

The Covenham St Bartholomew Heritage Trust

Fourth Annual Report of the Trustees for the year ending 30 June 2024

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scheme providing for the appropriation of the said church under the procedures of the Pastoral Measure 1983 as superseded by the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011.

Achievement and Performance

The Covenham St Bartholomew Heritage Trust was first registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 17 June 2019. It incorporates the former charity of the same name established by the late John Bowles in 1988, charity number 700816, which was formally dissolved by the Charity Commissioners on 14 December 2019.

The constitution of the CIO limits voting rights solely to the Trustees.

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.

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.

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Charity number 1183927

Principal Address

Ashtree House, Main Road, Covenham St Bartholomew, Louth LN11 0PF

Trustees

Mr Ian Fazakerley (for 3 years from 2022 to 2025)

Mrs Nicky Gulley-Brown (for 3 years from 2022 to 2025)

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

Barclays LLP, Leicester. LE87 2BB

Approved by the Trustees

Signed (Trustee)

The Covenham St Bartholomew Heritage Trust Annual Accounts 01 July 2023 – 30 June 2024

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