



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
<b>From</b>	1	April	2006	<b>To</b>	31	March	2007

## Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Friends of St Mary's Bacton

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** No 1106579

**Charity's principal address**

C/o Church Cottage  
 Tailors Green  
 Bacton, Nr Stowmarket  
**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	Peggy Boyer			
6	Rose Graham			
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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 (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by members at the Annual General Meeting

### 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

### 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.

A day of Metal Detecting, held on fields in the village, raised £1767, and the participants found a number of interesting objects, including some Roman jewellery.

In conjunction with the other Friends groups in the benefice, we hosted a concert by the Hermitage Choir, a group of Russian singers.

During the summer, we again ran a Christmas Card competition, organised through the local primary and middle schools. The cards were exhibited and judged at the annual summer Bacton Fayre, and the winning cards were reproduced and sold during the approach to Christmas.

We again paid for 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.

We organised and ran, with the local play group, a “Teddy Abseiling” day, when children (and others) were invited to let their Teddy Bears abseil from the top of the Church tower. Each abseiling bear was charged a small sum and then given a certificate of bravery.

We organised and ran, helped by a local shop, an evening Fashion Show in the church.

We continued to build our group of financial supporters who make regular payments to our funds, including having a presence at the summer Bacton Fayre.

We were able, through this activity, to raise sufficient funds to continue to make donations to the Parochial Church Council (PCC). Last year, we finished the year with a surplus of over eight thousand pounds, and this

## Achievements and performance

year, we have been able to pay for maintenance and improvements to the value of £7767, and still have reserves of some £5678. We await the PCC's strategic plan for the maintenance of the church, and will be able to play a significant part in paying for the necessary planned 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.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

### 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 growing band of members and supporters who help with organising events, who make regular payments to us and of course those who have made cushions for St Mary's church

# Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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