museum. On the same occasion it held a study day devoted to new perspectives on the Sword in Anglo-Saxon England, which comprised three public lectures and a demonstration by a re-enactment group of Anglo-Saxon combat techniques.

In October and November 2024 the Charity held a series of three public lectures to celebrate the 950th anniversary of the re-foundation of the monastery at Jarrow in 1074.

In September 2024 the Charity organised a tour of the archaeological dig at Lindisfarne Priory, presented by the archaeologist in charge of the excavation, Dr. David Petts.

The Friends of the World of Bede continued to liaise with and advise Groundwork on the best means of achieving greater recognition of the importance of the Bede Museum in promoting knowledge of the Anglo Saxon history of the North East of England and in publicising the academic significance of its collection.

The Charity held discussions with Groundwork regarding a new arrangement for it to have formal input into Groundwork's decisions regarding the Bede Museum's collection, academic standing and future general direction, which resulted in one of

the Charity's Trustees becoming a member of the Jarrow Hall Management Committee.

The Charity was consulted on plans by the Bede Museum's Research and Education Manager Dr. Marco Romeo -Pitone to carry out an archaeological excavation in the vicinity of the Jarrow Monastery during the summer of 2025, the first such excavation since Professor Cramp's digs ended in the late 1970s.

Financial Review

Brief Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

The Trustees reserve policy is to retain at least six months normal expenditure in reserve. On this basis the Charity has sufficient reserves to meet this requirement.

Statutory Notes to the Accounts

The Charity's income for the period is £703. Consequently, the charity has decided not to face the expenditure of having the 2025 accounts examined by an Independent Examiner, as required for CIOs with an annual income of £25,000 or more.

Statutory Declaration

The trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers or duties.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature(s):



Full Name(s): Brian Andrew Freeman

Position(s): Joint Secretary

Date: 18th January 2026



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Friends of the World of Bede

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1.4.24	To	31.3.25
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions	615	-	-	615	789
Donations	-	-	-	-	5
Booklet Sales	88	-	-	88	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	703	-	-	703	785
A2 Asset and Investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	703	-	-	703	785
A3 Payments					
Printing, Postage & Stationary	-	-	-	-	37
Bank charges	88	-	-	88	114
Sword	-	-	-	-	1,955
Catering	54	-	-	54	94
Groundwork - Membership	-	-	-	-	-
Travel Expenses	501	-	-	501	296
Blacksmith	250	-	-	250	-
Books	206	-	-	206	-
Sub total	1,099	-	-	1,099	2,495
A4 Asset and Investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

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Fund to which
liability relates

Amount
due
(optional)

When due
(optional)

Details

B5 Liabilities


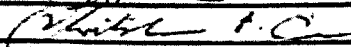
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Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of
approval

Brian A Freeman
C Carr

16/06/2025
16/08/2025