

**FRIENDS OF PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**AND**

**ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 DECEMBER 2025**

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**Reference and Administrative Information**

Name of Charity: Friends of Peterborough Cathedral

Principal Office: Cathedral Office  
Minster Precincts  
Peterborough PE1 1XS

Charity Registration Number: 249608

Independent Examiner Price Bailey LLP  
Anglia House  
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Norwich NR7 0HR

Members of the Council (Trustees) during the year and as at 31 December 2025:

Dean of Peterborough (ex officio):  
The Rev Canon Christopher Dalliston

Nominated by the Chapter of Peterborough Cathedral:  
None

Elected at Annual General Meetings:

Mr David Way (Chairman)  
Mr John Grubb (Magazine editor)  
Mr Ian Harper  
Mrs Joanne Dalrymple-Smith  
Mrs Rosemary Way

Officers:

Hon Treasurer & Membership Secretary— Mr Keith L Nicholson

Bankers: Barclays Bank PLC  
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Peterborough  
PE1 1XE

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LEEDS  
LS1 9TY

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**Annual Report 2025**

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and accounts of the charity.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019.

**Objectives and Activities**

The objectives of the Friends of Peterborough Cathedral set out in the Constitution are:

- (a) To arouse and foster interest in the Cathedral throughout the Diocese and beyond; and
- (b) To assist the Chapter with funds to preserve the fabric of the Cathedral, the monastic buildings and other historic features of the precincts, and of any buildings used for the purposes of the Cathedral; and to assist in the preservation and enrichment of the ornaments and furnishings of the Cathedral and maintenance and development of its worship and mission.

The Council seeks to achieve these objectives through encouraging membership of the Friends and:

- making grants to the Chapter of the Cathedral;
- circulating the annual Journal and periodic newsletters, which publicise special services and events at the Cathedral;
- fundraising;
- arranging various trips within and outside the diocese for members; and
- organising the annual Friends Day at the cathedral.

The Association only makes grants to the Chapter following discussion and approval of specific proposals at a meeting of the Council, taking account of the objectives of the Association as set out above, the availability of funds in the light of the Association's financial strategy, and the strategic priorities of the Chapter. In its decision-making, the Association works closely with but is independent of the Chapter.

Membership of the Association is open to all those, of any Christian denomination or of other faiths (or none), who care about the heritage of Peterborough Cathedral and wish to see the building and its place in the life of the City and Diocese of Peterborough maintained and developed. The Council considers that its activities in support of its objectives are in line with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, in particular the specific guidance on charities that include the advancement of religion among their objectives.

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**Achievements, Performance and Financial Review**

**Membership and Subscriptions**

The principal regular source of income for the Association is its membership subscriptions. However there are still a number of members who have not increased their membership fees, this at a time when our costs are increasing, especially with postage. A letter/email was sent to members in 2025 to address this issue.

Membership numbers have been reviewed to account for only those paying subscriptions and number around 459. New members broadly offset departures as a result of death.

**Friends Day**

The format for Friends Day has been slightly altered so that rather than an all day event it has been compressed to just an afternoon.

**Changes in Personnel**

Details are given at the front of this report

**Overall Financial Position**

At the end of the year the Association's accumulated reserves totalled £77,140 (2024 £90,019) a decrease of £12,879.

During 2025 the principal grant to chapter was £25,000 towards the refurbishment of the Bourdon Bell together with a donation of £10,000 towards the Cathedral in Crisis appeal (2024 the principal grant to the chapter was £3,500 paid as the second instalment on account of a three year commitment totalling £10,500 to help with the gardening in the precincts).

The format of the journal continues to be under review to try and reduce this annual cost. Different formats and means of delivery are being explored.

**Reserves Policy**

The Council believe that their reserves should be made up of sufficient working capital to enable it to continue to operate for 24 months together with sufficient funds to meet pledges already made to fund projects of the Chapter of Peterborough Cathedral.

Running costs in 2025 amounted to £6,620 a contingency fund is held of £10,000 towards the installation and cleaning of the Parr memorial. This gives a current optimum reserve level of £23,240 which means that our current level of reserves (£77,140) is £53,900 above the required level due to previous legacy proceeds being undistributed. The Council is looking at options to further support the Chapter of Peterborough Cathedral in accordance with our constitution.

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### **Main Sources of Income**

The Association's main regular sources of income are subscriptions from members these totalled £5,705 (2024 - £5,873).

Apart from investment income (see below), the Association's other main regular sources of income are donations and legacies. The Association continues to attract legacies and is grateful for the goodwill of members who include it in their wills. The Council expresses its gratitude for all these bequests, as well as for a number of smaller gifts from collections at funerals.

### **Grants to Chapter**

Any further grant making is linked to supporting outlays as they are incurred by the Chapter. The ability to fulfil the commitment is, in part, dependent upon bequests and gifts which by their nature cannot be foreseen.

### **Investment Policy**

All uncommitted funds are placed in interest-earning accounts to produce income to support the Association's objective of providing financial assistance to the Chapter. There are no restrictions on any of the capital held by the Association, and the Trustees have the power to invest anywhere permitted by the Trustees Act 2000.

The liquid assets, being £30,816 (2024 - £31,873), are placed in accounts with Barclays Bank, and £43,123 (2024 £62,334) with the Scottish Widows Bank that can be drawn down as required.

### **Plans for the Future**

#### **Financial Strategy**

It is anticipated that the annual surplus from membership and other activities will enable smaller grants to continue to be made in support of maintenance and small items that might arise and which traditionally the Friends have been willing to fund. The Council is considering strategies to try and increase this surplus, including increasing the annual membership fee.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Friends of Peterborough Cathedral is an Unincorporated Association that is a registered charity. Its governing document is its Constitution, which was last subject to comprehensive review in 2006, with minor amendments in 2008.

Under the Constitution, management is vested in a Council, which has power to authorise the expenditure of funds in furtherance of its objectives. The members of the Council are the Charity Trustees of the Association. The Council consists of up to 17 members:

- The Dean of Peterborough Cathedral (ex officio)
- 4 members nominated by the Chapter of Peterborough Cathedral
- 6 members elected at the AGM
- 3 officers (Honorary Secretary, Honorary Membership Secretary and Honorary Treasurer) appointed annually by the Council
- A maximum of 3 members co-opted by the Council.
- The editor of the Friends' Journal attends as ex-officio member.

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The Chairman (and Vice-Chairman when there is one) is elected annually by and from among the members of the Council. Nominated and elected members serve on the Council for periods of three years. The officers are appointed and co-options made annually. Members are eligible for re-nomination, re-election, reappointment or re-co-option as appropriate.

Details of the members of the Council and other Reference and Administrative Information, as well as the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, are included in this report.

The Council periodically undertakes a review to identify and assess any significant risks to which the Association may become exposed and to ensure measures are taken to mitigate such risks as far as is practicable. The last review was undertaken in January 2009.

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and they consider that the charity is fulfilling its obligations by achieving the above.

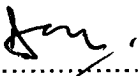
**Independent Examination**

This has been carried out in accordance with charity legislation

**Fundraising**

The Charity understands its duty to protect the public, including vulnerable people, from unreasonably intrusive or persistent fundraising approaches, and undue pressure to donate but does not currently fundraise from the public or use any internal fundraisers or external fundraising agencies for either telephone or face to face campaigns and received no fundraising complaints during the year.

Approved on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

  
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David Way  
Chairman

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**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 FRS 102;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts Reports) Regulations 2008, and the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website.

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Friends of Peterborough Cathedral**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 9 to 13.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

We understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

**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 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 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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



**Suzanne Goldsmith FCA**  
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Chartered Accountants  
Anglia House, 6 Central Avenue  
St Andrews Business Park  
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Date: 30 April 2026



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**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2025**

	2025 £	2025 £	31st Dec 2024
<b><u>Income</u></b>			
<b><u>Voluntary Income</u></b>			
Subscriptions	5,705		5,873
Donations	137		200
Legacies	21,550		-
Tax Reclaimed on Gift Aid	375		-
Interest on Gift Aid Tax Reclaims	-		-
		27,767	6,073
<b><u>Activities for Generating Funds</u></b>			
<b><u>Investment Income</u></b>			
Interest	976		947
		976	947
<b><u>Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities</u></b>			
Advertising in Friends Journal	-		-
Local Visits and Events	-		-
Summer/Autumn Trip	-		-
Friends Day	-		-
Other Income - Inc Junior friends	-		-
		-	-
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>28,743</b>	<b>7,019</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
<b><u>Costs of Activities to Generate Funds</u></b>			
Printing, Stationery and Postage	253		15
		253	15
<b><u>Charitable Activities</u></b>			
Grants to Chapter	35,000		-
Remaining commitment to Chapter	-		-
Friends Journal	3,762		4,695
Newsletters	-		-
Summer/Autumn Trip	-		-
Friends Day and National Conference	78		240
Support Costs - Printing and Stationery	-		-
Support Costs - Postage	-		-
Support Costs - Publicity	-		-
Other Expenses	-		30
		38,840	4,965
Independent Examination Fee	1,920		1,920
Other Administration Costs e.g.database	609		241
		2,529	2,161
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>41,622</b>	<b>7,141</b>
<b><u>Surplus/(Deficit)</u></b>		<b>(12,879)</b>	<b>(121)</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>(12,879)</b>	<b>(121)</b>
<b>Balance b/f at 1 January</b>		<b>90,019</b>	<b>90,140</b>
<b>Balance c/f at end of period</b>		<b>77,140</b>	<b>90,019</b>

All funds are unrestricted in the current and prior year.


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**Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025**

	2025 £	31st Dec 2024
<b><u>Fixed Assets</u></b>		
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>		
Sundry Debtors	-	1,000
Scottish Widows Bank	43,123	62,334
Cash at Bank:		
Barclays Bank Current A/c	3,519	31,873
Barclays Bank Business Premium A/c	27,297	-
Accrued Income	5,120	231
	<u>79,059</u>	<u>95,438</u>
<b><u>Current Liabilities (within one year)</u></b>		
Sundry Creditors	1,919	5,419
<b><u>Total Net Assets</u></b>	<u>77,140</u>	<u>90,019</u>
<b><u>Accumulated Fund</u></b>	<u>77,140</u>	<u>90,019</u>

Approved on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

  
**David Way**  
Chair

  
**Keith Nicholson**  
Treasurer

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**Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet**

**1. Accounting Policies**

**Basis of preparation**

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The accounts are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The accounts are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these accounts are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

In preparing the accounts, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102) a restatement of comparative items was needed. No restatements were required.

The following specific policies have been applied to recognising sums in the accounts:

- Trustees consider the Charity to be a going concern. Given the level of reserves and the discretionary nature of most expenditure the Charity has sufficient funds to continue in operation for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements.
- Subscriptions are included as turnover when received.
- All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.
- For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

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- Tax reclaims from HM Revenue and Customs are included when the amounts due have been calculated and claimed or can be reliably estimated.
- Grants approved to the Chapter of Peterborough Cathedral are brought to account as expenditure when there is a constructive obligation, i.e. the Chapter has acted on communication of the Association's intention to make a grant by placing orders for goods or services. Any approved grants for which a constructive obligation has not arisen are noted as contingent liabilities.
- Unrestricted funds are funds given for no particular purpose or projects, to be spent as Trustees decide.
- Creditors are recognised when the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a payment to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount.

	2025	2024
<b>2. Sundry debtors</b>		
All debtors are short-term, receivable in under one year		
HMRC outstanding Gift Aid claims	-	1,000
<b>3. Sundry creditors</b>		
Independent examination fee	1,919	1,919
Remaining amount due in 2025 to Chapter in respect of grants	-	3,500
	<u>1,919</u>	<u>5,419</u>

All creditors are short-term, payable in under one year.

During 2023 the Trustees approved a further grant of £10,000 which is subject to planning conditions outside of the Charity's control and therefore this has not been included within the accounts as a liability. If the necessary permissions are granted it is expected that the grant will be paid within the next 12 months.

**4. Accumulated Fund**

Brought forward at 1st January 2025	90,019
Deficit for year	(12,879)
Carried forward at 31st December 2025	<u>77,140</u>

**5. Council members (Trustees) Remuneration and Expenses**

No members of the Council received any remuneration or expenses during the year.

**6. Contingent Asset**

As at 31 December 2025 the charity had been notified of one residuary legacy the value of which is uncertain as administration is incomplete. The value of the legacy to the charity, is expected to be around £20k - £40k As at 18 March 2026 no further information had been received and so this legacy has not been accrued.

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**7. Contingent Liability**

During 2023 the council was actively engaged with the Chapter of Peterborough cathedral and in principal agreed to provide matched funding for and the movement from Northamptonshire of a historic memorial. This project has been more complex than expected and relevant permissions are still being sought. The final costs are not yet known.

**8. Staff costs**

There are no employees of the Friends of Peterborough Cathedral.

**9. Related Party Transactions**

There were no related party transactions (2024: none).