The Friends of St Andrew's Church Alfriston

Charity registration number: 1199268

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025

Objectives and Activities

The object of the charity is to assist in preserving and protecting for public benefit the fabric of the Grade 1 listed St Andrew's Church Alfriston including the fixtures, fittings, monuments and chattels contained therein and in the churchyard areas belonging to the church.

The focus of the year had been to consolidate the affairs of the charity, direct donors to the new bank account, operational since January 2024, and to make preparations to recruit new trustees and organise fundraising and awareness raising event for the new charity, all in participation of future support requests from the Rector and PCC of St Andrew's church.

The trustees have had due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant. Further activity is being planned to liaise with the benefice team and involve the wider community to identify which projects approved by the Diocese can be supported.

Achievements and Performance

The charity continues to encourage the involvement of the wider community and visitors who benefit from having St Andrew's Church physically at the heart of the Cuckmere Valley.

The trustees have continued to collect donations from regular donors but have also expanded the range of ways that donors can give to the church making donor engagement at local events accessible. It is anticipated that with the anticipated new launch of the charity that new and previous donors will be attracted to support the charity.

Financial Review

During the year £15, 752 was received in the year which included two significant donations amounting to £10, 000, donated anonymously in honour of a deceased relative, and a grant of £5,000 from the Forte Charitable Foundation under the Trustee Nomination programme. Gift Aid due for year ended 31St December 2025 is being claimed in 2026. The charity's cash reserve as at 31st December 2025 was £26,576. In the light of the significant donations received in the latter part of the year the Trustees decided to open a deposit account with CAF (administered by Shawbrook Bank) in order to maximise the interest received by the charity. The Trustees approved an Investment policy and that a new deposit account should be opened at their meeting held on 23 September 2025and the sum of £19,900 was duly transferred to the new deposit account on 11 December 2025. In early 2026 a further sum of £6100 was deposited with CAF as it was agreed by the Trustees that funds would not need to be distributed in the near future.

Reserves policy

The trustees have not adopted a formal reserves policy as the charity is formed solely to receive and hold voluntary donations and make grants to enhance St Andrew's Church, Alfriston. All individuals involved provide their support voluntarily without financial remuneration and the charity has no operating costs and a low risk profile.

Donations policy

The trustees have adopted a policy for the accepting and refusing of donations to ensure their source is identified and appropriate.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation (ClO) under a governing document last amended and approved by the trustees dated 7th June 2022. A copy of this is available on the charity's website. The charity was registered by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 13th June 2022.

The charity has been accepted by HMRC as a charity for tax purposes and is able to claim Gift Aid on valid donations from 13th June 2022.

The governing document provides that there should be not less than one or more than 10 appointed trustees: one ex officio trustee; and no more than two nominated trustees"

The ex-officio trustee shall be the Incumbent of the Ecclesiastical benefice in which the parish church of St Andrews Alfriston is situated automatically, for as long as he or she holds that office, unless he or she indicate an unwillingness to be appointed under paragraph 10(2) of the governing document.

There are 4 founding trustees and they will be actively seeking to recruit additional trustees to represent the demographic of the wider community, not just the religious congregation. In particular the founding trustees would like to hear from persons who are willing to contribute to fund raising and organising community events. Application is open to anyone over 16 years of age.

Reference and Administrative details:

The Friends of St Andrew's Church Alfriston -Registered charity no. 1199268

Registered address: St. Andrews Church, The Tye, Alfriston, POLEGATE, East Sussex, BN26 5TL

Trustees:-

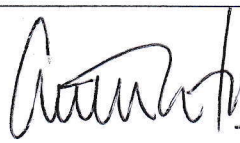
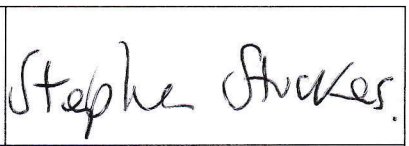
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Carol Hodson
Geoff Ellis
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report and accounts as detailed on pages 1 to 5 at a meeting of the trustees dated 16/9/2026

Signature		
Full name	ANTHONY DAVY	STEPHEN STUCKES
Position	TRUSTEE	TRUSTEE
Date	16/9/2026	16/9/2026

Receipts and Payments accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Year ended 31.12.25	Year ended 31.12.24
	£	£`
Income		
Unrestricted donations	15,752	1,011
Unrestricted – other income- transfer from previous Friends of St Andrews group		
Total Unrestricted income	**15,752**	**1,011**
Expenditure		
Fundraising costs	0	0
Charitable activity	0	0
Governance	0	0
Total expenditure	**0**	**0**
Surplus for year ended 31.12.25	**15,752**	**1,011**
Surplus brought forward as at 01.01.25	**10,824**	**9,813**
Surplus as at 31.12.25	**26,576**	**10,824**

Balance Sheet as at 31.12.25

	Year ended 31.12.25	Year ended 31.12.24
	£	£
Current Assets		
Barclays Bank account	6,676	10,824
CAF Deposit Account (Shawbrook)	19,900	0
Current Liabilities	0	0
Net Current Assets	26,576	10,824
Reserves as at 31.12.25	**26,576**	**10,824**