

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 Gault 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
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
The Friends of St Margaret's Church CIO

No (if any)
1189941

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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 |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|----|------------------------------|

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 £ |
|---|--|---|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| 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 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 47,213 | - | - | 47,213 | 8,193 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 47,213 | - | - | 47,213 | 8,193 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| 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 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 16,408 | - | - | 16,408 | 10,988 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 16,408 | - | - | 16,408 | 10,988 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 30,805 | - | - | 30,805 | - 2,795 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 17,989 | - | - | 17,989 | 20,784 |
| Cash funds this year end | 48,794 | - | - | 48,794 | 17,989 |

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 | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | - | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | Agreement Error | OK | OK |
| | | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | 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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| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| 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 | |
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**Independent examiner's report
on the accounts**

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| 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or• the accounts do not accord with the accounting records <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: MSturt | Date: 9 April 2021 |
| Name: MARGOT STURT | |
| Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): | Postgraduate Diploma in Management (DipMgt Open) |
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