

ST MARY'S CHURCH ASHBURY DEVON CIO

Charity Number: 1209781

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

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1. Trustees' Annual Report

Charity Details

Registered Name: St Mary's Church Ashbury Devon CIO **Charity Number:** 1209781

Principal Address: 11 Zenobia Mansions, Queen's Club Gardens, London W14 9TD

Constitution: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Foundation Model)

Financial Year: 1 January 2025 – 31 December 2025

Trustees

The following trustees served during the year:

- Nicholas Woollcombe
- Elizabeth Woollcombe
- Amy Woollcombe

No trustee changes occurred during the year unless noted above.

Structure, Governance and Management

St Mary's Church Ashbury Devon CIO is governed by its Constitution adopted on 23 August 2024. The trustees oversee the administration, finances, and maintenance of St Mary's Church. The charity has no employees; all activities are carried out by volunteers.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's objects are:

- To conserve, repair, maintain and preserve St Mary's Church Ashbury.
- To support worship and community use of the building.

During 2025, the charity:

- Supported worship and seasonal services.
- Maintained the church building.
- Managed donations.
- Ensured the church remained open and accessible.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The church provides:

- A place of worship and reflection.
- A maintained historic church accessible to the community.
- A venue for baptisms, weddings, funerals, and community gatherings.

Achievements and Performance

In 2025 the charity:

- Maintained the church.
- Supported worship and seasonal services.
- Received unrestricted donations totalling £5,800.
- Managed essential costs including insurance and maintenance.
- Complied with charity governance and reporting requirements.

Financial Review

Total income: £5,800.00 (all unrestricted) **Total expenditure:** £2,980.67

Breakdown of expenditure:

- Insurance – £1,852.28
- Bank charges – £54.39
- Miscellaneous operational costs – £1,074.00

Year-end unrestricted funds: £2,819.33

The charity holds no investments, fixed assets, or liabilities.

Reserves Policy

The trustees aim to maintain modest unrestricted reserves to cover essential maintenance and unexpected repairs. The year-end balance of £2,819.33 is considered appropriate.

Risk Management

Key risks include:

- Unexpected building repairs
- Declining donations
- Compliance with charity law
- Safety of volunteers and visitors

Risks are managed through regular monitoring and prudent financial control.

Plans for 2026

The charity intends to:

- Continue maintaining the church.
- Support worship and community activities.
- Undertake small fundraising.
- Explore grant opportunities.
- Maintain compliance with reporting requirements.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for:

- Keeping proper accounting records
- Preparing Receipts & Payments accounts
- Preparing an Annual Report
- Safeguarding charity assets
- Ensuring compliance with charity law

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on **12 August 2026**.

Signed: Nicholas Woollcombe, Trustee 14 August 2026

2. Receipts & Payments Accounts

For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Receipts

Category	Unrestricted (£)	Restricted (£)	Total (£)
Donations	5,800.00	—	5,800.00
Gift Aid	0.00	—	0.00
Other receipts	0.00	—	0.00
TOTAL (A)	5,800.00	0.00	5,800.00

Payments

Category	Unrestricted (£)	Restricted (£)	Total (£)
Insurance	1,852.28	—	1,852.28
Bank charges	54.39	—	54.39
Miscellaneous	1,074.00	—	1,074.00
TOTAL (B)	2,980.67	0.00	2,980.67

Net Movement in Funds

A – B = £2,819.33

3. Statement of Assets & Liabilities

As at 31 December 2025

Assets

- Bank balance: £2,819.33
- Cash in hand: £0.00
- Debtors: £0.00
- Investments: £0.00
- Fixed assets: £0.00

Total Assets: £2,819.33

Liabilities

- Creditors: £0.00
- Loans: £0.00
- Other liabilities: £0.00

Total Liabilities: £0.00

Net Assets: £2,819.33

Funds

Fund	Balance (£)
Unrestricted	2,819.33
Restricted	0.00
Endowment	0.00
Total Funds:	2,819.33

4. Notes to the Accounts

1. **Basis of accounting** These accounts are prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis.
2. **Restricted funds** The charity held no restricted funds during the year.
3. **Gift Aid** No Gift Aid was applied for during the year.
4. **Insurance** Insurance costs relate to building and liability cover.
5. **Miscellaneous payments** These relate to small maintenance and operational costs.