

Trustee's Annual Report for the Friends of St Helen Abingdon

This report outlines the activities and financial performance of the Friends of St Helen Abingdon (FOSH), Charity Registration 296638, for the year ended December 2025. The charity is linked to the Trust for the Development of St Helen's Church (T4DOSH). Both charities accounts are combined for reporting purposes.

The Trustees as of 31st December 2025 were:

Jennifer Brown
David Pope
Margaret Horton
Robert Bough

FOSH is governed by a deed of Trust dated 31st March 1987 as amended by supplemental deeds dated 9th October 2007, 20th March 2015 and 26th June 2018.

T4DOSH is governed by a deed of Trust dated 19th December 2001, as amended on 16th January 2006.

The Trustees of both charities shall consist of the Vicar and Wardens of St Helen's Church and other persons to be elected annually by the DCC.

Objectives and Activities

The primary purpose of FOSH is the advancement of the Christian religion through the repair, maintenance, improvement and embellishment of the fabric of St Helen's Church for public worship. Previous activity has provided FOSH with substantial investments which have been used to subsidize repairs and maintenance to the fabric of the church since its establishment in 1987.

The objects of T4DOSH include the advancement of the Christian Religion and the implementation of the 2001 Renewal Project for the fabric of St Helen's to make it into the natural, central, quality community venue for the whole community in Abingdon. T4DOSH has raised the money and completed a large part of the Renewal Project including new under-floor heating, a central dais with pew seating "in the round", the kitchen facilities in the South Porch, and the new North Porch entrance, with ramped access and washrooms.

Both charities have continued to contribute to the public benefit in accordance with their objectives clauses.

Achievements and Performance

A new lighting scheme with replacement of all the electrical wiring of the church is a further part of the 2001 Renewal Project. Since 2023, members of the congregation

have been working on the details of the scheme. In 2025 £30k donations were received toward the scheme.

The church stall, formerly run by FOSH, was handed over to St Helen's church from January 2025, being a more logical arrangement.

Financial Review

The net assets of the linked charities rose from £456k in 2024 to £490k at the close of 2025. The investments fell in value by £11k to £364k due to world market conditions.

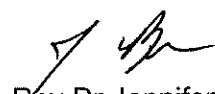
The charity does not have a formal reserves policy but maintains sufficient investments to support its core activities for the foreseeable future. The charities have no concerns about remaining going concerns.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the information published regarding the charity. The trustees are ex-officio members of the Friends membership operated by the charity but have no beneficial interest in the charity.

Independent Examiner

Fred Wickens was appointed as the independent examiner during the year and has expressed his willingness to act in that capacity.

Approved by the trustees on 19 July 2026 and signed on their behalf by



Rev Dr Jennifer Brown 19 July 2026

The Parish Office
St Helen's Court
Abingdon OX14 5BS

**Friends of St Helen's (FOSH), including linked charity,
Trust for the Development of St Helen's Church (T4DOSH)**

**Statement of Financial Activities
Year end 31 December 2025**

	FOSH General Fund £	T4DOSH total £	T4DOSH General £	Lighting Fund £	Baptistry Fund £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Income and endowments							
Income from donations and legacies	1,651	34,653	0	34,653	0	36,304	13,368
Income from charitable activities;	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Income from other trading activities;	328	0	0	0	0	328	3,332
Investment income	13,297	218	185	33	0	13,514	12,627
Other income;	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Income and endowments	15,276	34,871	185	34,686	0	50,146	29,326
Expenditure							
Expenditure on raising funds;	(260)	0	0	0	0	(260)	(1,985)
Expenditure on charitable activities;	(816)	(1,628)	0	(1,628)	0	(2,444)	(1,457)
Other expenditure;	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Expenditure	(1,076)	(1,628)	0	(1,628)	0	(2,704)	(3,442)
Net Income / (Expenditure)	14,200	33,243	185	33,058	0	47,442	25,885
Gains/(losses) on investments	(11,160)	0	0	0	0	(11,160)	8,799
Transfers between funds;	2	(2)	(2)	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds	3,042	33,241	182	33,058	0	36,283	34,684
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward	441,699	14,794	3,611	10,682	500	456,493	421,809
Total funds c/fwd 31 December 2025	444,741	48,034	3,794	43,740	500	492,775	456,493

**Friends of St Helen's (FOSH), including linked charity,
Trust for the Development of St Helen's Church (T4DOSH)
Balance sheet as at 31 December 2025**

	FOSH General Fund £	T4DOSH total £	T4DOSH General £	Lighting Fund £	Baptistry Fund £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds
Fixed Assets							
Investments	363,688	0	0	0	0	363,688	374,848
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Current assets							
Debtors	143	2,250	0	2,250	0	2,393	2,788
Deposit accounts	65,581	28,221	3,688	24,033	500	93,802	56,288
Cash at bank and in hand	16,179	19,191	105	19,085	0	35,370	24,025
Current assets	81,902	49,662	3,794	45,368	500	131,564	83,101
Liabilities							
Creditors: Amounts falling due within	849	1,628	0	1,628	0	2,477	1,457
Net current assets	444,741	48,034	3,794	43,740	500	492,775	456,493
Total net assets	444,741	48,034	3,794	43,740	500	492,775	456,493
The funds of the charity							
Unrestricted Funds	444,741					444,741	418,045
Restricted Funds		48,034	3,794	43,740	500	48,034	3,764
Total charity funds	444,741	48,034	3,794	43,740	500	492,775	421,809

Signed: 

Date: 20-Jul-26

Jennifer Brown, Chairman, Friends of St Helen's Church

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of St Helen's

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Friends of St Helen's (the Friends) for the year ended 1 January 2026.

I report in respect of my examination of the Friends' accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Responsibilities and basis of report

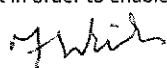
As the charity Trustees of the Friends you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Friends as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Date: 24/07/26

Name: Fred Wickens

Fred Wickens

Address:

c/o Parish Office, St Helen's Court, Abingdon OX14 5BS



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Friends of St Helens

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2025

Charity no
(if any)

296638

Set out on pages

(Insert page numbers, e.g. 1 to 10, or a range of pages)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

Fred Wickers

Date:

24 July 2026

Name:

Fred Wickers

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

[Signature]

(if any):

Address:

c/o Parish Centre, St Helen's Court,
Abingdon OX14 5BS

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.