



THE FRIENDS OF ST EADBURGHAS

Registered Charity No. 502369

Chairman's Report for the 2022 Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Friends of St Eadburgha's main objective is to assist the PCC, physically and financially, with the maintenance and preservation of our precious heritage – the only Grade 1 listed building in Broadway. At the time of writing, we are awaiting the financial implications of the Architect's Quinquennial Report and, although we are not aware of any major work being necessary, we continue our policy of reserving funds in case any additional urgent repairs are identified.

Membership now stands at 110, up from 91 last year, after a focussed distribution of a new 'flyer' within the village. We do not require an annual subscription and, as a non-denominational charity, we are always delighted to hear from everyone who wishes to support our cause.

Despite the Covid restrictions, we have continued to maintain the old churchyard every Thursday morning at 10.30 and, of course, keep the inside areas clean for our many visitors. The wild flower corner is continuing to improve with the results of last year's sowing and scattering already in bloom. This project is one of the ways we support the Rocha Eco Churches project.

Whilst mentioning volunteers, following a couple of retirements, the flower rota urgently needs a few more helpers. Just one vase or small arrangement per year is all that we ask and our Treasurer is always happy to reimburse any reasonable expense.

The Trustees have continued to meet twice per year and have been represented on the PCC by Gill Hammond who keeps us briefed on any matters relevant to the 'The Old Church'.

Our close relationship with St Michael's is of course vital and we are grateful to The Rev'd. Shellie Ward, the wardens and the PCC for continuing to work with us in achieving our aim of maintaining our much-loved and appreciated building and churchyard.

Phil Whatmough, Chairman, 11th March 2022

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