AYLESBURY DEANERY TRUST
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

The Trustees of Aylesbury Deanery Trust present their Annual Report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Reference and Administrative details

Name of the Charity
Aylesbury Deanery Trust operating also as Aylesbury Deanery and through Aylesbury Deanery Synod.

Registered Charity Number – 1159393

Charity's principal address
St. Marys Centre
Station Road
Haddenham
AYLESBURY
Buckinghamshire
HP17 8AJ

Trustees that served in the year
Graham Strachan (Lay Chair) – resigned 31/3/2025
Mike Fulker (Lay Chair) – from 1/4/2025
Rev. Jonathan Hawkins (Area Dean & Chairman)
Rev. Tim Harper (Associate Area Dean)
Rev. Richard Philips (Associate Area Dean)
Rev. David Kaboleh
Rev. Douglas Zimmerman
Jane Curry – resigned 21/3/2025
John Scholefield – resigned 1/5/2025
Tania Dovey (Treasurer) – resigned 30/6/2025
Christopher Nurse (Treasurer) – from 1/7/2025

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document
The Charity is established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation under a constitution adopted in 2014.

Organisational Structure
Aylesbury Deanery Trust was established by the Aylesbury Deanery Synod in the Anglican Diocese of Oxford, itself established in accordance with the Charity of England (Synodical Government) Measure 1969. The Trustees are responsible for the management and administration of the Charity.

Recruitment and Appointment of new Trustees
The Trustees are the members from time to time of the Standing Committee of Aylesbury Deanery Synod, elected or appointed to that Committee according to Charity Representation Rules. The Area Dean, Associate Area Deans, Lay Chair and Treasurer are *ex officio* members of the Standing Committee.

Risk Management
The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against these risks. The Trustees aim to ensure that the Charity could continue to operate in accordance with its objectives despite reasonably foreseeable adverse occurrences.

Objects and Activities

Objects
The constitution specifies that the objects of the Charity are to benefit the public by furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the deanery of Aylesbury in the diocese of Oxford.

Charitable Activities
The Charity's activities in furtherance of these objects include disbursing funds to support selected worthy projects identified by, but not necessarily undertaken exclusively by, Anglican parish churches within the deanery area; enabling the religious and charitable outreach of those churches by co-ordinating their mission planning and associated education; and by identifying and helping to meet the training requirements of those engaged in the work of those churches.

Achievements and Performance
The deanery continued to support the mission of Christ's Church, through prayer, the sharing of good practice, and recommendations on the deployment of clergy. In addition, mission grants totalling £2,250 were made to St James church, Bierton, to the North Bucks deanery in connection with the Bucks County Show and to Lighthouse outreach events in Princes Risborough and Haddenham.

The Deanery has continued to support the North Aylesbury Resource Network in Aylesbury (NARNIA) which was being funded by a grant from the New Communities Fund until the end of the year. The deanery settled its final payment of £12,394 to the Diocese under the scheme.

Financial Review
The Charity received income of £24,098 in 2025. The majority of this figure (£12,988) was the Diocesan rebate on Parish Share paid in full and the Trustees are most grateful for the full payment of Parish Share by all the parishes that enabled the rebate. Amounts were received from St Peter's Quarrendon in lieu of Parish Share, as a contribution towards the deanery's current and past year payments under the NARNIA scheme. A further contribution was received from St Mary's Aylesbury under the same scheme.

The share rebate from the diocese is the only source of regular income.

Additional expenditure of £1,667 arose from the correction of an overstatement in Parish Share accounted for by the Charity in prior years.

Future plans
The Charity's capacity to continue with its objectives and charitable activities depends largely on its continuing receipt of the parish share rebates from the Diocese of Oxford which are subject to the timely payment of parish share in full. It is a priority to work with parishes to ensure the payment of half of parish share by the end of June each year, to achieve a 1% rebate and to target the payment in full of the remaining share by 31st December 2026. Discussions are under way to second a paid Deanery Youth Network Co-ordinator in 2026, part-funded by a grant from the Diocese.

Our work depends entirely on the support of parishes and volunteers across the Deanery; we offer them our sincere thanks.

Reserves Policy
The Trustees have examined the Charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. The main risk is the reduction or loss of its sole source of income, the parish share rebate. The receipt of this income is dependent upon the parishes meeting their share each year.

The Trustees have established a policy of ensuring that unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the Charity should be a minimum of twelve months of expenditure. In the year to 31st December 2026 it is hoped that annual expenditure in 2026 will increase to be in the region of £20,000, driven by an increase in mission grants and the paid secondment of a Deanery Youth Network Co-ordinator. The unrestricted funds (excluding the New Communities and Quinquennials restricted funds) held by the Charity at the year end were £63,706 which is deemed sufficient to meet the working capital requirements of the Charity in 2026.

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees

Reverend Jonathan Hawkins

Area Dean & Chairman

Date 27th October 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	Restricted	Unrestricted	2025	Restricted	Unrestricted	2024
				£			restated £
INCOME							
Quinquennial contributions		*2559*		2559	*6760*		6760
Grants	2		*12988*	12988		3885	3885
Deanery fees			*-55*	-55		265	265
North Aylesbury resource			*8606*	8606			0
		2559	**21539**	**24098**	**6760**	**4150**	**10910**
EXPENDITURE							
Grants	3		*2250*	2250	*5000*	7350	12350
Quinquennial expenditure		*5611*		5611	*6900*		5250
Administration			*919*	919		746	746
North Aylesbury resource			*1667*	1667		8642	8642
		5611	**4836**	**10447**	**11900**	**16738**	**28638**
Income (Deficit) for the year		**-3052**	**16703**	**13651**	**-5140**	**-12588**	**-17728**

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BALANCE SHEET

	Notes			2025			2024
		Restricted	*Unrestricted*	*Total*	*Restricted*	*Unrestricted*	*Total*
CURRENT ASSETS							
Bank balances			40436	40436		54222	54222
CCLA General Fund			32147	32147		32147	32147
Amounts receivable	7		17648	17648	2860	12348	15208
Inter-fund balance		13930			14122		
		13930	**90231**	**90231**	**16982**	**98717**	**101577**
CURRENT LIABILITIES							
Amounts payable	8		12595	**12595**		37592	**37592**
Inter-fund balance			13930			14122	
		0	**26525**	**12595**	**0**	**51714**	**37592**
NET ASSETS		**13930**	**63706**	**77636**	**16982**	**47003**	**63985**
FUND BALANCES							
Balance b/f		16982	47003	63985	22122	59591	81713
Income (Deficit) for the year		-3052	16703	13651	-5140	-12588	-17728
Balance c/f		**13930**	**63706**	**77636**	**16982**	**47003**	**63985**

Unrestricted funds includes the Designated fund

The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts.

Approved by Trustees on 27th October 2026

The Reverend Jonathan Hawkins, Area Dean

Christopher Nurse, Treasurer

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Accounting policies

1.1General information and basis of preparation

Aylesbury Deanery Trust (“the Charity”) is a body corporate and a charity registered with the Charities Commission. The address of the registered office is given in the administrative details section of the trustees’ annual report.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities - 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and comply with the CHARITY's governing document and the Charity Accounting Regulations 2006.

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 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 (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest pound.

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

1.2 Funds

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.

1.3 Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Voluntary income is recognised only when received by or on behalf of the Charity.

Grants and legacies are accounted for at the point the resources pass under the control of the Charity.

Interest on bank accounts is recognised when receivable.

Tax reclaims on gifted income are accounted for at the time the relative gift is received.

All other income is recognised on an accrual basis.

1.4 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

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.

All grants and donations made by the Charity are approved by the Trustees. Grants approved by the trustees to be paid by instalments or on the occasion of a particular milestone are accounted for when paid.

1.5 Fixed assets: Tangible and Intangible assets

The Charity has no Tangible or Intangible Assets

1.6 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments.

1.7 Volunteer help

The charity receives unremunerated help in the execution and administration of its activities. The extent of such help is not documented and it is not considered practical to attribute any financial value to it.

1.8 Restatement

Comparative figures have been restated as the designated Rural Mission fund is Unrestricted rather than Restricted. Adjustments were also made to eliminate receipts and equal payments of items collected by the Charity on behalf of third parties.

2 GRANTS RECEIVED

Grants received in each year were from the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance.

3 GRANT MAKING

The following grants were made during the year:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Quinquennial Fund (Restricted)		
Payments for inspections and adjustment of receivables	5611	6900
New Communities Fund (Restricted)		
St Peter's Quarrendon		5000
Total restricted	**5611**	**11900**
Rural Mission Fund (designated)		
North Bucks Deanery		
Hospitality tent at Bucks County Show	250	250
Unrestricted fund		
St James', Bierton PCC	1000	
St Mary's, Aylesbury PCC		150
Holy Trinity Aylesbury PCC		1750
Lighthouse Haddenham	500	850
Lighthouse Princes Risborough	500	850
Aylesbury Chaplaincy		3500
	2000	7100
Total unrestricted	**2250**	**7350**
Total Grants and Quinquennial payments made	**7861**	**19250**

4 ADMINISTRATION

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank charges	50	71
Computer and Internet Expenses	391	398
Deanery Parish Share		0
Deanery Priests' Expenses (Note 5)	299	276
Software	79	
General Administration	100	
	919	**746**

5 TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES

The charity reimbursed travel, telephone and incidental costs to the Rev. T Harper for his work in the Aylesbury Deanery. The amount reimbursed was £299 (2024:276). There were no other transactions between the Trustees and the Charity.

6 GOVERNANCE

No fee was incurred for the examination of the financial statements for 2024.

For 2025, an Independent Examination was not required.

7 AMOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	2025	2024
	£	£
Quinquennial contributions		2860
Deanery fees		130
Parish Share	4660	8333
Diocesan rebate	12988	3884
	17648	**15208**

8 AMOUNTS PAYABLE

	2025	2024
	£	£
North Aylesbury Resource	12395	12392
Parish Share	-	25000
Sundry creditors	200	200
	12595	**37592**

9 FUNDS AND MOVEMENT IN THE YEAR

The Charity has the following funds:

New Communities Fund
This Fund comprises monies donated by parishes from the Windfall Share Rebate Fund. The Fund is used to support work in the New Communities being established within the Deanery.

Quinquennials Fund
This Fund holds monies contributed by parishes each year for the costs of the 5-yearly survey of certain parish church buildings.

Rural Mission Fund
This Fund holds monies given by a Mission Grant for work in rural parishes across the Deanery and elsewhere in the Diocese.h

		Year to 31 December 2025				Year to 31 December 2024			
		B/f	Increase	Outgoing	C/f	B/f	Increase	Outgoing	C/f
Restricted funds									
New Communities fund	Restricted	3140			3140	8140		5000	3140
Quinquennial fund	Restricted	13842	2559	5611	10790	13982	5110	5250	13842
		16982	**2559**	**5611**	**13930**	**22122**	**5110**	**10250**	**16982**
Unrestricted funds									
General fund		45888			62841	58226	0	12338	45888
Rural Mission Fund	Designated	1115		250	865	1365	0	250	1115
		47003	**0**	**250**	**63706**	**59591**	**0**	**12588**	**47003**
TOTAL		**63985**			**77636**	**81713**			**63985**