



Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust

Charity Registration Number 287486

Annual Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

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Trustees and Executive Committee

David Pritchard resigned as Chair of the Executive Committee on 25 July 2024 and Nicholas Leigh-Smith was duly appointed as a Trustee to succeed him as Vice-Chair of the Trust and Chair of the Executive Committee. David Pritchard will continue as a Trustee.

Following the resignation of Susan Pope as Treasurer in November 2024, Paul Arthur Rees Skipper was duly elected as a Trustee to replace her as Treasurer on 6 February 2025
John Farmer was elected as a Trustee on 6 February 2025

Trustees serving during the year

His Honour Neil McKittrick (*Chair*)
The Revd Canon David Pritchard – Vice Chair (until July 2024)
Nicholas Leigh-Smith – Vice Chair (from July 2024)
Susan Pope – Hon Treasurer (until November 2024)
Paul Skipper – Hon Treasurer (from November 2024)
David Stazicker
The Revd Canon Simon Talbott
The Revd Canon Dr Nicholas Thistlethwaite
Alison Taylor
Geoffrey Hunter
John Farmer

Executive Committee

The Revd Canon David Pritchard (*Committee Chair until July 2024*)
Nicholas Leigh-Smith (*Committee Chair from July 2024*)
Susan Pope (*Hon. Treasurer until November 2024*)
Paul Skipper (*Hon Treasurer from November 2024*)
Graham Pledger (*Grants Secretary*)
The Revd Dr Lynne Broughton
William Craven
The Revd Canon Annette Reed
Sue Holgate (*Administrator*)

Ride and Stride Treasurer
The Revd Timothy Thompson (until August 2024)

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For more detailed information about the Trust's activities, visit www.camhct.uk where Newsletters can be downloaded.

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1 Annual Report and Financial Statements

The Trustees present their report and the independently examined financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 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 financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements 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.

2 Structure, Governance and Management of the Trust

The operation of the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust ("the Trust") is governed by the Declaration of Trust dated 10th June 1983. The Trust is registered by the Charity Commission under number 287486.

The founding Trustees and their successors were empowered to appoint new Trustees. The Trustees are not constrained in any particular manner for the appointment of Trustees. No other party may appoint Trustees. The Trustees have duly exercised their power from time to time so as to include, as the main selection criterion, a range of persons with knowledge and experience relevant to the Trust's objectives.

The Trustees may delegate any of their functions (except those relating to investments) to a committee, subject to any lawful and proper directions as to the conduct of its business.

The Trustees may appoint to, and remove from, any such committee any person whether or not also serving as a Trustee.

An Executive Committee has accordingly been appointed to administer the day-to-day affairs of the Trust within overall policies and financial limits set from time to time by the Trustees. In making appointments to the Committee the Trustees endeavor to secure in volunteers a range of knowledge and experience relevant to the Committee's business. The Committee's proceedings are reported to the Trustees, who meet twice yearly. The Executive Committee currently meets every two months.

3 The Trust's Charitable Objectives

The purposes of the Trust are "The preservation repair maintenance improvement upkeep and reconstruction of Churches in the County of Cambridge and or monuments fittings fixtures, stained glass, furniture ornaments and chattels in such churches and of the churchyard belonging to any such Churches". "Church" is defined as "any Church Chapel or other building used for public worship whether belonging to or used by the Church of England or any other religious body". As at the foundation of the Trust in 1983 the County included the district of Peterborough, which attained unitary local government status in 1998. It remains within the ambit of the Trust's activities.

In pursuit of these purposes the Trust awards grants and concessionary loans to churches to assist towards the cost of repairs, the creation of new facilities, precautions against metal theft and repairs to monuments. To raise funds towards the cost of grants, the Trust participates in the annual countrywide sponsored event currently entitled "Ride and Stride".

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3 The Trust's Charitable Objectives *(continued)*

The Trustees are also empowered to “do all such things as are permitted by law to the Trustees of a Charitable Trust and as are incidental to the execution of the trusts” and to “do all such lawful things as shall further the attainment of the objects of the Trust”. In exercise of these ancillary powers the Trust organises conferences, meetings, visits and guided tours to increase the understanding of church buildings, their contents and their history. It also invites individuals and churches to subscribe as members of the Trust, with discounted charges for attendance at some events. Subscribing members receive periodic newsletters and other mailings about the activities of the Trust and have the opportunity annually to attend a meeting or conference session at which the activities of the preceding year are reported and questions may be addressed to the Trust's officers.

The Trust encourages donations and legacies to its charitable funds but does not employ external fundraisers nor make unsolicited telephone calls.

4 Administration

General administration continues to be performed by the Administrator who was appointed on 1 May 2021 and replaces the Honorary Secretary.

5 Activities during the Year – General Overview

In furtherance of the objectives identified above the Trust has undertaken various activities during the year ended 30 June 2025. These are described in this and the following sections of this report.

The Trust's core activity, the award of grants and concessionary loans, is dealt with in Section 7 of this report. The Diocese of Ely, which is partly coterminous with the Trust's area of operation, has produced a strategy “People Fully Alive” which among other things recognises the difficulties faced by many congregations in maintaining their church buildings. Part of the solution lies in improving the facilities in churches so as to enable their use for a wider range of activities by the congregation and a wider public.

The Trust's wish to promote knowledge of the history and architecture of the county's churches is normally met by the Church Tours and the Annual Conference. These events are well attended, with a nucleus of regular participants usually supplemented in the case of the tours by others with a more specific interest in the particular churches included or the area visited. We welcome members of the local congregations to our visits as they can often furnish additional information from local knowledge and in exchange they may learn from our expert guides. The Conference this year was entitled Imagery – Wall Paintings and Screens with four lectures on imagery in churches from medieval times to the present day. The Conference was well attended and well received by the participants.

There were four church tours during July and August 2024 and May and June 2025 in different parts of the county, ably conducted by the Revd Dr. Lynne Broughton and Will Schenck.

On 26 June Choral Evensong in Ely Cathedral was held on behalf of the Trust at which the Bishop of Huntingdon gave the Address followed by a wine Reception in the Lady Chapel.

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6 Financial Review

The Trust achieves its charitable purposes in two main ways. It makes interest-free (concessionary) loans to churches, and it makes grants available. Since its formation in 1983, the Trust has provided almost 1,000,000 in concessionary loans and given grants in excess of £45,000.

The concessionary loans are from a significant 'pool' of funds held for the purpose. This pool of money is constantly rotating as new advances are made and as churches make repayments. These funds appear on the balance sheet as investments, bank, and deposit accounts.

In accordance with its reserves policy, the Trust makes grants to churches out of its net income of the previous year.

7 Award of grants and concessionary loans

Churches have been paid the following grants during the year.

General Grants	£
Warboys PCC	1,000
All Saints' Church, Haslingfield PCC	3,000
Landbeach, All Saints	3,000
Tilbrook PCC	3,000
Soham PCC	5,000
Melbourn PCC	1,000
Teversham PCC	2,500
St Neots With Eynesbury	3,000
Croydon Church PCC	2,000
Stetchworth PCC	3,000
Barnack PCC	2,500
Marholm PCC	2,500
Easton PCC	2,500
Lode PCC	3,000
Diddington PCC	2,000
St Peter's Church, Snailwell	3,000
St Andrew's, Northborough	2,500
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Accrued at the beginning of the period	(39,000
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Accrued at the end of the period	24,000
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7 Award of grants and concessionary loans *(continued)*

The following interest-free concessionary loans to churches are due to the Trust at the year end. Further information is given in note 12 to the financial statements.

Loans Outstanding	£
Cheveley, St Mary	6,000
Whittlesford, St Mary & St Andrew	5,000
Soham, St Andrew	10,000
Duxford PCC	15,000
Hail Weston, Saint Nicholas PCC	15,000
Wittering PCC	2,500
Boxworth, St Peter	20,000
Bassingbourn, St Peter & Paul	20,000
Diddington, St Lawrence	5,000
Helpston, St Botolph	20,000
Total	118,500

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7 Award of grants and concessionary loans (*continued*)

The Trust has approved and offered churches the following concessionary loans during the year but which were unclaimed at the end of the year. The following grants are those offered to churches during the year where the offer has not expired, and the terms and conditions attaching to the offer have not, at the end of the financial year, formally been accepted by the church concerned.

The following grants and concessionary loans are shown as contingent liabilities in the financial statements at note 13.

Grants	£
Christchurch, Christchurch	3,000
Sutton in the Isle, St Andrew	2,000
Cambridge, St Giles	3,000
Orton Waterville, St Mary	2,000
Great Paxton, Holy Trinity	2,000
Arrington, St Nicolas	2,000
Waterbeach, St John	1,000
Total	15,000

Loans	£
Tydd, St Giles	5,000
Knapwell, All Saints	20,000
Orwell, St Andrew	20,000
Southoe, St Leonards	20,000
Yelling, Holy Cross	20,000
Total	85,000

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8 Sponsored Ride and Stride

This annual event, which in the financial year 2024/25 took place on Saturday 14th September 2024 is currently the Trust's second largest source of income. As recorded in the accounts, this event raised £22,438 of which £10,240 was paid over to individual participating churches.

The Trust is grateful for such an enthusiastic participation once again in 2024.

The not inconsiderable time and effort in organizing the event is provided by volunteers. The individuals who are sponsored and raise the funds so necessary for the work of the Trust are volunteers and do so either on their own account or with participating churches.

9 Membership

As described in Section 3 of this report, the Trust invites individuals and churches to subscribe as members, at an annual cost of £20 and £50 respectively. Individual membership entitles up to two people at the same address to the relevant benefits.

The administrative costs arising from the membership scheme are very modest and the bulk of the subscription income is available in aid of the Trust's core charitable objectives.

The Trust's

total membership as of 30th June 2025 stood at 308 consisting of 147 individual members (of which there were 33 joint members at the same address), 149 corporate or church members and 12 honorary members.

10 Charities Act 2011 – Public Benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit matters. They have had due regard to the guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

The Trust's objectives are set out in the section numbered 3 of this report. The Trust's predominant activity is the award of grants and concessionary loans to churches to assist with the cost of works falling within those objectives, as detailed in the following Financial Statements.

As detailed in the sections numbered 5 and 8, it also organises tours of local churches, and occasionally those further afield, guided by specialists in architectural history and iconography, and conferences addressed by specialists on matters within the Trust's objectives.

In so doing it is fulfilling several of the purposes specified in the Charities Act 2011: the advancement of religion, by assisting churches to maintain their buildings in a fit state for worship, and to improve facilities so as to encourage attendance; the advancement of community development, by assisting churches to adapt their buildings for wider community use; and the advancement of the arts, culture and heritage, by supporting the conservation of buildings and artefacts of architectural, artistic and historic interest, and by spreading knowledge and understanding of those buildings and artefacts.

The Trust's grants and concessionary loans are available to all denominations, the local tours are free of charge irrespective of membership of the Trust, and other activities are available to members and non-members alike. Although assistance to any individual church may chiefly benefit its own regular worshippers, churches almost invariably welcome all comers to their services, and if a church is not regularly open at other times keys are usually available to visitors on request. The benefits arising from the Trust's activities are accordingly available in all cases to a wide section of the public, without express qualification, and in many respects to the public as a whole, without exclusion of people in poverty.

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Charities Act 2011 – Public Benefit *(continued)*

In considering applications for financial assistance, the Executive Committee has regard to the relative urgency of the works, the relative architectural, artistic or historic significance of the buildings or artefacts, the other resources available, the size and means of the worshipping community, and where applicable the benefit to the wider local community, thus investigating rigorously the various aspects of public benefit which may accrue from the proposed works.

10 Reserve Policy

Surplus funds at the end of the financial year are available for grants and concessionary loans to churches. The amount available comprises the bank and cash resources, less the amounts received as legacies invested to generate additional income and the amounts already committed but not paid by the end of the year. This is allocated to grants, based on income less expenditure (other than grants paid) in the year.

The balance of surplus funds and the amounts due to be received from churches as repayments in the immediately following financial year comprise the amount the Trustees make available for concessionary loans to churches.

11 Investment Policy

Our policy is that sufficient cash should be held in current accounts and short-term deposits to satisfy the immediate payment of grants, loans and the day-to-day expenditure of the Trust.

We seek to improve the rate of return on the funds held and not immediately required in the short term.

In doing so we seek medium to low risk funds which incorporate environmental, social and governance considerations into their investment strategy. Accordingly, ethical investments are encouraged.

We will invest in charitable collective investments funds. These will be professionally managed by the fund managers.

The Trustees will review this policy, liquidity requirements, returns obtained, risks accepted and how they are managed at least once a year, or more often as required.

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13. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The law applicable to charities in England and 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 income and expenditure for the charity for that period.

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual report and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

- In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:
- a) Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
 - b) Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
 - c) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
 - d) 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 proper 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 and Reports) regulations 2008 and the provisions of 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. Legalisation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of the financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.
Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

Nicholas Leigh-Smith
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NICHOLAS LEIGH-SMITH

2 April 2026
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DATE

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts as set out on pages 13 – 26 of Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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 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 Trust 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.



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DATE

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 30 June 2025

			2025		2024
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	38,170	10,542	48,712	48,970
Charitable activities	5	1,278	–	1,278	547
Investment income	6	21,827	8	21,835	18,962
Total income		<u>61,275</u>	<u>10,550</u>	<u>71,825</u>	<u>68,479</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	7,8	41,801	10,550	52,351	72,636
Total expenditure		<u>41,801</u>	<u>10,550</u>	<u>52,351</u>	<u>72,636</u>
Net (losses)/gains on investments	9	(1,130)	–	(1,130)	12,263
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>18,344</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>18,344</u>	<u>8,106</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		667,461	1,000	668,461	660,355
Total funds carried forward		<u>685,805</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>686,805</u>	<u>668,461</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on page 15 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

30 June 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	11	279,763	220,893
Current assets			
Debtors	12	120,766	112,375
Cash at bank and in hand		313,066	382,302
		433,832	494,677
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	26,790	47,109
Net current assets		407,042	447,568
Total assets less current liabilities		686,805	668,461
Net assets		686,805	668,461
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		1,000	1,000
Unrestricted funds		685,805	667,461
Total charity funds	14	686,805	668,461

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 2nd April 2026 and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Nicholas Leigh-Smith

Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 30 June 2025

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 9 The Chase, Ely, Cambridgeshire, CB6 3DR.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

A Statement of Cash Flows is neither required nor presented.

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

Other debtors

Debtors, other than concessionary loans but including those receivable if any after more than one year, are recognised at the settlement amount due.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist.

The trustees have considered for a period of at least, but not limited to, twelve months from authorising these financial statements the budgeted income and expenditure, and consider it sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

Cash at bank

Cash at bank includes highly liquid investments with instant access to funds which are held to meet cash commitments of the charity as they fall due, rather than as investments.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised when the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that more likely than not result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the settlement amount due can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at, net of any discounts available, the settlement amount.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Provisions

Provisions would be recognised for those concessionary loans and grants where there is uncertainty as to the timing or amount, and any uncertainty regarding the amount is more than one of determining a basis for reasonable estimation of the liability arising from that constructive obligation.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The following judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have been made in the process applying the above accounting policies that have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements:

The Trust has not experienced a bad debt (an irrecoverable concessionary loan) in its history to date. Loan repayments are very seldom more than a month overdue. The Trustees have formed a judgement based on this experience that churches will continue to honour the concessionary loan repayments in a timely manner.

No key assumptions were made concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Income tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Donations are recognised at the earlier of entitlement or receipt. For the entitlement of donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy would be treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

The charity does not receive gifts in kind.

The Trust is not a membership body and the facilities available to those who pay a subscription are also available to non-subscribing third parties, albeit in some limited instances at slightly higher cost. Membership subscriptions are thus in the nature of donations and are accounted for as such. Subscriptions shown include the amounts paid by those who have applied to be 'members' at the amounts paid by them.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by our investment advisor of the dividend yield of the investment portfolio.

Concessionary loans are made interest-free.

Interest receivable is recognised using the effective interest method. However, interest on concessionary loans and interest receivable on bank deposit accounts has not required adjustment, as the rate receivable reflects the effective interest rate applicable to the asset.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the 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.

Volunteers provide their services unpaid. No expense is recognised for the provision of services by volunteers. Expenses are recognised where the Trust agrees to reimburse appropriate expenses for, usually, printing and stationery.

Expenditure is categorised under the following headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes making grants to churches.
- Costs of raising funds includes Ride and Stride prizes, expenses and contributions to participating churches. Engage awards (contributions to churches) are included in this heading. It also includes the costs of the annual conference.
- Administration and management, and other expenditure not falling into the categories above.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Grants payable to churches are within the charitable objectives. Churches must first apply for the grant. The Executive Committee considers the application and, if appropriate, makes an offer in principle of the grant, subject to certain conditions. At this point, grants are recorded as contingent liabilities. When the Trust receives the formal acceptance by the church concerned of the terms and conditions of the grant, the Trust regards the grant offer as a constructive obligation to be provided as a liability and creditor.

Grants are generally made on practical completion of the work though roof alarm grants may be made earlier. When the church applies for payment, so long as it has previously formally agreed the terms and conditions and provided evidence of compliance, the grant liability is discharged by payment. Grant offers expire if not claimed within two years.

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities. Where they are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity, they are attributed to the cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument. They are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The Trust does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

The main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub sectors.

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Financial instruments

Other than fixed asset investments (see above accounting policy), the trust makes social investments in the form of concessionary loans which are interest-free and may be payable after more than one year. Such loans are measured at the amount paid, with the carrying amount adjusted for any repayments (and adjusted if necessary to recoverable or settlement amount if the loan or part of the loan is irrecoverable or waived).

Other financial assets and financial liabilities of the trust are of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Such basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Contingent liabilities

A contingent liability is disclosed for those concessionary loans and grants, which do not represent liabilities, where the possible obligation, which arises from past events, will only be confirmed by the occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the trustees' control.

In particular, loan and grant offers are shown as contingent liabilities when they are subject to the church concerned formally agreeing the terms and conditions. At this point, loans and grants cease to be contingent liabilities and become actual liabilities.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Concessionary loans

Concessionary loans to churches are made in furtherance of the Trust's public benefit activities. Concessionary loans are interest-free and repayable, usually, over a four-year period on the anniversary of the loan advance.

The process for concessionary loans is similar to that of grants. Churches apply for the concessionary loan. The Executive Committee considers the application and, if appropriate, makes an offer in principle of the loan, subject to certain conditions which remain in the Trust's control. The church's formal acceptance of the terms and conditions of the loan is then obtained. Concessionary loan offers are considered contingent liabilities until such time as payment is requested.

When the church is able to apply for the concessionary loan, so long as it has formally agreed the terms and conditions and provided evidence of compliance, the loan is recognised and subsequently advanced. The only conditions which then remain concern repayment.

Loan offers expire if not claimed within 18 months.

The Trust has adopted the accounting policy choice in FRS 102 PBE 34.89(b) to measure these arrangements initially at the amount received or paid and recognise them in the statement of financial position. To the extent that a loan that has been made is irrecoverable, an impairment loss is recognised in income and expenditure. Presentation and disclosure of discretionary loans follow the accounting treatment selected.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Donations			
Donations & Legacies	12,336	75	12,411
Gift Aid	1,462	1,950	3,412
Sponsorship			
Sponsored Ride and Stride	11,896	8,517	20,413
Subscriptions			
Subscriptions Gift Aided	10	–	10
Other Subscriptions	12,466	–	12,466
	<u>38,170</u>	<u>10,542</u>	<u>48,712</u>

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4. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Donations & Legacies	18,752	–	18,752
Gift Aid	(3,364)	–	(3,364)
Sponsorship			
Sponsored Ride and Stride	10,482	10,616	21,098
Subscriptions			
Subscriptions Gift Aided	2,270	–	2,270
Other Subscriptions	10,214	–	10,214
	<u>38,354</u>	<u>10,616</u>	<u>48,970</u>

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Conference and events	<u>1,278</u>	<u>1,278</u>	<u>547</u>	<u>547</u>

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Income from listed investments	8,682	–	8,682
Bank interest receivable	13,145	8	13,153
	<u>21,827</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>21,835</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from listed investments	6,703	–	6,703
Bank interest receivable	12,242	17	12,259
	<u>18,945</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18,962</u>

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7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Charitable Objectives	29,500	–	29,500
Fund Raising Activities	2,246	10,450	12,696
Administration and Management	10,055	100	10,155
Support costs	–	–	–
	<u>41,801</u>	<u>10,550</u>	<u>52,351</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Charitable Objectives	50,100	–	50,100
Fund Raising Activities	1,790	10,573	12,363
Administration and Management	10,214	60	10,274
Support costs	(101)	–	(101)
	<u>62,003</u>	<u>10,633</u>	<u>72,636</u>

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2025 £	Total fund 2024 £
Charitable Objectives	29,500	29,500	50,100
Fund Raising Activities	12,696	12,696	12,363
Administration and Management	10,155	10,155	10,274
Governance costs	–	–	(101)
	<u>52,351</u>	<u>52,351</u>	<u>72,636</u>

9. Net (losses)/gains on investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
(Losses)/gains on listed investments	(1,130)	(1,130)	12,263	12,263

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10. Trustee remuneration and expenses

The Trustees received no emoluments in the year (2024 : £Nil).

The following Trustees or members of key management personnel received reimbursement for the following expenses or recognition for services during the year:

		2025 £
Graham Pledger (Grant Secretary)	expenses reimbursement	15
Sue Holgate (Administrator)	fees	2,202
	expenses reimbursement	361
		<u>2,578</u>

11. Investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 July 2024	220,893
Additions	60,000
Fair value movements	(1,130)
At 30 June 2025	<u>279,763</u>
Impairment	
At 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025	
Carrying amount	
At 30 June 2025	<u>279,763</u>
At 30 June 2024	<u>220,893</u>

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

Financial assets held at fair value

The investments are all held in CCLA, a charitable common investment fund and are divided between COIF Charitable Investment, Global Equity, Property and Fixed Interest Funds. The Investments are reflected at their fair market value at 30 June 2025 and reflected on the CCLA annual statements.

12. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments and accrued income	2,241	625
Gift Aid Tax Recoverable	25	—
Other debtors	118,500	111,750
	<u>120,766</u>	<u>112,375</u>

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12. Debtors *(continued)*

	2025 £	2024 £
Concessionary loans to be repaid within one year	59,500	43,250
Concessionary loans to be repaid after one year	59,000	68,500
	<u>118,500</u>	<u>111,750</u>
Number of new concessionary loans advanced during the year	7	6
Amount advanced as new concessionary loans during the year	93,000	93,000
Amount received as concessionary loan repayments during the year	86,250	118,875

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	86	5,409
Accruals and deferred income	2,704	2,700
Other creditors	24,000	39,000
	<u>26,790</u>	<u>47,109</u>

Concessionary loans to churches totalling £85,000 (2024 : £132,000) had been approved by Trustees but loans had not been requested by the end of the financial year. It is expected that they would be taken up in the following year.

Grants to churches totalling £15,000 (2024 : £13,500) had been approved by Trustees but were, by the end of the financial year, conditional upon signed contracts being received.

14. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 July 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 30 June 2025 £
General funds	<u>667,461</u>	<u>61,275</u>	<u>(41,801)</u>	<u>(1,130)</u>	<u>685,805</u>
	<u>At 1 July 2023 £</u>	<u>Income £</u>	<u>Expenditure £</u>	<u>Gains and losses £</u>	<u>At 30 June 2024 £</u>
General funds	<u>659,355</u>	<u>57,846</u>	<u>(62,003)</u>	<u>12,263</u>	<u>667,461</u>

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14. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Designated funds

	At 1 July 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 30 June 2025 £
Roof Alarm Grants	1,000	—	—	—	1,000
Ride and Stride	—	10,550	(10,550)	—	—
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>10,550</u>	<u>(10,550)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,000</u>

	At 1 July 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 30 June 2024 £
Roof Alarm Grants	1,000	—	—	—	1,000
Ride and Stride	—	10,633	(10,633)	—	—
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>10,633</u>	<u>(10,633)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,000</u>

The Roof Alarm Designated Fund is an allocation of unrestricted funds for the purpose of assisting churches to install new roof alarms.

When sponsors give donations to participant individuals in the annual Ride and Stride event, they make such donations to the participants for the benefit of Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust generally. Where individual participants have taken part in the event for their own church, they give the money to the Trust usually with a request that one half be returned to the participating church.

The Trust regards these requests as designated funds since it is not under an obligation to use these donations for any particular purpose.

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Investments	279,763	—	279,763
Current assets	432,832	1,000	433,832
Creditors less than 1 year	(26,790)	—	(26,790)
Net assets	<u>685,805</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>686,805</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Investments	220,893	—	220,893
Current assets	493,677	1,000	494,677
Creditors less than 1 year	(47,109)	—	(47,109)
Net assets	<u>667,461</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>668,461</u>