

# **Annual Report of the Friends of Keswick St John**

**Name of the Charity:** The Friends of Keswick St John

**Status:** Charitable Incorporated Organisation

**Registration number with Charity Commission is** 1175886

**Registration date:** November 2017

**Address:** c/o The Secretary, Springfield, Springs Road, Keswick, CA12 4AQ

**Objects:** For the benefit of the public to maintain, repair, restore, preserve, improve and enhance the fabric of the church of Keswick St John in the Diocese of Carlisle, its monuments, fixtures, fittings, furniture, stained glass, ornaments and other chattels and its graveyard.

**Constitution** – formalised on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Maximum number of Trustees is 8 of which no more than 3 appointed, 1 ex-officio and at least 3 nominated by the Parish Church Council.

**Trustee names:**

Michael Webb (appointed)

Val Montgomery (appointed)

Richard Dale (nominated)

Penny Duttson (nominated)

Chris White (nominated)

Eve Massey (nominated)

Michael Sadgrove (appointed)

Charles Hope (ex-officio – Vicar of Keswick St John)

**Finances:** see report below

**Membership:** There are currently 45 fully paid members. Membership derives from within the church congregation, the wider community of Keswick and surrounding area, from UK and abroad.

**Major items of expenditure in the current year:** no major expenses were incurred

## **Main Achievements 2023**

The Friends have welcomed a new trustee nominated by the Church Council, Ms Penny Duttson.

The charity has run two successful fundraising events. In May, the Fryer-Spedding family very generously opened Mirehouse for an open house and garden event, with afternoon tea provided by the committee. This event had been in the planning for several years but because of the pandemic had been delayed. It was a highly successful afternoon with a number of local members visiting the house for the first time. The sum of £776 was raised. Another splendid Trivia quiz night, masterminded by Eve Massey, was a great success in October. The pizza and pies very generously donated by the Lane family of Alternatives Cockermouth were well received. The sum of £675.30 was raised.

The Friends Annual Get together took the form of a talk about 'Rewilding the Lake District and beyond' was given by Professor Michael Hambrey. After the talk members were invited to see the work being done in the churchyard to enhance its beauty and bio-diversity. As a result, several people joined the Friends.

Two newsletters were sent out to existing Friends

– one at Easter included an article by the vicar on the churchyard and another by Doreen Lee on the banner of St Cuthbert by Josefina de Vasconcelles. It also included the unhappy news of the theft of the church silver and destruction of several doors. More happily the autumn edition consisted of a wonderful set of photographs of the church taken by one of our trustees, Very Revd Michael Sadgrove.

The PCC made no requests this year for funding. In the light of this, steps have been taken to open a deposit account with CCLA to obtain a good rate of interest whilst a project is decided upon.

The trustees have read the Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance and have had regard to this when running the charity.

This guidance is available to read on the Charity Commission's gov.uk website.

Membership has decreased slightly during the year from 47 to 45. We were sad to lose Mrs Marjorie Browne who died during the year.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Friends of Keswick St John's

On accounts for the year  
ended

31st December 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1175886

Set out on pages

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Responsibilities and  
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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.

Signed:

*[Signature]*

Date:

4.02.24

Name:

GESA BLACKMORE

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

ICAEW, ACA

Address:

Kenilworth, High Hill, Keswick, CA12 5PB

# Friends of Keswick St John

## Receipts and Payments Account

For year from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>Receipts</b>				
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>				
Membership subscriptions	1,105	0	1,105	1,365
Donations	30	0	30	1,100
Legacies	0	0	0	0
Gift Aid	382	0	382	0
Other similar income	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,517</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,517</b>	<b>2,465</b>
<b>Grants</b>				
Grant	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Fundraising (gross)</b>				
Cards & Postcards	135	0	135	105
Events	1,524	0	1,524	1,535
Miscellaneous sales	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,659</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,659</b>	<b>1,640</b>
<b>Investment income</b>				
Building Society interest	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>3,176</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,176</b>	<b>4,105</b>
<b>Asset &amp; investment sales</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>3,176</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,176</b>	<b>4,105</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Grants to St John's Church, Keswick	0	0	0	901
Fundraising costs	73	0	73	190
Administration	23	0	23	86
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>1,177</b>
<b>Surplus for the year</b>	<b>3,080</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,080</b>	<b>2,928</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>				
Start of year	8,316	0	8,316	5,388
Surplus in the year	3,080	0	3,080	2,928
<b>End of year</b>	<b>11,396</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,396</b>	<b>8,316</b>