

Annual Report of the Friends of Keswick St John's

Name of the Charity: The Friends of Keswick St John's

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 19th 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 43 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 2024

The Friends trustees have remained the same during the year and the numbers of members has remained fairly constant.

The Parochial Church Council have made no requests for funds during the year though discussions have taken place about the possibility of supporting part of the renovation and reordering of the building. A request is expected once the PCC has had permission to commence the work.

The investment of funds on a deposit account has proved very successful as will be seen in the Treasurer's accounts.

The Friends Annual get together was held as usual in October and attracted a good number of members and people from the local community. Chris Lewis spoke about the Keswick School of Industrial Arts which flourished from 1884 for a hundred years. He brought a number of examples of the work and referenced the artefacts in St John's which were of great interest to all who came.

Our fundraising has been of mixed success. We held a Cornish Cream tea at Greta Gardens in May which proved highly popular both with the residents and local people. The sum of £ was raised and the Friends were invited to make this a regular event in the complex. Sadly it was not possible to hold the Trivia Quiz, possibly because of other quizzes around the same time, and this was postponed to May 2025.

The members have received the usual two newsletters during the year. The first around Easter contained the Annual Report and details of the plans to reorder the church building. The second in the autumn featured the pictures of the Celtic Saints, painted by Sister Irene.

We have been very grateful to all those who continue to support the Friends and raise funds for future projects. We rely on a very small team, especially of the trustees but also kindly assisted by other members of St John's who bake and help with events.

The trustees have read the Charity Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance and have regard to this when running the charity. The guidance is available on the Charity commission's [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website.

The membership at the end of the year was 43.



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 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1175886

Set out on pages

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

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

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:

Date:

18/02/2025

Name:

GESA BLACKMORE

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

ACA

Address:

KENILWORTH, HIGH HILL, KESWICK, CA12
SPB

Friends of Keswick St John's

Receipts and Payments Account

For year from 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	1,095	0	1,095	1,105
Donations	0	0	0	30
Legacies	0	0	0	0
Gift Aid	336	0	336	382
Other simiar income	0	0	0	0
Sub Total	1,431	0	1,431	1,517
Grants				
Grant	0	0	0	0
Sub Total	0	0	0	0
Fundraising (gross)				
Cards & Postcards	67	0	67	135
Events	613	0	613	1,524
Miscellaneous sales	0	0	0	0
Sub total	680	0	78	1,659
Investment income				
CCLA interest	236	0	236	0
Sub Total	236	0	1	0
Total Gross Income	2,347	0	2,347	3,176
Asset & investment sales	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	2,347	0	2,347	3,176
Expenditure				
Grants to St John's Church, Keswick	0	0	0	0
Fundraising costs	55	0	55	73
Administration	0	0	0	23
Total Expenditure	55	0	55	96
Surplus for the year	2,292	0	2,292	3,080
Total Funds				
Start of year	11,396	0	11,396	8,316
Surplus in the year	2,292	0	2,292	3,080
End of year	13,688	0	13,688	11,396
CCLA	10,236	0	10,236	0
Cumberland Building Society	3,452	0	3,452	11,396
Total balance at year end	13,688	0	13,688	11,396