

# THE FRIENDS OF ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, HIGH HALSTOW

England & Wales · Charity number 1189941

## Details

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Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2020-06-15
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE AND ASSIST IN THE MAINTENANCE, PRESERVATION AND UPKEEP OF THE GRADE 1 LISTED ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, HIGH HALSTOW INCLUDING THE CHURCHYARD, INTERIOR DECORATIONS AND FURNISHINGS AND TO FOSTER INTEREST IN THE CHURCH AND ITS HERITAGE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.

**Activities:** The Charity raises funds through Festivals, Exhibitions Concerts and Talks within the Village of High Halstow, by applying to funding bodies for grants and by collecting subscriptions from Members in order to restore and maintain the fabric of St Margaret's Church. The Roof, Windows, Pointing, Stonework, Heating, Wiring, Drainage and Internal Decoration are the priorities

## Classification

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- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Kent

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£15,019	£855	-	-
2024-03-31	£23,042	£25,955	-	-
2023-03-31	£13,106	£18,128	-	-
2022-03-31	£12,887	£17,338	-	-
2021-03-31	£47,213	£16,408	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>MICHAEL MEREDITH BA DEGREE</b>	Chair	2020-05-18
Carole Ann Cocup		2020-05-18
Christopher Alsford Cook		2020-05-18
David Anthony Laphorn		2022-01-31
GEORGE CROZER		2021-10-15
JUNE MARY COLLINS		2020-05-18
Mitchell Dowsett		2022-01-31
Raymond William Collins		2020-05-18
Rosemary Jane Cook		2020-05-18
Tamsin Elizabeth Stowers		2020-05-18

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# Accounts

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# The Friends of St. Margaret's Church, High Halstow CIO

Registered Charity Number 1189941

April 2025

## Chairman's Annual Report to Trustees.

The Friends of St. Margaret's Church have had a successful year with some very well supported events which, with members' subscriptions raised £26,835 This helped fund the £30,947 repairs to the Church roof replacing the temporary roofing that was installed after the theft of lead. This was a complicated process requiring employing an Architect, obtaining the necessary planning consent from the local council and approval from both English Heritage and the Diocese.

### **Organ restoration fund.**

The fund to restore our Victorian Church Organ has proved to be very popular and donations have been coming in steadily. This Fund is managed by the Friends of St. Margaret's but is a standalone item not drawing on our general fundraising or subscriptions. We will soon have sufficient funds to allow grant applications which will hopefully meet the restoration costs of circa £18,000.

### **Recent Events.**

#### **History Talks.**

In recent years a series of talks have been delivered which were well supported and very enjoyable. The most recent being an excellent talk by Ken Reynolds on "**The Life and Times of Thomas Aveling**", a local man born in Hoo and considered to be the father of the traction engine. Many interesting facts about Thomas Aveling and his company were learnt by the audience.

An earlier talk on the **History of Cinemas in the Medway Towns** was so popular that it has been recorded and is now available for viewing on **YouTube**. Many thanks to Ken.

## **Garden Party July 2024**

Sadly this event was cancelled due to the Rector's retirement.

## **Nashville Exile, 21. March 2025.**

An excellent evening in March 2024 with local band Nashville Exile was a "Sell out Evening" and we had no hesitation in asking them to return which they did on 21.3.2025. The concert made a net profit of £776.83. The band also enjoyed the evening and readily agreed to return in March 2026.

**Consideration** is being given to future Music Nights. Please let me know if you can recommend a band that would be suitable for our venue.

## **Christmas Cards.**

Ray Collins once again produced and sold good number of Christmas Cards at in the Post Office and Bradfords Garage.

## **Christmas Tree Festival.**

A wonderful success. The Church was magical for the Christmas Services and the Carol Concert.

## **Community Choir Concerts**

The Concert in July, "**Songs from the Musicals**" was a great success. This raised over £182, was well supported as was **The Christmas Concert in St. Margaret's Church**. Both were very enjoyable.

The concert celebrating "**The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Memorial Hall**", on 9.11.2024. was excellent and very much enjoyed by the many villagers who attended.

It should be remembered that the hall was built to celebrate those villagers who fought in the first world war and returned.



The Friends of St Margaret's  
are pleased to present

**High Halstow  
Community Choir  
Memorial Hall**



**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
7:30pm at The Memorial Hall  
High Halstow ME3 8SG**

*Adult Ticket - £6.00*

*Child's Ticket – Voluntary Contribution*

**Tickets available from the Village Shop or on the door  
Refreshments will be available on the night**

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The Friends are very grateful to the Community Choir who consistently support us and add greatly to Village life.

## **The Annual Scarecrow Festival, May - August 2024.**

Although the scarecrow festival was well advertised, a very disappointing number of scarecrows were displayed. Those on show were all excellent. Trustees have agreed to cancel the 2025 Festival.

## **Communication.**

Facebook is now being utilised much more effectively and we have a presence on our own Friends of St. Margaret's page, on the High Halstow Appreciation page and similar pages serving Cliffe, Allhallows, Hoo and Strood.

## **Wedding Photos**

Mitch Dowsett is continuing to coordinate the project to celebrate the role of St Margaret's in the community. In the October 2023 edition of the High Halstow Times you may have noted the article recording two Dowsett family weddings. If you have memories of events in which St. Margaret's Church played a significant part then please contact Mitch at [mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com](mailto:mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com)

## **Membership.**

In order to build upon our success, it is important that the "Friends" recruit new members. I am sure there are villagers who care about their church and wish to help preserve the oldest building in the village so that it remains our distinctive landmark and is available for generations to come. Membership Forms and details are available. <http://thefriendsofstmargarets.org.uk>

Mike Meredith. Chairman of Trustees.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name <b>The Friends of St Margaret's Church CIO</b>	No (if any) 1189941
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-24	To	Period end date 31-Mar-25
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Subscriptions	5,180	-	-	5,180	5,281
Gift Aid	1,117	-	-	1,117	1,176
Parochial Church Council	6,290	-	-	6,290	4,094
Legacy	-	-	-	-	10,000
Donations	1,174	-	-	1,174	4,108
Various fund raising activities	1,258	-	-	1,258	2,176
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>15,019</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,019</b>	<b>26,835</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>15,019</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,019</b>	<b>26,835</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Insurance	415	-	-	415	415
Stationary	-	-	-	-	7
Roof repairs	-	-	-	-	30,947
Miscellaneous	20	-	-	20	75
Organ repairs	420	-	-	420	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>31,444</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>31,444</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>14,164</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,164</b>	<b>4,609</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>34,715</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,715</b>	<b>39,323</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>48,879</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,879</b>	<b>34,714</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>48,879</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
#VALUE!	M Meredith	13/12/25
#VALUE!	R W Collins	<b>02-Sep-25</b>

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# Accounts

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# The Friends of St. Margaret's Church, High Halstow CIO

Registered Charity Number 1189941

October 2024

## Trustee's Annual Report

The Friends of St. Margaret's Church have had a successful year with well supported events which, with members' subscriptions raised £23,042 This helped fund the £25,458 repairs carried out in the year to the Church roof replacing the temporary roofing that was installed after the theft of lead. This was a complicated process requiring employing an Architect, obtaining the necessary planning consent from the local council and approval from both English Heritage and the Diocese.

### **Organ restoration fund.**

A fund has been set up to restore our Victorian Church Organ. It is proving to be very popular and donations have been coming in steadily. Alastair Curtis, an organ tuner and restorer has surveyed the Organ and is preparing a restoration specification and quotation of circa £18000.

### **Recent Events.**

#### **History Talks.**

A series of talks have been delivered which were well supported and very enjoyable. The most recent:-  
Ken Reynolds – “The Life and Times of Thomas Aveling”

#### **Garden Party July 2023**

Our stall displaying Scarecrows and encouraging children to play games with no charge was a successful “Awareness Raiser”

### **Music Night, March 2024.**

An excellent evening with local band Nashville Exile who chose to support the friends by making no charge for their performance. It was a "Sell Out Evening" and we hope to have them return.

### **Christmas Cards.**

Ray Collins once again produced and sold good number of Christmas Cards at the Christmas Fair and in the Post Office.

### **Christmas Tree Festival.**

A wonderful success. The Church was magical for the Christmas Services and the Carol Concert, which was packed with villagers.

### **"Songs from the Musicals"**

The Community Choir Concert in July was a great success. This raised over £182, was well supported as was The Christmas Concert in St. Margaret's Church and both were very enjoyable. The Friends are very grateful to the Community Choir who consistently support us and add greatly to Village life.

### **The Annual Scarecrow Festival, May - August 2023.**

Scarecrows were displayed in front gardens throughout the summer. A display at the Rectory Garden party on July 1<sup>st</sup> proved popular.

### **Forthcoming Events.**

At a recent Trustees Meeting the following were agreed:-

### **Community Choir Concerts**

Commencing with:-



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**Consideration** is being given to future Music Nights and the viability of The Annual Scarecrow Festival.

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Mike Meredith. Chairman of Trustees.

## **THE FRIENDS OF ST MARGARET'S CHURCH CIO ACCOUNTS 2023/24 FINANCIAL REPORT APRIL 2024**

### **Subscriptions**

We currently have 44 subscribers

42 monthly, 2 annually and 1 four weekly

### **Income**

Included a £10,000 Legacy

### **Expenditure**

£30947.04 was spent on Church roof repairs

Administration costs were £597.08

### **Current Funds**

Bank	£33550.07
Cash in hand	£25.48
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>£33575.55</b>

### **Earmarked Reserves**

Organ fund	£5500
Window repairs	£3728
Grouting	£1500
Decoration	£1000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£11728</b>

### **Debtors**

Gift Aid	£1149.13
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Which will be claimed for in the new financial year

### **Accounts**

These have been independently audited

**R W Collins**  
**Treasurer**  
**April 2024**

**AUDITOR** - Gary Thomas

Recently retired from Medway Council where he was responsible for:-

The implementation and managing of the main finance management systems  
 Managing Exchequer Services (payments, debt management and cashiering)  
 Managing insurance requirements and claim processing

Friends of St Margaret's High Halstow				
Profit & Loss Account				
For The Year Ended 31st March 2024				
	2022/23		2023/24	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
<b>General</b>				
Subscriptions	5,504.00		5,281.00	
Gift Aid	1,330.87		1,176.06	
Donations	1,729.11		4,118.43	
PCC repayment	2,641.97		290.68	
Legacy			10,000.00	
		11,205.95		20,866.17
<b>Fund Raising</b>				
Scarecrow Festival	210.22		171.17	
Summer Concert	154.80		182.86	
Christmas Tree Festival	200.15		101.14	
Christmas Cards	114.30		129.30	
Flower Festival	324.65		0.00	
M Bufford collection			172.81	
Coffee Tree				
Nashville Exile	0.00		851.13	
Village events	93.49		54.40	
Gardening	220.00		0.00	
Christmas Concert	304.75		494.90	
Amazon	5.00		18.41	
History Talks	272.80		0.00	
		1900.16		2176.12
<b>Total Income</b>		13106.11		23042.29
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Insurance	415.23		415.23	
Stationery			6.85	
Roof Repairs	1394.20		25458.53	
Window renovation				
Miscellaneous	76.00		75.00	
Quinquennial repairs	16243.33		0.00	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		18128.76		25955.61
Excess Expenditure Over Income		-5022.65		-2913.32
Excess Income Over Expenditure				

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England & Wales - Charity number 1189941

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# Accounts

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# The Friends of St. Margaret's Church, High Halstow CIO

Registered Charity Number 1189941

June 2023

## Trustee's Annual Report

The Friends of St. Margaret's Church have had a successful year with well supported events which, with members' subscriptions raised £13,106 This helped fund the £17,713 repairs carried out in the year to the Church in line with the quinquennial survey.

Our next challenge is to support the Parochial Church Council in helping to fund the replacement of the temporary roofing that was installed after the theft of lead. This is a complicated process and an Architect has been appointed. Currently the necessary planning consent is awaited from the local council who liaise with English Heritage. Approval will then be sought from the Diocese.

### **Organ restoration fund.**

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### **Recent Events.**

#### **History Talks.**

A series of talks have been delivered this winter and spring which were well supported and very enjoyable. They were:-

Len Feist – “The History of the Hoo Peninsula”.

Ken Reynolds – “The Railways of the Hoo Peninsula”.

Ken Reynolds – “Cinemas of the Medway Towns”.

Peter Hartley, a former Royal Equerry – “A Royal Interlude”

### **Christmas Cards.**

Ray Collins once again produced and sold good number of Christmas Cards at the Christmas Fair and in the Post Office.

### **Christmas Tree Festival.**

A wonderful success. The Church was magical for the Christmas Services and the Carol Concert which was packed with villagers.

### **Music Hall Concert**

The Community Choir 'Music Hall' Concert in November was a great success. This raised over £340 was well supported and very enjoyable. The Friends are very grateful to the Choir who consistently support us and add greatly to Village life.

### **Forthcoming Events.**

At a recent Trustees Meeting the following events were agreed:-

### **The Annual Scarecrow Festival.**

It's time to start planning this year's Scarecrows! The next Festival will run from Saturday 27th May, Scarecrows being made during the School Half Term, and displayed in front gardens throughout the summer. A display at the Rectory Garden party on July 1<sup>st</sup> is also planned.

The Friends of St Margaret's

# ANNUAL SCARECROW FESTIVAL

## 2023.

Make a scarecrow and display it in your front garden.  
From May Half Term through to the end of August.



It will add much to the village this Summer.

**Concert.**

The High Halstow Community Choir will present,  
“Songs from the Musicals”  
Saturday 8th July, 7.30pm. the Memorial Hall.

**Wedding Photos**

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Mike Meredith. Chairman.

THE FRIENDS OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH CIO  
FINANCIAL REPORT 2022/23

Subscriptions

We have 46 standing subscriptions. 43 monthly and 3 annually.

We lost four during the year with only one new addition.

This gave us a reduction £690 revenue, the first year our revenue through subscriptions has fallen

Debtors

We have only one debtor, the HMRC for the Gift Aid refund of £1,330.87.

Fund Raising

Following the pandemic fundraising has returned to near normal and the six events held helped raise £1900.19 including Carol and Chris's new gardening initiative.

Administration Expenses

These were £491.23 for insurance and hall hire

Funds to PCC

£16243.33 was given towards quinquennial repairs and £1394.20 for roof repair preparation. The PCC repaid £2641.97 after VAT was recovered

Audit

The accounts have been independently audited

Bank Balance

At the end of the financial year, we had a bank balance of £37995.76 with no cash in hand

Reserves

Roof repairs	£32008.06
Organ repairs	£1487.50
Pointing	£500.00
General	£4001.20

Total funds with debtor is £39325.29

R Collins  
Treasurer  
May 2023

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARGARET'S CHURCH CIO ACCOUNTS 2022/23

Friends of St Margaret's High Halstow				
Profit & Loss Account				
For The Year Ended 31st March 2023				
	2021/22		2022/23	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
<b>General</b>				
Subscriptions	6,194.00		5,504.00	
Gift Aid	1,317.42		1,330.87	
Donations	83.00		1,729.11	
PCC repayment	3,765.00		2,641.97	
		11,359.42		11,205.95
<b>Fund Raising</b>				
Scarecrow Festival	184.18		210.22	
Summer Concert			154.80	
Christmas Tree Festival	147.31		200.15	
Christmas Cards	126.90		114.30	
Heritage Day				
Flower Festival			324.65	
Knit & Natter				
Coffee Tree				
Christmas trees	500.00		0.00	
Village events	12.90		93.49	
Gardening			220.00	
Christmas Concert	170.90		304.75	
Christmas Nativity				
Amazon	14.46		5.00	
Railway talk	160.40			
History Talks	210.60		272.80	
		1527.65		1900.16
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>12887.07</b>		<b>13106.11</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Insurance	391.96		415.23	
Stationery				
Asbestos Removal				
Roof Repairs			1394.20	
Window renovation	16830.00			
Charity application expenses				
Miscellaneous	32.69		76.00	
Fabric repairs	82.74		16243.33	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>17337.39</b>		<b>18128.76</b>
Excess Expenditure Over Income		<b>-4450.32</b>		<b>-5022.65</b>
Excess Income Over Expenditure				

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# Accounts

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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
The Friends of St Margaret's Church CIO

No (if any)  
1189941

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1-Apr-21	To	Period end date 31-Mar-22
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
Subscriptions	6,194	-	-	6,194
Donations	83	-	-	83
Gift Aid	1,317	-	-	1,317
Parochial Church Council	3,765	-	-	3,765
Various fund raising activities	1,528	-	-	1,528
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	12,887	-	-	12,887
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	12,887	-	-	12,887
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
Insurance	392	-	-	392
Administration	33	-	-	33
Charity application	-	-	-	-
Church windows renevation	16,830	-	-	16,830
Church Roof survey	-	-	-	-
Architect fees for fabric repair	83	-	-	83
Church Asbestos removal	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	17,338	-	-	17,338
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	17,338	-	-	17,338
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 4,451	-	-	- 4,451
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	48,796	-	-	48,796
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	44,345	-	-	44,345

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		3	-
		-	-
		-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

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

Signature	Print Name

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**Last year**

**to the nearest £**

5,349
14,545
4,573
22,165
581
-
-
-
47,213

-
-
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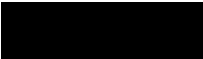
47,213
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370
41
1,146
12,990
961
900
-
-
-
16,408

-
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-

16,408
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30,805
-
17,989
48,794



**Endowment funds**

to nearest £

-
-
-
-

OK

**Endowment funds**

to nearest £

-
-
-
-
-
-

**Current value (optional)**

-
-
-
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-

**Current value (optional)**

-
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**When due (optional)**


**Date of approval**


**THE FRIENDS OF ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, HIGH HALSTOW**

England & Wales - Charity number 1189941

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# Accounts

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# **THE FRIENDS OF ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, HIGH HALSTOW CIO. Registered 15 Jun 2020**

## **Trustees' Annual Report, 15.06.2020 – 31.03.2021.**

**The objects of THE FRIENDS OF ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, HIGH HALSTOW CIO are to promote and assist in the maintenance and upkeep of St Margaret's Church, High Halstow for the benefit of all who value this ancient church and in so doing:-**

- 1. To promote wide interest in the care and preservation of St Margaret's Church and its history and to provide a focus of support for the Church building and its grounds.**
- 2. To raise additional funds for the maintenance of its fabric, the churchyard, interior decorations and furnishings so as to assist the Parochial Church Council, when the trustees considers it appropriate. (The Church Council continues to be responsible for the Church and all the works done upon and within it.)**
- 3. To invite, promote and receive donations and contributions in pursuit of these aims.**
- 4. To ensure that fund raising is carried out in harmony with the ethos of the Church.**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St. Margaret's Church High Halstow with All Saints, Allhallows Have the responsibility of cooperating with the Rector, The Reverend Stephen Guilt in promoting throughout the parish the mission of the Church, Pastoral, Evangelical, Social and Ecumenical. In addition it has the responsibility to maintain both its church premises. The Friends of St Margaret's CIO assist the PCC in the task of maintaining the fabric of St Margaret's High Halstow.

### **Achievements and Performance**

The Friends of St Margaret's CIO have had a difficult year in dealing with the Pandemic and associated lockdowns and restrictions of movement. Fundraising activities were curtailed to a degree despite which the year has seen significant progress. The Window Restoration Project has progressed and

nears completion. Fundraising has continued with subscriptions from members and specific grants and donations from individuals and corporate fund holding institutions. A percentage of our income is held in reserve for necessary roof works. Following the theft of lead repairs were sanctioned by the insurers but only received temporary planning consent from the Local Council who now require that the roof be restored with traditional materials.

### Lockdown – Scarecrows

In the spring of 2020 we thought we might lose our Scarecrow Festival. Without the annual Garden Party cancelled due to Covid Guidance, to display the entries and receive donations the festival would be different in character. However the Scarecrows were displayed in front gardens throughout the village. We went ahead as a community activity resigned to a loss of funds for our vital Church restoration work but the Village rose to the occasion and we had thirty more Scarecrows than the previous year and through the donation boxes at the Post Office and Village Garage, raised more than the previous year.

It would be a great shame if we lost our annual Scarecrow Festival and with no Garden Party planned again this year we intend to repeat last year's community celebration throughout the summer. This is not primarily a money making event. Its focus is community but the Post Office and Garage will again be asked to accept donations. Posters will be printed and Facebook's "High Halstow Scarecrow Festival" page activated.

### **Scarecrow Nativity**

In the absence of a Christmas Tree Festival some members redesigned their scarecrows to produce a floodlit scarecrow nativity within the church porch which proved very popular and raised additional funds in the process.

### **Other Events, & Restoration Progress**

We have had a very successful year despite the pandemic. Scarecrows apart we had to cancel or reduce most events. This has limited our fund raising and our opportunities to recruit more subscribing members. Despite this we received a very generous level of subscriptions and donations which has allowed significant progress on the Window Project which is now nearing completion of the most serious restorations.

Events cancelled due to the pandemic were:-

**The Christmas tree Festival.**

**The Christmas Concert with the High Halstow Community Choir.**

### **The Coffee Tree.**

### **The Christmas Market Stall.**

The following events took place:-

#### **The Knit and Natter Group.**

The poppies made by the **Knit and Natter Group** were used to construct an external "Remembrance Door" to replace the normal internal decoration which was not possible during the pandemic. It received many favourable comments.

#### **High Halstow Christmas Cards**

Cards were made available again this year sold by their designer, Ray Collins. A good number were sold to appreciative customers. £150 was raised.

#### **High Halstow REAL Christmas Trees were sold and delivered in the village.**

£160 was raised.

#### **High Halstow Primary Academy.**

The School has confirmed that we will work together in the future as in the past as the "Roadmap" allows.

#### **Future Events**

When life returns to normal we hope to reinstate our popular activities that were postponed last year and add to those events Historical Talks pertinent to the local area and held on a regular monthly basis. We have two ready for the autumn.

#### **Membership.**

Our membership has not grown this year due primarily to a lack of personal contact in Lockdown. In order to build upon our success it is important that we recruit new members. The challenge in the year ahead will be recruitment of those who care about their church and wishes to help preserve the oldest building in the village so that it remains our distinctive landmark and is available for generations to come.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
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Charity Name  
**The Friends of St Margaret's Church CIO**

No (if any)  
1189941

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-20	To	Period end date 31-Mar-21
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Subscriptions	5,349	-	-	5,349	4,505
Donations	14,545	-	-	14,545	350
Gift Aid	4,573	-	-	4,573	908
Parochial Church Council	22,165	-	-	22,165	-
Various fund raising activities	581	-	-	581	2,430
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>47,213</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,213</b>	<b>8,193</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>47,213</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,213</b>	<b>8,193</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Insurance	370	-	-	370	349
Administration	41	-	-	41	34
Charity application	1,146	-	-	1,146	46
Church windows renevation	12,990	-	-	12,990	9,425
Church Roof survey	961	-	-	961	900
Architect fees for fabric repair	900	-	-	900	-
Church Asbestos removal	-	-	-	-	234
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>16,408</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,408</b>	<b>10,988</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>16,408</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,408</b>	<b>10,988</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>30,805</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,805</b>	<b>- 2,795</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	17,989	-	-	17,989	20,784
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>48,794</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,794</b>	<b>17,989</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	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



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's report  
on the accounts**

[Redacted]	
Report to the trustees/ members of	The Friends of St. Margaret's Church, High Halstow
On accounts for the year ended 31/3/2021	Charity no (if any) 1189941
Set out on pages	1 - 2
Responsibilities and basis of report	<p>I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended</p> <p>As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").</p> <p>I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.</p>
Independent examiner's statement	<p>I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (<del>other than that disclosed below</del> *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or</li><li>• the accounts do not accord with the accounting records</li></ul> <p>I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</p> <p>* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply</p>
Signed: <i>M Sturt</i>	Date: 9 April 2021
Name: <i>MARGOT STURT</i>	
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	<i>Postgraduate Diploma in Management (Dip Mgt Open)</i>
Address:	<i>32 Willowbank Drive High Halstow Rochester Kent ME3 8TW</i>