
LITTLE BARRINGTON CHARITY
Charity registered number 237366

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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(reg. 237366)

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Principle address:

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Trustees serving in 2024:

Mr James Bainbridge

Chairman

Mrs Venetia Crosbie Dawson

Vice Chair

retired June 2024

Mr Charles Neil

Mr Paul Stanley KC

Mrs Philippa de Haldevang

Ms Helen Lord

appointed Sept 2024

Independent examiner

Mrs Sarah Smith

Bank

TSB Bank plc

13 High Street

Witney

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Little Barrington Charity is a registered Charity no. 237366. The Charity Commissioners Scheme dated 28 June 2004 governs the charities previously known as 1) The Church and Poor Lands, 2) Charity of Joan Dorset, 3) The Parish Room, 4) Arthur Reginald Hurst for Parish Room.

Trustees

Two of the Trustees are appointed by the Little Barrington Parochial Church Council and one by the Barrington Parish Council. The remaining trustees are co-opted. All appointments are for a period of four years.

Risk management and policy

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review risks and to ensure that appropriate controls are in place. Risk management is regularly reviewed and the Trustees are satisfied that appropriate systems are in place.

- Reserves policy: It is the intention of the Trustees to build up and maintain sufficient funds to meet the Charity's requirements. This policy is reviewed annually.
- Grants policy: Trustees consider what expenditure the charity has made under this head and annually review this policy
- Conflict of interest: It is recorded that Mrs Philippa de Haldevang declared a conflict of loyalty arising from her husband's service as Churchwarden of St Peter's, Little Barrington. Trustees considered the Charity Commission guidance on conflict of interest and resolved that she was entitled to participate fully in any decision making regarding St Peter's without further or more specific resolution.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the Charity comprise of:

The provision, maintenance and repair of the Reading Room;

The maintenance and repair of St Peter's Church, Little Barrington;

The maintenance and repair of the Charity's assets consisting of 8 cottages and land;

The relief of persons resident in the area who are in need, hardship or distress.

To promote such general public charitable purposes for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area as the Trustees think fit.

The area of benefit includes Little Barrington, Great Barrington, Windrush, Sherborne and the surrounding neighbourhood.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance outlined in the Charity Commissioners general guidance on the public benefit when reviewing the Trusts aims and objectives in setting out the grant making policy for the year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Charity's income derives from the rents of 8 cottages, arable land farmed under a Farming Business tenancy, grazing land under a Grazing and Mowing Licence and contributions for the use of the Reading Room.

Bank Balances

At the end of 2024 the Charity bank balances stood at £187,079.51 including the £40,000 grant for Sherborne Primary School held on account. ✓

An interest bearing account is maintained with COIF.

An Accumulation fund is maintained with M&G investments.

Property expenditure

Major works - £21,469.10 including: roofing works, ground works and tree removal, ✓

Repairs and maintenance - £11,029.02 consisting of: boiler maintenance, plumbing, electrical works, general maintenance, sewage disposal and costs associated with upgrading the properties to comply with EPC. ✓

Church - £44,747.10 including: repairs and maintenance, cleaning, fire protection, insurance and electricity and works arising from the Quinquennial inspection ✓

Reading Room - £9,813.30 including: repairs and maintenance, utilities and cleaning ✓

Professional fees

Total expenditure was £22,451.12 solicitor, insurance, audit and management costs. ✓

Donations

The donations made by the Charity in 2024 amounted to £6,230.20 comprising of: ✓

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| • Community grants | £1,250.00 |
| • Grant – St Mary's Church | £4,880.00 |
| • Benefice printer for use of the community | £100.20 |

£40,000 continues to be held on account for Sherborne Primary School

Aims

As previously reported, The Governors and Headmaster of Sherborne School approached the Trustees in 2018 asking for their support in the funding of a new classroom project resulting from an increase in pupil numbers and the need to improve facilities. With certain conditions, the Trustees agreed to contribute funds to this project and donated £20,000 each December for 3 years (commencing December 2018). The school has received the donation of £20,000 for 2018, but the School requested that the amounts due for 2019 and 2020 should continue be held within the Charity Account due to the continued delay in the planning process. The Governors regularly keep the Trustees updated with progress and it is believed that matters will proceed now that the school's to join the Corinium Education Trust (Academy) on 1st February 2025.

The Trustees maintain their previous decision to build up and hold a reserve for necessary refurbishment of the Charity's properties and for any potential contingencies and risks.

Essential works to the Minnow Lane and Leys Farm properties other than routine repair and maintenance continue including works to ensure compliance with EPC and EICR compliance. There were some major works roofing works required during 2024 and additional works required for 2025.

The Reading Room is used for community events and meetings.

Trustees are always pleased to consider anyone seeking financial assistance from the Charity within the charity's objects.

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Receipts and Payments account for the year ending 31 December 2024

INCOME	2022	2023	2024
Rent from cottages and farmland	95,728	98,514	107,049 ✓
Reading Room contributions	380	340	989 ✓
Bank Interest	825	4,890	6,589 ✓
other income	0	0	0
Total income in year	96,933	103,744	114,627 ^
EXPENDITURE			
Major works	10,535	23,040	21,469 ✓
House repairs & expenses	10,491	16,207	11,029 ✓
Insurance	4,186	4,804	5,782 ✓
Professional Expenses	16,911	12,382	16,669 ✓
Church Expenses	5,007	5,341	44,747 ✓
Donations	3,006	4,500	6,130 ✓
Reading Room expenses	1,293	3,070	9,813 ✓
Benefice expenses	123	317	100 ✓
other expenditure	0	36	-
Total expenditure in year	51,552	69,697	115,739 ^
net inflow / outflow in year	45,381	34,047 -	1,112 ^
Cash funds at beginning of year	86,358	131,739	165,786
cash fund at end of year	131,739	165,786	164,674 ^

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	General purpose Funds	Endowment Funds
Cash funds	164,674	
M & G Charifund Investment	22,405	
Freehold Property		5,115,000
TOTAL	£187,079	£5,115,000

Funds include £40,000.00 held on account for Sherborne Primary School

Freehold values are as per the valuation carried out by Tayler & Fletcher on 24th August 2022.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Little Barrington Charity

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2024

Charity no

237366

Set out on pages

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

20/03/2025

Name:

Sarah Smith

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

ACCA

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Brize Norton
OXON, OX18 3PZ

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Notes to the Account for the year ending 31st December 2024

1. Accounting basis

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards of the Charities Act 2011.

2. Policies

The financial statements include financial transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Trustees are responsible.

Income and expenditure are included on a Receipts and Payments basis.

3. Bankers to the Charity are TSB, 13 High Street, Witney, OX28 6PH

4. An interest bearing deposit account is maintained with COIF

5. The policy of the Charity on reserves is to maintain sufficient cash to meet its requirements for the next 12 months. This policy is reviewed annually by the trustees.

6. There were no Trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year.

Approved by the Trustees on

7th June 2025

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:



Mr James Bainbridge



Mr Charles Neil