



FRIENDS  
OF  
FRIENDLESS  
CHURCHES

(A company limited by guarantee)

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For The Year Ended 31 March 2016**

**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 1119137 (England and Wales)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1113097**

**FRIENDS OF FRIENDLESS CHURCHES**

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2016**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**President**

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**Trustees: Council 2015-2016**

Roger Evans MA \*

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Peter Scott BA FCA \*

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Richard Smith MVO BA FRSA \* (resigned 29 January 2016)

John Vigar MA FSA Scot FRSA

Chairman

The Director and Company Secretary

Hon Treasurer

Hon Chaplain

\* Denotes members of Investment and Finance Sub-Committee

**Field Officer in Wales**

Susan Dalton

**Assistant Director**

Alison Du Cane BA Hons (until 31 January 2016)

**Assistant Secretary**

Rebecca Whewell BA (from 1 February 2016)

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**Auditors**

McLintocks Limited, 46 Hamilton Square, Birkenhead CH41 5AR

**Broker**

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Clifton Ingram, 22-24 Broad Street, Wokingham RG40 1BA

## **FRIENDS OF FRIENDLESS CHURCHES**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the Year Ended 31 March 2016**

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The Trustees, who are also Directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2016. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (the FRSSE) (effective 1 January 2015).

In setting out objectives and planning activities, the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's Guidance on Public Benefit.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The Charity was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 20 June 1973. Following the acquisition of charitable status in its own right on 13 March 2006, it took over the entire undertaking of the old, unincorporated charity (registered charity no. 209456) of the same name originally established in 1957, with effect from 1 April 2006. On 11 February 2008 the Charity Commission approved a Uniting Direction under section 96(5) of the Charities Act 1993 which directed that the predecessor charity (charity no. 209456) should be treated as forming part of the new charity. This authorised, inter alia, a single set of Accounts to be prepared for the whole entity.

The Charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, as amended on 26 October 2005 and 6 March 2006 as part of the above re-organisation.

The Trustees of The Friends form the Council which is responsible for the governance and management of the Charity. The Trustees are as listed on page 1 and are all elected annually by members of the Company at the Annual General Meeting, with the Council having the power to elect further members in addition between Meetings. When required, nominations for new appointments to the Council are sought from those with appropriate understanding of conservation matters and skills of use to the Charity and Company. Potential Trustees meet the Chairman and Director before a final proposal is put to the Council. Appointments run to the next Annual General Meeting. Each new member of the Council receives a briefing about the Charity and guidance on the responsibilities and duties of Trusteeship. Relevant material from the Charity Commission is distributed from time to time to all members of the Council to ensure that they remain up to date with current duties and practice.

The Council met four times in 2015-2016, and the meetings were supplemented by the circulation of additional information as necessary, principally by e-mail, to keep the Council fully informed. There is an Investment and Finance Sub-Committee, which met twice in the course of the year.

The Annual General Meeting, which accepted the annual report for 2014-15, was held on 3 October 2015 in The Friends' church of St Decumanus, Rhoscrowther, Pembrokeshire. 86 people attended

All Trustees and Directors are honorary and none receives a salary or remuneration. The Charity relies heavily on volunteers, particularly in the local groups of Friends based at a number of our churches. The day to day running of the Charity is conducted from its offices at St Ann's Vestry Hall in the City of London by Matthew Saunders, the Director, Alison Du Cane, the Assistant Director until 31 January 2016 and from 1 February 2016, Rebecca Whewell, the Assistant Secretary. All are employed by the Ancient Monuments Society. The Charity benefits from the services of a freelance Field Officer in Wales. The fees of the Field Officer are met in their entirety under the joint funding arrangement for the 'New Mechanism', further details of which are set out later in this Report.

The Charity is in a working partnership, which was brought into full force in October 1993, with the Ancient Monuments Society (registered charity no. 209605). The two charities share the same office, secretariat, membership and newsletter, but are otherwise strictly separate in terms of governing bodies, financing and charitable status. The Charity pays a contribution to the Ancient Monuments Society towards the expenses of the shared secretariat provided by the latter, including the services of the Director, the Assistant Director and Assistant Secretary, and this is reviewed by the two charities from time to time. As from 1 January 2016 the annual contribution was raised from to £59,000. A joint membership scheme is operated by the two charities, with the subscriptions being collected and retained by the Ancient Monuments Society as part of the agreed arrangements.

We experimented with extended use of social media and commissioned a new website. There were three joint newsletters, shared with the Ancient Monuments Society.

We learned with great sadness of the death in October of Dr Ronald Brunskill, a former Chairman of The Friends. Ronald (Ron) was also Chairman, and later President, of our sister organisation, Ancient Monuments Society and a highly distinguished scholar in the discipline of vernacular architecture.

We said goodbye and thankyou to John Porteous, a founding trustee, and to two other committed and long-serving trustees, Alex Hamilton and Richard Smith. We were pleased to welcome two new Trustees, George Bulmer and Dr Liz Green.

We mourned the deaths of the architect to two of our churches, Roger Clive Powell and that of Henry Powell Shedden, the principal figure within The Friends of Hardmead Church

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## **FRIENDS OF FRIENDLESS CHURCHES**

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#### **OBJECTS**

The objects of the Charity are:-

- (a) To secure the preservation of churches and chapels or of any part thereof, in the British Islands, whether belonging to or used or formerly used by the Church of England or by any other religious body, as places of public worship; to secure the preservation of monuments, fixtures, fittings, stained glass, furniture, ornaments and chattels in such churches or chapels; and to secure the preservation of the churchyard or burial ground belonging or formerly belonging to any such church or chapel.
- (b) To secure the preservation of buildings of historic interest or architectural merit or beauty or of any part thereof, in the British Islands, used or formerly used as places of worship, for public access and the benefit of the nation; to secure the preservation of monuments fixtures, fittings, stained glass, furniture, ornaments and chattels in such buildings for public exhibition and the benefit of the nation; and to secure the preservation of the churchyard or burial ground belonging to or formerly belonging to any such building for public access and the benefit of the nation.
- (c) To furnish or equip any such church, chapel or building, or any part thereof, as aforesaid, and to use it for the advancement of the Christian religion, or such other charitable purposes as the Charity shall from time to time determine.
- (d) To repair, maintain, improve, beautify or reconstruct any church, chapel or building, or any part thereof, as aforesaid, or the monuments, fixtures, fittings, stained glass, furniture, ornaments or chattels therein, or the churchyard or burial ground belonging or formerly belonging thereto.
- (e) To promote all or any of the aforesaid objects either by means of the acquisition by purchase, gift or otherwise of any such church, chapel, or building, or any part thereof, as aforesaid, or any interest therein, or of such chattels or land as aforesaid, or by means of grants or loans to any parochial church council, trustees or persons or body of persons whether corporate or incorporate having the ownership, care or custody of any such church, chapel or building, or of any part thereof, as aforesaid, or of any such chattels or land as aforesaid or in such other manner as the Charity shall from time to time determine.

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#### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

##### Review of the Year

The Charity was responsible for all or part of the year for 46 redundant but architecturally and historically important places of worship which are held either freehold or on long lease. They are:-

##### English Vestings:

ALLINGTON, Wilts, St John the Baptist (freehold from 1 January 2011)  
AYSHFORD CHAPEL, Burlescombe, Devon (125 year lease from 1 February 2000)  
BALLIDON, Derbs, All Saints (freehold from 28 December 2011)  
BOVENY, St Mary Magdalene, near Windsor, Berks (999 year lease from 7 October 1983)  
BROWNSHILL, Glos, St Mary of the Angels (freehold from 20 May 2011)  
CALDECOTE, St Mary Magdalene, near Baldock, Herts (freehold from 15 April 1982)  
EASTWELL, St Mary, near Ashford, Kent (freehold from 20 March 1980)  
FORDHAM, Norfolk, St Mary (freehold from 12 September 2011)  
HARDMEAD, The Assumption, near Newport Pagnell, Bucks (99 year lease from 7 September 1982)  
LIGHTCLIFFE, Old St Matthew, near Halifax, W Yorks (99 year lease from 1 January 1974)  
LLANCILLO, St Peter, Herefordshire (freehold from 23 January 2007)  
LONG CRICHEL, Dorset, St Mary (freehold from 7 January 2011)  
MATLOCK BATH, St John the Baptist, Derbyshire (freehold from 15 March 2002)  
MILLAND, Old St Luke, near Liphook, W Sussex (99 year lease from 1 January 1974)  
MUNDON, St Mary, near Maldon, Essex (999 year lease from 1 January 1975)  
PAPWORTH ST AGNES, St John the Baptist, Cambs (freehold from 5 December 1979)  
SALTFLEETBY, Old St Peter, near Louth, Lincs (999 year lease from 1 May 1976)  
SOUTH HUISH, St Andrew, near Kingsbridge, Devon (999 year lease from 1 January 1976)  
SUTTERBY, St John the Baptist, near Horncastle, Lincs (freehold from 3 July 1981)  
THORNTON LE BEANS, North Yorkshire, chapel of ease (freehold from 15 November 2010)  
URISHAY, Chapel, near Peterchurch, Herefordshire (freehold from 26 July 1978)  
WADDESDON HILL, Baptist Chapel, near Aylesbury, Bucks (freehold from 31 December 1986)  
WICKHAM BISHOPS, St Peter, near Maldon, Essex (999 year lease from 1 January 1975)  
WOOD WALTON, St Andrew, near Huntingdon, Cambs (999 year lease from 24 June 1979)

##### Welsh Vestings:

BAYVIL (BEIFIL), St Andrew, near Nevern, Dyfed (999 year lease from 7 October 1983)  
BRITHDIR, St Mark, Gwynedd (999 year lease from 1 December 2002)  
DERWEN, St Mary, Denbighshire (999 year lease from 1 December 2002)  
HODGESTON, (dedication unknown), Pembrokeshire (999 year lease from 17 December 2000)  
LLANBEULAN, St Peulan, Anglesey (999 year lease from 10 June 2005)  
LLANDAWKE (LLANDOCH), St Oudoceus, Carmarthenshire (999 year lease from 24 April 2006)  
LLANDELOY (LLANDELOI), St Eloi, Pembrokeshire (999 year lease from 1 December 2002)  
LLANELIEU, St Ellwy, Powys (999 year lease from 19 November 1999)  
LLANFAGLAN, St Baglan, near Caernarfon, Gwynedd (freehold from 7 February 1991)  
LLANFAIR KILGEDDIN (LLANFAIR CILGEDIN), St Mary, near Usk, Monmouthshire (freehold from 22 November 1989)  
LLANFIGAEL, St Migael, Anglesey (999 year lease from 1 February 2007)  
LLANFIHANGEL ROGIET, St Michael, Monmouthshire (999 year lease from 30 July 2008)  
LLANFROTHEN, St Brothen, Gwynedd (999 year lease from 1 January 2005)  
LLANGEVIEW (LLANGIFIW), St David, Monmouthshire, (999 year lease from 19 November 1999)  
LLANTRISANT, SSS Afran, Teuan and Sannan, Holyhead, Anglesey (999 year lease from 1 November 1978)  
MANORDEIFI, St David, Pembrokeshire (999 year lease from 10 August 2000)  
PENLLECH, St Mary, Gwynedd (999 year lease from 14 May 2009)  
PENMORFA, St Beuno, Gwynedd (999 year lease from 19 November 1999)  
RHOSCROWTHER, St Decumanus, Pembrokeshire (999 year lease from 10 June 2005)  
TAL-Y-LLYN (TALYLLYN), St Mary, Anglesey (999 year lease from 19 November 1999)  
TREMAEN, St Michael, Ceredigion (999 year lease from 1 December 2013)  
YNYSCYNHAEARN, St Cynhaearn, Gwynedd, including the lychgate (999 year lease 1 December 2002)

In addition it oversees and bears the cost of caring for St. Leonards's church, Sperrall in Warwickshire, which is currently owned by the Ancient Monuments Society, but which it has been agreed should be transferred to the Friends.

Trustees have also formally accepted the vestings of St Jerome, Llangwm Uchaf, Monmouthshire, which underwent a major programme of repairs in 2013-14 and St Michael and All Angels, Castlemartin, Pembrokeshire, both of which are listed Grade 1. Castlemartin was the principal building campaign in Wales in 2015-16. They have also agreed to accept the Grade 11\* listed church of St Denis at East Hatley, Cambs with a "dowry" of £60,000 from South Cambs DC. Once these are transferred, the total number of vestings will be 49.

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#### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

2015-16 was a cautious year– there were no new formal vestings although we are almost certain to take East Hatley into care in 2016-17. The principal repair campaigns were at Matlock, Papworth St Agnes and Wood Walton

Trustees encourage the establishment of local groups of “Friends”. In the course of the year there was much activity organised by such groups at Llanfihangel Rogiet, Ynyscynhaearn, Caldecote, Papworth, Milland, Mundon, Hardmead, Allington, Tremaen, Boveney, Sutterby and Wood Walton. At Caldecote the redoubtable Peter Robbins chose to raise money the hard way by reading aloud all of “A La Recherche du Temps Perdu”. At Lightcliffe the conservation of the huge churchyard surrounding the vestigial 18<sup>th</sup> century tower, owned by The Friends, continued at the hands of local people whilst members of The Sutterby Horde, looking after our Lincolnshire church of that name, continued their own heroic work with the completion of the excavation of an early apse-like structure and the laying of a substantial hedge to re-define the churchyard.

In September 2015 the Charity opened 25 of its churches in England and Wales to the general public for Heritage Open Days/Open doors. Most of our churches are open to visitors throughout the year. There is a major concert at Llanellieu every August and an annual service of the Baptist Historical Society at Waddesdon Hill. Brownhill is used for what is turning into an annual art festival and at other churches there has been a further range of activities, formal and informal. Llanfihangel Rogiet is in effect the headquarters of the Caldicot History Society.

#### **New Mechanism in Wales**

The year saw the successful continuation of the arrangements in Wales between the Friends, Cadw and the Church in Wales, under which £120,000 is given to the Charity by the last two parties, in the proportions two-thirds to one-third, towards the repair and maintenance of redundant Anglican churches of architectural and historic importance vested with the Friends. In recent years the Cadw contribution has settled at £80,000 pa whilst early in 2015 The Church in Wales increased its contribution from £30,000 to £40,000.

The major building campaigns of the year were at Castlemartin, Tremaen and Penllech with the commencement of a programme of works at Derwen

#### **Brett Trust**

The Charity administers the Brett Trust for the benefit of the churches at Tilbury juxta Clare and Ovington in Essex and St. Stephen's, Bournemouth. A grant offer at Ovington remains outstanding.

#### **Cottam Will Trust**

The Charity also administers a Trust Fund for the purchase of objects of beauty to be placed in ancient Gothic churches, for the furtherance of religion. In the course of the year the reinstatement of an ejected window by Michael O'Connor in the church of St Mary the Virgin at Horton Kirby, Kent (Cottam grant: £6,250) was completed. Offers were made in respect of a panel in wood carved by Charles Gurrey for St Laurence, Adwick le Street, Doncaster (£3,680), work that was also completed in the year, and to resite within St Nonna's church, Altarnun in Cornwall an organ ejected from a chapel (Cottam grant £10,000). Work advanced on a substantial new window for St Mary's Priory, Abergavenny, designed by Helen Whittaker, which will receive the largest ever grant offered by the Cottam ( just under £40,000 )

#### **Other Churches**

The Charity administers special funds for the benefit of certain other churches in use - Llangua on the English/Welsh borders, and Besselsleigh in Berkshire. It also holds money on behalf of Eglwys Brewis, Glamorgan.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

##### **Financial Report**

The financial position is set out in the accounts for the year, which show net expenditure, before investment losses, of £121,124. Investments reduced in value overall in the year and after taking account of losses on investments sold, the Charity's funds reduced by £351,193 from those at the start of the year.

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#### FINANCIAL REVIEW (continued)

We received news of only one legacy (£250) in the course of the year, although 2014-15 closed with one of £18,077 from Rev'd Brian Torode. There were generous donations from The Friends of Caldecote Church, The Friends of Hardmead Church, the Ethel and Gwyn Morgan Charitable Trust, the Girdlers Company Charitable Trust, Caldicot Local History Society, the J and M Britton Charitable Trust, and A.P. Bartleet Trust. And from kind individuals – RCS Adkins, Michael Manser, Mrs Gina Goldhammer, Henry Hoare, Dr Barbara Bain, Dr Hywel Parry-Smith, W.R. Aldwinckle, John Underdown and Alec Hamilton and Sir Paul Britton, who passed on lecture fees. We thank too those who chose to remain anonymous.

The Charity remains a beneficiary under the Listed Places of Worship Scheme which allows VAT paid out on repairs and alterations to be reimbursed. The Scheme's de minimis rule does however prevent the return of VAT that is under £1,000 in a standalone project. We thank HMG for extending this essential scheme until at least 2018.

#### Reserves Policy

The unrestricted reserves of the Friends are an inherent part of the risk management policy. They represent funds for the periodic repair of existing vested churches, to provide for the repair of new vestings excluding those covered by the New Mechanism for the conservation and preservation of redundant churches in Wales, and to fund working capital required between the commencement of contracts and the receipt of third party grants. The Council considered that as at 31 March 2016 the unrestricted reserves were adequate to meet immediate needs but, although they are growing they are in no way sufficient to address long-term demands on the Charity. There remains a backlog of repairs at existing vestings, and the ability to save more churches depends critically upon funds being available for that purpose.

The restricted reserves of the Friends represent the funds held for the Cottam Will Trust left by Father Cottam, the Brett Trust established by Miss Winifred Brett in memory of her parents, the fabric funds for specific churches and grants received under the New Mechanism in Wales. The objects of the Cottam Will Trust and the Brett Trust are set out above. The assets held on behalf of these trusts are to provide income that is expended in accordance with the objects of those trusts. The specific fabric funds are held to pay for repairs to the relevant churches as required. The unspent funds held for the New Mechanism in Wales arise because one of the two funders, the Church in Wales, has agreed to release money before bills are received to avoid the need for the Charity to take out bank loans and we are grateful for this.

#### Grant Making Policy

The major grant making activity of the Friends relates to the Cottam Will Trust. Applications received are considered by the Council and grants are awarded based upon the conformity of the application with the objects of the Trust, the merit of the project and the financial need of the applicant. Further details of the conditions which applications must meet before they will be considered can be obtained from the office and are given on the Charity's website.

Grants are made from the Brett Trust in response to applications from the three churches for whose benefit the Trust was established.

It is not the policy of the Council to invite applications for grants from the unrestricted funds. However, the Council has made and will continue to make occasional small grants for the furtherance of the Friends' objects from these funds entirely at the discretion of the Council.

#### Investment Policy

The Council has appointed an Investment and Finance Sub-Committee which meets not less than twice a year. The Sub-Committee makes a formal report of its meetings to the Council. The Articles of Association, as amended in 2005 and 2006, grant the Council permissive rights to delegate discretionary investment powers and nominee status to an outside organisation. Detailed negotiations, assisted by the Charity's legal advisors, resulted in clearance from the Charity Commission to put these powers into force early in 2008-09. The function of the Investment and Finance Sub-Committee thus changed from reviewing individual holdings to that of recommending to the Council the strategic context within which our broker is delegated to operate and the subsequent monitoring of performance. The decision to buy or sell investments now rests with our broker alone. The strategic contexts for the general portfolio and for the Cottam are set differently in order to match the objectives of the separate funds. Underlying strategy may, from time to time, be reviewed.

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#### FINANCIAL REVIEW (continued)

The members of the Investment and Finance Sub-Committee receive a quarterly report from the brokers showing the current composition of the portfolio and a current valuation. The changes are also reported to the office of the company. The report summarises actual income received and predictions of future income together with indicators which assist the Sub-Committee in its supervisory and monitoring role. A representative of J.M.Finn & Co, our broker, usually attends meetings of the Sub-Committee.

For the year under review, the general portfolio returned an overall loss of 8.73% against a market loss of 3.48% and the Cottam Will Trust portfolio an overall loss of 12.06% against a market loss of 7.35%, as recorded by the APCIMS Balanced Portfolio Index and the FTSE All Share Index respectively.

Following the redemption of government stocks in early 2015 we are holding funds for Waddesdon Hill pending a decision on reinvestment.

#### Risk Management

The Trustees have identified the major risks to which the Charity is exposed; systems have been established to mitigate those risks and are reviewed regularly. Trustees commission regular assessments of each of the vestings, particularly in Wales where we have the advantage of a paid Field Officer. Trustees are aware of their responsibility under the Equality Act. We maintain a policy of insurance for all churches and the policies on insurance were comprehensively reviewed in 2014-15. The financial position is regularly monitored by the Council.

#### Membership

The total membership of the Ancient Monuments Society and the Friends of Friendless Churches, which operate a joint membership scheme, stood at 2,102 at the end of March 2016. That figure reflects the number of household members. Three joint AMS/Friends newsletters to members were published in the year, the cost being borne by the AMS.

#### Future Outlook

The Charity will continue to strive for the preservation and conservation of the historic churches in its possession. The level of giving and legacies in recent years allow Trustees to contemplate tackling the backlog of repairs at certain vested properties and the taking of additional threatened churches into care - although the Charity's capital base is likely to remain modest for a body charged with looking after 46 buildings, all but 9 listed Grade I or Grade II\*. The Trustees are mindful that a third of the reserves held by the Charity is restricted to the purpose of the Cottam Will Trust alone (see also page 5 of the Trustees' Report).

#### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees (who are also the Directors of Friends of Friendless Churches for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

So far as the Trustees are aware, there is no relevant information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and each Trustee has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make them aware of any audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2016**

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**AUDITORS**

The auditors, McLintocks Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:**

Roger Evans MA – Chairman

30 August 2016

## **REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF FRIENDS OF FRIENDLESS CHURCHES**

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We have audited the financial statements of Friends of Friendless Churches for the year ended 31 March 2016 on pages ten to twenty. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustee and auditors**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

### **Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Report of the Trustees to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2016 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Helen Furlong F.C.C.A. (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of McLintocks Limited  
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2016

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	2016 Total funds £	2015 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>						
Donations and legacies	3	33,532	154,029	-	187,561	285,749
Other trading activities	4	160	-	-	160	59
Investment income	5	67,630	17,783	2,367	87,780	80,991
Other income		-	-	-	-	1,108
<b>Total</b>		<u>101,322</u>	<u>171,812</u>	<u>2,367</u>	<u>275,501</u>	<u>367,907</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>						
Raising funds	6	719	-	-	719	2,332
Investment management costs	7	9,175	4,595	483	14,253	13,418
Charitable activities	8	<u>174,440</u>	<u>207,213</u>		<u>381,653</u>	<u>251,868</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>184,334</u>	<u>211,808</u>	<u>483</u>	<u>396,625</u>	<u>267,618</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>						
		(83,012)	(39,996)	1,884	(121,124)	100,289
<b>Transfer between funds</b>	20	<u>(4,376)</u>	<u>4,376</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses)</b>		(87,388)	(35,620)	1,884	(121,124)	100,289
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	12	<u>(132,176)</u>	<u>(94,540)</u>	<u>(3,353)</u>	<u>(230,069)</u>	<u>124,269</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(219,564)	(130,160)	(1,469)	(351,193)	224,558
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>						
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<u>1,467,613</u>	<u>1,008,039</u>	<u>367,881</u>	<u>2,843,533</u>	<u>2,618,975</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>1,248,049</u></u>	<u><u>877,879</u></u>	<u><u>366,412</u></u>	<u><u>2,492,340</u></u>	<u><u>2,843,533</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**FRIENDS OF FRIENDLESS CHURCHES**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**At 31 March 2016**

	Notes	2016 £	2015 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Heritage assets	15	11,610	11,610
Investments	16	<u>2,400,431</u>	<u>2,691,077</u>
		2,412,041	2,702,687
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	17	24,121	17,529
Cash at bank		<u>99,617</u>	<u>155,669</u>
		123,738	173,198
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	18	<u>(43,439)</u>	<u>(32,352)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>80,299</u>	<u>140,846</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>2,492,340</u>	<u>2,843,533</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>2,492,340</u>	<u>2,843,533</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	20		
Unrestricted funds		1,248,049	1,467,613
Restricted funds		877,879	1,008,039
Endowment funds		<u>366,412</u>	<u>367,881</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>2,492,340</u>	<u>2,843,533</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 30 August 2016 and were signed on its behalf by:

Roger Evans MA - Chairman

The notes form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2016**

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**1. STATUS**

The Charity was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 20 June 1973 and until 1 April 2006 acted solely as custodian trustee on behalf of the unincorporated charity, Friends of Friendless Churches (charity number 209456), with no assets or transactions of its own. The Company was registered as a charity (charity number 1113097) on 13 March 2006 and the entire operations of the old, unincorporated charity were transferred to it with effect from 1 April 2006. A Uniting Directive was issued by the Charity Commission on 11 February 2008.

Being a company limited by guarantee, the Charity has no share capital and the members are limited to a contribution of up to £1 each towards the Company's liabilities in the event of the Company being wound up.

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Accounting convention**

The financial statements of the charitable company have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRSSE) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (the FRSSE) (effective 1 January 2015)', the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015) and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

**Income**

Donations and legacies are included as income when entitlement is established and quantifiable with certainty.

Grants are accounted for on a receivable basis, once entitlement is certain and quantified, and are allocated in accordance with the grant making body's wishes and attributable expenditure.

Investment income is recognised when receivable.

**Resources expended**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category.

Expenditure on repairs to churches for which specific grants or other restricted funds have been received or are receivable are charged to the relevant restricted funds and any excess of expenditure over such funds represents support for those projects from general funds and is adjusted by a transfer from the Charity's general funds.

**Taxation**

The Charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

The Charity has the following types of funds:

- (a) General funds comprise unrestricted funds available for the Society's purpose at its discretion.
- (b) Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been allocated by the charity for particular purposes.
- (c) Restricted funds are funds received for some specific aspect of the Charity's objects, including funds in respect of particular churches.
- (d) Expendable endowment funds are funds received primarily as capital but which can be expended as income if the need should arise.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

**Heritage assets**

The Charity owns the freehold or long leasehold of forty-six churches, which come within the definition of heritage assets under SORP 2015 (FRSSE). These properties were acquired without cost in pursuit of the Charity's preservation and conservation objectives and the Council does not consider it appropriate or practical to attribute any value to them in view of their nature as historic buildings held for protection, with any use being very limited and subject to strict control. The Council believes that any valuation would lack sufficient reliability and incur onerous costs compared with the additional benefit derived by users of the accounts. Accordingly, these assets are not capitalised in the accounts. Details of the churches are given within the Annual Report, and it is the policy to provide access to the public to as many of the churches as possible.

Recent purchases of other heritage assets are reported in the balance sheet at cost, and as they are deemed to have indeterminate lives and to maintain their value, the Council do not consider it appropriate to charge depreciation.

Expenditure which, in the Council's view is required to preserve or prevent further deterioration of heritage assets, is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when it is incurred.

**Fixed asset investments**

Fixed asset investments are stated in the balance sheet at their market value at the balance sheet date, and the income arising thereon is recognised on the due date for payment. Gains and losses arising on the disposal and revaluation of investments are calculated by reference to their book value, and credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

**Cottam Will Trust**

The financial statements include transactions and balances of the Cottam Will Trust, an associated charity, which is registered under the Friends of Friendless Churches. The Council actively promote the distinct purpose of the Cottam Will Trust, which is the purchase of objects of beauty to be placed in ancient Gothic churches in England and Wales, for the furtherance of religion.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2016 £	2015 £
Donations	36,203	41,473
Legacies	250	125,140
Grants	<u>151,108</u>	<u>119,136</u>
	<u>187,561</u>	<u>285,749</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2016 £	2015 £
CADW	80,000	80,000
Church in Wales	40,000	30,000
Listed Places of Worship Scheme	<u>31,108</u>	<u>9,136</u>
	<u>151,108</u>	<u>119,136</u>

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2016 £	2015 £
Book sales	<u>160</u>	<u>59</u>

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**for the Year Ended 31 March 2016**

**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2016 £	2015 £
UK investment income	77,568	76,531
Overseas investment income	9,512	3,743
Deposit account interest	<u>700</u>	<u>717</u>
	<u><u>87,780</u></u>	<u><u>80,991</u></u>

**6. COSTS OF RAISING FUNDS**

	2016 £	2015 £
Representation	<u>719</u>	<u>2,332</u>

**7. INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT COSTS**

	2016 £	2015 £
Brokers' fees	<u>14,253</u>	<u>13,418</u>

**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct costs £	Support costs £	Totals funds £
Charitable activities	<u>365,054</u>	<u>16,599</u>	<u>381,653</u>

**9. DIRECT COSTS**

	2016 £	2015 £
Purchase of objects of beauty	32,522	18,718
Works of reference	(133)	181
Repairs and maintenance	103,016	66,309
Insurance	13,046	11,258
Travel expenses	5,382	2,514
Ancient Monuments Society	54,503	51,463
Other expenses	477	842
Joe McCrindle Memorial	-	3,920
Upkeep of website	4,279	619
Expenses re potential vestings	-	1,086
Computer upkeep and expenses	-	110
New Mechanism - Repairs and maintenance	135,144	63,885
New Mechanism - Insurance	8,553	9,392
New Mechanism - Travel expenses	-	60
New Mechanism - Field Officer's expenses	2,265	2,505
New Mechanism - Ancient Monuments Society	6,000	6,000
New Mechanism – Photographic evidence	<u>-</u>	<u>450</u>
	<u><u>365,054</u></u>	<u><u>239,312</u></u>

FRIENDS OF FRIENDLESS CHURCHES

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10. SUPPORT COSTS

	2016	2015
	£	£
Trustees' travel expenses	2,319	1,611
Bank charges	1,083	1,107
AGM and other expenses	7,437	4,078
Auditors' remuneration	<u>5,760</u>	<u>5,760</u>
	<u>16,599</u>	<u>12,556</u>

11. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2016	2015
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration – audit fee	3,000	3,000
Auditors' remuneration – non audit services	<u>2,760</u>	<u>2,760</u>
	<u>5,760</u>	<u>5,760</u>

12. GAINS/(LOSSES) ON INVESTMENT ASSETS

	2016	2015
	£	£
Realised gains/(losses) on investment assets	(38,052)	31,631
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investment assets	<u>(192,017)</u>	<u>92,638</u>
	<u>(230,069)</u>	<u>124,269</u>

13. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2016, nor for the year ended 31 March 2015.

**Trustees' Expenses**

Travel expenses amounting to £2,319 have been reimbursed to 10 members of the Council during the year (2015 £1,611 to 9 members).

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14. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	2015 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>				
Donations and legacies	165,980	119,769	-	285,749
Other trading activities	59	-	-	59
Investment income	57,045	20,065	3,881	80,991
Other income	<u>1,108</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,108</u>
	224,192	139,834	3,881	367,907
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>				
Raising funds	2,332	-	-	2,332
Investment management costs	8,898	4,520	-	13,418
Charitable activities	<u>101,027</u>	<u>150,841</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>251,868</u>
	<u>112,257</u>	<u>155,361</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>267,618</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	111,935	(15,527)	3,881	100,289
<b>Transfer between funds</b>	<u>(36,824)</u>	<u>36,824</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	75,111	21,297	3,881	100,289
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	<u>58,011</u>	<u>52,552</u>	<u>13,706</u>	<u>124,269</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	133,122	73,849	17,587	224,558
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>				
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<u>1,334,491</u>	<u>934,190</u>	<u>350,294</u>	<u>2,618,975</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	1,467,613	1,008,039	367,881	2,843,533

FRIENDS OF FRIENDLESS CHURCHES

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15. HERITAGE ASSETS

	Total £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016	<u>11,610</u>
 <b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 March 2016	<u><u>          </u></u>
At 31 March 2015	<u><u>11,610</u></u>

Heritage assets recognised in the balance sheet comprise purchases by the Cottam Will Trust in past years where ownership has been retained by the Charity.

The Charity owns the freehold or long leasehold of 46 churches which are not recognised in the balance sheet.

16. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £	Cash and settlements pending £	Totals £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>			
At 1 April 2015	2,464,069	227,008	2,691,077
Additions	398,635	27,851	426,486
Disposals	(525,115)	-	(525,115)
Revaluations	(192,017)	-	(192,017)
	<u>2,145,572</u>	<u>254,859</u>	<u>2,400,431</u>
At 31 March 2016	<u><u>2,145,572</u></u>	<u><u>254,859</u></u>	<u><u>2,400,431</u></u>

Listed investments comprise:

	2016 £	2015 £
United Kingdom equities and funds	2,067,668	2,274,657
Overseas equities	<u>77,904</u>	<u>189,412</u>
	<u><u>2,145,572</u></u>	<u><u>2,464,069</u></u>

The historical cost of the total of investments held is: 2,145,789      2,129,023

Included in investments are investments with a market value of £711,423 which are held specifically for the Cottam Will Trust.

17. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2016 £	2015 £
Other debtors	<u><u>24,121</u></u>	<u><u>17,529</u></u>

FRIENDS OF FRIENDLESS CHURCHES

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18. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2016 £	2015 £
Other creditors	<u>43,439</u>	<u>32,352</u>

19. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	2016 Total funds £	2015 Total funds £
Fixed assets	-	11,610	-	11,610	11,610
Investments	1,299,887	782,864	317,680	2,400,431	2,691,077
Cash at bank	(42,757)	96,556	45,818	99,617	155,669
Other current assets	11,310	9,777	3,034	24,121	17,529
Current liabilities	<u>(20,391)</u>	<u>(22,928)</u>	<u>(120)</u>	<u>(43,439)</u>	<u>(32,352)</u>
	<u>1,248,049</u>	<u>877,879</u>	<u>366,412</u>	<u>2,492,340</u>	<u>2,843,533</u>

Restricted funds include £764,556 in respect of the Cottam Will Trust.

FRIENDS OF FRIENDLESS CHURCHES

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20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.15 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.16 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	632,992	(141,217)	(78,347)	413,428
Designated funds	<u>834,621</u>	<u>(73,971)</u>	<u>73,971</u>	<u>834,621</u>
	1,467,613	(215,188)	(4,376)	1,248,049
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Welsh Churches - 4 Original	-	(827)	827	-
Welsh Churches - New Mechanism	31,401	(15,582)	-	15,819
Cottam Will Trust	880,679	(116,123)	-	764,556
Fabric funds	<u>95,959</u>	<u>(2,004)</u>	<u>3,549</u>	<u>97,504</u>
	1,008,039	(134,536)	4,376	877,879
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Brett Trust	131,737	(1,469)	-	130,268
James Johnston Fund	<u>236,144</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>236,144</u>
	<u>367,881</u>	<u>(1,469)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>366,412</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>2,843,533</u></u>	<u><u>(351,193)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>2,492,340</u></u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	91,244	(100,285)	(132,176)	(141,217)
Designated funds	<u>10,078</u>	<u>(84,049)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(73,971)</u>
	101,322	(184,334)	(132,176)	(215,188)
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Welsh Churches - 4 Original	-	(827)	-	(827)
Welsh Churches - New Mechanism	136,515	(152,097)	-	(15,582)
Cottam Will Trust	17,128	(40,232)	(93,019)	(116,123)
Fabric funds	18,169	(18,652)	(1,521)	(2,004)
Other churches	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	171,812	(211,808)	(94,540)	(134,536)
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Brett Trust	<u>2,367</u>	<u>(483)</u>	<u>(3,353)</u>	<u>(1,469)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>275,501</u></u>	<u><u>(396,625)</u></u>	<u><u>(230,069)</u></u>	<u><u>(351,193)</u></u>

Transfers between funds comprise the excess of expenditure on repairs to churches for which specific grants or other restricted funds have been received over such funds, such excess being the support given to those projects from general funds.

**20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Designated Funds**

Designated funds comprise specific income allocated by the trustees for the following purposes:

For investment as capital to provide future unrestricted income	£ <u>834,621</u>
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**Restricted Funds**

Restricted funds comprise:

The Cottam Will Trust for the purchase of objects of beauty to be placed in ancient Gothic churches in England and Wales for the furtherance of religion.

Other funds for the repair and upkeep of specific churches.

**Endowment Funds**

The Brett Trust is an expendable endowment established by bequest for the repairs of three specific churches in Essex and Dorset.

The James Johnston Fund is an expendable endowment, comprising a legacy intended to be invested as capital in order to provide future income for the Charity's general purpose, but available to be expended for any purpose should the need arise.

**21. COMMITMENTS**

At 31 March 2016, there were no capital commitments, however the trustees had authorised future expenditure of £42,432 in pursuit of the objects of the Cottam Will Trust.

**22. ANCIENT MONUMENTS SOCIETY**

The Charity has a close working relationship with the Ancient Monuments Society, a separate charity with which it shares the same secretariat and membership. Under arrangements agreed between the two charities, the Friends of Friendless Churches pay an annual contribution towards the expenses of the shared secretariat provided by the Ancient Monuments Society, which also retains the full joint subscriptions received from members.