The Chapel of Our Lady of the Crag Trust

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation, charity no. 1171904

Annual Report, 2025

The Trust was established as a charity on the 6th March 2017. The Trust became the legal owners of the Chapel and its site on the 26th April 2017. This annual report covers the period 1st January to 31st December 2025.

Section 1: Objectives and Activities

The charitable objects of the Trust are, as listed on the Charity Commission website:

Our primary purpose is to manage the preservation, improvement and maintenance for the public benefit of the Chapel of Our Lady of the Crag in Abbey Road, Knaresborough and surrounding land as owners and guardians of its cultural and religious heritage. By doing so we shall be preserving a landmark of historical, religious, cultural and social significance and advancing (a) the chapel's function as a religious site for pilgrimage and prayer, and (b) the education of the public in the heritage, culture and history in the town of Knaresborough. Our secondary objects are such other purposes as are exclusively charitable in accordance with the laws of England and Wales as the Trustees may from time to time decide.

These are the approved activities as listed on the Charity Commission website, which meet the above charitable objects:

Our primary purpose is to preserve and maintain the historic grade 1 listed building, the Chapel of our Lady of the Crag in Abbey Road, Knaresborough (and its surrounding land), for public benefit. We welcome visitors by regular opening during the summer months, facilitating all year round pilgrimage and prayer, and teaching visiting groups about the history and heritage of the chapel.

The Trustees have cross-referenced these objectives and activities with the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Our activities for 2025, listed in the table below, can be summarised under the following headings:

- Preservation and maintenance of the chapel and its site;
- Opening the chapel to the public and for prearranged visits;
- Fundraising.

Review of activities, 2025

Activity	Date	Details
Preservation/Maintenance		
- Of chapel:	All year	Monitoring of chapel structure, as it is liable to erosion on the outside; cleaning.
- Of site:	All year	Regular clearing and cleaning; planting of new shrubs; monitoring of site safety and maintenance of the boundary wall.
Opening		
- To the general public - Arranged visits		Sundays, 2-4 p.m. from the beginning of April to the end of September. Opening of the chapel outside public opening times to prearranged visitors.
Fund-raising		
- Visitors		Donations are taken during regular opening times and from prearranged visitors.
- Supporters		Supporters make donations by way of the website or standing orders or bank transfer.
- Special events		The Trust participated in the Knaresborough History Day in May organised by the then mayor and our town council appointee, Margy Longhurst. It was agreed that the Chapel, along with the Museum, would be given some of the proceeds of this day, which amounted to £522.63 in the case of the Chapel.

Section 2: Financial Review

	Income	Sub-totals		Expenditure	Sub-totals	Invoice
Donations by website		816.00	Fees on website	40.46		
Donations by bank		160.00				
Donations by cash		1338.00				
Total donations	2314.00					
Interest	90.20					
Gift aid	382.42					
History day (from Museum)	522.63					
			Website renewal	116.64		1
			Insurance	467.49		2
			Examination of accounts	0		
			Items			
			Rail and posts	101.96		3
			Pump and hose	100.39		4
TOTALS	3309.25			826.94		
Total profit/loss	2482.31					

Assets at 1.1.25, 3377.16 Balance 2025 + 2482.31 Assets at 31.12.25, 5859.47

These accounts are presented to the Trustees and agreed, along with the annual report.

Section 3: Nature of Governing Document

The Trust is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and has used the Charity Commissioners' template for its governing document.

The governing document allows for the recruitment of Trustees to a maximum of twelve by a quorate meeting of the Trust. The quorum is two charity Trustees, or the number nearest to one third of the total number of charity Trustees, whichever is greater, or such larger number as the charity Trustees may decide from time to time. All Trustees must be at least 16 years of age and at least one Trustee must be at least 18 years of age. There is one space for a nominated Trustee from Knaresborough Town Council.

Section 4: Reference and Administrative Details

The charity is known as 'The Chapel of Our Lady of the Crag Trust'. Its charity number is 1171904. The address of the site is The Chapel of Our Lady of the Crag, Abbey Road, Knaresborough HG5 8HY, and the official business address for correspondence is c/o Chris Maunder, 6 Station Road, Shepley HD8 8AA, telephone number 07887515099, e-mail address: contact@ourladyofthecrag.org.

At the end of 2025, there are six Trustees, all of whom who are active. During 2025, one Trustee, Marie Linfoot, resigned and two others, Chris and Natalie Maunder, were reappointed after they had resigned on leaving the area in 2023 but later felt that it was possible to work remotely. Marie Linfoot passed the Treasurer role to Chris Maunder, with effect from the year end.

The Trustees at the end of 2025 are:

Julie Clark (Chair); Anna Dimond (Secretary); Christopher Maunder (Treasurer); Natalie Maunder (Communications Officer); Peter Thornes; Margy Longhurst (Knaresborough Town Council nominee).