

THE FRIENDS OF POLING CHURCH TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

Trustees Annual Report for year ended 21st March 2025
Charity no 1198861

Structure governance and management

The Friends is a Charity and was registered with the Charities Commission on 6th May 2022, and has registered with HMRC to claim gift aid from this date.

During the year the following served as Trustees of the Friends

Mr Nigel Clutton	Chairman
Mr Peter Laverick	Secretary
Mr Richard Richards	Treasurer
Mr Charles Loxley	Mr William Maynard
Mr Ted Chandler	Mr Ash Kent
Mrs Athalia Atkins	Mrs Lorna eade

Aim and Purposes

The primary objective of The Friends of Poling Church is to raise funds for the advancement of the Christian religion by maintaining and enhancing the Parish Church of St Nicholas Church Poling in the Diocese of Chichester, including its fabric, monuments, churchyard, curtilage, fences, gates and its rights of way and as a resource in the development and assistance of the community, residents, and churchgoers of the Parish as delineated by the Diocesan map existing on the 1st of January 2021.

Trustees

Mrs Lorna Eade has joined the trustees and Mr Ash Kent and Mrs Athalia Atkins have resigned.

Objectives and Activities

Our objectives are to raise funds to support the Charities aims by

1. Encouraging people to make regular donations by direct debit.
2. Running " Village " events . This year we have had a patronal lunch and a Harvest festival meal. Donations are received for the monthly after service breakfasts and we ran a Christmas raffle. We also ran a Fete in conjunction with the Poling Activities group..

Review of the year

1. The Trustees met four times in the year.
2. The fund raising events raised £2111 for the Friends .
3. Members donations amounted to £1439
4. The friends received a £2000 gift towards the grounds improvements donation.
5. Gift aid received was £682 and interest on investments was £626.
6. The Charity donated £4,234 to ST Nicholas church for ground and building improvements.

7. The "Norfolk" funds which the friends treat as a separate fund with slightly different objectives received £34,442 in investment interest in the year.
8. It granted St Nicholas church £4,000 for running costs to enable the P.C.C to show a small surplus.
9. It also granted a further £2531 towards the organ restoration fund.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by the Chairman Nigel Clutton

Signed Nigel Clutton Date 10/08/25

**FRIENDS OF POLING CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR TO 21ST MARCH 2025
REGISTERED CHARITY NO 1198861**

2025

2024

RECEIPTS

Raffle	£	777.97	£	561.92
Breakfast events	£	183.40	£	182.10
Donation for grounds improvements	£	2,000.00	£	60.00
Members donations	£	1,438.50	£	2,530.00
Interest received	£	625.52	£	420.28
Gift Aid	£	682.06	£	881.80
FETE 24 (SHARE)	£	1,149.57		
patronal lunch	£	58.18		
harvest lunch	£	68.01		
summer bbq			£	288.96
Autumn Supper net cash profit			£	93.70
Burns night			£	190.30
Total Received	£	6,983.21	£	5,209.06

PAYMENTS

Donations to St Nicholas Church				
Serving Unit	£	768.24		
Grounds improvements	£	2,392.17		
Electrics upgrade	£	1,074.00		
donation to Keep Me Breathing			£	100.00
Investment in Charitable Funds			£	10,000.00
		£4,234.41	£	10,100.00

NET SURPLUS/-DEFICIT

Represented by Lloyds bank balance		£2,748.80		-£4,890.94
Balance BFWD 22nd March 2024		£10,728.16	£	15,619.10
Balance at 21st March 2023		£13,476.96		£10,728.16

Balance at bank	£	13,438.36	£	10,726.96
cash in hand	£	38.60	£	1.20

Notes

1. The Friends other assets comprise the Balance at Lloyds Bank	£	13,438.36
and cash of	£	38.60
Valuation of The Friends Investment with M & G CHARIFUND (cost £10,000)	£	10,645.23
The Scramble Bell which is in St Nicholas Church	£	4,340.00
The Projector and Screen	£	275.00

2. On 21st February 2024 The Norfolk Trust transferred all of its investments to the Friends of Poling Church and community. The Friends undertook to use these funds and the income derived from them for the purposes stated in the original Trust deed dated 4th February 1949

balance on "Norfolk " bank account 22nd March 2024	£	4,300.46
interest recieved	£	34,442.21
P.C.C Donation for revenue expenditure support		-£4,000.00
to organ renovation fund		-£2,531.20
balance on "Norfolk " bank account 21st March 2025	£	32,211.47

The value of this investment as at 21st February 2025 was funds	£	531,435.92
bonds	£	66,479.58
	£	597,915.50

TOTAL "NORFOLK" ASSETS

£ 630,126.97

The Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The Friends of Poling Church

I report on the accounts of the friends for the year ended 21 March 2025

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the examiner

As Trustees of the Friends you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Church Accounting Regulations and section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act') do not apply.

It is my responsibility to:

- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions of the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Trustees and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

V. J. Williams

Date

26.06.2025