



The Friends of St. Margaret's Church, High Halstow CIO

Registered Charity Number 1189941

June 2023

Trustee's Annual Report

The Friends of St. Margaret's Church have had a successful year with well supported events which, with members' subscriptions raised £13,106 This helped fund the £17,713 repairs carried out in the year to the Church in line with the quinquennial survey.

Our next challenge is to support the Parochial Church Council in helping to fund the replacement of the temporary roofing that was installed after the theft of lead. This is a complicated process and an Architect has been appointed. Currently the necessary planning consent is awaited from the local council who liaise with English Heritage. Approval will then be sought from the Diocese.

Organ restoration fund.

A new fund has been set up to restore our Victorian Church Organ. It is proving to be very popular and donations have been coming in steadily. Alastair Curtis, an organ tuner and restorer has surveyed the Organ and is preparing a restoration specification and quotation of circa £18000.

Recent Events.

History Talks.

A series of talks have been delivered this winter and spring which were well supported and very enjoyable. They were:-

Len Feist – “The History of the Hoo Peninsula”.

Ken Reynolds – “The Railways of the Hoo Peninsula”.

Ken Reynolds – “Cinemas of the Medway Towns”.

Peter Hartley, a former Royal Equerry – “A Royal Interlude”

Christmas Cards.

Ray Collins once again produced and sold good number of Christmas Cards at the Christmas Fair and in the Post Office.

Christmas Tree Festival.

A wonderful success. The Church was magical for the Christmas Services and the Carol Concert which was packed with villagers.

Music Hall Concert

The Community Choir 'Music Hall' Concert in November was a great success. This raised over £340 was well supported and very enjoyable. The Friends are very grateful to the Choir who consistently support us and add greatly to Village life.

Forthcoming Events.

At a recent Trustees Meeting the following events were agreed:-

The Annual Scarecrow Festival.

It's time to start planning this year's Scarecrows! The next Festival will run from Saturday 27th May, Scarecrows being made during the School Half Term, and displayed in front gardens throughout the summer. A display at the Rectory Garden party on July 1st is also planned.

The Friends of St Margaret's

ANNUAL SCARECROW FESTIVAL

2023.

Make a scarecrow and display it in your front garden.
From May Half Term through to the end of August.



It will add much to the village this Summer.

Concert.

The High Halstow Community Choir will present,

“Songs from the Musicals”

Saturday 8th July, 7.30pm. the Memorial Hall.

Wedding Photos

Mitch Dowsett is coordinating a project to celebrate the role of St Margaret's in the community. In the October edition of the High Halstow Times you may have noted the article recording two Dowsett family weddings. If you have memories of events in which St. Margaret's Church played a significant part then please contact Mitch on 01634 254428 or

mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com

Membership.

In order to build upon our success it is important that the “Friends” recruit new members. I am sure there are villagers who care about their church and wishes to help preserve the oldest building in the village so that it remains our distinctive landmark and is available for generations to come. Membership Forms and details are available.

Mike Meredith. Chairman.

THE FRIENDS OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH CIO
FINANCIAL REPORT 2022/23

Subscriptions

We have 46 standing subscriptions. 43 monthly and 3 annually.

We lost four during the year with only one new addition.

This gave us a reduction £690 revenue, the first year our revenue through subscriptions has fallen

Debtors

We have only one debtor, the HMRC for the Gift Aid refund of £1,330.87.

Fund Raising

Following the pandemic fundraising has returned to near normal and the six events held helped raise £1900.19 including Carol and Chris's new gardening initiative.

Administration Expenses

These were £491.23 for insurance and hall hire

Funds to PCC

£16243.33 was given towards quinquennial repairs and £1394.20 for roof repair preparation. The PCC repaid £2641.97 after VAT was recovered

Audit

The accounts have been independently audited

Bank Balance

At the end of the financial year, we had a bank balance of £37995.76 with no cash in hand

Reserves

Roof repairs	£32008.06
Organ repairs	£1487.50
Pointing	£500.00
General	£4001.20

Total funds with debtor is £39325.29

R Collins

Treasurer

May 2023

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARGARET'S CHURCH CIO ACCOUNTS 2022/23

Friends of St Margaret's High Halstow				
Profit & Loss Account				
For The Year Ended 31st March 2023				
	2021/22		2022/23	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
General				
Subscriptions	6,194.00		5,504.00	
Gift Aid	1,317.42		1,330.87	
Donations	83.00		1,729.11	
PCC repayment	3,765.00		2,641.97	
		11,359.42		11,205.95
Fund Raising				
Scarecrow Festival	184.18		210.22	
Summer Concert			154.80	
Christmas Tree Festival	147.31		200.15	
Christmas Cards	126.90		114.30	
Heritage Day				
Flower Festival			324.65	
Knit & Natter				
Coffee Tree				
Christmas trees	500.00		0.00	
Village events	12.90		93.49	
Gardening			220.00	
Christmas Concert	170.90		304.75	
Christmas Nativity				
Amazon	14.46		5.00	
Railway talk	160.40			
History Talks	210.60		272.80	
		1527.65		1900.16
Total Income		12887.07		13106.11
Expenditure				
Insurance	391.96		415.23	
Stationery				
Asbestos Removal				
Roof Repairs			1394.20	
Window renovation	16830.00			
Charity application expenses				
Miscellaneous	32.69		76.00	
Fabric repairs	82.74		16243.33	
Total Expenditure		17337.39		18128.76
Excess Expenditure Over Income		-4450.32		-5022.65
Excess Income Over Expenditure				

THE WILTON UNITED CHARITIES

(Registered Charity No. 203189)

Report of the Independent Examiner

I report on the Financial Statements and Accounts of the Scheme for the year ended 31st March 2022 that are attached.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might inform charity's Trustees on those matters that I am required to report to them arising from this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Financial Statements. The charity's 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 financial statements 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)(b)^ of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

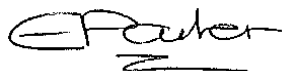
Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as 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 financial statements 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 connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements have been met:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;



Mrs Erica Parker FCCA
St Mary's House
Netherhampton
Salisbury

23 May 2022



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	April	2022	To	31	March	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

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Postcode	<input type="text"/>

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ivor Seviour	Chairman		
2	Andrew Kinsey			
3	Charlotte Blackman			
4	Rebecca Perry			
5	John Cutland			
6	Mark Woods			
7	Peter Edge			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(eg. trust deed, constitution)

How the charity is constituted

(eg. trust, association, company)

Trustee selection methods

(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

**Summary of the main
achievements of the charity
during the year**

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

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Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

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Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Ivan Seviour	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairman	
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Date

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2022

To

31/03/2023

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					
Maintenance Contributions	26,640	-	-	26,640	25,920
COIF - Dividends	116	-	-	116	130
Deposit Account Interest	675	-	-	675	-
Refund - Wilton C.C.	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	27,431	-	-	27,431	26,050
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	27,431	-	-	27,431	26,050
A3 Payments					
Gardening	60	-	-	60	68
Insurance	937	-	-	937	862
Almshouses Association	187	-	-	187	-
Subscriptions	272	-	-	272	-
Secretarial	1,925	-	-	1,925	1,920
Repairs and Maintenance	34,655	-	-	34,655	3,664
Accountancy	282	-	-	282	120
Temporary accomodation & gifts	1,848	-	-	1,848	1,000
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	40,166	-	-	40,166	7,634
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	40,166	-	-	40,166	7,634
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 12,735	-	-	- 12,735	18,416
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	75,748	-	-	75,748	57,332
Cash funds this year end	63,013	-	-	63,013	75,748

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	Current account	19,769	-	-
	COIF Deposit account	38,235	-	-
	Savings account	5,009	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	63,013	-	-
		OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Accumulation units	Unrestricted	-	100,044
	Endowment units	Unrestricted	-	3,991
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

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