

# FRIENDS OF COVERHAM CHURCH (FCC)

England & Wales · Charity number 1197585

## Details

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**Other names** FCC

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2022-01-19

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC, TO CONSERVE MAINTAIN, PRESERVE, REPAIR AND IMPROVE THE FABRIC, FITTINGS, FURNISHINGS OF THE HISTORIC HOLY TRINITY CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD AT COVERHAM, IN COVERDALE (NEAR MIDDLEHAM), NORTH YORKSHIRE, UK.

**Activities:** Friends of Coverham Church (FCC) helps to look after Holy Trinity Church in Coverham, Coverdale, North Yorkshire. Activities include maintenance of the church and churchyard, as well as organising events (concerts, plays, local history talks, etc) open to the general public.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- North Yorkshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-01	£13,452	£13,064	-	-
2024-04-01	£8,038	£14,152	-	-
2023-04-01	£2,405	£4,273	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Colin Sansbury Bailey</b>	Chair	2022-01-17
Harriet Anna Corner		2022-01-17
Joanna Harrison-Topham		2022-01-17
LINDA DENT		2022-01-17

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# Accounts

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COVERHAM  
CHURCH

HOLY TRINITY

Report and Financial Statements  
Year ended 31 March 2025

FRIENDS OF COVERHAM CHURCH  
CHARITY NO. 1197585

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Harriet Corner  
Jo Harrison-Topham  
Linda Dent

Independent Examiner

Frank Fletcher FCA

Bankers:

Barclays Bank, High Row, Darlington

## Charity Trustees Annual Report for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2025

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Mr Colin Bailey is the charity's authorised official.

As of 19 January 2022, under the charity registration number assets of £500 plus £16,690.91 cash at bank were the opening balance for the CIO.

### Objectives:

For the benefit of the public, to conserve, preserve, repair, and improve the fabric, fittings, furnishings of the historic Holy Trinity Church and churchyard at Coverham, in Coverdale (near Middleham), North Yorkshire, UK.

### Reserves Policy:

The revenue reserves, shown as funds on the balance sheet, consist mainly of cash held at bank. These are equivalent to expenditure for more than a full year and are therefore considered to be more than satisfactory.

### Risk management:

The charity trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, particularly those relating to its operations and finances, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to those risks.

### Independent Examiner

Mr Frank Fletcher FCA

## Report to Friends of Coverham Church:

The website launched in 2023 has enabled FCC to reach a wider audience and keep in touch with the community. News, services, events, and stories can be shared via the Journals that are being produced on a regular basis.

Made possible by kind donations and support, completed projects include installation of the benches for the church yard, which include a circular bench for around the oak sapling. These were handmade by Tom's Yard in Herefordshire and were chosen for their maintenance-free and timeless quality. In addition, a locally made noticeboard has been installed.

Rubble has been removed near boundary walls and a sedum carpet laid in areas inaccessible to the mower.

A new mower and strimmer have been purchased and the groundsman has done a great job keeping the grass and paths in such good order.

Ongoing works include tree maintenance, rebuilding walls, replacing top stones where required.

Between April 2024 and March 2025 some amazing events have been held at Coverham Church.

The Wild Coverdale Flower Festival on 31<sup>st</sup> May & 1<sup>st</sup> June, these two days had such amazing support. Locally grown seasonal flowers and foliage created a superb backdrop for the Friday night performance. FCC have been made Ambassadors of Sustainable Church Flowers and the ambition for a more sustainable approach is rolling out across the diocese. This event was generously sponsored by Sustainable Opps and 350 PPM.

Katherine Tickell and her Northumberland band gave a unique performance at the start of her World Tour. A very evocative film can be viewed on the website.

On 5<sup>th</sup> September 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' production was held at the Church by 'This is My Theatre' performers. Many friends of the Church came along to watch and enjoyed a glass of rose wine as well as strawberries and cream canapes.

The Advent Concert by the Jervaulx Singers at the end of November was a super evening, many thanks to local solicitors Scotts Wright and Tennants Auctioneers of Leyburn for the very generous sponsorship towards this fabulous night.

The Candlelit Carol Service was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, this now annual local event becoming a wonderful way to start the Christmas week with the Church decorated with seasonal foraged foliage and berries.

Over the course of the year, various funerals have taken place, supported by members of Friends of Coverham Church. The United Trinity Sunday service is always a wonderful gathering of the community in June.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner:

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, with the independent examiner reviewing these on an annual basis.

Independent Examiner's Report:

My examination was carried out in accordance with the directions from the Friends of Coverham Church trustees, this includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the trustees.

### The Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Receipts	March 2025	March 2024	March 2023
<b>Balance brought forward</b>	<b>£9,958.99</b>	<b>£16,073.32</b>	<b>£17,940.91</b>
Donations to Bank	£1070.00	£1070.00	£2205.00
Sponsorship / Flower Festival	£5810.15	£2000.00	
Gift Aid Tax recovered	£291.95	£763.73	
Sundry Donations	£4237.77	£2570.00	£200.00
Clay Shoot Donation	£675.00	£475.00	
PayPal receipts	£772.01	£1160.00	£0.01
Theatre Production	£595.55		
<b>TOTAL Receipts</b>	<b>£13,452.43</b>	<b>£8,038.73</b>	<b>£2,405.01</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Various Tree Works			£1488.00
Fencing and Gates		£3424.39	
Bench Tree Seat and Stonework		£3586.00	
Joinery / General Works	£1749.60	£3537.20	
Grass Cutting / New Mower	£1221.13	£2181.00	
Web-site Design / Artwork	£1185.60	£1169.40	£2784.00
Church Insurance	£319.55	£255.07	
Event Costs	£7933.60		
Equipment / Service Organ	£654.78		
<b>TOTAL Payments</b>	<b>£13,064.26</b>	<b>£14,153.06</b>	<b>£4,272.00</b>
Cash in hand	£83.57		
<b>TOTAL Year End Funds</b>	<b>£10,263.57</b>	<b>£9,958.99</b>	<b>£16,073.32</b>

No other monetary assets, investment assets, assets retained for the charity's own use, or liabilities.

Declaration:

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year and the Balance Sheet as at: 31 March 2025 are as approved by the Trustees.

Signature:

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025

*C S Bailey*

C S Bailey, Authorised Official / Trustee

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Made possible by kind donations and support, completed projects include installation of the benches for the church yard, which include a circular bench for around the oak sapling. These were handmade by Tom's Yard in Herefordshire and were chosen for their maintenance-free and timeless quality.

Old rabbit wire fence has been removed and a new post and rail fence erected defining the graveyard with direct access from the Church via a new enlarged gateway.

Donations are helping with the ongoing maintenance of mature trees, editing of crowded saplings, and planting new specimen oak trees. The two oak trees were planted to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III, following a Trinity Sunday Service. Other works include removal of damaging vegetation, rebuilding fallen walls, replacing top stones, and laying sedum carpet in an area inaccessible to the mower.

Moving forward and listening to local requests, future projects will hopefully include heating to be installed, a compost toilet, upgrading the uplighters and restoration of the lychgate as well as the continuous upkeep of the Church.

Between April 2023 and March 2024 some amazing events have been held at Coverham Church.

Trinity Sunday Service on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023, The Church was honoured to have in attendance The Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, Johanna Ropner, as the King's representative in this his coronation year. A large gathering of our community from the benefice came together for the service.

July 2023 'The stories of the Pen Hill Giant', written and performed by Carmel Page, went down a storm with local children and adults alike, as did the cakes!

A Summer Concert 'A Gift of Music' provided by the Eurythmia Ensemble was held in August, with Eurythmia Ensemble providing a wonderful evening of choral music.

On 7<sup>th</sup> December despite the weather the Church's first theatrical event was held. A Christmas Carol by 'This is my Theatre' was a great success with much support from the community.

This event was followed by a candlelit Christmas carol service on 17<sup>th</sup> December, with the service being widely supported with a wonderful sense of community – starting the Christmas week in Coverdale.

The Church now posts on Instagram and produces regular Journals to provide updates and they are proving to be a wonderful and modern way to spread information to a wider audience celebrating the Church, event, local activities both old and new.

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#### The Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Receipts	March 2024	March 2023
Balance brought forward	£16,073.32	£17,940.91
Donations to Bank	£1070.00	£2205.00
Sponsorship of Flower Festival	£2000.00	
Gift Aid Tax recovered	£763.73	
Sundry Donations	£2570.00	£200.00
Clay Shoot Donation	£475.00	
PayPal receipts	£1160.00	£0.01
<b>TOTAL Receipts</b>	<b>£8,038.73</b>	<b>£2,405.01</b>
Payments		
Various Tree Works		£1488.00
Fencing and Gates	£3424.39	
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Signature:

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024

*C S Bailey*

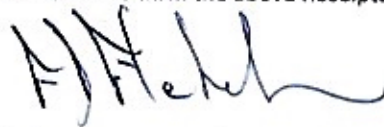
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**FRIENDS of COVERHAM CHURCH**

**RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCCOUNT for the year ended 31st MARCH 2024**

Bank balance brought forward	£ 16,073.32	Fencing & gates	£ 3,424.39
Donations direct into bank	1,070.00	Bench and tree seat	2,080.00
Pay Pal donations	1,160.00	Stonework re fitting of bench	1,506.00
Other sundry donations	2,570.00	Joinery re notice boards	3,537.20
Gift Aid tax recovered	763.73	Graveyard mower	1,881.00
Sponsorship of flower festival	2,000.00	Grass cutting and gardening work	300.00
Clay shoot receipts	475.00	Church insurance	255.07
		Web-site design	1,064.40
		Flower festival artwork	105.00
		Bank balance at 31st March 2024 carried forward	<b>9,958.99</b>
	£ 24,112.05 =====		£ 24,112.05 =====

I have examined the books of account and confirm the above Receipts and Payments Account is in accordance with the books.



F D Fletcher FCA 6th August 2024

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#### The Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Receipts	March 2023	March 2022
Donations to Bank	£2205.00	£2465.00
Proceeds from Plant Fair		£3000.00
Sundry Donations	£200.00	£305.00
PayPal receipts	£0.01	
TOTAL Receipts	£2405.01	£5770.00
Payments		
Various Tree Works	£1488.00	£1608.00
Tree Risk Assessment		£390.00
Green Bin Licence		£42.00
Grass Cutting		£50.00
Web-site Design	£2784.00	
TOTAL Payments	£4272.00	£2090.00
TOTAL Funds	£20,345.92	£20,030.91

No other monetary assets, investment assets, assets retained for the charity's own use, or liabilities.

Declaration:

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year and the Balance Sheet as at: 31 March 2023 are as approved by the Trustees.

Signature:



Date: 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023

C S Bailey, Authorised Official / Trustee

**FRIENDS of COVERHAM CHURCH**

**RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCCOUNT for the period 26th NOVEMBER 2018 to 31st MARCH 2019**

	£		£
Donation from G. Forrest Funeral	349.72	Printing expenses	157.00
Donations direct into bank	1,180.00	Stationery design	280.00
Other sundry donations	1,300.00	Postage and envelopes	78.64
		Grass cutting	50.00
		Bank balance at 31st March 2019 carried forward	2,264.08

£ 2,829.72  
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I have examined the books of account and confirm the above Receipts and Payments Account is in accordance with the books, and the explanations I have received.



F D Fletcher FCA 7th August 2023

**FRIENDS of COVERHAM CHURCH**

**RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCCOUNT for the year ended 31st MARCH 2020**

	£		£
Bank balance brought forward	2,264.08	Miscellaneous tree work	1,150.00
Donations direct into bank	3,000.00	Walling	1,245.00
American deposit into bank	534.44		
Other sundry donations	5,290.00		
Proceeds of open garden	1,270.00		
Proceeds of Carlton Quiz night	1,045.72	Hall hire	40.00
Jack Brunton grant	2,000.00	Bank balance at 31st March 2020 carried forward	12,969.24
	£ 15,404.24		£ 15,404.24
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I have examined the books of account and confirm the above Receipts and Payments Account is in accordance with the books, and the explanations I have received



F D Fletcher FCA 7th August 2023

**FRIENDS of COVERHAM CHURCH**

**RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCCOUNT for the year ended 31st MARCH 2021**

	£		£
Bank balance brought forward	12,969.24	Fencing work	1,567.20
Donations direct into bank	2,580.00	Grass cutting	100.00
American deposit into bank	208.87		
Other sundry donations	170.00		

Bank balance at 31st March 2021 carried forward      14,260.91

£	15,928.11	£	15,928.11
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I have examined the books of account and confirm the above Receipts and Payments Account is in accordance with the books, and the explanations I have received.



F D Fletcher FCA      7th August 2023

**FRIENDS of COVERHAM CHURCH**

**RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st MARCH 2022**

	£		£
Bank balance brought forward	14,260.91	Tree risk assessment	390.00
Donations direct into bank	2,465.00	Remove ash tree and other tree work	1,608.00
Proceeds of food sales from plant fair	3,000.00	Green bin licence	42.00
Other sundry donations	305.00	Grass cutting	50.00
		Bank balance at 31st March 2022 carried forward	17,940.91

£	20,030.91	£	20,030.91
	=====		=====

I have examined the books of account and confirm the above Receipts and Payments Account is in accordance with the books, and the explanations I have received.



F D Fletcher FCA 7th August 2023

**FRIENDS of COVERHAM CHURCH**

**RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCCOUNT for the year ended 31st MARCH 2023**

Bank balance brought forward	£ 17,940.91	Various tree works	£ 1,488.00
Donations direct into bank	2,205.00		
Pay Pal receipt	0.01	Web-site design	2,784.60
Other sundry donations	200.00		
		Bank balance at 31st March 2023 carried forward	16,073.32

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F D Fletcher FCA 31st October 2023