



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Day Month Year
1 April 2007

Period end date

Day Month Year
31 March 2008

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Reference and administration details

Charity name

Friends of St Mary's, Bacton

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1106579

Charity's principal address

Church Cottage
Tailors Green, Bacton
Stowmarket
Suffolk
Postcode IP14 4LL

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Simon Holdich	Chairman		
2	Richard Middleton	Treasurer		
3	Andrew Friend	Membership secretary		
4	Susan Middleton	Secretary		
5	Rose Graham			
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7	Peggy Boyer			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Constitution
How the charity is constituted	An unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods	Trustees are elected at the annual general meeting each June

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.
- The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works.
- Relationship with any related parties.
- Trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The preservation, maintenance, repair and improvement of St Mary's Church, Bacton, its monuments, fixtures, fittings and furnishings and to promote public interest in it as a building of historic and architectural merit and in its use as a community asset for the village and surrounding district.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

We raise funds by collecting donations and by holding events which make money. We also organise educational events, particularly with local schools, and encourage the use of the church building for secular activities.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- Policy on grantmaking
- Policy programme related investment
- Contribution made by Volunteers

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Friends have organised a number of events over the course of the year, which have raised funds, provided educational opportunities and brought local people together in the church building. As the parish has been without an incumbent during all of this period, we have been unable to make any donations towards the maintenance or improvement of St Mary's, as no work has been commissioned or carried out.

We organised a successful Folk Night, with a professional performer, in St Mary's and, after paying him an artist's fee, netted £631

We again ran a Christmas Card competition, for which the entries were displayed and judged at the annual Bacton Fayre in the summer. This year, we opened the competition to a much wider audience, including adults for the first time, and introducing photography as well as painting and drawing. This year, the cards were printed for us free of charge, reducing the production costs greatly. This meant that in the Christmas period we were able to make £823 profit from the sale of the cards. We had to pay of course for our presence at the Fayre and for the competition prizes, a total payment of £59.

We shared in the joint staging of a Benefice Christmas Concert at Cotton, taking a slice of the profit in proportion to our own sale of tickets for the event. We received £126, for little effort.

Immediately before Christmas, we staged our own concert of Christmas music, which was provided for us by the Abbot Singers. Although we took over £1070 on the night, we had to reimburse considerable expenses to the group, leaving us with a profit of £566 for the night.

After Christmas, we were fortunate to be the beneficiaries of an enterprising group of people in Bacton and Wyverstone who decided to stage a pantomime in the local Middle School. The profits of the panto (Aladdin) were shared between us and the Friends of St George's Wyverstone, thus increasing our income by £1878. We are most grateful to them for both providing a really enjoyable local event, and also for handing over to us such an unexpectedly large sum.

We again hosted a day (in March) of metal detecting, and were able, once again with the generosity of a local farmer, to provide local and not-so-local metal detectors with a good day out. The event also brought in a handsome £2085

We also have included a small advanced income of £1.50 from our impending Russian concert, when we will once again welcome the Hermitage Ensemble in April 2008.

We also once again hired the services (at a cost of £160) of a local historian to deliver "hands on" history lessons in the church so that children from our local schools might be better informed about their church building.

Altogether we have had a very successful year in raising funds and encouraging the use of St Mary's church as a community asset. It has however been disappointing that we have been unable, due to the "interregnum" as the parish awaited the arrival of its new Rector, to spend some of the money we raised. We hope to be able to do so during this coming year. All told, we generated an excess of income for the year of £8012 – a more than creditable result for much hard work.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Friends do not intend at present to retain any accumulation of reserves. We have no premises, no employees and no liabilities. It is intended as far as is possible, to disburse the income as it is generated. We are conscious of the funds that we have built up over the last year, and will make every effort to spend them as soon as is practical, albeit wisely and prudently.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising).
- How expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.
- Investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Other optional information

We continue to be grateful to our band of members and supporters who help with organising events, and who make regular payments to us. Without them, we would be unable to function.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Simon Holdich	Richard Middleton
Position (eg secretary, chair, etc)	Chairman	Treasurer
Date		