

Charity registration number 503003

SELBY ABBEY TRUST
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

SELBY ABBEY TRUST

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr P Simpson - Chairman	
	Mr J R Engelhart - Vice chairman	
	The Right Reverend Dr. J Thomson	(Resigned 16 July 2024)
	Mrs J Cooke - PCC Member	
	Reverend Canon J C Weetman	
	Mr T Pilcher	
	Mr D Caulfield	(Resigned 16 July 2024)
	Mrs A Crossland	
	Ms G Pullan	
	Mr F Stewart	(Resigned 6 May 2024)
	Dr M Clarke	
Mr S C R Fell	(Appointed 1 May 2025)	

Key Management personnel	Mr P Simpson - Trustee and chairman
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Charity number 503003

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SELBY ABBEY TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 November 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019".

The legal and administrative page forms part of this report.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity are for such charitable purposes connected with the Abbey as the trustees shall from time to time in their absolute discretion determine.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissioner's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and setting the grant making policy for the period.

Achievements and performance

2024 continued to be a challenging period for fundraising in keeping with other similar sectors, with only smaller personal donations from time to time.

Significant time and effort was given to supporting the joint application with the Abbey PCC for the National Heritage Lottery Fund.

The absence of a suitable Appeals Director was in part managed by the involvement of an advisory consultant.

The series of Summertime lunchtime Organ concerts was well received and the celebrity recitalists including James Vivien (Chapel Royal, Windsor) were much appreciated by the audiences.

The Abbey also hosted two celebrity piano concerts in July and August, however the Harpsichord Concert planned for March 25 had to be cancelled.

Financial review

It is the policy of the trust to maintain free reserves at a level which they feel provides sufficient funds to cover administration and support costs for not less than approximately six months unrestricted expenditure. The charity's free reserves at 30 November 2024 are £100,385.

Investment policy

The trustees manage the funds on a low-risk basis. The charity holds the majority of funds as bank deposits, which allows easy access for the trustees to donate the necessary sums for the repair and maintenance work. A policy of holding such sums as cash is commensurate with their short term nature and the desire not to jeopardise capital. The trustees recognise that greater returns could be achieved through investment but wish to take low risk and retain flexibility.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Plans for future periods

Following the unsuccessful search for an appeals Director the decision was made to pursue the use of a consultant on an individual appeal basis to identify 2/3 targeted potential funding sources.

Jointly with Abbey PCC we will continue to work actively for the Delivery phase of the National Heritage Lottery funded Origins Project.

The Summer organ recital series will continue in 2025 supported by the Trust under the new stewardship of the Abbey director of music, with the proceeds going to the Trust.

Structure, governance and management

The charity operates under the trust deed dated 17 December 1973, as amended by deeds dated 30 May 1974 and 20 June 1994.

Appointment of trustees

The body of trustees shall consist of not less than six and not more than twelve members, of whom at least one shall be a lay member of the Parochial Church Council of the Abbey.

Organisational structure

The trustees hold full meetings half yearly when key, strategic decisions are made following a review of progress. Interim meetings are held when necessary and some trustees are involved on a regular basis with progress reviews of specific areas.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

Trustee induction and training

New trustees are given a comprehensive induction pack to inform them of their legal obligations. All trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

Co-operation with other charities

Care and stewardship of the Abbey rests with the Parochial Church Council of Selby Abbey who issue contracts for restoration work which the trust has agreed to fund. A close working relationship has been established between PCC members, trustees, contractors and professionals with agreed lines for two-way communication so all parties are kept fully informed.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mr J R Engelhart - Vice chairman

Trustee

17 September 2025

SELBY ABBEY TRUST

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SELBY ABBEY TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Selby Abbey Trust (the charity) for the year ended 30 November 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Frances Howard FCA

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Dated: 18 September 2025

SELBY ABBEY TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes				
Income					
Donations and legacies	3	-	18,118	18,118	30,105
Other trading activities	4	4,052	-	4,052	6,987
Investments	5	3,841	-	3,841	2,088
Total income		<u>7,893</u>	<u>18,118</u>	<u>26,011</u>	<u>39,180</u>
Expenditure					
Raising funds	6	<u>9,256</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,256</u>	<u>11,781</u>
Charitable activities	7	<u>2,948</u>	<u>32,201</u>	<u>35,149</u>	<u>157,329</u>
Total expenditure		<u>12,204</u>	<u>32,201</u>	<u>44,405</u>	<u>169,110</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	<u>1,934</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,934</u>	<u>1,369</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(2,377)</u>	<u>(14,083)</u>	<u>(16,460)</u>	<u>(128,561)</u>
Fund balances at 1 December 2023		<u>102,762</u>	<u>142,709</u>	<u>245,471</u>	<u>374,032</u>
Fund balances at 30 November 2024		<u><u>100,385</u></u>	<u><u>128,626</u></u>	<u><u>229,011</u></u>	<u><u>245,471</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

Prior financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes			
Income				
Donations and legacies	3	-	30,105	30,105
Other trading activities	4	6,987	-	6,987
Investments	5	2,088	-	2,088
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Total income		9,075	30,105	39,180
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Expenditure				
Raising funds	6	11,781	-	11,781
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Charitable activities	7	-	157,329	157,329
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total expenditure		11,781	157,329	169,110
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	1,369	-	1,369
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Net movement in funds		(1,337)	(127,224)	(128,561)
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Fund balances at 1 December 2022		104,099	269,933	374,032
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Fund balances at 30 November 2023		102,762	142,709	245,471
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SELBY ABBEY TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	13		10,851		8,917
Current assets					
Stocks	14	14,000		15,000	
Debtors	15	17,075		16,870	
Cash at bank and in hand		189,089		206,616	
		<u>220,164</u>		<u>238,486</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(2,004)</u>		<u>(1,932)</u>	
Net current assets			218,160		236,554
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>229,011</u>		<u>245,471</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	17		128,626		142,709
Unrestricted funds			100,385		102,762
			<u>229,011</u>		<u>245,471</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 17 September 2025

Mr J R Engelhart - Vice chairman
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Selby Abbey Trust is a charity operating under the trust deed dated 17 December 1973, as amended by deeds dated 30 May 1974 and 20 June 1994.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include investments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific purposes or projects.

Restricted funds are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

1.3 Income

Income from donations, fund-raising events etc, is recognised in the accounting records upon receipt by the treasurer.

Income in respect of legacies is recognised when the sum due is ascertainable.

Gift aid income is recognised when received.

Bank interest received is recognised in the financial statements on an accruals basis.

1.4 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs to that category.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in pursuit of its charitable objectives.

All assets are now fully amortised in accordance with the depreciation policy but remain in use and contribute to income generating activity of the charity.

1.5 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are included in the accounts at market value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are disclosed separately in the appropriate section of the statement of financial activities.

1.6 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.8 Taxation

Selby Abbey Trust is a registered Charity, number 503003. All the Charity's income is applied to its charitable objectives and the Charity is, therefore, exempt under current legislation, from most forms of taxation.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Restricted funds	Restricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations and gifts	26,508	30,105
Gift aid income	(8,390)	-
	<u>18,118</u>	<u>30,105</u>
Donations and gifts		
National Churches Trust	-	30,000
Bramall	20,000	-
Clarke	2,500	-
Other	4,008	105
	<u>26,508</u>	<u>30,105</u>

4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds general	Unrestricted funds general
	2024	2023
	£	£
CD Sales	3,632	6,987
Organ recitals and concert donations	420	-
	<u>4,052</u>	<u>6,987</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £
Income from listed investments	958	236
Interest receivable	2,883	1,852
	<u>3,841</u>	<u>2,088</u>

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Organ recital and concert expenses	9,256	11,781
	<u>9,256</u>	<u>11,781</u>

7 Charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2024 £	Charitable activities 2023 £
Grants for restoration work	29,221	146,816
Share of support costs (see note 8)	4,404	9,061
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	1,524	1,452
	<u>35,149</u>	<u>157,329</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	2,948	-
Restricted funds	32,201	157,329
	<u>35,149</u>	<u>157,329</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

8 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2024	Support costs	Governance costs	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Consultancy services	-	-	-	2,514	-	2,514
Sundry expenses	117	-	117	-	-	-
Public relations, adverting and website expenses	65	-	65	3,651	-	3,651
Bank charges	90	-	90	74	-	74
Legal and professional fees	68	-	68	54	-	54
Book-keeping fees	960	-	960	540	-	540
Insurance	640	-	640	610	-	610
Meeting expenses	2,464	-	2,464	1,618	-	1,618
Accountancy	-	1,524	1,524	-	1,452	1,452
	<u>4,404</u>	<u>1,524</u>	<u>5,928</u>	<u>9,061</u>	<u>1,452</u>	<u>10,513</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>4,404</u>	<u>1,524</u>	<u>5,928</u>	<u>9,061</u>	<u>1,452</u>	<u>10,513</u>

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

10 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

11 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2024	Unrestricted funds general 2023
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	<u>1,934</u>	<u>1,369</u>

12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

13 Fixed asset investments

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

13 Fixed asset investments		(Continued)	
		Listed investments	
		£	
Cost or valuation			
At 1 December 2023			8,917
Valuation changes			1,934
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At 30 November 2024			10,851
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Carrying amount			
At 30 November 2024			10,851
			<hr/>
At 30 November 2023			8,917
			<hr/>
14 Stocks		2024	2023
		£	£
Goods for sale		14,000	15,000
		<hr/>	<hr/>
15 Debtors		2024	2023
Amounts falling due within one year:		£	£
Other debtors		17,075	16,870
		<hr/>	<hr/>
16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		2024	2023
		£	£
Accruals and deferred income		2,004	1,932
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

17 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 December 2023	Movement in funds			Balance at 30 November 2024
		Income	Expenditure	Transfers	
	£	£	£	£	£
Roof appeal	142,709	18,118	(32,201)	-	128,626
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

	Balance at 1 December 2022	Movement in funds			Balance at 30 November 2023
		Income	Expenditure	Transfers	
	£	£	£	£	£
Roof appeal	269,933	30,105	(157,329)	-	142,709
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The roof appeal is for funding to restore and repair the Abbey's roof.

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Fund balances at 30 November 2024 are represented by:			
Investments	10,851	-	10,851
Current assets/(liabilities)	89,534	128,626	218,160
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	100,385	128,626	229,011
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Fund balances at 30 November 2023 are represented by:			
Investments	8,917	-	8,917
Current assets/(liabilities)	93,845	142,709	236,554
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	102,762	142,709	245,471
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

19 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).