

# **Annual Report of the Friends of Keswick St John's 2025**

**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 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 44 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 2025**

2025 has again been a year of quiet progress. The Parochial Church Council has finally received approval for its plans to renovate the interior of St John's Church but has as yet not made any formal request for funding from the Friends of Keswick St John. This is however expected in early 2026.

Consequently, the trustees have been able to put further funds on deposit to accrue a better interest rate. Fund raising has continued with another successful Daffodil Tea at Greta Gardens, by kind permission of the manager, and a well-attended Quiz night in October. We have been encouraged to receive a generous legacy during the year.

New members have joined the Friends though sadly we have lost members through death too. Our numbers remain stable and the trustees have looked at ways of increasing the membership.

We are 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.

Michael Webb, Chair



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 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1175886

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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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025.

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:

6/02/26

Name:

GESA BLACKMORE

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

ICAEW, ACA

Address:

KENILWORTH, HIGH HILL, KESWICK,  
CA 12 5 PB

## Friends of Keswick St John's

### Receipts and Payments Account

For year from 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025

	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
<b>Receipts</b>				
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>				
Membership subscriptions	1,000	0	1,000	1,095
Donations	0	0	0	0
Legacies	5,000	0	5,000	0
Gift Aid	0	0	0	336
Other similar income	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>1,431</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	93	0	93	67
Events	1,713	0	1,713	613
Miscellaneous sales	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,806</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,806</b>	<b>680</b>
<b>Investment income</b>				
CCLA interest	618	0	618	236
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>236</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>8,424</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,424</b>	<b>2,347</b>
<b>Asset &amp; investment sales</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>8,424</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,424</b>	<b>2,347</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Grants to St John's Church, Keswick	0	0	0	0
Fundraising costs	403	0	403	55
Administration	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Surplus for the year</b>	<b>8,021</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,021</b>	<b>2,292</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>				
Start of year	13,688	0	13,688	11,396
Surplus in the year	8,021	0	8,021	2,292
<b>End of year</b>	<b>21,709</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21,709</b>	<b>13,688</b>
CCLA	15,855	0	15,855	10,236
Cumberland Building Society	5,854	0	5,854	3,452
<b>Total balance at year end</b>	<b>21,709</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21,709</b>	<b>13,688</b>