(Resigned REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1163897

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

for

The Friends of Wimborne Minster

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2016).

The Trustees who served during the year are listed on page 2. The appointment of Trustees is governed by the Constitution of the charity. The board of Trustees is authorised to appoint new Trustees arising from the resignation or death of an existing Trustee. The board shall consist of not more than twelve members to include the Rector and the two Churchwardens in office. The trustees appoint a chairperson from among their number. They also appoint a secretary and treasurer who do not necessarily need to be trustees.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Constitution and Objects

The objects of the Charity are the furtherance of any charitable purpose or purposes in connection with the Minster Church of St. Cuthburga at Wimborne Minster and in particular.

The charity's objectives are:

1. The preservation, improvement, development, construction and repair of the Minster Church of St. Cuthburga at Wimborne Minster in Dorset and its precincts and any associated buildings (together called the Minster buildings), and the fixtures and fittings, equipment, ornaments and chattels (including the Chained Library) of the Minster buildings.

2. The advancement of the education of the public in the history of the Minster Church and the preservation of its history, including historical records.

3. The pursuit of such charitable objectives, with particular regard to the residents of Wimborne Minster, as the Charity trustees shall decide will benefit the Minster buildings and / or the mission of the Minster Church.

4. **Public benefit**

Each year our trustees review our objectives and activities to ensure they continue to reflect our aims. In carrying out this review the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and are satisfied that the charity has fulfilled its requirements in this respect.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Friends of Wimborne Minster is a registered charitable incorporated organisation originally set up in 1945 to support the Minster with regard to its buildings and its mission. During 2025 the Friends Celebrated its 80th Anniversary.

The numbers attending the annual Valentine's Coffee Morning held in February was disappointing although it still raised funds in excess of £200. For 2026 there will be an Easter Coffee Morning rather than a Valentine's Coffee Morning.

The Friends' stall at the Minster Fair was highly successful and raised in the region of £1,500 which was an increase of 50% over the previous year. The Friends were appreciative of the donations especially for the sale of plants.

The preacher for the AGM Evensong was the Revd Nick Wells former Curate at the Minster which was followed by the traditional Cream Tea.

Cuthburga Lectures – all very good and very interesting but not as well patronised as we hoped.

(a) 1st by Martyn Whittock supported and paid for by the Friends.
(b) 2nd – Lecture Recital, Colin Davey, Peter Cook and Choir. This was a joint venture sponsored by the Friends and the Wimborne Minster Musical Heritage Trust.
(c) 3rd Sponsored entirely by the Wimborne Minster Musical Heritage Trust.

Members of the Events Team provided tea for the annual visit of "Laudemus!" in August as well as refreshments for the Cuthburga Lectures.

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In early September members enjoyed the annual Coffee Morning at Deans Court with Sir William Hanham in attendance.

The Secretary attended the bi-annual conference of the Friends of Cathedrals and Greater Churches which was held at Liverpool Cathedral in early October. Speakers included the Acting Head of the Charity Commission, the Cathedral Architect and others. There was a chance for networking and exchange of ideas of the place of Cathedrals and Greater Churches in the county today. As a result of this the Friends of Salisbury Cathedral will pay the Minster a visit in 2026. The next conference will be in 2027 at Canterbury.

The final event of the year was the November Tea Party which again was very popular with the entertainment being provided by Dinah (Flute) and Mark (Guitar)

During the year Trustee John Hughes arranged a successful trip to Winchester Cathedral. A reciprocal visit is being organised for later in 2026.

The Minster's Family and Outreach worker, Claire Lehmann organised a Christmas Frost Fair at which the Friends had a stall. Over the past year we have welcomed several new members including 4 Life Members. Fund-raising produces a modest amount on a regular basis from lectures and teas.

With the increasing use of Bank/Credit Cards, during the year, we purchased a card payment machine which has proved highly successful particularly at events such as Minster Fair and where the Events team serve refreshments.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

In 2025 the Friends Received a total of £14,229.32 from 3 legacies for which we are immensely grateful.

Fund raising produces a modest amount on a regular basis from lectures and teas. Membership fees have continued to be collected and with careful management of our investments we find ourselves still in a position to make grants. Overall, we are still in a healthy position and have no doubts about continuing to operate according to our constitutional requirements.

During the year grants were awarded for:

- Choir Cassocks
- Altar Cloths
- Verger Cassocks
- Albs
- Altar Frontal
- Hymn Books
- Lighting for the Roman Tiles
- For Claire Lehmann's work with families

At 31 December 2025 total funds carried forward came to £466,540.26 which included restricted funds of £171,750.56. The Restricted Fund is the current balance relating to the transfer from the previous Charity and an amount of £3,194.22 restricted for Quinquennial work together with £1,014.6 held on behalf of St. Margaret's Chapel.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document; it is a charitable incorporated organisation. The Friends of Wimborne Minster was previously constituted as an Unincorporated Charitable Association under the name Association of Friends Wimborne Minster (charity number 1064055) until 1 July 2016, when all the assets and liabilities of the previous Charity were assumed by the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Charity constitution

The charity and its property are administered and managed in accordance with the Constitution adopted in October 2015. The objects of the Charity are the furtherance of any charitable purpose or purposes in connection with the Minster Church of St. Cuthburga at Wimborne Minster.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS Registered Charity number 1163897

Principal address

The Parish Office
Church House
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Trustees

P F Cook (Secretary)
Mrs D Ashton (Resigned 6th July 2025)
Rev'd Canon AJW Rowland
J Hughes
D Allen
Miss J Harvey (Resigned 6Th July 2025)
Rev'd M Harding
Mrs R Protheroe
B Jenson (Resigned 6th July 2025)
Mrs S Steele
A Patrick
Mrs C Lehmann
Mrs L Salter (Appointed 6th July 2025)
J Stevenson (Appointed 6th July 2025)
M J Sharpe (Appointed 6th July 2025)

Hon. Treasurer

M J Sharpe

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Independent Examiner

Jacqueline A Morgan
Flat 3 Nea Court
130 Lymington Road
Christchurch
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Approved by order of the trustees on 23-IV-2026 and signed on its behalf by:

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D Allen
Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
The Friends of Wimborne Minster

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Friends of Wimborne Minster

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Friends of Wimborne Minster (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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.

Jacqueline A Morgan
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Date: 1st April 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year Ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds 2024
Income & Endowments From					
Donations and Legacies	3	21,496.01	600.00	22,096.01	17,917.92
Investment Income	4	10,536.16	2,569.66	13,105.82	12,000.64
Total		32,032.17	3,169.66	35,201.83	29,918.56
Expenditure On					
Charitable Activities	5 & 6	6,277.90	13,340.96	19,618.86	15,164.37
Net Gains (losses) on Investments	7 & 7A	26,695.86	17,788.14	44,484.00	7,797.74
Net Income/Expenditure		52,450.13	7,616.84	60,066.97	22,551.93
Reconciliation Of Funds					
Total Funds Brought Forward		242,339.57	164,133.72	406,473.29	383,921.36
Total Funds Carried Forward		294,789.70	171,750.56	466,540.26	406,473.29

Balance Sheet 31st December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fixed Assets					
Investments	7	221,957.96	161,583.90	383,541.86	339,058.67
Current Assets					
Cash at Bank	8	72,831.74	10,166.66	82,998.40	67,414.62
Net Current Assets		294,789.70	171,750.56	466,540.26	406,473.29

The Financial Statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised to issue on 23-4-2026 2026 and were signed on its behalf by..... D Allen - Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year
Ended 31 December 2025

1. LEGAL FORM

The Friends of Wimborne Minster is a charitable incorporated organisation, incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is noted on page 3.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2016)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions
The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Debtors and prepayments
Debtors and prepayments are recognised at the transactional price where an entity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds from a third party to the charity and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Creditors and provisions
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their transaction price after allowing for any trade discounts due Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Investments

Investments included in the accounts are included at market value. Gains arising from the sale of quoted investments are disclosed in the SOFA as realised gains. Gains arising from changes to the market value of quoted investments are disclosed in the SOFA as unrealised gains

3 Donations & Legacies

	2025 £	2024 £
Membership Subscriptions	2,770.50	2,231.00
Fundraising/Donations	3,443.96	2,187.42
Events Income	1,050.77	1,763.80
Gift Aid	601.46	506.39
Legacy	14,229.32	11,229.31
	22,096.01	17,917.92

4 Investment Income

	2025 £	2024 £
Income from Investments	10,810.93	10,445.78
Bank Interest	2,294.89	1,554.86
	13,105.82	12,000.64

5 Expenditure

	2025 £	2024 £
Stationery/Postage	134.02	222.60
Advertising	171.00	0
Insurance	707.44	696.57
Travel & Subsidence	1,121.26	0
Sundries	1,055.00	86.25
Events Expenditure	1,380.18	1,174.90
Total Resources Expended	4,568.90	2,180.32

6 Grant Payable

		2025 £		2024 £
Wimborne Minster PCC	Choir Cassocks	3,701.40	South Transept Window Clean	5,310.00
	Verger Cassocks	345.00	Cassocks	5,560.00
	Hymn Books	209.00	Easter Books	451.85
	Altar Cloths	1,568.56	A Noisy Christmas	558.00
	Family Outreach	1,500.00	Family Outreach	794.20
	Albs	1,796.00	Saxon Saints Reprint	310.00
	Altar Frontal	5,930.00		
		15,049.96		12,984.05

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Blackrock	**2025 £**	**2,024 £**	Difference **£**
Bond Accumulation	58,034.32	54,845.20	3,189.12
Bond Income	27,960.56	27,537.48	423.08
Equity Accumulation	89,452.16	76,807.08	12,645.89
Equity Income	70,800.72	62,851.75	7,948.97
	246,247.76	222,041.51	**24,207.06**
Restricted	180,948.76	163,161.43	17,788.14
Unrestricted	65,299.00	58,880.08	6,418.92
	246,247.76	222,041.51	**24,207.06**
M&G Shares			
Unrestricted	137,294.10	117,017.16	**20,276.94**

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Restricted	180,948.76	163,161.43	**17,788.14**
Unrestricted	202,593.10	175,897.24	**26,695.86**

8 Cash

	2025	**2024**
TSB Current A/C	2,334.35	5,227.40
TSB Deposit A/C	28,977.29	20,171.05
TSB No. 2 A/C (Events)	1,686.76	2,016.17
United Trust Bank	50,000.00	40,000.00
	82,998.40	**67,414.62**
Restricted	10,166.66	9,422.41
Unrestricted	72,831.74	57,992.21
	82,998.40	**67,414.62**