

Charity Registration No. 519042

THE FRIENDS OF LAUNDE

ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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Reference and administrative information:

Charity name: The Friends of Launde

Charity number: 519042

Principal office:

Launde Abbey, East Norton, Leicestershire LE7 9XB

Bankers

HSBC Bank plc, 2-6 Gallowtree Gate, Leicester. LE1 1DA

CCLA Investment Management Limited, 1 Angel Lane, London
EC4R 3AB

Independent examiner:

Ms Susan Steptoe

57 Rook Tree Lane

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Executive Committee / Trustees as at 30th April 2025:

Mrs Madeleine Wang

Chairperson

Mr Patrick Rendall

Hon. Secretary

Mrs Alison Collis

Hon. Treasurer

Mr Jan Zientek

Hon. Membership Secretary

Revd Dr Hazel Aucken

Ms Ann Green

Revd Susan Leighton

Mrs Beverley Lott

Prof John Twidell

Mrs Mary Weston

Structure, governance and management

The Friends is an Unincorporated Association affiliated to the Launde Abbey Trust and is a Registered Charity governed by a written constitution originally adopted on 9th March 1987 and subsequently updated on 20th July 2009.

Under the constitution the officers are subject to re-election at each Annual General Meeting. Other Committee members are elected at the AGM for a renewable term of three years. One third of these members are required to retire by rotation at each AGM.

Members can receive a copy of the annual accounts and Trustees' Report at the AGM or by application to the Secretary.

Objectives and activities

The object of the Charity is to provide financial assistance, to make grants and donations to provide equipment and apparatus for the furtherance of the objects of the Launde Abbey Trust.

When planning the activities for the year, the Executive Committee has considered the constitution of the Charity Committee in particular, and believe they satisfy the public benefit requirement by Launde Abbey as a Christian retreat and conference centre. It seeks to be a place of refreshment, renewal and peace and is open to all.

In addition, membership of the "Friends" is open to anyone who is interested in furthering the work of the Charity.

Achievements and performance

Through the year we have produced a quarterly newsletter which has been sent digitally and also by post to those of our members with no access to email.

It includes a number of articles of interest to many of our members and is kindly hosted by Launde Abbey on their website. In the latter part of August 2024 we held a very successful Cream Tea Afternoon and then later in the year enjoyed a Retreat for our members with the theme Wells of Salvation led by Revd Rhona Knight, one of Launde Abbey's College of Chaplains.

In the latter part of 2024 the Friends applied for and were awarded a Harborough District Council Environmental Grant of £13,000 part of which was to purchase tools for ongoing garden maintenance. This was match-funded by ourselves with the aim of reducing the overall carbon footprint of garden machinery, enhance bio-diversity and maximising the calm and peaceful spaces in Launde Abbey grounds.

In addition we have also granted further funds to Launde Abbey Trust towards the funding of the solar lighting of the Stables Pathway and the new website.

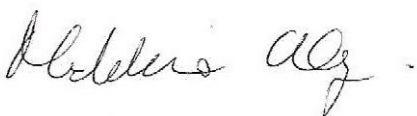
Financial Review

The results for the year are set out in the Receipts and Payments account on page 8 and the Notes on page 9

Reserves Policy

The Executive Committee considers that the levels of reserves are adequate to meet the future objectives of the "Friends". We remain committed to supporting the Abbey and have assured the Launde Abbey Trust that we will make funds available to them when we can.

This report was approved by the Executive Committee on 25th November 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Madeleine Wang', followed by a small horizontal line.

Mrs Madeleine Wang

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of The Friends of Launde for the year ended 30th April 2025 which are set out on pages 8 and 9

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the 2011 Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act;

And state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL 2025

RECEIPTS	2025	2024
Voluntary receipts	£	£
Subscriptions and donations	8,879.00	12,420.38
Gift Aid		3,264.48
	8,879.00	15,684.86
Activities for generating funds		
Investment income		
Deposit interest	1,034.77	999.86
Other income		
Friends Retreat	4,433.00	4,546.69
Cream teas	720.00	1,157.00
Other Fundraising	70.00	
Legacy	5,000.00	
Grant		
Harborough District Council	11,700.00	
Total receipts	31,836.77	22,388.41
PAYMENTS		
Charitable grants to Launde Abbey Trust		
Solar Bollards	1,261.74	0.00
Website	1,000.00	4,000.00
Chapel Organ		1,705.00
Tables & Parasols		2,049.42
Advance Payment		1,023.00
Cost of Charitable Gifts to Launde Abbey Trust re		
Harborough District Council Environmental Grant		
Improvement Chapel Path	1,532.00	
Battery Powered Gardening Tools	10,167.00	
	13,960.74	8,777.42
Costs of generating funds:		
Cream Tea	312.50	530.00
Postage, stationery & office costs	163.86	169.45
Insurance	179.80	194.11
General / Trustee Expenses	100.50	37.50
Bank charges	263.20	171.71
Other payments		
Chairman's Retirement covered by donations	338.39	
Friends' Retreat	4,168.76	4,033.30
Total payments	19,487.75	13,913.49
Excess of receipts over payments	12,349.02	8,474.92
Bank Balances at 1st May 2024	37,909.59	29,434.67
Bank balances at 30th April 2025	50,258.61	37,909.59

Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

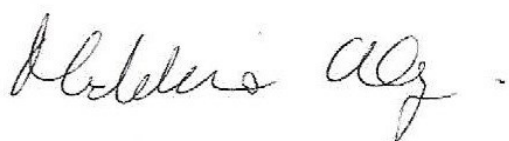
The financial statements have been prepared using the Receipts and Payments basis. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Charity is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of members.

Fund accounting Funds held by the Charity may be as follows: Unrestricted - Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the Trustees' in furtherance of the Charity's objects. They include designated funds that have been earmarked for particular projects but the designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the Trustees' discretion to apply the funds. Restricted - Restricted funds are funds subject to specific trusts which may be declared by donors or created through legal process. The funds can only be applied for particular purposes within the wider objects of the Charity. All our Funds are currently Unrestricted.

	2025	2024
Assets		
Cash Funds		
HSBC - Bank current account No 21302132	27,180.31	16,146.06
HSBC - Bank current account No 01197843	1,105.48	825.48
CBF Deposit Fund	21,972.82	20,938.05
	50,258.61	37,909.59

There were no grants to Launde Abbey Trust that were approved but not paid. However the Harborough District Council Environmental Grant is in the process of being match funded by ourselves with the purchase of a lawnmower costing £15,960 which will be then gifted to Launde Abbey Trust.

The accounts were approved by the Executive Committee on 25th November 2025



Madeleine Wang