

The Friends of Farsley Rehoboth Burial Ground

Charity number 1182468

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025



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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2025

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Richard Hainsworth	Chair/Treasurer	
John Barker	Secretary	
Frances Barker	Fundraising and Communications Officer	
Linda Allen		
Paul Hogarth		Resigned 26 June 2024
Graham Moses		Resigned 21 May 2024
Graham Turner		

Charity number	1182468	Registered in England and Wales
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Registered and principal address	Bankers
16 Moorland View	Lloyds TSB Bank plc
Rodley	Ariel House
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Independent examiner

Rhys North ACA

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) association formed on 14 March 2019 and is governed by a constitution.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2025

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

To promote, for the public benefit, the preservation, care and improvement of Farsley Rehoboth Burial Ground as a place of historic and ecological interest.

To advance the education of the public through the preservation and maintenance of Farsley Rehoboth Burial Ground.

The charity's main activities

Following 11 years of neglect and locked gates we were established to purchase, reclaim and maintain the Farsley Rehoboth Burial Ground as a public open space and community asset.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the establishment of a community owned asset.

Achievements and performance

During the year under review the work on restoring the graveyard continued.

The landscaping and sale of Bereavement Services ashes plots continued to expand.

Further accessible paths were built and a number of historic graves were restored, in addition a total of 275 previously unmarked graves now have personalised grave markers.

A full planting and seeding strategy was adopted and implemented, our testing of Sedums as a viable surface for graves was successful and rolled out in Spring 2025.

Volunteer work sessions took place throughout the year on at least three days per week, with local volunteers augmented by Duke of Edinburgh's Award Students and corporate volunteers.

A highlight was the awarding of The King's Award for Voluntary Service (KAVS), known as "The MBE for Voluntary Groups", to our charity in November 2024.

Research and family visits took place regularly with a well supported Heritage Open Day in September as well as our annual Armistice Day Service.

We maintained a strong social media and community presence with a regularly updated web site and database.

Financial review

The net receipts for the year were £6,063, including net receipts of £4,599 on unrestricted funds and net receipts of £1,464 on restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £36,028.

The trustees, based upon a review of the CIO's fixed cost commitments, have set a minimum reserves target of £7,000 which will be reviewed in the financial year 2025-2026 with a recommendation to increase the minimum due to expanded areas of work including Bereavement Services.

The trustees recognise that actual reserves exceed the minimum target level and expect to reduce the level of reserves as additional works to the Burial Ground are being planned in the coming year.

Approved by the board of trustees on 26/1/2026

Richard Hainsworth (Trustee)

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Friends of Farsley Rehoboth Burial Ground

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act;
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Rhys North ACA

27/1/2026

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Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025	2025	2025	2024
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	7,732	7,960	15,692	19,930
Fundraising		-	-	-	1,372
Gift Aid		765	-	765	709
Bereavement services		10,119	-	10,119	11,340
Other income		174	1,096	1,270	423
Interest received		729	-	729	217
Total receipts		<u>19,519</u>	<u>9,056</u>	<u>28,575</u>	<u>33,991</u>
Payments					
Maintenance costs		1,497	165	1,662	1,095
Graveyard improvements		3,493	5,520	9,013	13,342
Benches		-	-	-	377
Equipment		1,248	240	1,488	2,877
Insurance		407	-	407	363
Admin, publicity and promotion		1,239	572	1,811	1,070
Volunteer costs		2,652	41	2,693	943
Subscriptions		802	1,054	1,856	966
Remembrance related costs		804	-	804	173
Utilities		309	-	309	405
Independent examination		900	-	900	780
Toilet hire		1,569	-	1,569	1,553
Total payments		<u>14,920</u>	<u>7,592</u>	<u>22,512</u>	<u>23,944</u>
Net receipts / (payments)		<u>4,599</u>	<u>1,464</u>	<u>6,063</u>	<u>10,047</u>
Fund balances brought forward		<u>31,429</u>	<u>2,516</u>	<u>33,945</u>	<u>23,898</u>
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	<u>36,028</u>	<u>3,980</u>	<u>40,008</u>	<u>33,945</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 31 March 2025

	2025	2025	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	36,028	3,980	40,008	33,945
Total cash funds	<u>36,028</u>	<u>3,980</u>	<u>40,008</u>	<u>33,945</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use, at cost:

Burial Grounds land	30,000
Container	<u>1,200</u>
	<u>31,200</u>

Liabilities

	2025
	£
Accruals	<u>924</u>
	<u>924</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 26/1/2026

Richard Hainsworth (Trustee)

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

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Notes to the accounts continued

for the year ended 31 March 2025

2 Grants and donations	2025	2025	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
Aviva	4,693	-	4,693	9,899
Borough of Pudsey Charity	-	1,000	1,000	400
Cooperative Local Community Fund	500	-	500	2,365
Leeds Civic Trust	-	60	60	150
Leeds Community Foundation	-	2,900	2,900	1,500
Neighbourly - Coca Cola	600	-	600	1,000
Wades Charity	-	4,000	4,000	-
Asda	-	-	-	400
Liverpool Victoria	-	-	-	250
Movement for Good	-	-	-	2,000
Volunteering Matters	-	-	-	100
Other donations	1,939	-	1,939	1,866
	<u>7,732</u>	<u>7,960</u>	<u>15,692</u>	<u>19,930</u>

3 Restricted funds	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Wades Charity	-	4,000	3,330	-	670
Borough of Pudsey Charity	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
National Heritage Lottery Fund	2,216	-	1,252	-	964
Grave Markers	-	1,096	856	-	240
Leeds Community Fund 24/25	-	2,900	794	-	2,106
Heritage Open Day	110	60	170	-	-
Leeds Community Fund 23/24	190	-	190	-	-
	<u>2,516</u>	<u>9,056</u>	<u>7,592</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,980</u>

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
Wades Charity	To contribute to improvements to the burial grounds for the installation of handrails.
Borough of Pudsey Charity	To contribute towards the cost of grave markers.
National Heritage Lottery Fund	To support website development; a Book of Remembrance; signage; heritage protection costs; and heritage events.
Grave Markers	To enable the purchase and installation of grave markers.
Leeds Community Fund 24/25	To support improvements to the burial grounds through the use of sedums and solar powered irrigation.
Heritage Open Day	To support costs associated with the running of a Heritage Open Day.
Leeds Community Fund 23/24	To support improvements to the burial grounds which will respond to the challenges of climate action.

4 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.