

FRIENDS OF THE MONASTERE SAINT-BENOIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1182277

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-03-01

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS TO ADVANCE THE ROMAN CATHOLIC RELIGION BY SUPPORTING THE CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES OF THE MONASTERE SAINT-BENOIT IN BRIGNOLES, FRANCE.

Activities: The organisation is to support the monastic life, at the Monastere Saint-Benoit in France, and further the increase in the knowledge of liturgical practice.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- France
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£35,672	£34,397	-	-
2024-04-05	£40,997	£30,603	-	-
2023-04-05	£75,904	£79,655	-	-
2022-04-05	£62,304	£59,710	-	-
2021-04-05	£118,374	£157,927	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alcuin Scott Matthew Peter Reid		2019-02-27
Julie Christine MacAmhlaibh Mrs		2022-10-31
Lawrence Edward Swithinbank		2019-02-27
Richard Patrick Jacques		2020-02-06

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FRIENDS OF THE MONASTÈRE SAINT-BENOÎT

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

In the fiscal year ending 5th April 2025 the Charity raised £35,671.55 through donations received from benefactors and through Gift Aid. This is once again a slightly smaller amount than in the previous year but has nevertheless been adequate for supporting the Charity's goals, particularly given that the restoration works on the monastery buildings is yet to commence.

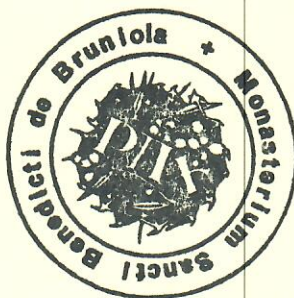
This year once again, thanks to its devoted volunteer Secretary, the Charity's administrative expenses were kept to a minimum, comprising charges levied by financial institutions and by JustGiving.

The Charity's principal outgoings were the transfer of funds to the Monastère Saint-Benoit (£29,00.00) in support of its life and work, and bank and JustGiving fees. Subsidiary outgoings included church supplies, books, etc., sourced in the UK for the use of the monastery, as well as the expenses related to the doctoral studies of one of the monks at St Mary's University, Twickenham, making a total of £34,397.20 in outgoings.

This sixth full year of the Charity's operation has yet certainly been successful in respect of its stated aims and all the Trustees look forward to continuing their work once again in the coming year, conscious of the fact that when renovation and construction works finally commence, further fundraising initiatives will be needed.

The Trustees have approved this report and the appended statement of accounts, accepting their external verification, by means of email to the Acting Chairman.

DOM Alcuin REID
Acting Chairman of Trustees
25 January 2026



Friends of Monastere St Benoit Accounts for year ending 05/04/2025

Charity No. 1182277

Description	Amount £	Totals £
Income and Expenditure		
Receipts		
Cheques, cash and online payments	£13,552.00	
Friends of Justgiving	£10,635.63	
Payroll Giving Fund	£80.00	
Paypal Giving Fund	£6,974.91	
Charities Trust	£277.20	
HMRC Gift Aid receipts	£4,122.48	
Purchases	£0.00	
Interest	£29.33	
Total Donations	£35,671.55	
Total Receipts		35,671.55
Payments		
General expenses	£2,492.20	
Education	£2,460.00	
Bank Charges	£85.00	
Just giving monthly fee	£360.00	
Transfer to MSB	£29,000.00	
Total Payments		34,397.20
Receipts less Payments		1,274.35
Balance Sheet		
Bank account balance as at 05/04/2024		12,467.80
Excess of Income over expenditure		1,274.35
Bank account balance as at 05/04/2025		13,742.15
Loan B/fwd and C/fwd		20,000.00
Bank balance as per bank statement 5/4/2024		12,467.80
Bank balance as per bank statement 5/4/2025		13,742.15
Net movement in the bank account		(1,274.35)
check total difference		0.00

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner of Friends of the Monastère St Benoit

The charity trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Charities Act.
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a "true and fair view", and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

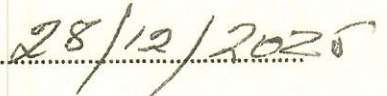
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention, which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- the accounts accord with such records; and
- the accounts comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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: and
- the accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102)

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.

Wayne Kitcat MA. 

Date



Knoll Cottage

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FRIENDS OF THE MONASTÈRE SAINT-BENOÎT

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

In the period ending 5th April 2024 the Charity raised £40,997.17 through donations received from benefactors and through Gift Aid. This is a smaller amount than in the previous year but has nevertheless been adequate for supporting the Charity's goals.

This year once again, thanks to its diligent volunteer Secretary, the Charity's administrative expenses were kept to a minimum, comprising charges levied by financial institutions and by JustGiving.

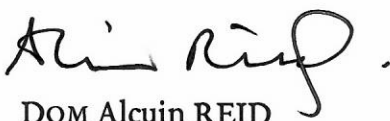
The Charity's principal outgoings were the transfer of funds to the Monastère Saint-Benoit (£25,00.00) in support of its life and work, and bank and JustGiving fees. Subsidiary outgoings included church supplies and books sourced in the UK for the use of the monastery.

The Charity was pleased to host an information evening in London in November 2023 in which the Prior of the Monastery was able to update benefactors and friends on progress at the monastery and display the architectural designs for the monastery renovation. This expenditure was covered by a generous donation by a benefactor.

This fifth full year of the Charity's operation has yet again been successful in respect of its stated aims and the Trustees look forward to continuing their work once again in the coming year, noting that with the commencement of renovation and construction work, further fundraising initiatives will be needed.

The 2023 Annual Report and accounts were submitted late, and for this we profoundly apologise. This was due to the new system of uploading them to the Charity Commission website and the delays that this caused. The Charity remains committed to prompt and transparent reporting.

The Trustees have approved this report and the appended statement of accounts, accepting their external verification, by means of email to the Acting Chairman.



DOM Alcuin REID

Acting Chairman of Trustees

27 January 2025



REGISTERED CHARITY n. 1182277

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Friends of Monastere St Benoit Accounts for year ending 05/04/2024

Charity No. 1182277

Description	Amount £	Totals £
Income and Expenditure		
Receipts		
Cheques, cash and online payments	£16,258.80	
Friends of Justgiving	£14,493.55	
Payroll Giving Fund	£35.00	
Paypal Giving Fund	£6,108.38	
Charities Trust	£302.20	
HMRC Gift Aid receipts	£3,777.35	
Purchases	£0.00	
Interest	£21.89	
Total Donations	£40,997.17	
Total Receipts		40,997.17
Payments		
General expenses	£2,057.92	
Education	£70.00	
Bank Charges	£86.50	
Just giving monthly fee	£446.40	
Donation Transfer	£2,942.28	
Transfer to MSB	£25,000.00	
Total Payments		30,603.10
Receipts less Payments		10,394.07
Balance Sheet		
Bank account balance as at 05/04/2023		2,073.73
Excess of Income over expenditure		10,394.07
Bank account balance as at 05/04/2024		12,467.80
Loan B/fwd and C/fwd		20,000.00
Bank balance as per bank statement 6/4/2023		2,073.73
Bank balance as per bank statement 5/4/2024		12,467.80
Net movement in the bank account		(10,394.07)
check total difference		0.00

Friends of the Monastère Saint Benoit

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 5th April 2024

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5) of the 2011 Act),
- And to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view", and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement.

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention,

- 1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the requirements:
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

have not been met, or

- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


Wayne Kitcat MA.

18th December 2024

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FRIENDS OF THE MONASTÈRE SAINT-BENOÎT

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

In the period ending 5th April 2023 the Charity raised £75,903.87 through donations received from benefactors and through Gift Aid. This represents a modest increase on the income for the previous year and has been adequate for supporting the Charity's goals.

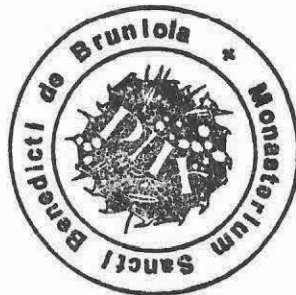
Once again, thanks to its diligent volunteer Secretary, the Charity's administrative expenses were minimal, comprising charges levied by financial institutions and by JustGiving.

The Charity's principal outgoing was the transfer of funds to the Monastère Saint-Benoit (£73,500.00) in support of its life and work and the ongoing work with architects in preparation for the renovation and expansion of its buildings. Subsidiary outgoings included the fees for the theological education of one of the monks of the monastery (£3,000.00) and other items such as fabric for habits, incense, candles, other church supplies and books (£2,842.14) sourced in the UK.

This fourth full year of the Charity's operation has yet again been successful in respect of its stated aims and the Trustees look forward to continuing their work once again in the coming year.

The Trustees have approved this report and the appended statement of accounts, accepting their external verification, by means of email to the Acting Chairman.

DOM Alcuin REID
Acting Chairman of Trustees
2 February 2024



Friends of Monastere St Benoit Accounts for year ending 05/04/2023

Charity No. 1182277

Description	Amount £	Totals £
Income and Expenditure		
Receipts		
Cheques, cash and online payments	£46,096.00	
Friends of Justgiving	£17,389.24	
Payroll Giving Fund	£50.00	
Paypal Giving Fund	£2,226.62	
Charities Trust	£173.60	
HMRC Gift Aid receipts	£9,842.49	
Purchases	£100.00	
Interest	£25.92	
Total Donations	£75,903.87	
Total Receipts		75,903.87
Payments		
General expenses	£2,842.14	
Education	£3,000.00	
Bank Charges	£97.00	
Just giving monthly fee	£216.00	
Transfer to MSB	£73,500.00	
Total Payments		79,655.14
Receipts less Payments		(3,751.27)
Balance Sheet		
Bank account balance as at 05/04/2022		5,825.00
Excess of Income over expenditure		(3,751.27)
Bank account balance as at 05/04/2023		2,073.73
Loan B/fwd and C/fwd		20,000.00
Bank balance as per bank statement 6/4/2022		5,825.00
Bank balance as per bank statement 5/4/2023		2,073.73
Net movement in the bank account		3,751.27

Basis of independent examiner's statement of books of account for Friends of Monastère Saint-Benoit for financial year 2022-2023.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charities Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a "true and fair view", and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

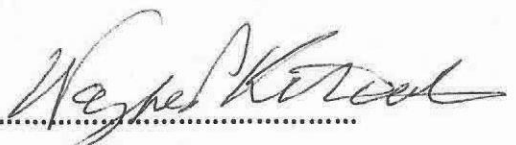
Independent examiner's statement

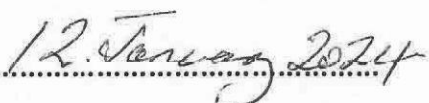
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006: or
- The accounts do not accord with such records: or
- The accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 or the regulations and guidance for a registered charity.

I have no concerns and have come across no matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn to the Trustees in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.

Wayne P Kitcat MA
Knoll Cottage
Sutton Place
Abinger, Surrey
RH5 6RN

Signed 

Date 

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ANNUAL REPORT 2022

In the period ending 5th April 2022 the Charity raised £62,309.99 through donations received from benefactors and through Gift Aid. This represents an understandable reduction on the income for the previous year given that the Monastery had raised sufficient funds for the capital purchase of its property and had not yet begun the restoration and construction work envisaged and fundraising and that appeals were adjusted accordingly.

Thanks to its diligent volunteer Secretary, the Charity's administrative expenses were once again minimal, comprising charges levied by financial institutions and by JustGiving.

The Charity's principal outgoing was the transfer of funds to the Monastère Saint-Benoit (£54,600.00) in support of its life and work and the ongoing work with architects in preparation for the renovation and expansion of its buildings. Subsidiary outgoings included the fees for the theological education of one of the monks of the monastery (£2,900.00) and other items such as fabric for habits, incense, candles, other church supplies and books (£1,822.00) sourced in the UK.

This third full year of the Charity's operation has been successful in respect of its stated aims and the Trustees look forward to continuing their work once again in the coming year.

The Trustees have approved this report and the appended statement of accounts, accepting their external verification, by means of email to the Acting Chairman.

DOM Alcuin REID
Acting Chairman of Trustees
5 February 2023

Friends of Monastere St Benoit

Charity No. 1182277

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AS AT 5th APRIL 2022

Friends of Monastere St Benoit Accounts for year ending 05/04/2022

Charity No. 1182277

Description	Amount £	Totals £
Income and Expenditure		
Receipts		
Cheques, cash and online payments	£40,569.00	
Friends of Justgiving	£12,758.09	
HMRC Gift Aid receipts	£8,976.90	
Total Donations	£62,303.99	
Total Receipts		£62,303.99
Payments		
General expenses	£1,822.60	
Education	£2,900.00	
Bank Charges	£171.00	
Just giving monthly fee	£216.00	
Transfer to MSB	£54,600.00	
Total Payments		£59,709.60
Receipts less Payments		£2,594.39
Balance Sheet		
Bank account balance as at 05/04/2021		£3,230.61
Excess of Income over expenditure		£2,594.39
Bank account balance as at 05/04/2022		£5,825.00
Loan B/fwd and C/fwd		£20,000.00

FRIENDS of MONASTERE ST BENOIT

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE BOOKS OF ACCOUNT FOR MONASTÈRE ST BENOIT

Basis of the independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

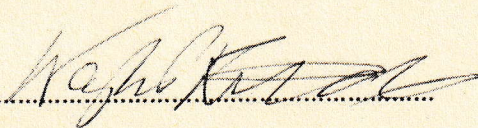
Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the requirements:
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met: or
2. 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Wayne P Kitcat MA
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Signed.....



Dated

20/1/2023

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FRIENDS OF THE MONASTÈRE SAINT-BENOÎT

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

In the period ending 5th April 2021 the Charity raised £118,373.50 through donations and loans received from benefactors and through Gift Aid.

Thanks to its volunteer Secretary, once again the Charity's administrative expenses were minimal, comprising of charges levied by financial institutions and by JustGiving.

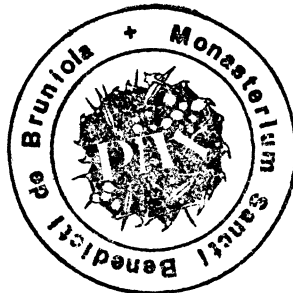
The Charity's principal outgoing was the transfer of funds to the Monastère Saint-Benoit (£153,500.00) in support of its life and work, principally towards capital repayments on its property and its renovation and reconstruction of the medieval buildings. Subsidiary outgoings included the fees for the theological education of one of the monks of the monastery (£2,900.00) and other items such as fabric for habits, incense, candles and other church supplies, and books (£1,177.04) sourced in the UK.

This second full year of the Charity's operation has been successful in respect of its stated aims and the Trustees look forward to continuing their work once again in the coming year.

Given the continuing difficulties of travel, the Trustees have not been able to meet in person in the past year.

The majority of Trustees (Reid, Swithinbank, Jacques) have approved this report and the appended statement of accounts, accepting their external verification, by means of email to the Acting Chairman. The response of the remaining Trustee (Chadwick) had not been received by the date due for this report's submission.

DOM Alcuin REID
Acting Chairman of Trustees
5 February 2022



Friends of Monastere St Benoit Accounts for year ending 05/04/2021

Charity No. 1182277

Description	Amount £	Totals £
Income and Expenditure		
Receipts		
Cheques, cash and online payments	£67,345.00	
Friends of Justgiving	£20,544.38	
HMRC Gift Aid receipts	£10,484.12	
Total Donations	£98,373.50	
Loans	£20,000.00	
Total Receipts		£118,373.50
Payments		
General expenses	£1,177.04	
Education	£2,900.00	
Bank monthly fee	£69.00	
FX charge	£65.00	
Just giving monthly fee	£216.00	
Transfer to MSB	£153,500.00	
Total Payments		£157,927.04
Receipts less Payments		-£39,553.54
Balance Sheet		
Bank account balance as at 05/04/2020		£42,784.15
Excess expenditure over income		-£39,553.54
Bank account balance as at 04/04/2021		£3,230.61
Loan		£20,000.00

Basis of independent examiner's statement of books of account for Friends of Monastère St. Benoit.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.


Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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: or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102)

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.

Wayne P Kitcat MA
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Signed. 
Date..... 