

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

Name Friends of St Michael's Barn Church
Number 1176438
Principal address Rose Cottage, Hurtwood Lane, Farley Green, Albury, Guildford GU5 9JP

Names of charity trustees who manage the charity;

Elizabeth Cooper	Secretary	Trustees
Susan Darling	Chair	Trustees
Sally Godfrey	Treasurer	Trustees
Sheena Pearson		Nominated by Albury Parochial Church Council.

Other trustees for the charity N/a

Advisors N/a

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document Constitution, adopted 21 December 2017
How constituted Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods Up to 8 appointed by trustees; up to 2 nominated by Albury Parochial Church Council.

Additional governance issues (optional)

The organisation is run by a board of 3 first appointed trustees and 1 trustee nominated by the Albury Parochial Church Council.

Trustees hold formal meetings as needed and also consult and take decisions electronically. This year, due to Covid, 6 live and 3 zoomed meetings were held, plus electronic exchanges and informal consultations.

Trustees liaise closely with the Albury Parochial Church Council, who are responsible for St Michael's church building.

Trustees are familiar with Charity Commission guidance on their roles and obligations. Trustees act voluntarily and receive no remuneration, expenses or other benefits. They are required to declare any conflict of interest at each meeting.

Summary of objects

To advance the Christian religion through the maintenance, repair and improvement of St Michael's Barn Church for the public benefit; to promote educational and community activities.

Summary of activities for the public benefit

Normally, Friends' main activities are repairing and improving the structure and amenities of St Michael's, raising funds for this purpose and arranging or promoting community events. This year, activities and fund raising were again curtailed because of Covid restrictions, but we continued to carry out improvements to the fabric of the building and to its amenities.

Our work continued to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Repair and maintenance activities included:

- arranging and making payments towards a permanent water supply to the kitchen, involving Thames Water and local contractors

- work on drainage and guttering to avoid damp in the building
- pursuing quotations for re-tiling the roof, new heaters and associated work
- contacts and application processes for external funding, particularly for roof work
- visits to St Michael's as allowed within Covid restrictions, to check on the fabric of the building and maintain the garden

Other activities

A number of community/fund raising events were planned, which could not take place because of Covid restrictions.

The Autumn get-together (Pimms on the Green) was able to go ahead in September in accordance with current Covid regulations

Christmas wreath making workshops were also held in December.

Achievements and performance

Due to Covid, 2021 was a mixed year for social and building activities. Friends sought to maintain the essential fabric of the building while laying the ground for future funding and work to maintain and improve the building and its amenities.

Continuing connections between the community and the Barn Church were fostered by regular contributions to the parish magazine. The Barn Church Facebook page was updated and an Instagram account established.

Two successful community events were run. The need for a sense of community was again well demonstrated during 2021, when social contact remained more than usually important. The Autumn event was widely welcomed as a first chance for many in the community to meet in person after Covid-related social isolation.

Financial review

Reserves. Friends continue to maintain between £2500 - £3000 in reserves, against unforeseen circumstances.

Deficit. The year ended with a current account deficit of £838. This unusual deficit was due to our inability to raise funds in the normal way plus a substantial payment to Thames Water for a permanent water connection.

However, £7022 (including £1000 restricted funds) was carried forward to 2022.

Further financial details

We do not make grants. Our funds come from donations, including donations associated with events, and from local grant-making organisations who support our objectives. During the year we received a grant of £1000 towards roof work from the Albury Trust, and Albury Parish Council agreed to fund part of the heating work.

The bulk of our funds are applied to ongoing maintenance, improvements to the fabric of the building and improved amenities.

Other optional information

None

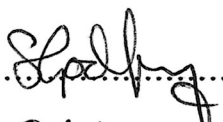
FRIENDS OF ST. MICHAEL'S BARN CHURCH – Registered Charity No.1176438**Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2021**


	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	£	£
<u>Restricted : Church Roof Fund</u>	£1,000	
Art in Barn Event		
Bubbles/Pimms in the Barn Community Event	100	221
Wreath Making Class (Community Event)	1564	
Donations	320	470
M. Wilkie - bequest		500
CNC Property Fund		500
Thames Water REFUND	240	
<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>£3224</u>	<u>£1691</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>	£	
Art in Barn Artist Reimbursement		28
Bubbles in the Barn Expenses		97
Wreath Workshop Materials	253	
Garden Plants	22	
Thames Water Installation plus pipework & Labour	3787	
Postage		
Groundwork behind Church		75
<u>Total Payments</u>	<u>£(4062)</u>	<u>£(200)</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments	£(838)	£1491
Funds brought forward 1st January 2021	<u>£7860</u>	<u>£6369</u>
Funds carried forward at 31st December 2021	<u>£7022</u>	<u>£7860</u>


STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

Funds held at Lloyds Bank at 31st December 2021: **£7022**

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

Signature..... ..... Print Name..... S. GODFREY..... Date of Approval .. 25.10.22.

Signature..... ..... Print Name..... E.A. COOPER..... Date of Approval .. 25th October 2022

Approval..... ..... EILEEN WARD.