



## FRIENDS OF THE MONASTÈRE SAINT-BENOÎT

### ANNUAL REPORT 2023

In the period ending 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

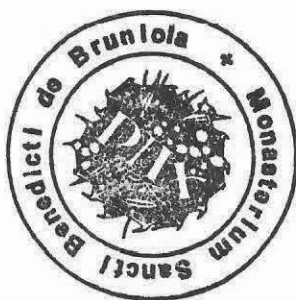
Once again, thanks to its diligent volunteer Secretary, the Charity's administrative expenses were minimal, comprising charges levied by financial institutions and by JustGiving.

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**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount £</b>	<b>Totals £</b>
<b>Income and Expenditure</b>		
<b>Receipts</b>		
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	
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>£75,903.87</b>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>75,903.87</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
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	
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>79,655.14</b>
<b>Receipts less Payments</b>		<b>(3,751.27)</b>
<b>Balance Sheet</b>		
<b>Bank account balance as at 05/04/2022</b>		<b>5,825.00</b>
<b>Excess of Income over expenditure</b>		<b>(3,751.27)</b>
<b>Bank account balance as at 05/04/2023</b>		<b>2,073.73</b>
<b>Loan B/fwd and C/fwd</b>		<b>20,000.00</b>
Bank balance as per bank statement 6/4/2022		5,825.00
Bank balance as per bank statement 5/4/2023		2,073.73
<b>Net movement in the bank account</b>		<b>3,751.27</b>

**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.

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Signed 

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