Trustees' Annual Report 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2025

Key achievements

Wall preservation

- Progressed plans for restoring the wall through building and ecological surveys, and gaining permissions from interested parties.
- Training volunteers in the use of lime mortar and workshops continued. Volunteers worked on approximately 50m of wall.
- There were further volunteer days supported by Robertson's FM and Community Payback teams.

Funding and finance

- Our Dinner Dance had a surplus of £5,493.
- We submitted major grant applications, including the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Britford Bridge Trust and successfully secured:
    - £7,526 from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.
    - £1,000 from the Radcliffe Trust.
- Public donations raised £2,000.
- Walton Parish Council donated £200.
- These monies were used to:
    - Remunerate our consultant/trainer on wall preservation.
    - Purchase:
        - materials ie sand, lime mortar etc.
        - tools.
    - Pay for 'back office' costs eg PLI, website maintenance etc.

WallFest 26 planning

- Planning evolved from initial discussions into a detailed programme of themed events.
- Developed branding, promotional materials, partnerships and performance space proposals.
- Engaged with schools, businesses, community groups and heritage organisations.

Education and Community engagement

- Delivered numerous heritage talks and guided walks.
- Contacted schools.
- Presented at community events including the Wakefield Historical Society.
- Attended Party in the Park, Classic Car Show and Merrie City Festival to raise awareness of the project.
- Updated information leaflets.
- Refreshed the charity website.

Partnerships and publicity

- Explored collaborations with universities, an AI consultant, hotels and media organisations.

- Continued discussions with a production company for the BBC and promoted restoration work through film and social media.

Organisational development

- Appointed a new trustee.
- Improved volunteer recognition, governance, training and insurance arrangements.
- Continued work, unsuccessfully, to clarify ownership of the wall which is a key requirement for long-term conservation funding.
- The charity strengthened its governance by adopting a safeguarding policy, planning volunteer training, recognising volunteers through Citizen Coin and improving equipment storage.
- Historic England praised the group's repair and research work and expressed interest in providing further support.
- The Chair announced his intention to resign as a Trustee and therefore Chairman at the AGM in March 2027.

Challenges going forward

- Capacity in terms of time.
- Building volunteer commitment.
- Determining wall ownership.
- Raising finance to continue our work.

Overall

During 2025, the charity moved from planning into delivery. It strengthened its financial position, expanded volunteer and community involvement, secured significant grant funding, advanced practical conservation work, developed key partnerships and laid the foundations for a successful **WallFest 26** while continuing to promote and protect Charles Waterton's internationally significant environmental legacy.

Signed

John Smith
Chair
October 2026

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Charity Commission Annual Return 2025

THE FRIENDS OF WATERTON'S WALL
Charity registration number: 1203426

Most of the information you give in this form will become publicly available on the Register of Charities. Any field that the Charity Commission will not display will be clearly marked.

This document is a record of the information provided in the Annual Return 2025.

PART A - Charity information

Financial period

Financial period start date
01/01/2025

Financial period end date
31/12/2025

Income and spending

Income £
£ 26,555

Spending £
£ 20,286

Number of contracts from government

How many contracts (other than grant agreements) did your charity receive from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?
0

Number of grants from government

How many grants did your charity receive from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?
2

Value of grants from government

What was the total value of the grants received from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?
£ 7,776

Income breakdown

Donations and legacies (excluding Endowments Received)
£ 17,710

Charitable activities

£ 0

Other trading activities

£ 8,845

Investments

£ 0

Other

£ 0

Grantmaking

Is grant making the main way your charity carries out its purposes?

No

Recipients of grants

Please round all figures to the nearest pound (do not enter decimal points or commas).
Individuals

£ 0

Other charities

£ 0

Other organisations that are not charities

£ 0

Trustee payments

Excluding out of pocket expenses, for what were any of the trustees paid during the financial period for this return?

☒ e. None of the trustees have been paid

Did any of the trustees resign and take up employment with your charity in the financial period of this return?

No

Income from outside the UK

Did your charity receive income from outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Delivering activities outside the United Kingdom

Did your charity deliver charitable activities outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Spending outside of the United Kingdom

Did your charity spend funds outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Total Spending outside of the United Kingdom

£

Trading subsidiaries

Does the charity have any trading subsidiaries?

No

Employment contract types

People were permanently employed by your charity

0

People were on fixed-terms contracts with your charity

0

Self-employed people were working for your charity

0

Governance policies

Internal charity financial controls policy and procedures

Yes

Safeguarding policy and procedures

Yes

Financial reserves policy and procedures

No

Complaints policy and procedures

No

Serious incident reporting policy and procedures

No

Internal risk management policy and procedures

No

Trustee expenses policy and procedures

No

Trustee conflicts of interest policy and procedures

Yes

Investing charity funds policy and procedures

Not applicable

Campaigns and political activity policy and procedures

Not applicable

Bullying and harassment policy and procedures

No

Social media policy and procedures

No

Engaging external speakers at charity events policy and procedures

No

Safeguarding

Has your charity provided services to children and/or adults at risk in the financial period of the return?

No

Serious Incidents

Has your charity reported all Serious Incidents (including any historical incidents) that the charity became aware of during the financial period of this return?

There were no incidents to report

External risk and impact

Donations

No impact

Other income - grants

No impact

Other income - contracts

Not applicable

Other income - investment

Not applicable

Expenditure on charitable activities

No impact

Expenditure on overheads

No impact

Number of volunteers

No impact

Number of employees

Not applicable

Number of trustees

No impact

Fundraising activities

No impact

Capacity to deliver services

No impact

Total service demand

Not applicable

Volunteers

Excluding trustees, provide an estimate of the number of volunteers who carried out charitable activities on behalf of your charity in the United Kingdom during the financial period of this return?

55

Privacy statement

Any information you give us will be held securely and processed only in accordance with the rule on data protection. We will not disclose your personal details to anyone unconnected to the Charity Commission unless:

- **you have consented to their release; or**
- **we are legally obliged to disclose them; or**
- **we regard disclosure as either (a) necessary so that we can properly carry out our statutory functions or (b) necessary in the public interest.**

We may share and disclose information about you with relevant public authorities, regulatory bodies and agencies, outside the Charity Commission but only if:

- **we can lawfully do so; and**
- **we decide that disclosure is necessary for national security, crime detection, prevention, and law enforcement, or other issues in the public interest**

Information we collect about you

We will use this information:

To enable us to carry out our statutory functions and duties;

This will include the following actions:

(a) update, consolidate, and improve the accuracy of our records;

(b) undertake crime detection and prevention and law enforcement and assist the third parties specified above to investigate or prevent crime and carry out law enforcement;

(c) data analysis, testing, research, statistical and survey purposes

Information we receive from other sources.

Information we receive from other sources

We may combine this information with information you give to us and information we collect about you.

We may use this information and the combined information for the purposes set out above (depending on the types of information we receive).

We will ensure that any such disclosure and use is proportionate; considers your right to respect for your private life; and is done fairly and lawfully in accordance with the data protection principles of the Data Protection Act.

The Data Protection Act 1998 regulates the use of 'personal data', which is essentially any information, however stored, about identifiable living individuals.

As a 'data controller' under the Act, the Charity Commission must comply with it. Any changes we may make to our privacy statement in the future will be set out in the replacement version of this form.

Please check back frequently to see any updates or changes to our privacy policy.

Declaration

This annual return has not been submitted and no Declaration has been made

Dear Trustees of the Friends of Waterton's Wall

Accounts for the period ending 31 December 2025
Friends of Waterton's Wall
Registered Charity Number: 1203426

I certify that I have carried out an independent examination of the accounts of the Friends of Waterton's Wall for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.

Based on the information made available to me, I am satisfied the accounts presented to me are correct and that they accurately reflect the financial position of the charity. I found no evidence of failure to keep proper accounting records or failure to prepare annual accounts which accord with the records.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items in the accounts, seeking explanations from the trustees where required.

In my opinion, based on the records provided, no further information is required to enable a proper understanding of the financial position to be reached.

Yours faithfully



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