THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S, LONG CRENDON

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CHARITY COMMISSIONERS

Year to 30th June 2026

Reference and administrative details

Name: The Friends of St Mary's, Long Crendon

Registration number: 285163

Address: St Mary's Church, High Street, Long Crendon, HP18 9AL

Trustees:
Martin Kettle (Chairman)
Vivian Silverman (Treasurer)
Louisa Miller (Secretary)
Nigel Allen
Catherine Bullock
Calvin Frost
Maralyn Harris
Catriona Muir
Jennifer Peters
Edward Peycke
The Revd Richard Phillips
Julia Pountney
Alyson Viner

Structure, governance and management

- The governing document is the Constitution of the Friends of St Mary's Long Crendon, approved on 8th October 2017.
- The members of the Committee, who are all trustees ex officio, are elected at the Annual Meeting of the Friends of St Mary's. The Incumbent and Treasurer of the Parish of St Mary's are also ex-officio trustees.

Objectives and activities

- Our purpose is to raise funds to assist the parochial church council of St Mary's Long Crendon with major repair, renovation or re-ordering work in our parish church. This is done through organising a cycle of fund-raising community events in the village.

Achievements, performance and public benefit

- In July 2025 the Jazz Picnic took place in the beautiful grounds of Tompson's Farm.
- In December 2025 we held the Christmas Tree Festival in the church displaying 30 trees.

- In June 2026 we held the ever-popular FOSM Beer Festival in the church. The event was accompanied by a BBQ Burger bar available outside the church.
- All of these activities have brought a public benefit to the village of Long Crendon by providing popular social activities which build the sense of community and solidarity within the village. This is in addition to the benefit of raising funds to keep in good repair the ancient parish church, which is at the heart of the village in terms of its location, its activities, its support for a wide range of villagers at key moments in their lives, and its historical significance.
- In addition to the fundraising activities, we are also very grateful for the number of voluntary financial contributions made by parishioners during the year. These generous donations are never taken for granted and very much appreciated.

Financial review

The charity received a total income of £82k in the year to 30 June 2026 including a generous one-off anonymous donation of £50k. The balance was comprised of sundry donations and the proceeds from events held.

Expenditure of £3k related to expenditure on events and fund raising.

The net surplus of £79k was added to reserves of bank deposits and current account balance which totalled £176k at the year end. There were no debts during the financial year.

Although the charity does not have a specific reserves policy the Trustees intend to accumulate reasonable funds over time to cover the requirements of the church for repairs to the building and desirable enhancements as and when they arise.

Martin Kettle (Chairman)
11 October 2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A **Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees/ members of	**The Friends of St Mary's, Long Crendon**		
On accounts for the year ended	30 June 2026	**Charity no (if any)**	285163
Set out on pages	1-2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/06/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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 given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:	*A G Smith*	**Date:**	20/7/26
Name:	A G Smith		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
Address:	Harroell End, Harroell		
	Long Crendon		
	HP18 9AQ		

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
The Friends of St Mary's, Long Crendon	285163

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Jul-25		30-Jun-26

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Bequest received	-	-	-	-	49,888
One-Off Anonymous Donation	50,000	-	-	50,000	-
General donations	3,745	-	-	3,745	3,671
Gift Aid received	16,216	-	-	16,216	2,008
Events receipts	9,593	-	-	9,593	9,464
Interest received	2,782	-	-	2,782	2,988
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	82,336	-	-	82,336	68,019
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	82,336	-	-	82,336	68,019
A3 Payments					
Donation to St Mary's Church	-	-	-	-	55,000
Administrative expenses	308	-	-	308	337
Events costs	3,093	-	-	3,093	2,645
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,401	-	-	3,401	57,982
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,401	-	-	3,401	57,982
Net of receipts/(payments)	78,935	-	-	78,935	10,037
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	97,036	-	-	97,036	86,999
Cash funds this year end	175,971	-	-	175,971	97,036

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank current account	9,556	-	-
	Bank deposuts	166,415	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	175,971	-	-
CCXX R1 accounts (SS)	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
V H Silverman	Vivian Silverman	07/07/2026
M Kettle	Martin Kettle	07/07/2026