



THE FRIENDS OF ST EADBURGHA'S

Registered Charity No. 502369

Chairman's 2021 Report for the 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 Covid-delayed 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 the Architect identifies any urgent repairs.

Although we have sadly lost some Friends during the past 12 months, membership remains at 91 after some new applications. We do not require an annual subscription and, as a charity for all faiths or none, we are always delighted to hear from everyone, church attenders or not.

During lockdown, as part of daily exercise, we have been able to visually inspect the building and, more recently, have continued to maintain the old churchyard every Thursday morning at 10.30 – more volunteers always welcome please. The wild flower corner is continuing to improve with the results of last year's sowing and scattering already in bloom.

Whilst mentioning volunteers, our 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.

After many years' unstinting service as our Secretary, Sara Ayshford Sanford decided to stand down earlier this year but I am very pleased to advise that Simon Williamson has kindly stepped into the breach, initially in an Acting role, his appointment to be confirmed at our AGM. We were not able to hold a physical annual meeting during the year but we do anticipate being able to do so in August or September. We met as Trustees, courtesy of Zoom, last September and our next 'normal' meeting has been arranged for July.

Our close relationship with St Michael's is 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, 3rd May 2021

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