

**Church Monuments Society
Annual Report and Financial Statements
Year Ended 31 March 2025**

Charity registration number: 1197588

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Charity Reference and Administrative Details

Year Ended 31 March 2025

Charity registration number	1197588
Trustees	M Ackers (President) M Downing Dr J L Wilson H A Wheeler (Honorary Secretary) D Carrington B Gittos J N Dawson (Honorary Treasurer)
Registered office	The Society of Antiquaries Burlington House Piccadilly London W1J 0BD
Independent examiner	Price Bailey LLP 36 Tyndall Court Commerce Road Peterborough PE2 6LR

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees present their report and the independently examined financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011

Trustees of the charity

The trustees who have served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

M Ackers (President)
M Downing
Dr J L Wilson
H A Wheeler (Honorary Secretary)
D Carrington
B Gittos
J N Dawson (Honorary Treasurer)

Objectives and activities

The objective of the society is to promote the study, appreciation and conservation of church monuments in the United Kingdom and abroad according to the criteria provided by the charity's constitution.

Public benefit statement

In managing the charity and its activities the Trustees have considered the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. The trustees consider that the objectives and activities of the charity and in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Strategic Report

Achievements and performance

During the year the charity undertook the following events;

1. A guided tour of monuments in Westminster Abbey,
2. Hosted the annual Halloween Lecture series,
3. Continued to advocate for conservation, understanding and appreciation of funerary monuments.

The charity continued to publish the widely respected Journal.

Financial review

Income for the year amounted to £35,254 an apparently large increase over the 2024 figure of £20,624. The income for 2025 includes one off donations of £6,790. Income for the year also included £8,531 received during the year for the symposium held in August 2025. Expenditure included £4,160 of expenditure for the symposium that was incurred during the year.

The net assets of the charity at 31 March 2025 were £83,638, compared with £73,807 the previous year.

Of the total assets, £68,638 (2024: £58,807) was represented by the general unrestricted fund and £15,000 by restricted funds.

Plans for future periods

The trustees intend to continue to work to further the objectives of the charity in respect of:

- Promoting the understanding and appreciation of funerary monuments,
- Promoting the conservation and protection of monuments especially those under threat,
- The Society is conducting a survey of monuments in North Yorkshire Churches funded by the Grants of £5,000 received from the Getty Fund some years ago.

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Structure, governance and management

Church Monuments Society is registered as charity with the Charity Commission, under Number 1197588. The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation formed in January 2022.

Conversion to Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO").

The conversion to CIO status having been approved by members, the CIO (Church Monuments Society, reg no. 1197588), took over the activities of The Church Monuments Society (reg no. 279597) with effect from 1 April 2023. The change in the legal structure of the charity has had no effect or change to the aims or running of the charity.

On behalf of the board



Jon Dawson (Treasurer)

Dated30/09/2025

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Church Monuments Society

Year Ended 31 March 2025

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 1 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

R J BURBOROUGH ACA FCCA
Price Bailey LLP
Chartered Accountants

Date

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Receipts and Payments account

Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Endowment fund	Restricted fund	Unrestricted fund	2025 Total £	2024 (combined) Total £
Receipts:					
Subscriptions			14,588	14,588	13,543
Study days, excursions, etc.			1,286	1,286	2,524
Symposiums			8,531	8,531	-
Investments			3,928	3,928	3,763
Donations			6,790	6,790	285
Other			131	131	509
Total receipts	-	-	35,254	35,254	20,624
Payments:					
Printing journals			12,580	12,580	12,514
Insurance			585	585	-
Study days, excursions, etc.			2,746	2,746	2,302
Lectures and meeting costs			1,438	1,438	1,083
Symposiums			4,160	4,160	1,678
Postage and stationery			1,059	1,059	385
Bank and PayPal charges			261	261	244
Computer costs			1,096	1,096	1,231
Telephone			-	-	-
Sundry expenses			816	816	927
Other – Capital expenditure			682	682	-
Total payments	-	-	25,423	25,423	20,364
Net income / (expenditure)	-	-	9,831	9,831	260
Reconciliation of cash funds:					
Total cash funds brought forward	-	-	24,839	24,839	24,579
Total cash funds carried forward	-	-	34,670	34,670	24,839

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 (combined) £
Cash Funds			
HSBC Current account		7,668	2,732
PayPal account		481	176
HSBC Deposit account		2,430	4,544
COIF Deposit General Fund		17,368	16,135
CAF Bank		6,354	1,052
COIF J Coales Fund		200	200
Cash in hand		169	-
		<u>34,670</u>	<u>24,839</u>
Investment assets			
M & G Charifund income units	2	12,468	12,468
COIF Charities Investment Funds:			
General Fund	2	21,500	21,500
Contingency Fund	2	10,000	10,000
J Paul Getty Fund	2	5,000	5,000
		<u>48,968</u>	<u>48,968</u>
Liabilities			
		-	-
Net assets / (liabilities)			
		<u>83,638</u>	<u>73,807</u>
Reserves			
General reserves			
Brought forward		58,807	58,547
Net income/expenditure for the year		9,831	260
		<u>68,638</u>	<u>58,807</u>
Specific reserves			
J.Paul Getty Foundation		5,000	5,000
Contingency Fund			
Investments		10,000	10,000
		<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
Total charity funds			
		<u>83,638</u>	<u>73,807</u>

The accounts were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees



Jon Dawson (Treasurer)

The notes on pages 9 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2025

1 Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) General information and basis of preparation

The receipts and payments account are prepared with regard to guidance issued by the Charities Commission 'Receipts and payments accounts CC16'

As explained in the 2024 trustees report the conversion to CIO took effect from 1 April 2023. The accounts have been prepared under merger accounting. The charity's work including its purposes and beneficiary class remain unchanged.

The statement of assets and liabilities have been presented as though they had always been part of the same (restructured) charity. The accounts have been drawn up to include the results of the combining (unincorporated and incorporated) charities for the whole of the reporting period in which incorporation occurred.

The accounts present comparative amounts on the same basis to show the aggregated results for the combining charities for the previous reporting period.

(b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2 Investments

Investments are stated at cost. The market value of the funds are;

	2025 £	2024 £
M & G Charifund income units	23,108	22,161
COIF Charities - General Fund	35,127	36,844
COIF Charities - Contingency Fund	14,936	15,666
COIF Charities - J Paul Getty Fund	8,526	8,943
	<u>81,697</u>	<u>83,614</u>

3 Conversion to Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO").

On 1st April 2023 The Church Monuments Society (registered no. 279597) merged with Church Monuments Society (registered no. 1197588).