

# The Charity of Thomas Barton

## Annual Report and Financial Statement

Year ended: 30 June 2025

### 1. Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Charity Name:	The Charity of Thomas Barton
Charity Number:	218985
Principal Address:	c/o 45 Station Road Stoke Golding Nuneaton Warks CV13 6EZ
Trustees who served during the year:	Mr P. Spokes, Chair Mrs A. Jones, Treasurer Mr A. White, Secretary Mrs G. Groom Mr S. Avent Mr J. Bevan Mr M. Shipton (appointed 2 Apr 2025) Mr M. Bolton (retired Jan 2025)
Independent Examiner:	Mr M. Daniels, 50 Sherwood Road, Stoke Golding, Nuneaton, CV13 6EE
Bankers:	CAF Bank
Investment Managers:	Brewin Dolphin
Governing Document:	CHARITY COMMISSION SCHEME DATED 1ST JANUARY, 1929 AND SCHEME DATED 17 JULY 1992.



## 2. Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is governed by the Charity Commission Scheme documents referenced above. Trustees are appointed by Stoke Golding Parish Council in accordance with the provisions of that deed.

The trustees meet regularly to review finances, consider grant applications and review policy. Decisions are taken collectively by majority vote.

Day-to-day administration is undertaken by the trustees on a voluntary basis; the charity does not employ staff.

## 3. Objectives and Activities

The charity's purpose is to apply its income for any charitable purpose for the general benefit of the inhabitants of Stoke Golding, excluding matters normally funded from public money.

In pursuing these aims the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

During the year the charity advanced its objectives primarily by:

- Making grants to local voluntary and community organisations
- Organising and funding the village Christmas lights and switch-on event

## 4. Achievements and Performance

### *Christmas Lights*

We continue to provide the village Christmas lights and also organise the village Christmas lights switch on event. This event continues to be very well attended and received by the community. The installation of the lights and the cost of the event totaled £4,231.

### *Grants*

We awarded grants during the year amounting to £20,208.48 . We continue to provide significant support to the Methodist Church with grants totaling £11,507 this year. In previous years they have improved the church hall and set up the Cameo community cafe. This year we were able to fund maintenance and improvements to the main church building as they look to adapt this space for other community uses.

We have also been able to:

- support the Youth Football Team to buy new goals;
- support the Baxter Hall to improve the local Playschool space;
- once again provide grants to the church flower festivals and the Annual Garden Show to help ensure these important and well loved village events can continue to go ahead;
- pay for Ukulele lessons for pupils at St Margarets Primary school.



We are pleased that this year we were able to award grants to two longstanding community groups – the Scout Group and the Toddler Group. These organisations have not recently sought our help and our the grant awards will enhance the experience for their members. The costs associated with these grants will appear in next years accounts.

During the year, we agreed and implemented a more formal Grant Policy. This has made the grant assessment and award process more consistent, transparent and auditable. Improved record keeping ensures we can track the outcomes of the grant awards to ensure they are delivering the expected benefits.

We are also working to improve the visibility and understanding of the charity and its work within the community. To this end we have created a website where the community can learn about the charity and also apply for grants online. Stoke Golding has a very active Facebook community page and we are using this channel to promote the charity. We continue to use the local “Stoker” community magazine.

The trustees are satisfied that the charity’s activities have provided clear public benefit to residents of Stoke Golding.

## 5. Financial Review

The independently examined year end accounts are presented in appendix A below. The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

### Income

Income for the year was £25,847, derived almost exclusively from investment income. This was up slightly from last year at £23,962 Brewin Dolphin manage our financial portfolio on our behalf. They manage our assets based on the parameters set out in our Investment Policy Statement. This statement is reviewed at each Trustee meeting and more formally with Brewin Dolphin twice yearly.

### Expenditure

Expenditure totaled £24,778. As stated above the main expenditure was grants at £20,208.48 and Christmas lights at £4,231 totaling £24,439.48. The small amount of other expenditure is for administration.

### Assets

The book value of our financial assets continues to fluctuate in a volatile markets. At year end the value of the endowment asset was at £672,304 up slightly from 2024 year end.



### Reserves and Reserves Policy

We are currently holding reserves of £165,106 up slightly from £161,646 at 2024 year end. These reserves have built up over a number of years simply because there have not been enough qualifying projects coming forward. As noted earlier, we are trying to address this by raising awareness of the charity and making it simpler to apply for grants. In recent years expenditure has been more closely aligned with income.

We aim to hold reserves of £25,000 as a cushion against both market fluctuations and the variability of the grant application stream.

### 6. Plans for the Future

In the coming year, the trustees plan to continue supporting community organisations through the grant programme, review the impact of recent grants, and explore new opportunities to enhance community facilities in Stoke Golding. The trustees will also review the website and communications to raise awareness and encourage new applications."

### 7. Statement of Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that proper accounting records are kept, preparing an annual report and accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, and safeguarding the assets of the charity.

Approved by the trustees on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Chair: P.M. Smith Date: 13/1/2026

Treasurer/Trustee: G. Groom Date: 13/1/2026



## Independent Examiner's Report

### Report to the Trustees of: The Charity of Thomas Barton

Charity Number 218985

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

On the accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 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

#### Independent Examiners 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

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.

Signed;  \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 13/01/26

Name: Mr Michael Daniels

Address: 50 Sherwood Road, Stoke Golding, Nuneaton, CV13 6EE



**The Charity of Thomas Barton**

**Charity Number 218985**

**Accounts for the Year Ended 30th June**

	<b>Year 2025</b>	<b>Year 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b><u>1. Receipts and Payments account</u></b>		
<b><u>Income Receipts</u></b>		
Brewin Dolphin Dividends	25,800	23,856
<b><u>Total Income Receipts</u></b>	25,800	23,856
<b><u>Other Income Receipts</u></b>		
Cafbank Interest	47	46
Garden Vouchers Refund	0	60
<b><u>Total Receipts</u></b>	25,847	23,962



	Year 2025	Year 2024
	£	£
<b><u>Direct Charitable Expenditure</u></b>		
Grants in accordance with Scheme of Charity Commission 17 July 1992	20,208	19,888
Christmas Lights & Switch on Event	4,231	0
Administration	159	0
Auditor	20	20
Secretary's Expenses	0	0
Treasurer's Expenses	50	0
Bank Charges	60	60
<b><u>Total Charitable Expenditure</u></b>	24,728	19,968
<b><u>Other Expenditure</u></b>		
Honorarium	50	0
Transfer to BD 00032	0	15,000
BD Fee on 00025	0	476
<b><u>Total Expenditure</u></b>	24,778	35,444
Net Receipts (losses ) for the year	1,069	-11,482
Balance brought forward	20,417	31,899
Balance to carry forward	21,486	20,417



	Year 2025	Year 2024
	£	£
<b><u>2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities</u></b>		
<b><u>Monetary Assets</u></b>		
Bank Account and Cash in Hand	21,486	20,418
Brewin Dolphin Accumulated	141,428	136,970
Income Account: Stock		
Cash	2,192	3,886
Dividend Pending	0	372
<b><u>Totals for General Purpose Funds</u></b>	<b>165,106</b>	<b>161,646</b>
<b><u>Other Monetary Assets</u></b>		
Brewin Dolphin Portfolio (Market Value)	656,338	662,399
Brewin Dolphin Capital/Deposit Account	15,966	7,647
Dividend Pending	0	1,229
<b><u>Total Investments</u></b>	<b>672,304</b>	<b>671,275</b>
<b><u>Total Monetary Assets</u></b>	<b>837,410</b>	<b>832,921</b>

#### ***Notes to the Accounts***

1. Accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.
2. The charity has unrestricted income funds and a permanent endowment fund.
3. The charity's capital is held as a permanent endowment. The endowment capital is not expendable and is not a restricted fund.
4. The accounts are subject to independent examination.
5. There are no related party transactions.