

THE FRIENDS OF ST. HELEN'S CHURCH, EAST KEAL, LINCOLNSHIRE

Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Charity No. 1205172

Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Financial Activity for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

1 Introduction

1.1 Charitable Objects

The constitution of the charity states that its object is: To advance the Christian religion by providing and assisting in the restoration, preservation, repair, improvement and beautification of St. Helen's church, East Keal.

1.2 Overview

The focus of the charity's activities is raising funds for the maintenance and improvement of St Helen's church in East Keal. Fundraising is focused on two main activities – a '100 Club' monthly lottery and organising fundraising events. The charity also has a supporters scheme, which costs £5 a year to join.

2 Activities & Achievements

2.1 100 Club Lottery

Participants pay £5 a month to enter a monthly draw. There are 100 possible numbers and 3 numbers are drawn each month, with cash prizes given to the winners. In addition there is a rollover draw in November with 2 larger cash prizes. 60% of the annual income is retained by the charity and 40% is paid out in these cash prizes.

The 100 Club is registered as a Small Lottery with East Lindsey District Council, Reg. No. SL0203.

During this period there were 69 participants on average in each monthly draw and a net £2,196 was raised for the charity's objectives.

2.2 Fundraising events

The main fundraising events run by the charity are 'Pop-up Pub's that take place in the Church. The events are run by volunteers and are an opportunity for the village community to come together to enjoy a drink and socialise with each other, there being no pub in East Keal or any of the neighbouring villages. Attendance at these events is generally in the range of 50 to 80 people.

Permission to hold these events in the Church is granted by the Parochial Church Council and an alcohol licence is obtained from East Lindsey District Council. During this period three 'Pop-up Pub' events were held, which raised a net £1,828 for the charity's objectives.

2.3 Additional Income

Supporters' subscriptions and donations raised an additional £210.

2.4 Policies on Grant-Making

To fulfil its objectives the charity, from time to time, makes grants to St Helens Church Parochial Church Council (PCC) on the basis that these funds are held in a restricted fund for expenditure on the church building only.

2.5 The Roles & Contributions of Volunteers

The charity is entirely run by volunteers. Events are organised by the Fundraising Committee, whose six members do an amazing job in organising and running Pop-up pubs in particular. On the night, we are fortunate to have the support of additional volunteers who help with running the bar, serving food, etc.

The 100 Club is run by the charity's chair, and we also have a volunteer bookkeeper.

A huge 'thank you' is due to all of our volunteers, who have all contributed to the £9,000 that has been raised during this period.

2.6 How the Public Have Benefitted

The PCC's primary project for St Helen's Church was the installation of a toilet and servery for the use of both the congregation and for community events, at a cost of about £100,000. Thanks to the help of this charity and many other organisations, the toilet and servery were both completed in 2025. Fundraising continues to support further projects to maintain and improve the church building. No grants were made to the PCC during this financial year as the PCC had sufficient funds to meet the support their cash flow requirements during this period. A substantial donation to the PCC was made early in 2026 and will be reported in that year's accounts.

In addition to their primary fundraising purpose the events run by the charity have a secondary benefit of bringing the community together and making the church a welcoming place for all.

3 Financial Review

3.1 Financial Position

The only asset of the charity is funds at bank. At the start of the period this was ££3,595 and at the end of this period £7,491. No grants were made to the PCC in 2025, but a substantial grant is expected to be made in 2026.

3.2 Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

The Charity has no funds which are materially in deficit.

3.3 Policy on Reserves

The charity's policy is to maintain sufficient funds in its account to cover working capital for the next event, 100 Club Rollover draw prizes and other incidental costs, such as insurance.

3.4 Principal Risks Facing the Charity

The main risks faced by the charity:

- Liability for injury or death sustained at an event
- Breaching alcohol or lottery licence conditions.
- Mismanagement of charity funds.

In mitigation of these risks, a risk review is carried out before each event, public and trustee liability insurance is held and two signatories are required for bank transactions.

3.5 Remuneration of Trustees

All Trustees act in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration or other material benefits from their services to the Charity.

Out-of-pocket expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by Trustees and volunteers in promoting the purposes of the Charity are reimbursed at cost.

3.6 Statutory Statements on Liabilities

The Trustees declare that:

The charity has given no guarantees where potential liability under the guarantee is outstanding at the date of this statement

The charity has no debt outstanding at the date of this statement which is owed by the CIO and which is secured by an express charge on any assets of the CIO

4 Reference and Administration Details

4.1 Charity Name & Registration

Name of Charity: The Friends of St. Helen's Church, East Keal, Lincolnshire

Also known as: East Keal Church Friends

Charity No: 1205172

Not registered with HM Revenue & Customs

4.2 Charity's Principal Address

22 Priors Road, Hemingford Grey, Huntingdon, PE28 9BT

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website: facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064243736901

4.3 Names of the Trustees Who Manage the Charity

As of June 2025, trustees were:

Name	Office	Appointed	Resigned
Stuart Jessup	Chair & Treasurer	12 October 2023	
Susan Jones	Secretary	12 October 2023	
Alan Southgate	Trustee	29 November 2023	
Peter Staves	Trustee	10 February 2025	
Christopher Kemp	Trustee & Past Chair	12 October 2023	
David Rossdale	Past Chair	12 October 2023	10 February 2025

4.4 Statutory Declaration

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

4.5 Trustee Selection Methods

There must be at least four charity trustees. The maximum number of trustees is ten

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of four years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf. 30 March 2025



Stuart Jessup (Chair)

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Accounts for the year ending December 31st 2025.

Opening balance		3,595.29
Income		
	Supporters Subscriptions	160.00
	100 Club	3,765.00
	Donations	50.00
	Pub June	1,295.50
	Oct	1,627.96
	Dec	1,617.47
	Total Income	8,515.93
Expenses		
	Bank fees	45.53
	Prizes	1,569.50
	Donation	35.00
	ELDC	83.00
	Pop up Pub June	714.51
	Oct	910.49
	Dec	1,087.78
	Insurance	123.20
	Thank you event	51.48
	Total Expenditure	4,620.49
	Net Changes n Fund	3,895.44
In Bank 31.12.2025		7,490.73

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verified
27th January 2026.
Graham Smith