



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2025 **Period start date**
To 31st December 2025 **Period end date**

Charity name: The Friends of St James' Church Hamsterley, County Durham

Charity registration number: 1184033

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance culture and heritage in and around Hamsterley, County Durham, in particular by assisting in the preservation, maintenance, repair and improvement of the fabrics, fittings and contents of the church of St James, Hamsterley and its grounds.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Through targeted fundraising, by seeking donations and legacies, and by promoting the history of St James' church, the charity exists to advance culture and heritage in and around Hamsterley, County Durham.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	

Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The charity made grants to St James' Church to preserve the structure of the Grade I listed building.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	St James Church is preparing to undergo a major re-ordering program, and as a result only made requests for funding for urgent repairs this calendar year. The closing balance therefore increased to £13,929
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity has no policy for holding reserves.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Nil
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The charity does not anticipate having any uncovered liabilities or other reason for holding reserves
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Nil
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Membership subscriptions and donations at events
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution/Articles of Association
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed by resolution passed at a Trustee's meeting. The treasurer of St James' PCC is entitled to be a trustee, ex officio, but has not taken up office.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Friends of St James' Church Hamsterley, County Durham
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1184033
Charity's principal address	Orchard View, Hamsterley, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL13 3PP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Dominic Bayne	Chair		
2	Ady Davis	Treasurer		
3	Jonathan Ward			
4	Kate Bonas		Until 02.07.25	
5	Kira Bayne			
6	Marney Swan			
7	Neil Holloway			
8	Julieanne Weir		Until 01.06.25	
9	Barbara-Helen Carter-Ward			
10	Gayle Fidler			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

DOMINIC BAYNE

Full name(s)

Dominic Richard Noel Bayne

**Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)**

Chair

Date

13.06.25



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Charity Name	No (if any)
Friends of St James' Church Hamsterley	1184033

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1/1/2025		31/12/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
S01 Donations	624	-	-	624	-
S03 Other trading activity	782	-	-	782	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,406	-	-	1,406	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,406	-	-	1,406	-
A3 Payments					
S09 Charitable activities	600	-	-	600	-
S11 Other	48	-	-	48	-

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	648	-	-	648	-

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	

Total payments	648	-	-	648	-
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Net of receipts/(payments)	758	-	-	758	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,171	-	-	13,171	-
Cash funds this year end	13,929	-	-	13,929	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		13,929	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	13,929	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account (s))

OK

Unrestricted funds

to nearest £

OK

Restricted funds

to nearest £

OK

Endowment funds

to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

Details

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details

Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value (optional)

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details

Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value (optional)


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		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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		-	-
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B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Ady Davis	30/03/2026