LITTLE BARRINGTON CHARITY

Charity registered number 237366

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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Trustees serving in 2025:

Mr James Bainbridge	Chairman
Mr Charles Neil	
Mr Paul Stanley KC	
Mrs Philippa de Haldevang	
Ms Helen Lord	

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Little Barrington Charity is a registered Charity no. 237366. The Charity Commissioners Scheme dated 28 June 2004 governs the charities previously known as 1) The Church and Poor Lands, 2) Charity of Joan Dorset, 3) The Parish Room, 4) Arthur Reginald Hurst for Parish Room.

Trustees
Two of the Trustees are appointed by the Little Barrington Parochial Church Council and one by the Barrington Parish Council. The remaining trustees are co-opted. All appointments are for a period of four years.

Risk management and policy
The Trustees have a duty to identify and review risks and to ensure that appropriate controls are in place. Risk management is regularly reviewed and the Trustees are satisfied that appropriate systems are in place.

- Reserves policy: It is the intention of the Trustees to build up and maintain sufficient funds to meet the Charity's requirements. This policy is reviewed annually.
- Grants policy: Trustees consider and annually review this policy.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the Charity comprise of:
The provision, maintenance and repair of the Reading Room;
The maintenance and repair of St Peter's Church, Little Barrington;

The maintenance and repair of the Charity's assets consisting of 8 cottages and land;
The relief of persons resident in the area who are in need, hardship or distress.
To promote such general public charitable purposes for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area as the Trustees think fit.
The area of benefit includes Little Barrington, Great Barrington, Windrush, Sherborne and the surrounding neighbourhood.

Public benefit
The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance outlined in the Charity Commissioners general guidance on the public benefit when reviewing the Trusts aims and objectives in setting out the grant making policy for the year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Charity's income derives from the rents of 8 cottages, arable land farmed under a Farming Business tenancy, grazing land under a Grazing and Mowing Licence and contributions for the use of the Reading Room.

Bank Balances
At the end of 2025 the Charity bank balances stood at £177,154.68 including the £40,000 grant for Sherborne Primary School held on account.
An interest bearing account is maintained with COIF.
An Accumulation fund is maintained with M&G investments.

Property expenditure

Major works - £56,017.41 including: costs relating to renovation works,

Repairs and maintenance - £10,901.62 consisting of: boiler maintenance, plumbing, electrical works, general maintenance, sewage disposal and costs associated with upgrading the properties to comply with EPC.

Reading Room - £5,700.13 including: repairs and maintenance, utilities and cleaning

Professional fees
Total expenditure was £25,411.42 for insurance, audit, management and surveyors costs.

Donations
The donations made by the Charity in 2025 amounted to £29,628.99 comprising of:

• Community grants	£460.00
• Grant – Windrush Village Hall	£3,756.00
• Grant – Sherborne Primary School	£6,287.00
• Educational grants	£950.00
• Other grants	£10,462.40
• Benefice printer for use of the community	£787.94
• St Peter's Church - including: repairs and maintenance, cleaning, fire protection, insurance and electricity	£6,625.65

£40,000 continues to be held on account for Sherborne Primary School

Aims
The Trustees continue to hold funds for Sherborne Primary School following their request to support the new classroom project. The School has now joined the Corinium Education Trust and as such the Trustees have been advised of changes to the original request. The Trustees are currently reviewing the situation.

Grants have been made at the Trustee's discretion according to the objects of the Charity.

The Trustees maintain their previous decision to build up and hold a reserve for necessary refurbishment of the Charity's properties and for any potential contingencies and risks.

Essential works to the properties other than routine repair and maintenance continue including works to ensure compliance. There were some major renovation works required during 2025 and additional works will be required for 2026.

The Reading Room is used for community events and meetings.

Trustees are always pleased to consider anyone seeking financial assistance from the Charity within the charity's objects.

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Receipts and Payments account
for the year ending 31 December 2025

INCOME	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**
Rent from cottages and farmland	98,514	107,049	106,145
Reading Room contributions	340	989	283
Bank Interest	4,890	6,589	5,779
other income	0	0	70
Total income in year	103,744	114,627	112,277
EXPENDITURE			
Major works	23,040	21,469	56,017
House repairs & expenses	16,207	11,029	10,902
Insurance	4,804	5,782	6,852
Professional Expenses	12,382	16,669	18,560
Church Expenses	5,341	44,747	6,626
Grants	4,500	6,130	22,215
Reading Room expenses	3,070	9,813	5,700
Benefice expenses	317	100	788
other expenditure	36	-	52
Total expenditure in year	69,697	115,739	127,712
net inflow / outflow in year	34,047	- 1,112	- 15,435
Cash funds at beginning of year	131,739	165,786	164,674
cash fund at end of year	165,786	164,674	149,239

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	General purpose Funds	Endowment Funds
Cash funds	149,238	
M & G Charifund Investment	27,916	
Freehold Property		5,115,000
TOTAL	£177,154	£5,115,000

Funds include £40,000.00 held on account for Sherborne Primary School

Freehold values are as per the valuation carried out by Tayler & Fletcher on 24th August 2022.

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Notes to the Account for the year ending 31st December 2025

1. Accounting basis
   The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards of the Charities Act 2011.

2. Policies
   The financial statements include financial transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Trustees are responsible.

   Income and expenditure are included on a Receipts and Payments basis.

3. Bankers to the Charity are TSB, 13 High Street, Witney, OX28 6PH

4. An interest bearing deposit account is maintained with COIF

5. The policy of the Charity on reserves is to maintain sufficient cash to meet its requirements for the next 12 months. This policy is reviewed annually by the trustees.

6. There were no Trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year.

Approved by the Trustees on: 7th October 2026

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Mr James Bainbridge

Mr Charles Neil