

THE COVENHAM ST BARTHOLOMEW HERITAGE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1183927

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-06-17

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE (I) FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT TO SECURE THE PRESERVATION, CONSERVATION, REPAIR, MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT, UPKEEP, BEAUTIFICATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CHURCH OF COVENHAM ST BARTHOLOMEW, LINCOLNSHIRE AND OF FIXTURES AND FITTINGS IN SUCH CHURCH AND; (II) TO USE THE SAID CHURCH FOR SUCH RELIGIOUS AND OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL BE PERMISSIBLE UNDER THE REDUNDANCY SCHEME PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF THE SAID CHURCH UNDER THE PROCEDURES OF THE PASTORAL MEASURE 1983 AS SUPERSEDED BY THE MISSION AND PASTORAL MEASURE 2011.

Activities: To maintain the church of Covenham St Bartholomew for the benefit of the nation

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Lincolnshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£8,639	£10,536	-	-
2024-06-30	£18,788	£25,532	-	-
2023-06-30	£15,722	£397	-	-
2022-07-23	£1,987	£750	-	-
2021-07-23	£32,632	£31,483	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANNE FIONA MARIA GRAY	Chair	2019-06-17
Dr Allan Benjamin Barton		2023-07-10
Ian Charles Fazakerley		2019-06-17
Nicola Ann Gulley-Brown		2022-07-08

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The Covenham St Bartholomew Heritage Trust

Sixth Annual Report of the Trustees for the year ending 30 June 2025

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As a result of both the extensive survey completed in 2024 and the continued deterioration of the existing temporary roof, Listed Consent and Planning Permission were obtained to allow the fitting of a temporary steel roof. Parallel to this, discussions continue with Historic England for further funding to enable us to continue to protect the Church building.

The last AGM was held at Ashtree House in Covenham on 3rd September 2024 with apologies from Allan Barton due to illness. Mrs Ali Fazakerley continues as honorary treasurer. Trustees met on one occasion in person and otherwise by Google meet. This saves high expenditure on travel as well as journey time, but it should be recorded that no trustee has to date ever claimed any travel expenses from the charity.

Churchyard and ecology

The maintenance of the churchyard continues to be carried out by volunteers, although due to external factors only one gardening party was arranged during the year. The Barn Owls have bred again in the tower.

Encouraging wider interest and support

We had a trickle of visitors throughout the year, who were let in and guided by Diane Seddon who continues to be a key holder, for which the trustees are very thankful.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is controlled by its governing document and is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. In carrying out the business of the Trust, Trustees pay due regard to the advice of The Charity Commission relevant to the administration of the Charity. The principal address of the charity was altered during the year.

Reference and Administrative Details

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Dr Allan Barton (for 3 years from 2023 to 2026)

Bankers

Barclays LLP, Leicester. LE87 2BB

Approved by the Trustees

Signed (Trustee)

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The Covenham St Bartholomew Heritage Trust Annual Accounts 01 July 2024 – 30 June 2025

The Covenham St Bartholomew Heritage Trust		Annual Accounts 2024-2025		
Date	Item	Income	Expenditure	Balance
				£10,251.60
Balance B/Fwd				
JULY 2024				
Asstd	Monthly D/D Donations	£45.00		
2nd	IC&A Fazakerley Donation	£10.00		
17th	Donation	£200.00		£10,506.60
AUGUST 2024				
Asstd	Monthly D/D Donations	£45.00		
5th	Parish Council Grant for churchyard	£250.00		
18th	Morton Partnership - Inv 35116		£3,093.00	£7,708.60
SEPTEMBER				
Asstd	Monthly D/D Donations	£45.00		
5th	Fazakerley - Visitor Donation	£10.00		
5th	IC&A Fazakerley - Donation	£20.00		
16th	Fazakerley Reimbursements		£342.33	

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25th	EMB Ltd – LPWS Grant VAT repayment	£1,891.93		£9,333.20
OCTOBER				
Asstd	Monthly D/D Donations	£45.00		
7th	Give as you Live	£15.31		
3rd	Fazakerley Direct Cr – Sales of glasses to CVV	£10.00		£9,403.51
NOVEMBER				
Asstd	Monthly D/D Donations	£45.00		
4th	Rodden and Cooper Inv 9309		£4,152.00	£5,296.51
DECEMBER				
Asstd	Monthly D/D Donations	£45.00		£5,341.51
JANUARY	2025			
Asstd	Monthly D/D Donations	£45.00		
7th	Castree Ltd Inv 2659		£1,400.00	
17th	Historic England – Grant	£3,519.00		
22nd	HMRC Charities – Gift Aid repayment	£238.57		
27th	Morton Partnership - Inv 35644		£963.00	
27th	Fazakerley – Direct Donation	£10.00		
28th	EMB Ltd – LPWS Grant – VAT Repayment	£1,042.50		£7,833.58
FEBRUARY				
Asstd	Monthly D/D Donations	£45.00		
28th	Fazakerley Direct Cr – Donation	£10.00		£7,888.58
MARCH				
Asstd	Monthly D/D Donations	£45.00		
7th	HMRC Charities – Gift Aid repayment	£432.48		£8,366.06
APRIL				
Asstd	Monthly D/D Donations	£45.00		
16th	Fazakerley Direct Cr – Donation	£20.00		
7th	CVV – Donation Photo event by Diane Sedd	£139.26		
7th	Castree Ltd CrN2659 Refund	£260.00		£8,830.32
MAY				
Asstd	Monthly D/D Donations	£45.00		
1st	Fazakerley Direct Cr – Donation	£10.00		£8,885.32
JUNE				
Asstd	Monthly D/D Donations	£45.00		
9th	Fazakerley Direct Cr – Donation	£10.00		
16th	Fazakerley Riembursement – Access Insurance		£202.40	
16th	Fazakerley Riembursement – ELDC		£383.00	£8,354.92
		Income	Expenditure	Balance
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR		£8,639.05	£10,535.73	£8,354.92

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The last AGM was held online via 'Google Meet' on 10th July 2023 with all trustees present, when Dr Alan Barton was elected as a trustee, bringing the number to the maximum of 5. Sadly, shortly afterwards Mrs Di Seddon resigned as a trustee due to health reasons, but continues to maintain a keen interest in the church. Mrs Ali Fazakerley kindly offered to take over as honorary treasurer, a role for which Di had been responsible since the CIO was set up in 2019. Trustees are most grateful to Ali for this. Mrs Nicky Gulley-Brown was authorised as an additional bank signatory. Trustees met on one occasion in person and otherwise by electronic means. This saves high expenditure on travel as well as journey time, but it should be recorded that no trustee has to date ever claimed any travel expenses from the charity.

We have been undergoing an extensive building survey at St. Bartholomew's for the majority of the past twelve months funded by the Historic England grant awarded at the beginning of 2023. The actual work completed hasn't taken that length of time but the organisation and completion of each aspect of the survey has!

Several disparate teams have been involved in different investigations into archaeology, drainage, woodwork, ecology and pews amongst other things, but we now have a suite of documents that

reflect the extent of works required. This work will be costed in due course and decisions made concerning our future plans for the building.

During the year the church suffered vandalism in the form of graffiti on the exterior of the north wall. From other similar graffiti at St. Mary's Church in Covenham St Mary, it appears the perpetrator is a fan of a band called Slipknot. Historic England found some additional funds for us to have the graffiti removed in conjunction with the survey work, for which we were extremely grateful. The red paint used was on a variety of surfaces from very porous to extremely hard so a variety of techniques were required in its removal. Excellent results were achieved and the residual staining has disappeared over the winter months.

The recent structural survey found that a purlin at the west end and a support beam in the tower need remedial work so both are being repaired. The work has been costed, funds allocated and we await commencement of the repairs. As we are unsure of the level of damage to the support beam on the tower we are having to close the church to visitors, as we have no desire to take unnecessary risk. Unfortunately, this prevents us from organising events for the public at St. Barts. until the work is finished, though volunteers are still working inside, with an increased awareness of potential issues.

Churchyard and ecology

The survey pits in the churchyard are now grassing over nicely and the maintenance of the churchyard continues to be carried out by volunteers.

Encouraging wider interest and support

A successful 'Ghost Evening was held in October' in conjunction with CVV (Covenham Village Volunteers). The Trust was most grateful for an ELDC Community Grant via Councillor Edward Mossop which helped fund the infrastructure for this community event. The evening was a sell-out and included ghost stories around the fire (in a firepit in the churchyard) told by Allan Barton and Victorian food and drink.

Although trustees had planned another event in the Spring, unfortunately because of the ongoing survey work it has not been possible for this to take place but we very much hope that community events can be resumed before too long so we do not lose momentum, nor the extensive goodwill towards the church which has built up in the community during the past five years.

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Mrs Diane Seddon (for 3 years from 2021 to 2024) (resigned in August 2023)

Mrs Anne Gray (for 3 years from 2023 to 2026)

Dr Allan Barton (for 3 years from 2023 to 2026)

Bankers

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Approved by the Trustees

Signed (Trustee)

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Covenham St Bartholomew Heritage Trust - Annual Accounts 2023-2024				
Date	Item	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Balance B/Fwd				£16,995.65
JULY 2023				
Asstd	Monthly D/D Donations	£80.00		
13th	Paypal	£369.54		
17th	Faz/Donations and Honey Sales	£18.90		
17th	Tens license repaid from Summer Bash shareout	£21.00		
17th	Cash in Hand returned to bank	150.00*		

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17th	ProfitShare from Summer Bash	£265.27	
31st	Grant Donation from Parish Council towards churchyard up keep	£250.00	£18,150.36
AUGUST 2023			
7th	GandI - mail box 1 yr - Paid via Paypal		£51.76
30th	St Peters Brewery - Plum Porter		£294.91
Asstd	Monthly D/D Donations	£80.00	£17,883.69
SEPTEMBER			
Asstd	Monthly D/D Donations	£80.00	
6th	ELDC - Tens for Ghost talk		£21.00 £17,942.69
OCTOBER			
Asstd	Monthly D/D Donations	£65.00	
15th	Profits from Ghost Talk Event	£434.97	
16th	James Brennan Assoc - Inv 2255		£4,500.00
27th	The Morton Partnership - Inv 34151		£3,030.00
29th	- reimbursement for insulated food boxes		£96.95
31st	Archaeological Project Services - Inv 8042		£180.00
30th	EDLC- Councillors Community Grant	£500.00	
			£11,135.71
NOVEMBER			
6th	Donation from Harvik Solutions/Faz	£8.00	
17th	Beer Sales & Donation	£60.40	
29th	Give as you live	£15.12	
30th	Archaeological Project Services - Inv 8059		£2,124.00
Asstd	Monthly D/D Donations	£65.00	
			£9,160.23
DECEMBER			
1ST	Building Conservation Solutions Ltd - Inv 23-12-01		£1,941.12
5th	Skillingtons - Inv D3719		£1,800.00
19th	The Morton Partnership		£2,397.00
Asstd	Monthly D/D Donations	£65.00	
22nd	ELDC - Tens for Dec Beer Sales		£21.00
			£3,066.11
JANUARY 2024			
Asstd	Monthly D/D Donations	£65.00	
15th	Dec Beer Sales	£63.60	£3,194.71
FEBRUARY			
Asstd	Monthly D/D Donations	£45.00	
2nd	Donation	£10.00	

19th	Handwritten Donation	£26.94	
26th	Listed Places of Worship/DCMS	£2,662.02	£5,938.67
MARCH			
Asstd	Monthly D/D Donations	£45.00	
11th	-Donation	£1,000.00	
20th	Historic England	£11,588.00	
Asstd	Paypal Donations	£271.12	
26th	Building Conservation Solutions Ltd / Inv 231201sup		£970.56
26th	Archaeological Project Services / Inv 8069		£1,920.00
Astd	Amazon/Paypal Purchases with Coun- cillors grant		£335.35
15th	Skillingtons / InvD3765		£3,282.00
			£12,334.88
APRIL			
Asstd	Monthly D/D Donations	£45.00	
3rd	Paypal - CVV borrowed Card Reader	£167.02	
5th	CVV - Card Reader takings		£167.02
8th	Paypal - CVV borrowed Card Reader	£111.02	
9th	CVV - Card Reader takings		£111.02
5th	Morton Partnership Inv 34704		£1,926.00
29th	Donation via Paypal - £20 less fees	£19.12	£10,473.00
MAY			
Asstd	Monthly D/D Donations	£45.00	
14th	(Pink Skip Invoice reim- bursed)		£160.00
20th	Sale of engraved glasses	£11.00	£10,369.00
JUNE			
Asstd	Monthly D/D Donations	£45.00	
05th	Access Insurance		£202.40
18th	Donation	£40.00	£10,251.60
Subtotals		£18,788.04	£25,532.09
Closing Bal- ance			£10,251.60

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Third Annual Report of the Trustees for the year ending 10 July 2023

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The constitution of the CIO limits voting rights solely to the Trustees. The 2022 AGM was held at the Brackenborough Arms Hotel on 15th July 2022. Ian Fazakerley was re-elected as a trustee for a further 3 years and Nicky Gulley-Brown elected for the same period. The constitution also provides for meetings via electronic means, which is the usual form of Trustees' meetings as being the most cost-effective and time-efficient. Trustees have held two face-to-face meetings and have otherwise relied on electronic communications.

The past year has been busy, both in terms of progress on the building and events.

Our last annual report mentioned our intention to embark on an application for funding for vital investigations on the structure of walls, roofs and floors, drainage, archaeology and ecology which are necessary to inform how and where we proceed with the next stage of restoration. Shortly after the last AGM Trustees met online to discuss this with Hanna Good of Historic England and her successor, Amanda White, and we sent a detailed application to HE at the end of September. We heard in December that we had been successful and been awarded another £25,000 grant. There are stringent requirements attached to such a grant, which include a procurement exercise involving advertising for competitive tendering for a lead professional. This took place between January and March. Trustees then had to undertake an evaluation and scoring exercise and just before Easter we were delighted to offer a contract to Lucy Newport, CARE Registered Engineer of The Morton Partnership to oversee the work, which will also involve services of a quantity surveyor and ecologist. We met onsite with Lucy and Amanda towards the end of May and the work is scheduled to take place during the summer.

Temporary Nave Roof Covering

The innovative approach to weatherproofing the roof using a layer of lorry curtain sides topped by two layers of poly tunnel sheeting and held down by battens has now been in place for 16 months. Trustees who live locally continue to keep an eye on it, assisted by photographs taken by drone by Di and to date it is holding well and keeping the nave rain-free.

Churchyard and Ecology

Due to the extremely mild weather leading up to last Christmas we did not have our usual working parties to clear the leaf litter as most were still on the trees! We have cut ivy again this spring, maintained a path around the churchyard and cut down the cow parsley. The north side hedge will be trimmed again after the nesting season. Some additional buckthorn planting has been done on the west side hedge and the sycamore trimmed back again. Plant species thriving include snowdrops, primrose, bluebells, violets, arum lily and snakes head fritillary. Due to the regular strimming some of more delicate grass species are also returning.

Encouraging wider interest and support

In terms of events, St Bart's has probably had its busiest year since it became redundant. Last year's successful Jubilee and Heritage Skills and Crafts events have been followed first by a Coronation Bash in the churchyard, complete with band 'Girl gone Rockin'', bangers and beer and much else besides and attended by over 200 people. The event was hosted jointly with the Covenham Village Volunteers (CVV) and proceeds divided equally. A handy canopy constructed by volunteers under Ian's direction and erected in the churchyard before outdoor events, has helped to shield visitors from any rain.

Immediately before the AGM in July there was another successful event – Beer and Bangers, with live music by 'Broomstick', tea, coffee and cake in the churchyard and the Skypwith Arms inside the church doing a roaring trade. Thanks must go to all the volunteers who help on these occasions, too numerous to name, though special mentions to Laura and Tilly who were a great help volunteering as part of their bronze DofE and to Ali for all her help behind the scenes, both at events and with the Give as You Live and Amazon platforms. She is a trustee in everything but name and always a welcoming host at meetings.

A chance visitor to St Barts early in April has proved to be a great blessing to us in several ways. Dr Allan Barton, whose PhD was in the History of Art, called on Ian and Ali to ask for the key and subsequently made a video about the church broadcast online on his YouTube Antiquarian channel. So far this has resulted in over 4,500 views worldwide, so the church is probably better known than it has ever been in its existence. Happily over £600 has been donated to the Trust by people who have watched this. Additionally Allan, who grew up less than 5 miles from St Barts, and who says that it was instrumental in forming his passion for mediaeval church architecture, has accepted an invitation to become the fifth trustee and is due to be elected at the forthcoming AGM.

Planning for the future

Further to our successful grant application to Historic England for the fabric, we have also started to pursue is to investigate all future potential uses for the chancel & transept of St Barts which will sustainably preserve its historical and architectural integrity for the future whilst involving the widest number of people from the community and further afield. Discussions include the development of the successful training scheme pioneered by Richard Jordan and Sarah Moore as well as other diverse community uses. For that purpose trustees, together with both Hanna and Amanda of HE, held an online meeting with Lesley Owen-Jones of the National Heritage Lottery Fund to discuss the possibility of applying for a resilience grant which could fund this. Since then we have held further discussions and hope to be in a position to submit a grant application in the relatively near future. As the NHLF is changing its grants strategy imminently to embark on Heritage 2033, we are waiting to hear further details about the changes and decide whether to apply under the existing or new framework.

Financial Review

Income for 2022-23 was £15721.75 and expenditure was £397.40. The bulk of the income has been £12,875 upfront payment of half of the grant from Historic England. As well as profits from the events held in the churchyard, regular standing orders are gradually increasing. Amazon Smile is no longer available but some money has trickled in from transactions before it ceased. To date £663.48 has been received in donations via Paypal following Allan Barton's YouTube video on St Bart's.

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Covenham St Bartholomew Heritage Trust	01 July 2022 to 30th June 2023	Income (£)	Expenditure (£)	Running Balance (£)	Notes
Balance B/Fwd				1,671.30	plus 602.84 Cash in Hand
July 2022	Standing Orders	60.00			
	Direct Credit - A Grey (Beer)	9.00			
	Direct Credit - R Jordan (Beer)	22.50			
	Direct Credit - D Seddon(Collection Tin)	62.70		1,825.50	
August 2022	Standing Orders	60.00			
	Payment to Cleethorpes Band - re chairs		30.00		
	Cash Payment from Heritage Events/Donations / Fazakerley	245.23			
	Amazon Europe	7.83			
	Deposit Re 47 Grimsby -Jubilee Day profit	475.74			452.84 Jubilee Day profit (Cash in Hand Returned to Bank) plus £22.90 Donations/Honey Sales
				2,584.30	
September	Standing Orders	60.00		2,644.30	
October	Standing Orders	60.00			
	CVV Donation (print auction)	140.00		2,844.30	
November	Standing Orders	60.00			
	Amazon Europe	6.75		2,911.05	
December	Standing Orders	60.00		2,971.05	
January 2023	Standing Orders	70.00			
	Direct Credit - Grant Donation - Parish Council	50.00		3,098.39	Ian made several trips to collect chairs from Manby for Parish Rms
	Amazon Europe	7.34			

Covenham St Bartholomew Heritage Trust	Continued...	Income (£)	Expenditure (£)	Running Balance (£)	Notes
February 2023	Standing Orders	70.00			
	Cheque for TENS Licence		21.00		
	Historic England Grant	12,875.00		16,022.39	
March	Standing Orders	70.00		16,092.39	
April	Standing Orders	70.00			
	Paypal Donations from online Video	557.41			
	Direct Credit - Amazon Europe	5.00		16,724.80	
May	Standing Orders	80.00			
	Credit from Paypal	106.07			
	Payment to Simon Plumb (Beer)		133.00		
	Direct Credit - Amazon Europe	16.87		16,794.74	
June	Standing Orders	80.00			
	TENS Licence		21.00		
	Insurance		192.40		
	Counter Credit (Fazakerley) 9th	324.31			Profit Share of Coronation Celebrations
	Counter Credit (Fazakerley) 9th (Angela Aylett)	10.00		16,995.65	Share of profit of sale of tea & cake at plant sale
		15,721.75	397.40	16,995.65	
Cash at Bank				16,995.65	
Cash In Hand (Float money)				150.00	
Total Funds Available				17,145.65	
					Years Bank Summary
					Opening Balance 1671.30
					Income 15721.75
					Expenditure 397.40
					Balance C/Fwd 16995.65

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Temporary Nave Roof Covering

The previous two temporary polythene roof coverings on the nave where the lead was stolen had both rapidly failed, resulting in ripped material and rain pouring through the resulting holes. We first assumed that UV was damaging the membrane materials being used; however a specialist advised that he believed sulphur-based treatments used by the Victorians were responsible. So in March 2022 we tried an experimental approach to weather-proofing the roof, using the much denser material of discarded curtain sides from lorries which we considered would form an excellent barrier from the sulphur.

To separate the membrane from direct contact with the roofing timber we first collected enough curtain sides to cover the woodwork. They were more difficult to acquire free of charge but we finally managed to get a sufficient number. Two layers of poly-tunnel sheeting were then applied and battened down,

the top sheet being of woven construction for additional strength. A two-foot overhang of the top sheet was left to cover the guttering. This has protected the wall plates from rain and so far the walls are now free from damp and algae to a large degree as a result. The real test will be the forthcoming winter.

We are grateful to Richard Jordan and his gang of volunteer roofers who helped to complete this project.

Churchyard and Ecology

The churchyard is the responsibility of the Parish Council and had been neglected for many years, with Cow Parsley and thistles being the predominant flora in preceding summer months. A team of volunteer gardeners (approx. twenty in total) now attend various working parties throughout the year, with the majority of the work being undertaken in the autumn. Ivy is cut at the base on trees and grave markers, fallen branches cleared and at least 10 x one tonne builders' bags of fallen leaves have been placed into our composting bin. This is then available for anyone to use the following year before we refill it. Trustees are grateful to the Parish Council for a donation towards the costs of maintenance.

Wild flowers are now returning and we also have an excellent display of snowdrops, primroses and bluebells leading into the summer.

Five species of bat have been identified flying within the churchyard and two (long eared brown and pipistrelle) within the church. We have barn owls using the bell tower as a feeding roost with badgers, muntjac and roe deer recorded on a trail camera within the grounds.

Planning for the future

The year 2021-22 has been much quieter than last year, when the south transept was successfully repaired following the award of a grant from the Historic England 'Covid19 Emergency Heritage at Risk Response' fund. However, this has enabled Trustees to consider and plan for next steps for the future.

One Potential future use of the church: Training in historic building skills

As reported last year, the south transept repairs enabled initiation of the pilot scheme of a not-for-profit conservation heritage skills training project pioneered by accredited heritage roofer Richard Jordan of Jordan Conservation Roofing Ltd and architect Sarah Moore. It involved recruiting trainees from a bursary programme offered by the Historic Environment Skills (HES) project run by the Heritage Skills Centre at Lincoln Castle to carry out the work alongside professional craftspeople, and as a result, far more was achievable for the amount of funding than would normally have been possible. From another perspective it provided valuable training on a historic site and proved a tremendous learning opportunity for those involved, as evidenced by articles featuring two of the trainees on the Lincoln Castle site; Fede's trainee blog: <https://lincolncastle.com/content/fedes->

[trainee-blog](#) and Keiron's end of placement reflections: <https://lincolncastle.com/content/end-placement-reflections> . It is really gratifying to know that Covenham St Bartholomew church played such an important part in developing the careers of these and other trainees.

Both Richard Jordan and Sarah Moore are keen to continue to use the church as a training opportunity in this way and Trustees are equally keen to explore ways of enabling this. Towards the end of this reporting year we learnt that sadly the Skills Centre and Lincoln Castle has closed, which spurs us on even more to find ways of facilitating such training at Covenham St Bartholomew.

Encouraging wider interest and support

Another future use of the building is as a hub for the local community. Trustees therefore see one of their most important tasks is to encourage wider interest in and support for the building, particularly locally, so that those who will benefit are able to be involved in its restoration from the outset. On 4th June 2022 the first public event to take place after the two years blighted by the global Covid-19 pandemic were celebrations for HM Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee. The event consisted of a concert by local band B1200 in the churchyard, together with locally brewed beer served in the temporarily-named 'Skipwyth Arms' (the south transept, transformed courtesy of a Temporary Event Notice and named after Sir John Skipwyth or Skipwith, whose memorial brass is in the chancel). Considering the relatively small size of the village population, the event was exceptionally well-attended and many who took the opportunity to visit the building and learn about some of its history had never stepped inside before. All local Trustees assisted, but thanks are especially due to Ian and Ali Fazakerley who shouldered the lion's share of the work of preparing, running and clearing up after the event.

The next event, immediately prior to the end of the reporting year, was a Heritage Open Day, on 16th July 2022. As well as a BBQ and temporary opening of the 'Skipwyth Arms' there were demonstrations of several traditional building skills and heritage crafts, including slate dressing, roofing, stone letter cutting, bee skep making and arrow making. Other local charities and a plant nursery were invited to have stalls and the Covenham Village Volunteers sold home-made cakes and teas. All Trustees took part and helped, as did various members of their families and others, but once again thanks are due to Ian and Ali Fazakerley for undertaking the bulk of the work. This event was again highly successful in attracting people from the area and raising the profile of the building and the existence of the Trust. Also after a 2-year delay we were finally able to launch the 'Friends of Covenham St Bartholomew'. Several visitors expressed willingness to volunteer their time and/or skills in different ways and Trustees are in the process of following up these offers of help. It will be good to be able to share tasks more evenly in the future.

Restoration: next steps

Trustees are about to embark on an application for funding for vital investigations on the structure of walls, roofs and floors, drainage, archaeology and ecology which are necessary to inform how and

where we proceed with the next stage of restoration. Though the first steps may sound mundane, they may well prove to be the springboard for exciting restoration projects in the future. We hope to be able to report in much greater clarity and depth in the next annual report.

In carrying out the business of the Trust, Trustees pay due regard to the advice of The Charity Commission relevant to the administration of the Charity.

Financial Review

Income for 2021-22 was £1987 and expenditure was £750.44. The reason for the large drop in both income and expenditure since 2020-21 was because the Trust's funds have had to start being rebuilt almost from scratch after its contribution in the last financial year to the south transept repair. However, there has been the welcome addition of profits from both the Jubilee and Heritage Open Day events, enhanced by donations and several regular standing orders. The charity is registered as a recipient on the 'Give as You Live' <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/charity/stbartstrust> and 'Amazon Smile' platforms– in both of which those who register can choose the Covenham St Bartholomew Heritage Trust to benefit from a small proportion of purchase costs, without further charge to themselves. Trustees recognise that more fundraising events and opportunities combined with further applications from grant making trusts will need to increase when we move to a higher level of restoration.

Structure, Governance and Management

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Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Charity number 1183927

Principal Address

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Trustees

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Mrs Anne Gray (*for 4 years from 2019 to 2023*)

Ms Laura Clark (*for 3 years from 2020 to 2023*) (*resigned in July 2022 and replaced by*

Mrs Nicky Gulley-Brown)

Mrs Diane Seddon (*for 3 years from 2021 to 2024*)

Bankers

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Approved by the Trustees

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The Covenham St Bartholomew Heritage Trust Annual Accounts July 2021 – end June 2022

Covenham St Bartholomew Heritage Trust		2021 - 2022	Income (£)	Expenditure (£)	Running Balance (£)
Opening Balance end June 2021					1088.64
July		Standing Orders	50.00		
		Direct Credit - Fazakerley - Donation	10.00		
					1148.64
August		Standing Orders	50.00		
		XL Horticultural (Tree Felling)		176.40	
		Amazon Europe	7.47		
		Give as You Live	23.70		1053.41
September		Standing Orders	50.00		
		Cheque Deposit (Parish Council)	200.00		
		Paypal Credit	24.20		1327.61
October		Standing Orders	50.00		1377.61
November		Standing Orders	50.00		1427.61
December		Standing Orders	50.00		
		Amazon Europe	8.38		1485.99
January 2022		Standing Orders	50.00		
		Give as You Live	19.12		1555.11
February		Standing Orders	50.00		
		Amazon Europe	7.48		1612.59
March		Standing Orders	50.00		1662.59
April		Standing Orders	50.00		
	100008	Tedder Hall - Licence for Jubilee Celebrations		21.00	1691.59
May	100009	Liability Insurance		192.40	
		Standing Orders	50.00		
		Amazon Europe	5.00		1554.19

June		Standing Orders	60.00		
		Give as You Live	48.11		
		Parish Council Grant	200.00		
		Katrina Davies (Photos)	10.00		
		Payment to Simon Plumb for Covenham Beer		180.00	
	100010	Tedder Hall - Licence for Heritage Open Day		21.00	1671.30
Jubilee Event Account - All cash transactions	June 4th	Total Income From event - Float	813.54		
		Pub Sign		20.00	
		Lager Beer Wine etc		70.00	
		Ascot Tumblers		49.64	
		Jacklins Straw Bale Hire		20.00	
		Simon Plumb £180 (see June Payment)			
		TENS Licence £21 See June Payment)			
		Totals / Balance	1987.00	750.44	
Cash at the bank as at end June 2022		1671.30			
Cash in Hand		653.90	813.54-159.64 Jubilee Float Transactions all cash)		
Total Balance C/F to July 22		2325.20			

THE COVENHAM ST BARTHOLOMEW HERITAGE TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1183927

Accounts

The Covenham St Bartholomew Heritage Trust

Second Annual Report of the Trustees for the year ending 30 June 2021

Objectives and Public Benefit

The objects of the CIO are:

- (I) For the public benefit to secure the preservation, conservation, repair, maintenance, improvement, upkeep, beautification and reconstruction of the church of Covenham St Bartholomew, Lincolnshire and of fixtures and fittings in such church and;
- (II) To use the said church for such religious and other charitable purposes as shall be permissible under the Redundancy scheme providing for the appropriation of the said church under the procedures of the Pastoral Measure 1983 as superseded by the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011.

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The year 2020-21 has been most eventful. In 2019 Trustees reported that St Bartholomew's had been placed on the Buildings at Risk register and that the south transept was in such a precarious situation that action had to be taken to fence it off and close it to visitors following a letter from Lincs Building Consultancy ordering immediate action.

Immediately prior to the 2020 AGM, trustees were alerted to the Covid19 Emergency Heritage at Risk Response fund administered by Historic England simultaneously by Hanna Good, Historic England's Heritage at Risk Projects Officer for the Midlands and also through an article in The Church Times. Trustees immediately agreed to register an Expression of Interest which had to be submitted by 28th June 2020. Having passed that first stage we were then invited to prepare for a full application, which had to be submitted by the end of August 2020. On 8th October 2020 we were informed we had been successful in securing the maximum possible grant of £25,000 + £950 for VAT, subject both to stringent conditions and the provision of another £5,000 from the Charity's own

funds. The grant was awarded to commission 1) a condition survey; 2) an ecology report, 3) to re-roof the south transept roof and 4) consolidate the south transept walls. One of the chief conditions was that the conservation work had to be completed within an exceptionally tight timeframe of 5 weeks, starting on 2nd November 2020 and concluding on 5th December 2020.

Following competitive tendering, the Morton Partnership was appointed to oversee the project, with conservation accredited engineers Edward Morton and Lucy Newport acting as lead professionals. Rather than invite tenders for the conservation work, we were permitted by Historic England to initiate the pilot scheme of a not-for-profit conservation heritage skills training project pioneered by accredited heritage roofer Richard Jordan of Jordan Conservation Roofing Ltd and architect Sarah Moore. This involved recruiting trainees from a bursary programme offered by the Historic Environment Skills (HES) project run by the Heritage Skills Centre in Lincoln to carry out the work alongside professional craftspeople. Consequently far more was achievable for the amount of funding than would normally have been possible. Trustees were also grateful for the help and co-operation of Phil Parker, ecologist, who conducted the operational bat survey and obtained the prerequisite bat licence. We were delighted that the project was completed successfully and on time as a result of well co-ordinated teamwork by many people. Once the scaffolding had been erected, all existing slates and the ceilings of the south transept were removed, the roof timbers thoroughly inspected then repaired and/or reinstated and wall plates introduced to protect the rafters. The roof was then completely re-slatted, utilising about 50% of existing slates – the remainder being hand-cut in the traditional way under the supervision of Sarah-Mae Jordan – then masonry consolidation was carried out on the movement cracks and heads of the walls, particularly the south gable.

The net result is that the south transept, which was in imminent danger of collapse, has now been saved and looks resplendent in its conserved state. A further advantage was the valuable experience the practical work provided for trainees on the Traditional Pre-1919 Buildings course and the on-site educational experience for visiting SPAB Scholar and Craft Fellows.

In April 2021 trustees met at the church with a number of the professionals involved in the project, together with Emilie Wales, the East Lindsey Historic Environmental Officer and Amanda White, Historic England Heritage at Risk Surveyor, to 'sign off' the work. All agreed the project had been hugely successful.

Unfortunately, because of the strict covid restrictions whilst work was taking place, it was not possible to proceed with either the planned open days for specialist interest groups and the general public, nor the launch of the Friends of St Bartholomew, but trustees hope these can go ahead as soon as possible.

An update on the lead theft: in January 2021 4 men were jailed for a total of 22 years for theft of lead from 36 churches, including that of Covenham St Bartholomew. They were aided by borrowing a van from a person working for Amazon, so trustees contacted Amazon to see if they would like to contribute towards the repairs. As a result, they have added this charity to their list of charities on Amazon Smile. Anyone now registering via <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1183927-0> will now have

a small percentage of each purchase donated to this charity; not a great deal, but it all helps. Trustees are grateful to Ali Fazakerley for continuing to maintain a similar platform on Give as You Live.com.

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Financial Review

Income for 2020-21 was £32572.44 and expenditure was £31,483.80. The reason for the tremendous increase in income since 2019-20 was almost entirely due to direct payment of £25,950 from the Historic England Covid19 Emergency Heritage at Risk Response Fund, all of which was paid out directly. There are several regular standing orders and the charity is registered as a recipient on the 'Give as You Live' and 'Amazon Smile' platforms.

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August	Standing Orders	50.00		
	Direct Credit Paypal	499.84		5690.69
September	Standing Orders	50.00		
	Plant Sales and Donation (Fazakerley)	47.00		5787.69
October	Standing Orders	50.00		
	Cash Deposit to Bank	45.00		
	Payment to Phil Parker (Bat Survey Supplementary)		44.90	
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	CGE Ecology - Bat Survey		713.50	24652.29
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