The Charity of Thomas Barton

Annual Report and Financial Statement

Year ended: 30 June 2026

1. Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Charity Name:	The Charity of Thomas Barton
Charity Number:	218985
Principal Address:	c/o 45 Station Road Stoke Golding Nuneaton Warks CV13 6EZ
Trustees who served during the year:	Mr P. Spokes, Chair Mrs G. Groom, Treasurer Mr A. White, Secretary Mrs A. Jones Mr S. Avent Mr J. Bevan Mr M. Shipton
Independent Examiner:	Mr M. Daniels, 50 Sherwood Road, Stoke Golding, Nuneaton, CV13 6EE
Bankers:	CAF Bank
Investment Managers:	Brewin Dolphin
Governing Document:	CHARITY COMMISSION SCHEME DATED 1ST JANUARY, 1929 AND SCHEME DATED 17 JULY 1992.

2. Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is governed by the Charity Commission Scheme documents referenced above. Trustees are appointed by Stoke Golding Parish Council in accordance with the provisions of that deed.

The Trustees meet regularly to review finances, consider grant applications and review policy. Decisions are taken collectively by majority vote.

Day-to-day administration is undertaken by the Trustees on a voluntary basis; the charity does not employ staff.

3. Objectives and Activities

The charity's purpose is to apply its income for any charitable purpose for the general benefit of the inhabitants of Stoke Golding, excluding matters normally funded from public money.

In pursuing these aims the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.
During the year the charity advanced its objectives primarily by:
- Making grants to local voluntary and community organisations;
- Organising and funding the village Christmas lights and switch-on event.

4. Achievements and Performance

Christmas Lights

We continue to provide the village Christmas lights and also organise the village Christmas lights switch on event. This event continues to be very well attended and received by the community. The installation of the lights and the cost of the event totaled £4,287 which was almost identical to the previous year at £4,231. We anticipate additional costs for the next financial year as there are section of the lights that need replacing

Grants

We awarded grants during the year amounting to £11,780. This was awarded across a broad cross section of community as can be seen from the table below. The annual grant expenditure was significantly less than the last financial year (£20,208) and our income (£25,504). Part of this shortfall is accounted for by a grant of around £4,000 awarded to St Margarets School for play equipment for the outside space. This has been completed now and will appear in next years financial accounts. The rest of the gap between expenditure and income is due purely to a lack of qualifying grants that are coming forward from the community.

ST Margarets School	CTB 2025-xxx Ukulele Lessons 2024/25	£1,500
St Margarets Church	CTB 2025-xxx Flower Festival	£500
SG Scouts	CTB 2025-003 Scout tents	£814
SG Garden Show	CTB 2025-004 SG Garden Show 2025	£1,580
SG Methodist Church	CTB 2025-005 Methodist Church Bench fitting	£100

St Martins Academy	CTB 2025-006 Tables for Library refurbishment	£945
SG Mums and Tots	CTB 2025-007 Sensory Equipment	£598
Baxter Hall	CTB 2025-009 Front Wall Repairs	£2,750
SG Parish Council	CTB 2026-001 PC Picnic table at Bosworth Manor	£977
St Martins Academy	CTB 2026-xxx School Prize vouchers	£125
St Margarets Church	CTB 2026-xxx Electricity for floodlights	£791
St Martins Academy	CTB 2026-003 Books for year 7	£300
SG Parish Council	CTB 2026-004 Stoke Golding on Sea event 2026	£800

A number of these grants have become annual awards such as the garden show, flower festivals, ukulele lessons, church floodlight electricity. We review these each year and are happy to continue to support these important initiatives. This year we were delighted to support the inaugural "Stoke Golding on Sea" community event organised by the Parish Council. The grant of £800 was an initial grant and there will be further financial expenditure in the next financial year.

We continue to work to improve the visibility and understanding of the charity and its work within the community. The website we created last year continues to be maintained and we have made more use of Facebook to promote the work of the Charity through a very active community page.

The Trustees are satisfied that the charity's activities have provided clear public benefit to residents of Stoke Golding.

Governance

Last year we introduced a formal grant process and this has improved transparency and auditability. This year we have completely revised our Standing Orders. This has allowed us to address some gaps in our documented governance covering topics such as risk management, conflicts of interest and reserves policy.

5. Financial Review

The independently examined year end accounts are presented in appendix A below. The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Income

Income for the year was £25,504, this was almost identical to the previous year. Brewin Dolphin manage our financial portfolio on our behalf. They manage our assets based on the parameters set out in our Investment Policy Statement. This statement is reviewed at each Trustee meeting and more formally with Brewin Dolphin twice yearly.

Expenditure

Expenditure totaled £16,325. As stated above, the main expenditure was grants at £11,780 and Christmas lights at £4,287. There is a small amount of other expenditure for administration.

Assets

The book value of our financial assets continues to fluctuate in a volatile market. At year end the value of the endowment asset was £747,157 up from £672,304 at the previous year end.

Reserves and Reserves Policy

We are currently holding reserves of £187,604 up from £165,106 at 2025 year end. This increase is partially due to the underspend against income, but also from the financial performance of the accumulated fund.

We aim to hold reserves of £25,000 as a cushion against both market fluctuations and the variability of the grant application stream.

6. Plans for the Future

In the coming year, the trustees plan to continue supporting community organisations through the grant programme, review the impact of recent grants, and explore new opportunities to enhance community facilities in Stoke Golding.

The Trustees will redouble efforts to raise the awareness of the Charity to encourage new applications.

7. Statement of Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that proper accounting records are kept, preparing an annual report and accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, and safeguarding the assets of the charity.

Approved by the trustees on 12th October 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Chair: _____ Date: 12/10/2026

Treasurer/Trustee: _____ Date: 25/10/2026

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the Trustees of: The Charity of Thomas Barton

Charity Number 218985

Responsibilities and basis of report

On the accounts for the year ended 30th June 2026

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30th June 2026.

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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions

Independent Examiners Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed; _____ Date: 14/10/26

Name: Mr Michael Daniels

Address: 50 Sherwood Road, Stoke Golding, Nuneaton, CV13 6EE

The Charity of Thomas Barton

Charity Number 218985

Accounts for the Year Ended 30th June

	Year 2026	Year 2025
	£	£
1. Receipts and Payments account		
Income Receipts		
Brewin Dolphin Dividends	25,452	25,800
Total Income Receipts	25,452	25,800
Other Income Receipts		
Cafbank Interest	52	47
Total Receipts	**25,504**	**25,847**

	Year 2026	Year 2025
	£	£
Direct Charitable Expenditure		
Grants in accordance with Scheme of Charity Commission 17 July 1992	11,780	20,208
Christmas Lights & Switch on Event	4,287	4,231
Administration	63	159
Auditor	23	20
Treasurer Gift	112	
Secretary's Expenses	0	0
Treasurer's Expenses	0	50
Bank Charges	60	60
Total Charitable Expenditure	**16,325**	**24,728**
Other Expenditure		
Honorarium	0	50
Total Expenditure	16,325	24,778
Net Receipts (losses) for the year	9,179	1,069
Balance brought forward	21,486	20,417
Balance to carry forward	30,665	21,486

	Year 2026	Year 2025
	£	£
2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities		
Monetary Assets		
Bank Account and Cash in Hand	30,665	21,486
Brewin Dolphin Accumulated Income Account: Stock	152,842	141,428
Cash	4,064	2,192
Dividend Pending	33	0
Totals for General Purpose Funds	187,604	165,106
Other Monetary Assets		
Brewin Dolphin Portfolio (Market Value)	742,126	656,338
Brewin Dolphin Capital/Deposit Account	4,617	15,966
Dividend Pending	414	0
Total Investments	747,157	672,304
Total Monetary Assets	934,761	837,410

Notes to the Accounts

1. Accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.
2. The charity has unrestricted income funds and a permanent endowment fund.
3. The charity's capital is held as a permanent endowment. The endowment capital is not expendable and is not a restricted fund.
4. The accounts are subject to independent examination.
5. There are no related party transactions.