



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date		
	1st	May	2020	30	April	2021
<b>From</b>				<b>To</b>		

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name**

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

**Charity's principal address**

14 Eastwell Meadows,	
Tenterden,	
Kent	
<b>Postcode</b>	<b>TN30 6QR</b>

### 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	Roy Isworth			
2	Jeremy Cooper	Chairman	Elected 28-10-2020	
3	Stephanie Marshall	Secretary		
4	Malcolm Kneller	Treasurer	Elected 20-10-2019	
5	Tim Monckton	Chairman	Retired chair 28-10-2020	
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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
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**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

**Section B                      Structure, governance and management**

## Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution and By-Laws
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Constitution and By-Laws
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by members

## 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.

The Trustees have been assisted in the general running of the charity by a Committee of members. The members on the Committee and not trustees for this financial year were Jane Johnson, Kate Rawlinson and Caroline Salmon. At the AGM, held via Zoom in October 2020, Jane Johnson, Stephanie Marshall and Caroline Salmon were elected members of the Committee.

The Trustees would like to thank the members of the Committee for their support during the year and to express special thanks to Jan Sienesi, Paul Clokie and Bridget Snow who retired from the Committee at the 2020 AGM.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

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

The Friends are established to advance the restoration, preservation, repair, maintenance, improvement and beautification of the Grade 1 Listed Building, the Parish Church of St Mildred, Tenterden in the Diocese of Canterbury and of the monuments, fittings, fixtures, stained glass, furniture, ornaments and chattels in the church and churchyard belonging to the Church.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

Arrange and provide for or join in arranging and providing for the holding of exhibitions, meetings, lectures and classes and concerts and recitals and events

Raise funds by any lawful means and through any lawful activity and invite and receive contributions from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscriptions.

Collect and disseminate information on all matters affecting the objects. Cause to be written and printed or otherwise circulated, gratuitously or otherwise, such papers, books, periodicals, pamphlets or other documentation or films, websites, or recorded tapes (whether audio or visual or both) as shall further the objects.

**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.

Make grants or gifts of other property to the clergy, Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St Mildred Tenterden exclusively for the purpose of the said objects, and generally assist those responsible for the care and maintenance of the church.

Invest the monies of the charity not immediately required for the said objects in or upon such investments, securities or property as may be thought fit, subject nevertheless of such conditions (if any) as may for the time being be imposed or required by law.

Do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the attainment of the said objects.



**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

The year 2020-21 was dominated by the Covid 19 Pandemic. The main consequence was that the charity was unable to hold any live events and our fundraising capacity was therefore significantly reduced.

Notwithstanding these limitations upon our activities, our total year end receipts of £ 14,909 were only c.£2000 below those of the previous financial year, and in the circumstances, we consider this to have been a creditable outcome. We were therefore delighted to be in a position to draw upon our reserves to donate £36,000 to the St Mildred's PCC to help towards the cost of work on the lightning protection scheme, stained glass windows and stonework.

The Committee remained determined to provide some musical sustenance to the people of Tenterden, during the dark early months of 2020. We were therefore delighted when popular performers Anna Szalucka (piano) and Joanna Gutowska (cello) (the founding members of the Bukolika Piano Trio: see later), recorded a series of short recitals especially for us, from their homes in St Albans and Gdansk (Poland). The results of their efforts were a delight – performing works by Bach, Bridge, Boccherini, Debussy, Chopin and Vivaldi. They were all streamed on the FOSM website. We also made a CD of the performances, to ensure wider coverage which we sold at £10 a copy). This initiative raised a significant sum of money for FOSM through a number of generous donations from many of those who listened to the recitals online. In March 2021, the Trio recorded a special concert of chamber music for FOSM's private You Tube Channel. The concert was viewed 116 times by 34 people and raised the sum of £766, a creditable result in a marketplace that is currently awash with online musical performances. The Trio have accepted our invitation to develop a special relationship with St. Mildred's and the Friends as our first Artists in Residence, for a period of 18 months. During this period, they will deliver some concerts in different formats, and work with the music students in selected local schools on master classes and the sharing of musical experiences. We are currently in discussion with three local schools, in connection with this project.

Finally in 2020-21 we welcomed a new Committee Member Caroline Salmon and co-opted Gill Topley to the Committee. Caroline is also our new Membership Secretary and has started as her first task a review of current membership of the Friends with a view to launching a new membership drive. Jan Sienesi, a founder of FOSM, and Paul Clokie have now retired from the Committee after long periods of service, so too has Bridget Snow. We thank them all for their significant contributions to FOSM. Special thanks for his dedication to FOSM also must go to Tim Monckton who stepped down as Chairman at the 2020 AGM to be replaced by Jeremy Cooper. Tim remains on the FOSM Committee.

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

None

**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.

This charity's main income is through Subscriptions, Donations, Planned music events, Grants, and social gatherings.

Since the creation of this charity, it has made grants totalling £79k to St Mildred's church for: -

1. Roof repairs.
2. Repairs to stained glass windows and stonework.
3. Improvements to lightning protection.

## Section F

## Other optional information

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## **Section G Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) 

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Full name(s) 

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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) 

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Date 

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