

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements

Friends of St. John The Baptist Church Findon

Registered Charity No. 1183075

For the year ended 31st March 2023

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Trustees

Honorary Officers:

President:	Helena Buque:	The Rectory, School Hill, Findon West Sussex BN13 2PG
Chairman:	Gerald Hibbs:	23 Convent Gardens, Findon West Sussex BN14 0RZ
Dpty Chairman:	Chris Frost:	Muthaiga, Stable Lane, Findon West Sussex BN14 0RR (11/21)
Secretary:	Ian Watts	Kilmore House, Stable Lane, Findon West Sussex BN14 0RR
Treasurer:	Ian Hollyhomes:	Thurston House, Soldiers Field Lane Findon West Sussex BN14 0SH

Elected Members

Colin Cox
Monica Eastabrook (resigned)
Tessa McCormick
Rhoderick Henderson
Caroline Hill
Irene Adams

Churchwardens

Michael Drakeford
John Scadgell

Independent Examiner: Mr Ken Elliott FCCA, FCIS

Bankers

Nat West

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The principle objects of the charity are to assist in the maintenance of the fabric and grounds of the Church of St. John the Baptist Church Findon, in the Diocese of Chichester, and to preserve and protect this ancient building through fund raising and membership income. The full constitution of “The Friends” can be found at the Friend’s website www.fosjbf.org.

During the year we were able to recommence our fund raising activities which were so severely impacted in the two previous financial periods through the Covid pandemic. The success of these is more fully covered in the following chairman’s and treasurer’s reports, but suffice to say these events contributed significantly to the bolstering of our funds. In our previous report we stated that we were looking forward to organising a car rally at Findon Place, a golf day at Hill Barn and providing the refreshments at the Christmas Tree Festival, held bi-annually in the church. All of these took place in addition to which we held a fish & chip quiz night at the village hall. As a result of the above and continuing annual membership subscriptions, the trustees are very pleased to confirm our net income for the year was substantially above the level of the previous year.

In May 2023 we held another golf day at Hill Barn and preparations are in hand to run a stall at this year’s Findon Sheep Fair where we will also be presenting and selling copies of our cookery book with locally provided recipes. Plans are also in hand for this year’s Christmas Tree Festival, a 2004 car rally and another quiz night.

The trustees are fully aware of the need to expend the charity’s funds in line with its aims as set out in the constitution. Mindful of this the committee continues to engage with the church PCC to identify suitable opportunities to contribute to the cost of repair/refurbishment work. Post the balance sheet date we donated £2,000 towards the recently refurbished church front door and it is likely we will partially cover the cost of replacement guttering and/or roofing to avoid future water penetration to the building.

The trustees would like to extend their grateful appreciation to all members for their continued regular contributions and support generally at the same time welcoming any suggestions for new fund raising events.

Income for the 12 month period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

	£	£
Membership	2,130	
Fund raising	7,594	
HMRC Gift Aid Receipt 2021/2022	473	
Donations	150	
Interest	84	

Total Income Received **10,431**

Expenses for the 12 month period

1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Costs relating to fund raising activities 3,334

Liability Insurance 344

Friend's Website Domain Site & Maintenance 68

Administration costs 56

Total Expenses **(3,802)**

Excess Income over Expenditure C/fwd **6,629**

Reserves B/fwd 31st March 2022 **18,989**

Reserves C/Fwd 31st March 2023 **25,618**

Represented By

Balances as at 31st March 2023

Nat West Current Account **5,348**

Nat West Business Reserve Account **20,270**

Total Funds Held **25,618**

Chairman..... Treasurer.....

Chairman's Report

It is my pleasure to report another very successful year and to thank our Trustees and Elected members for their helpful and ever cheerful attitude.

Our President Helena is an inspiration to us all and is always there when needed.

Special thanks go to our Secretary Ian Watts who takes care of all our paperwork and other constitutional matters.

Our Treasurer, Ian Hollyhomes, handles our financial affairs and helps out with all our fund raising events.

Vice Chairman Chris Frost is so helpful and our key liaison with the Sheep Fair committee.

Caroline Hill is extremely busy running her business interests but finds time to fully engage with all aspects of our charity and generously allows use of Findon Place for our committee meetings and outside events.

Rhoderick Henderson (and his wife Elizabeth) has done a sterling job bringing the website up to date.

Tessa, Irene and Colin serve as our elected members and our thanks go to them all.

Whilst thanking people, Monica Eastabrook decided to step down but continues to be available to help with events and posters. Thank you Monica for your valued contribution.

We continue to prioritise events that the village can support with the dual benefit of fund raising and ensuring everyone has an enjoyable experience. We very much look forward to repeating our tried and successful events including: another quiz night, Christmas Tree Festival, Classic Car Rally, Golf Day and support for the Sheep Fair.

We very much hope that as many people as possible can join us and share in our principle aim of protecting and maintaining our church and churchyard.

Treasurer's Report

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and reflect all monies passing through the Friend's bank accounts during the period. The figures include the relevant period Gift Aid from qualifying membership subscriptions with the claim for 2022/3 expected to be for a similar sum.

Our reserves show a very healthy position although this is not of course our primary function. The charity exists to offer financial support for the care and maintenance of the church and churchyard so that said, we are well placed to offer such support as and when the need arises.

In round terms the profits from our fund raising activities were as follows:

Golf Day	£590
Car Rally	£1,700
Sheep Fair	£1,500
Quiz Night	£490

The committee has recently decided to acquire two gazebos for external use at our various outdoor events. The gazebos can be used independently or connected together to provide a larger covered area. These will be expensed as a cost item thereby reducing our income/profits for the forthcoming year with the plus side being their future availability and the opportunity to rent out to other organisations for similar purposes.

Ian Hollyhomes

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees of Friends of St. John the Baptist Church Findon On the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Charity No. 1183075

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") For the year ended 31st March 2023.

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 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:

- >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.

Date:

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