

Stottesdon Parochial Church Council
(Registered Charity No 1213311)

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Aims and Purposes

Stottesdon PCC has responsibility for supporting the whole mission of the church within the parish.
Since 16 May 2025, Stottesdon PCC has been registered with the Charity Commission (ref 1213311) as
"The Parochial Church Council of the ecclesiastical parish of St Mary's Stottesdon in the Diocese of Hereford".
Stottesdon Parochial Church Council is a self-governing charity run by Trustees.

Administrative information

Officers were Priest: Vacant in 2025. (Rev Dr Sally Wallace-Jones from 17Feb 2026)
Mrs C. Tibbits Churchwarden
Mr M. J. Ware Treasurer

The Benefice was vacant from 3 September 2023 to 17 February 2026.

Structure, Governance and Management

The P.C.C forms part of the Hereford Diocese and is subject to its rules and regulations set out by the Hereford Synod.
Method of appointment to the PCC is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The PCC meets four times a year and full minutes of the meeting are retained by the Churchwarden and the Secretary to the PCC.
The Churchwarden manages the main running of the Church. Mrs D. Marsh is the nominated Gift Aid Officer
The Trustees review financial performance during the year, as well as evaluating other risks associated with the operations of the charity.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC maintains overview of worship in the parish. When planning activities for the year the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. As part of this work it is important to maintain the fabric of the church building for the benefit of the community.

Achievements and Performance

Under the supervision of the Church Warden, services were maintained during the interregnum, and the PCC wishes to extend its thanks to Church Warden, Mrs Tibbits, and the visiting ministers who supported the parish during that period.

Safeguarding

The PCC has recently revised its Safeguarding Policy, and its members are undertaking updated safeguarding training.
Rev Dr Sally Wallace-Jones has taken over as the PCC Safeguarding Officer in 2026, and the PCC is working towards compliance with the requirements s5a of The Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016. Safeguarding continues to be a standing agenda item at PCC meetings.

Financial Review and Reserves

The PCC has a surplus of £18,283 during the year. This was due to the receipt of the final payment of the HLF Grant for the Roof Project.
Funds received were used to repay the Severn Borders Deanery Loan. There was a small deficit of £(288) on unrestricted activity.
The attached accounts have been drawn up according to the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (GS 1624), and consist of a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2025, and a Statement of Financial Activities for the year then ended plus related notes.
The accounts have been prepared by the Treasurer on a receipts and payments basis and an Independent Examination undertaken for their publication.
The PCC has total reserves of £58,732, of which £3,022 are unrestricted. The trustees consider it appropriate to prepare the accounts on a **going concern** basis. The **Reserves Policy** is detailed in Notes 3 to 7 of the accounts.

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Report of the Independent Examiner

Report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of the ecclesiastical parish of St Mary's Stottesdon in the Diocese of Hereford

Responsibilities and basis of the report:

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement:

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records
- statutory fees were not accounted for correctly

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

P. D. Backhouse FRSA

Mr P.D.Backhouse

Dated: 26th March 2026

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Endowment Fund £	Restricted Funds *	Restricted Funds **	Restricted Funds [HLF] £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fixed Assets							
Investment Value	21,485	-	-	-	-	21,485	21,739
Current Assets							
Cash at Bank	3,015	898	20,279	10,018	3,037	37,246	33,710
Loan from fabric to Roof Project						0	6,500
Current Liabilities							
Roof Project (Bridgnorth Deanery Loan - repaid December 2025)						0	(15,000)
Roof Project (Loan from Fabric fund)-see note						0	(6,500)
Net Assets	24,500	898	20,279	10,018	3,037	58,732	40,449
Represented by: -							
Statement of Financial Activities	24,500	898	20,279	10,018	3,037	58,732	40,449

Notes * Bell Fund ** Fabric Fund and Grave Upkeep (from endowed fund income)

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Endowment Fund £	Restricted Funds * £	Restricted Funds ** £	Restricted Funds [HLF] £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<u>Incoming Resources</u>							
Grants (NHLF & LPOW(VAT) for Roof & Kitchen Project)		-	-	21,913	-	21,913	40,977
Donations to Roof & Kitchen project (non Grant)						-	1,500
Gift Aid (Roof Project)						-	-
Bell Fund	-	9,136	-		-	9,136	7,916
Fabric Fund	-	-	-		-	-	223
Income from Endowments		-	-		-	-	-
Unrealised Capital gain/loss on investment	-254	-	-		-	254	1,056
Unrestricted Receipts	-	-	-		17,320	17,320	14,905
Savings Interest	-	12	242		68	322	527
Total Income	-	254	242	21,913	17,388	48,437	67,103
<u>Resources Expended</u>							
HLF Project				75		75	23,374
Nominated Collections	-	-	-		-	-	-
Bell Fund		10,594	-		-	10,594	10,776
Fabric Fund	-	-	1,810		-	1,810	260
Unrestricted Payments	-	-	-		17,676	17,676	18,729
Total Expended	-	10,594	1,810	75	17,676	30,154	53,139
Excess Income/ Expenditure for 2025	(254)	(1,446)	(1,568)	21,838	(288)	18,283	13,964
Funds Brought Forward	24,754	2,343	21,848	(11,821)	3,325	40,449	26,485
Funds Carried Forward	24,500	898	20,279	10,018	3,037	58,732	40,449
	0	-	0	0	0.0	0	
Notes : * Bell Fund ** Fabric Fund and Tulip Tree/Grave Upkeep							

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Notes to the Accounts

1. Receipts for the Year

(a) Unrestricted Receipts

	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
<u>Collections</u>				
Loose	-		-	
Gift Aid/Covenants(known)- inc. PGS	7,699		8,258	
Tax Recovered (excl related to project)	2,568		1,957	
		10,267		10,214
<u>Fees</u>				
Weddings, Funerals, Stone	3,321		1,203	
Churchyard (incl PCC)	-		-	
Glebe from Hereford & Memorial Hall Fee		3,321		1,203
<u>Donations</u>				
Parish Council	-		-	
Energy Grant	-		-	
Others (incl Legacy)	187		185	
		187		185
<u>Fund Raising Activities</u>				
100 Club Subscriptions	1,172		1,452	
Less: Prizes paid out	- 240		- 300	
		932		1,152
<u>Fund Raising</u>				
SHTC	-		80	
FOSPS Lunch - Church Share	-		150	
Open Garden Teas & Plant Stall	961			
Fete/Sports day	1,413		1,620	
		2,374		1,850
Interest		68		75
Total Unrestricted receipts		17,148		14,680

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1. Receipts for the Year

(b) Restricted Receipts

Bell Fund

Interest
Donations/fees

2025
£

£

2024
£

£

12
9136

183
7916

9148

8099

Endowments for Tulip Tree and Gravestone Upkeep

Campion Fund Interest
Vaughan Fund Interest

19
216

21
240

234.5

261.1

Fabric Fund

Fabric Fund Interest
SHCT - donation (via loan conversion)
Fabric fund (Donations for Toilet)
Collections (Carol Service & Funerals)
Open Gardens
Ride and Stride fundraising (Receipt for 2023 & 2024)

7

8

223

7

231

0

0

(c) Endowed Receipts

Unrealised interest income

0

0

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2. Payments for the Year

(a) Unrestricted Payments

	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
<u>Church Expenses</u>				
Organist	-		-	
Grass Mowing (Portion)	698	698	1,745	1,745
<u>Lighting and Heating (see note 8)</u>	2,989	2,989	3,352	3,352
<u>Repairs & Maintenance</u>				
Church Cleaning	-		-	
Other Items	-	-	-	-
<u>Admin Expenses</u>				
Insurance	2,866		2,816	
Bank Charges	50		72	
Guild of Bellringers	16		16	
CCLI (Licence)	133		130	
Misc	25	3,090	25	3,059
<u>Parish Share</u>	10,500	10,500	10,000	10,000
<u>Donations</u>				
Bishops Fund	-		-	
Children's Society	-		-	
Christians against poverty	-	-	-	-
<u>Other Expenses</u>				
Nominated Donations	-		-	
Alpha Course	-		-	
Historic Church Trust	-		-	
Transfer	-		-	
Vestry Expenses	159	159	273	273
Total Unrestricted Payments		17,436		18,429
		0.00		0

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2. Payments for the Year

(b) Restricted Payments

Donations (Nominated)

Bell Fund (treble bell repair - two stages)

2025	£	2024	£
-		-	
10,594		10,776	
	10,594		10,776

Fabric Fund

Architect (re Toilet plans)

Fire certificate/extinguishers

Tile Display case (WM)

Electrical surveys & works

Churchyard Maintenance (portion)

J Taylor

Gutter cleaning

767	-
-	260
698	-
-	-
345	-
1,810	260

HLF Project (Roof North side)

Architect/Lead designer

Interest payable on Diocese loan (2022-24)

Other Consultants

Project website fee

Roofing Contractor

Presentational and educational activities

-	-
-	2,105
-	6,000
75	-
-	7,693
-	7,576
75	23,374

Restricted Funds

3. Campion Church Yard Trust

Claude Edmund Campion died on 2nd November 1994 and in his will endowed a sum of £5,000 to the vicar and churchwardens upon trust as follows:-

- (i) Upon trust to invest the capital in authorised trust funds for the period of 80 years from his death (to 2074), and to apply the income therefrom in keeping the graveyard of the church in general order and repairs, and in particular to keep in general order the tulip tree, which he planted in 1956 and also the grave and gravestones of the Lane Family, to keep the lettering thereon legible and cause it to be re-cut from time to time when necessary.
- (ii) Upon trust after the expiration of 80 years to apply the said sum and accumulated income therefrom for the said purposes.

The endowed sum is currently invested in CBF Investment Fund Accumulated Units, which as at 31st December 2025 the value of these units was £21,485. (being 346.37 units at 6202.90 pence each).

4. Endowment Funds

During 2002 an endowed fund was received by the church upon the death of W. Vaughan. The capital endowed (£3,015.00) cannot be utilised by the church, only the income received from the investment can be used for the upkeep and maintenance of the family's graves and gravestones.

5. Restricted Funds - Fabric

The Fabric Fund is restricted to projects specifically relating to the church fabric (buildings etc), whereas The Bell Fund is restricted for use only in connection with the maintenance and repair of the church bells.

The Fabric Fund includes donations of £12,500 received in 2023 restricted towards the future construction of a church toilet. As at 31.12.25 £767 has been spent on architects plans for the toilet.

6. Restricted Funds - Roof Project (Main funding: National Heritage Lottery Fund Grant)

In 2022 the PCC was awarded £271,500 by NLHF and with match-funding, including volunteer time, the capital works and associated heritage interpretation and activities, were budgeted to cost £390,431. As additional "budgeting finance"(working capital) was required to service the retrospective payments of the NLHF grant and recovery of VAT under the Listed Places of Worship scheme, the PCC arranged to take loans from Hereford Diocesan Board of Finance (HDBF), Bridgnorth Deanery and the SHCT. At 31 December 2025 the project has a remaining reserve of £10,018, after repayment of the all loans. The Bridgnorth Deanery Loan of £15,000 was repaid to the Severn Borders Deanery as the successor body to the Bridgnorth Deanery in December 2025. The loan of £6500 from the Fabric Fund to the NHLF fund was repaid 31 December 2025 by accounting journal. In 2026 the PCC will evaluate what further obligations, if any, need to met in respect of this project, and will consider what to do with the remaining reserve held in respect of the 2022-2024 roof project.

7. Insurance - Designated Fund

The PCC is required to reserve a minimum cash balance of £1,000.00 to cover the excess cost liabilities contained within the annual insurance policy in the event of specified incidents within the policy.
A reserve accrual of this level is maintained within the general fund, currently held as a CCLA deposit.

8. Heat and Light Costs

It is anticipated that Heat and Light costs will fall to around £1,800 pa under the new 12 month contract signed in December 2025.

9. Cash Balances

At 31st December 2025 the following cash and invested balances were held:

	2025 £	2024 £	
Unrestricted (Share of HSBC a/c)	1,474	1,830	Funds held in same HSBC a/c
Bell Fund Restricted (Share of HSBC a/c)	814	2,072	Funds held in same HSBC a/c
Fabric Fund Restricted (Share of HSBC a/c)	17,713	13,022	Funds held in same HSBC a/c
Roof Project (HLF) Fund Restricted (Share of HSBC a/c)	10,018	9,679	Funds held in same HSBC a/c
Combined Fund at HSBC	29,819	26,604	
Unrestricted Fund at CBF	1,563	1,495	
Fabric Fund at CBF	166.15	158.96	
Bell Fund at CBF	283.32	271.06	
Campion Graveyard Fund at CBF	429.09	410.52	
Vaughan Trust Fund at CBF	4,986.54	4,770.64	
	37,246	33,710	
Restricted Campion Investment Fund	21,485	21,739	
Total Funds Under PCC Management	58,732	55,449	

Declaration

We approve the accounts contained in this complete report and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

Mrs A.C. Tibbits

A.C. Tibbits

Mr M. J. Ware

M. J. Ware

Dated:

15/5/26