

Friends of Christ the Consoler

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts
For the period Ending 31st August 2025

This is our first reporting period which starts on 5th April 2024 and is therefore greater than 12 months. Our next reporting period will be for the 12 months ending 31st August 2026.

1. Structure, Governance, and Management

Legal structure: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Charity number: 1207736

Governing document: Available by email hello@christtheconsoler.com, or in writing to the registered office c/o Estate Office, Newby Hall, Ripon HG4 5AE

Trustee recruitment and appointment:

- Trustees are co-opted on the following basis,
- Trustees are drawn from the three representative stakeholder groups, being the village of Skelton-on-Ure, the Newby Estate, and the local Anglican benefice, where possible. One trustee chairs the group (typically six members) and at least one trustee is considered the lead Operational Trustee. Trustees will typically serve for a minimum of three years (renewable).

Policies and Procedures in place:

- Bullying and Harassment
 - Complaints
 - Engaging External Speakers at Charity Events
 - Financial Reserves
 - Internal Financial Controls
 - Internal Risk Management
 - Safeguarding
 - Serious Incident Reporting
 - Social Media
 - Trustee Conflicts of Interest
 - Trustee Expenses
 - Trustee Induction and Training
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2. Charitable Purposes and Public Benefit

Objects of the charity:

For the public benefit, to promote the preservation, maintenance, and improvement of the fabric, furnishings and fittings of Christ the Consoler Newby Hall.

Public benefit statement:

Friends of Christ the Consoler delivers public benefit by supporting the work of the Churches Conservation Trust (the church was vested in 1991) through conservation, maintenance, stewardship, and the organisation of services and events, bringing life to this nationally important Grade I listed former Parish Church.

Trustees confirm that all activities carried out during the year further these purposes for the public benefit.

3. Achievements and Performance

Summary of activities:

- Supporting the conservation of the building in conjunction with the Churches Conservation Trust (CCT)
- Organising a programme of services and events (see www.christtheconsoler.com)
- Preparing the launch of Project 150 (Conservation heating and Pipe Organ restoration)

Notable achievements:

- During this period, we have welcomed over 1500 visitors to the church, 1100 people to our events, and 800 people to our services. Our events have included theatre, a nationally-acclaimed string quartet, an international Steinway pianist, a jazz & blues evening, a Norwegian Brass Band, and an award winning male voice choir.
- Our services have supported the growth in attendance of our local St Helen's Church and we are extremely well supported by the clergy of the local Benefice.
- We have undertaken a programme of conservation cleaning and also worked with the CCT to identify risks early and manage areas of concern which they will address in due course.
- We have increased the donations from visitors and venue hire revenue for the CCT.

4. Financial Review

Income for the period: £16,845

Expenditure for the period: £8,854

Summary of assets and reserves:

- Total assets at period-end: £13,726
- Reserves policy: The trustees aim to hold sufficient reserves to cover operating costs to ensure sustainability.
- No funds were held for other purposes outside of charitable objectives.

Future plans:

- We are launching our ambitious Project 150 (£250,000) alongside our continued work to bring life to the church through events and services.
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5. Trustee and Professional Information

Trustees during the period:

- John Hoddinott (Chair)
- Lucinda Compton
- Guy Critchlow
- Stuart Gill
- Jane Mosley
- Tom Robinson

Professional advisors:

- As part of Project 150 we have engaged with a number of professional advisors which may change during the course of the project, details can be found at www.christtheconsoler.com/project150

Trustee expenses:

- Trustees received £515.78 in reimbursed expenses during the period.

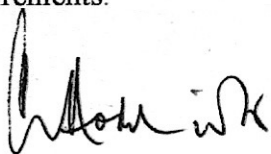
6. Statement of Compliance

The trustees confirm that:

- They have complied with the duty to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.
- The annual report and accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and relevant Charity Commission requirements.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

- Chair of Trustees:



Date: 9th February 2026

7. Receipts & Payments Accounts (Summary)

Description	Receipts (£)	Payments (£)	Balance (£)
Opening balance			5735
Incoming funds	16,845		
Expenditure		8854	
Closing balance			13726

Note. The balance includes restricted funds of £6110 and unrestricted funds of £7615. Restricted funds have been classified as such as they have been donated for specific projects (e.g. Project 150 and other fabric repairs inc. lighting).



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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

Period start date
5th April 2024

To

Period end date
31st August 2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Event Revenue	7,026	-	-	7,026	-
Event Sponsorship	450	-	-	450	-
General Fundraising	1,369	-	-	1,369	-
Heating Project Fundraising	-	5,000	-	5,000	-
Organ Fundraising	-	1,000	-	1,000	-
Fabric (inc light) Fundraising	-	2,000	-	2,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	8,845	8,000	-	16,845	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	8,845	8,000	-	16,845	-
A3 Payments					
Event Expenditure	4,587	-	-	4,587	-
Heating Project Expenditure	-	1,821	-	1,821	-
Organ Project Expenditure	-	765	-	765	-
Other Church Expenditure	1,532	-	-	1,532	-
Churches Conservation Trust Charges	150	-	-	150	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6,269	2,586	-	8,855	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	6,269	2,586	-	8,855	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,576	5,414	-	7,990	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,535	2,200	-	5,735	-
Cash funds this year end	6,111	7,614	-	13,725	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds				
	Event & General Fundraising (unrestricted)	6,110	-	-
	Project Fundraising and donations (restricted)	-	7,615	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,110	7,615	-

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			
Details			

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			
Details			

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval