The Friends of St Lawrence Church Bovingdon

Registered Charity No. 1112950

Annual Report 2022

Mission

The Friends of St Lawrence Church Bovingdon ("the Trust"), often referred to as The Friends of St. Lawrence Trust, exists in order to help ensure the preservation of Bovingdon's Parish Church and Churchyard for current and future generations. The Trust is a registered charity which is independent from St. Lawrence Church but works closely with the Parochial Church Council in order to fulfil its objectives.

The governing document for the Trust is the Trust Deed date 5th October 2005.

Principal Office

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General

The next substantial project will be the redecoration of the interior of the church which will be a major undertaking.

Activities

Covid 19 continued to have an effect on the activities of the Charity giving rise to the cancellation of the annual coffee morning in May.

Thereafter some degree of normality returned with the participation in Bovingdon's Platinum Jubilee celebrations and the holding of an Open Gardens event in July. These events raised a total of £2,404.50.

As in previous years a Christmas card was produced. Sales of the cards produced a surplus of £374.00 which was disappointing compared with last year.

Donations amounting to £2,019.20 were made to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St. Lawrence Church for the refurbishment of the South porch and the population of the three notice boards with the Gide to St. Lawrence Churchyard.

Finance

At the beginning of the year the Trust's funds aggregated £58,767.18 and at the end of the year they had been increased to £61,880.99. Of this figure £1,120.33 is restricted for the future maintenance of the churchyard and a further £3,879.77 is designated by the trustees for the same purpose. The balance being £56,880.99 is held in General Fund at the discretion of the trustees. A substantial portion of this money is held for the redecoration of the interior of the church building which will be delayed until the building of the planned extension has been completed.

Accounts

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Personnel

The trustees are, Caroline Walker, Pauline Wright, Jane Caley, Charles Burch, Tom Morkill and John Walker and Beth Ponsonby. The trustees have received considerable help in their deliberations by Sue Adams.

John Walker Chairman and Treasurer