

THE FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH ALFRISTON

England & Wales · Charity number 1199268

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-06-13

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT THE FABRIC OF THE GRADE 1 LISTED ST ANDREW'S CHURCH ALFRISTON INCLUDING THE FIXTURES , FITTINGS, MONUMENTS AND CHATTELS CONTAINED THEREIN AND IN THE CHURCHYARD AREAS BELONGING TO THE CHURCH.

Activities: To raise funds to preserve and protect for public benefit the fabric of St Andrew's Church Alfriston.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£1,011	£0	-	-
2023-12-31	£1,237	£0	-	-
2022-12-31	£730	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANTHONY TALLENTS DAVY ACA	Chair	2022-05-10
Carol Hodson		2022-05-10
Geoffrey David Ellis		2022-05-10
Rev Stephen Stuckes		2022-05-10

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Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

Objectives and Activities

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The focus of the year had been to consolidate the administrative affairs of the charity, direct donors to the new bank account, operational since January 2024, and to make preparations to recruit new trustees and organise fundraising and awareness raising event for the new charity, all in participation of future support requests from the Rector and PCC of St Andrew's church.

The trustees have had due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant. Further activity is being planned to liaise with the benefice team and involve the wider community to identify which projects approved by the Diocese can be supported.

Achievements and Performance

'The Friends' previously operated for several years as an informal local supporter group with little accountability. The trustees have successfully formalised the constitution of the organisation and completed the charity registrations to provide a structure with robust governance and transparency for fundraising to support the enhancement of St Andrew's Church. The intention now is to encourage the involvement of the wider community and visitors who benefit from having St Andrew's Church physically at the heart of the Cuckmere Valley.

The trustees have continued to collect donations from regular donors. However, donations have decreased in the year as some donors have not transferred their donation to the new bank account. It is anticipated that with the launch of the new charity, and increasing awareness as to its purpose and the benefit to the local community, that new and previous donors will be attracted to offer financial support.

Financial Review

During the year £1,011 was received from existing donors, including Gift Aid due for y/e 21.12.23 and 31.12.24. The charity's cash reserve as at 31st December 2024 was £10,824. These funds were frozen by Barclays Bank until late 2023 but the trustees now have the ability to release funds to projects that meet the charity's objectives.

Reserves policy

The trustees have not adopted a formal reserves policy as the charity is formed solely to receive and hold voluntary donations and make grants to enhance St Andrew's Church, Alfriston. All individuals involved provide their support voluntarily without financial remuneration and the charity has no operating costs and a low risk profile.

Donations policy

The trustees have adopted a policy for the accepting and refusing of donations to ensure their source is identified and appropriate.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) under a governing document last amended and approved by the trustees dated 7th June 2022. A copy of this is available on the charity's website. The charity was registered by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 13th June 2022.

The charity has been accepted by HMRC as a charity for tax purposes and is able to claim Gift Aid on valid donations from 13th June 2022.

The governing document provides that there should be not less than one or more than 10 appointed trustees: one ex officio trustee; and no more than two nominated trustees"

The ex-officio trustee shall be the Incumbent of the Ecclesiastical benefice in which the parish church of St Andrews Alfriston is situated automatically, for as long as he or she holds that office, unless he or she indicate an unwillingness to be appointed under paragraph 10(2) of the governing document.

There are 4 founding trustees and they will be actively seeking to recruit additional trustees to represent the demographic of the wider community, not just the religious congregation. In particular the founding trustees would like to hear from persons who are willing to contribute to fund raising and organising community events. Application is open to anyone over 16 years of age.

Reference and Administrative details:

The Friends of St Andrew's Church Alfriston
Trustees Annual report for the year ended 31 December 2024

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Registered address: St. Andrews Church, The Tye, Alfriston, POLEGATE, East Sussex, BN26 5TL

Trustees:-

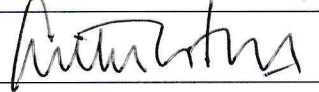
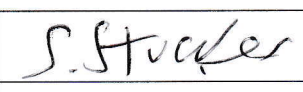
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Bankers: Barclays Bank, Leicester LE87 2BB

Email: info@friendsalfriston.org.uk

Website: www.friendsalfriston.org.uk

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report and accounts as detailed on pages 1 to 5 at a meeting of the trustees dated XXXXXXXXX 23/9/25

Signature		
Full name	ANTHONY DAVY	STEPHEN STUCKES
Position	TRUSTEE	REVD. TRUSTEE
Date	23/9/25	23/9/25

Receipts and Payments accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

Friends of St Andrew's Alfriston Trustees report for the year ended 31 December 2024

The Friends of St Andrew's Church Alfriston
Trustees Annual report for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Year ended 31.12.24	Year ended 31.12.23
	£	£`
Income		
Unrestricted donations	1,011	1,237
Unrestricted – other income- transfer from previous Friends of St Andrews group		
Total Unrestricted income	1,011	1,237
Expenditure		
Fundraising costs		0
Charitable activity		0
Governance		0
Total expenditure	0	0
Surplus for year ended 31.12.24	1,011	1,237
Surplus brought forward as at 01.01.24	9,813	8,576
Surplus as at 31.12.24	10,824	9,813

Balance Sheet as at 31.12.24

	Year ended 31.12.24	Year ended 31.12.23
	£	£
Current Assets		
Barclays Bank account	10,824	9,813
Current Liabilities	0	0
Net Current Assets	10,824	9,813
Reserves as at 31.12.24	10,824	98,13

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The focus of the year had been to recruit new trustees and organise fundraising events but they have been seriously impacted by the actions of the Charity's bank, whose processes continued to fail to acknowledge the creation of the charity and resulted in access to the account and funds being blocked to all mandated trustees. It was only in November 2023 that the new bank account was established and even then it took until early 2024 to transfer monies from the old bank account to the new bank account.

The trustees have had due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant. Further activity is being planned to liaise with the benefice team and involve the wider community to identify which projects approved by the Diocese can be supported.

Achievements and Performance

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The trustees have continued to collect donations from regular donors. However, the trustees have been disappointed not to progress the launch of activity and engagement of potential supporters due to the actions of the charity's bank which rendered the charity's current account inoperable until late 2023. The trustees have been prevented from carrying out fully their responsibilities due to the actions and inaction of the bank.

Financial Review

During the year £1,237 was received from existing donors. The charity's cash reserve as at 31st December 2023 was £9,813. As explained above, these funds were frozen by Barclays Bank until late 2023 but the trustees now have the ability to release funds to projects that meet the charity's objectives.

Reserves policy

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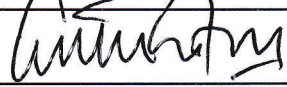

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Signature		
Full name	Anthony Davy	Geoff Ellis
Position	Trustee	Trustee
Date	28th March 2024	28th March 2024

Receipts and Payments accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Year ended 31.12.23	Period 13.06.22 to 31.12.22
	£`	£
Income		
Unrestricted donations	1,237	730
Unrestricted – other income- transfer from previous Friends of St Andrews group		7,846
Total Unrestricted income	1,237	8,576
Expenditure		
Fundraising costs	0	0
Charitable activity	0	0
Governance	0	0
Total expenditure	0	0
Surplus for year ended 31.12.23	1,237	8,576
Surplus brought forward as at 01.01.23	8,576	
Surplus as at 31.12.23	9,813	

Balance Sheet as at 31.12.23

Current Assets		
Barclays Bank account	9,813	8,576
Current Liabilities	0	0
Net Current Assets	9,813	8,576
Reserves as at 31.12.23	9,813	8,576

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31st December 2022

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The focus of this first operating period has been to complete the administration of registering the charity with the Charity Commission and HM Revenue & Customs to formalise the constitution of the previous community group. Plans to recruit new trustees and organise fundraising events have been seriously impacted by the actions of the Charity's bank, whose processes appear to have failed to acknowledge the creation of the charity and resulted in access to the account and funds being blocked to all mandated trustees. Despite repeated unsuccessful attempts by trustees to communicate with the bank and submission of all requested information the matter remains to be resolved at the time of writing. The trustees continue in their efforts to obtain explanations from the bank so that the funds held can be utilised to meet the charity's objects and further fund raising can be organised.

The trustees have had due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant. Since formation of the Charity the trustees have communicated the change of constitution to the existing supporters and collected their donations. Further activity is being planned to liaise with the benefice team and involve the wider community to identify which projects approved by the Diocese will be supported.

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period 13th June 2022 to 31st December 2022

Financial Review

The previous Friends group gifted their cash funds of £7,846 to the new charity and £730 was received from existing donors. The charity's cash reserve as at 31st December 2022 was £8,576. As explained above these funds are frozen by Barclays Bank but the trustees have confidence that they will be released in the foreseeable future.

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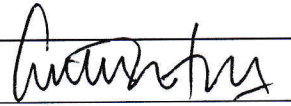
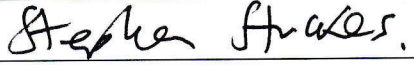
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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	ANTHONY DAW	STEPHEN STUCKES
Position	CHAIRMAN	TRUSTEE

Date

24 th OCTOBER 2023

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Receipts and payments accounts

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

For the period from	13th June 2022	To	31st December 2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	
A1 Receipts					
Friends of St Andrews	£7,846	-	-	£7,846	
Public donations	£730	-	-	£730	
Sub total <i>(Gross income for AR)</i>	£8,576	-	-	£8,576	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	£8,576	-	-	£8,576	-

A3 Payments

	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	

A4 Asset and investment purchases

	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	

Total payments

-	-	-	-	
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Net of receipts/(payments)

£8,576	-	-	£8,576	
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A5 Transfers between funds

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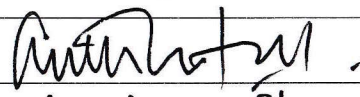
A6 Cash funds last year end

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Cash funds this period end

£8,576	-	-	£8,576	
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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
B1 Cash funds	Barclays Bank	£8,576	-	-
	Total cash funds	£8,576	-	-
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
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)
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	-
Signed on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	 Stephen Stokes	ANTHONY DAVY STEPHEN STOKES	24/10/23 24/10/23	