



THE FRIENDS OF ST EADBURGHAS

Registered Charity No. 502369

Chairman's Report for the 2024 Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Our Friends membership now stands at 128, up from 120 last year. We do not require an annual subscription and, as a non-denominational charity, we are always delighted to hear from anyone who wishes to support our cause.

There has not been any significant repair work carried out during the year but we anticipate that some remedial work on the roof areas will be carried out in the near future.



Regarding Events, this year we enjoyed a talk by the conservators about their work on the Charles I Coat of Arms panel. This was followed by a super and fun performance by a choir from Evesham called Musyck Anon who came in period costume. We also enjoyed an excellent organ recital given by three students from Oxford University. Finally, we were treated to a choral event by Philomusica, a highly respected choir from the Gloucester area. We were fortunate that all four events were given without a fee being charged.

Our volunteers have continued to maintain the old churchyard every Thursday morning at 10.30 and, of course, keep the inside of the church clean and refreshed with fresh flowers for our many visitors. I am pleased to report that we have been offered extra help with the flower rota and with cleaning but more helpers are always welcome please.

In addition to our AGM held mid-year, the Trustees continue to meet twice annually and have been represented on the PCC by Gill Hammond who keeps us briefed on any matters relevant to the 'The Old Church'.

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

Phil Whatmough, Chairman, March 2024

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