

ANNUAL REPORT for 205082 The Friends of Bath Abbey
For the year ending 30 September 2022

The year started with the sad news that Professor J Jupp was obliged to resign as chairman of the Trustees with immediate effect, because of ill health. His place was taken by Mr Charles Curnock, who served until July 2022 but was obliged to resign in that month as he moved house from Bath to Exeter. We were fortunate that Sir Geoffrey Tantum was willing to take on the role of interim chairman until a permanent successor could be found.

As Bath Abbey has been drawing its Footprint Project towards a conclusion, there has been no call on The Friends to support the church in the current year. This has enabled the charity to build up its reserves again after running them down in 2020 to make a substantial contribution to that Project. It is envisaged that another of saving will enable the charity to fund an embellishment in Bath Abbey that will make a significant difference to the beauty of the church.

Meanwhile, The Friends have continued to hold events which have been enjoyable, well-supported, and fruitful in terms of keeping morale high among our members, following the Covid-hit years and while we re-build reserves.

For the Committee of Trustees



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Jeremy Key-Pugh, Secretary

THE FRIENDS OF BATH ABBEY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	2022(£)	2021(£)
Incoming resources		
Subscriptions	2,974	2,564
Donations	871	5,501
Collection box	4,910	4,290
Sales of publications	963	18
Investment income	1,307	606
Tax refund	2,266	2,320
Surplus on social events	447	300
Legacies	74,811	30,500
Total incoming resources	<u>88,549</u>	<u>46,099</u>
Resources expended		
Direct charitable expenditure (note 3)	-	2,400
Administration (note 4)	<u>3,317</u>	<u>2,244</u>
Total resources expended	<u>3,317</u>	<u>4,644</u>
Net incoming resources for the year	85,232	41,455
Loss on Investments (gain 2021)	(1,385)	2,552
Net movement in funds	83,847	44,007
Unrestricted fund brought forward	<u>98,649</u>	<u>54,642</u>
Unrestricted fund carried forward	<u>182,496</u>	<u>98,649</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	2022 (£)	2021 (£)
Accumulated unrestricted fund	<u>182,496</u>	<u>98,649</u>
Represented by:		
Managed funds, balance brought forward	22,106	19,554
Unrealised loss (gain 2021)	1,385	2,552
Balance carried forward	<u>20,721</u>	<u>22,106</u>
Central Board of Finance of the		
Church of England – Deposit Fund	133,355	12,677
Bank Reserve Account	13,636	56,636
Bank Current Accounts	2,638	2,028
Cash	143	153
Debtors (note 5)	12,328	5,221
Creditor (note 6)	(325)	(172)
	<u>182,496</u>	<u>98,649</u>

**THE FRIENDS OF BATH ABBEY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities, the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incomeing resources

All incomeing resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No liability has arisen in the year.

Accumulated fund

The whole of the Accumulated Fund is unrestricted and can be used in accordance with the charity's objects at the discretion of the trustees.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

There was no trustee remuneration paid or other benefits for the year to 30 September 2022 (2021 - nil).

No trustee expenses were reimbursed during the year to 30 September 2022 (2021 - nil).

3. DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

Footprint Video

	2022(E)	2021(E)
	-	2,400

4. ADMINISTRATION

Printing and stationery

2,085	942
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Postage

149	351
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Bank charges

100	100
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Independent examiner's fee

450	546
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Insurance

423	255
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Other expense

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5. DEBTORS

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6. CREDITOR

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE
FRIENDS OF BATH ABBEY**

I report to the charity's trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2022, which are set out on pages 22 - 24.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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