



FRIENDS OF THE MONASTÈRE SAINT-BENOÎT

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

In the period ending 5th April 2024 the Charity raised £40,997.17 through donations received from benefactors and through Gift Aid. This is a smaller amount than in the previous year but has nevertheless been adequate for supporting the Charity's goals.

This year once again, thanks to its diligent volunteer Secretary, the Charity's administrative expenses were kept to a minimum, comprising charges levied by financial institutions and by JustGiving.

The Charity's principal outgoings were the transfer of funds to the Monastère Saint-Benoit (£25,00.00) in support of its life and work, and bank and JustGiving fees. Subsidiary outgoings included church supplies and books sourced in the UK for the use of the monastery.

The Charity was pleased to host an information evening in London in November 2023 in which the Prior of the Monastery was able to update benefactors and friends on progress at the monastery and display the architectural designs for the monastery renovation. This expenditure was covered by a generous donation by a benefactor.

This fifth full year of the Charity's operation has yet again been successful in respect of its stated aims and the Trustees look forward to continuing their work once again in the coming year, noting that with the commencement of renovation and construction work, further fundraising initiatives will be needed.

The 2023 Annual Report and accounts were submitted late, and for this we profoundly apologise. This was due to the new system of uploading them to the Charity Commission website and the delays that this caused. The Charity remains committed to prompt and transparent reporting.

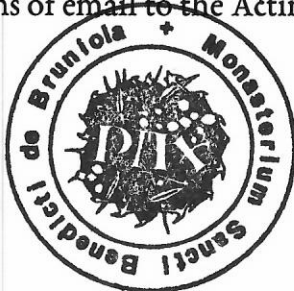
The Trustees have approved this report and the appended statement of accounts, accepting their external verification, by means of email to the Acting Chairman.



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Acting Chairman of Trustees

27 January 2025



REGISTERED CHARITY n. 1182277

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Friends of Monastere St Benoit Accounts for year ending 05/04/2024

Charity No. 1182277

Description	Amount £	Totals £
Income and Expenditure		
Receipts		
Cheques, cash and online payments	£16,258.80	
Friends of Justgiving	£14,493.55	
Payroll Giving Fund	£35.00	
Paypal Giving Fund	£6,108.38	
Charities Trust	£302.20	
HMRC Gift Aid receipts	£3,777.35	
Purchases	£0.00	
Interest	£21.89	
Total Donations	£40,997.17	
Total Receipts		40,997.17
Payments		
General expenses	£2,057.92	
Education	£70.00	
Bank Charges	£86.50	
Just giving monthly fee	£446.40	
Donation Transfer	£2,942.28	
Transfer to MSB	£25,000.00	
Total Payments		30,603.10
Receipts less Payments		10,394.07
Balance Sheet		
Bank account balance as at 05/04/2023		2,073.73
Excess of Income over expenditure		10,394.07
Bank account balance as at 05/04/2024		12,467.80
Loan B/fwd and C/fwd		20,000.00
Bank balance as per bank statement 6/4/2023		2,073.73
Bank balance as per bank statement 5/4/2024		12,467.80
Net movement in the bank account		(10,394.07)
check total difference		0.00

Friends of the Monastère Saint Benoit

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 5th April 2024

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5) of the 2011 Act),
- And to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the 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 the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention,

- 1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the requirements:
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

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.


Wayne Kitcat MA.

18th December 2024