

**The Friends of St. Thomas of Canterbury, East Clandon
(F.R.O.S.T.)**

Report and Accounts for the year ended

31 December 2023

Registered Charity Number 1096354

THE F.R.O.S.T. REPORT 2023

F.R.O.S.T.'s aims are to help maintain, protect and enhance the fabric of the 1,000 year old church of St. Thomas of Canterbury in East Clandon for villagers and visitors alike. The main public benefit that results from its activities is the preservation of an important historic building. F.R.O.S.T. is not a religious organisation, rather a community group, and its activities not only generate community spirit but also raise vital funds for this important cause.

During 2023 F.R.O.S.T. made two grants, totalling £1,688, to pay for works to the bell tower and new radiators. These works help to keep this Grade I listed building and church yard in a condition that allows it to continue to be of benefit both to the village and to those who visit the village. In 2023 FROST also made a one off payment of £1,500 towards the increased costs of maintaining the fabric of the church to help the ECPCC through a challenging year. There have been two grant requests made already for 2024, relating to chairs and lighting, which have been agreed by the Trustees.

Over the 20 years since F.R.O.S.T. was established it has made grants of approximately £140,700 in accordance with the aims of its Trust Deed.

During 2023, F.R.O.S.T organised 4 successful village events along with a preChristmas sale of FROSTy Gin. In Feb, FROST held their now regular Bingo Night and in May the ever popular Safari Supper took place at venues around the village. September brought a very well attended and admired performance by L'Estranges in the Night at the church itself and in November we held another extremely competitive Village Quiz Night. The FROST Chair worked with Silent Pool Gin again this year to produce bottles of FROSTy gin for sale locally. All of these events were well supported and there are currently 4 events in the planning again for 2024.

We are, as always, ever grateful to those who make regular donations and who have signed Gift Aid forms which will result in a welcome Gift Aid refund where possible.

The Trustees are very grateful to all the villagers and those from further afield who have supported F.R.O.S.T.'s activities this year and look forward to welcoming even more supporters to our fund-raising events in 2024.

RECEIPTS

	This Year	Last Year (£)
	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Donations, Legacies and other similar receipts		
Membership donations	244	
244		
Other donations		35
0		0
		0
Operating activities to generate funds		
		Merchandise sales
0	0	
Fund Raising Events		
7,840	17,097	
Investment Income		
		Bank interest received
		<u>120</u>
<u>38</u>		
	<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>8,204</u>
<u>17,414</u>		

PAYMENTS

Payments for generating funds

Fund Raising Events	3,960	6,613	Charitable Grants
3,188			2,485

Other Payments

Administration		251
596		
	<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>7,399</u>
		<u>9,694</u>
	Receipts net of Payments	805
7,720	Cash Funds last year end	<u>39,805</u>
<u>32,085</u>	Cash Funds this year end	<u>40,610</u>
<u>39,805</u>		

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Cash Funds	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Royal Bank of Scotland Current Account	1	1
Royal Bank of Scotland Deposit Account	10,503	9,699
Virgin Money	<u>30,106</u>	<u>30,105</u>
	<u>40,610</u>	<u>39,805</u>

Assets Retained for the charity's own use

These assets represent items bought but not yet disposed of, valued at cost

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
China Mugs @ £4.00 each	(30) £120	(30) £120
Tea Towels @ £2.17 each	(123) <u>£267</u>	(123) <u>£267</u>
Total	<u>£387</u>	<u>£387</u>
Display Board	£80	£80
Display Stand		
£748		
£748		
Projector and Screen		
	£430	
£430 Pull Up Displays	<u>£1,141</u>	<u>£1,141</u>
	Total	
<u>£2,399</u>	<u>£2,399</u>	

The charity also owns various collecting tins, catering equipment and supplies, which are of no material value. The stocks of merchandise are reduced mainly because they are used as gifts and prizes at fund raising events.

Reserves Policies

On 25 March 2003 the trustees of F.R.O.S.T. approved a set of financial regulations for the charity which, inter alia, laid out that a maximum of £500 should be held in the current account, with any funds over this amount being placed on deposit or otherwise invested in compliance with the provisions of the Declaration of Trust dated 6 January 2003.

Grant Making Policy

The charity made grants of £3,188 in the year under review. The grant making policy of the charity is laid out in paragraph 3.6 of the Declaration of Trust and, in summary, gives the charity the power to make grants or gifts to the East Clandon Parochial Church Council (ECPCC) or the body responsible for the church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, East Clandon.

Investments Selection Policy

The charity made no investments other than placing cash on deposit in the year under review. The investment powers of the charity are laid out in paragraphs 3.7 and 3.8 of the Declaration of Trust.

Relationship with related parties

Arising from the objects of the charity, the ECPCC has the right to appoint a trustee to the charity. The charity also co-operates with other local charities (e.g. The Cobbe Collection Trust (Reg. Charity No.1061338), and Cherry Trees (Reg. Charity No. 800222)).

STATUTORY INFORMATION

Governing Document

F.R.O.S.T. is governed by a Declaration of Trust dated 6 January 2003.

Objects of the charity

The objects of the charity are the care, restoration, repair, improvement and enhancement of the Parish Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, East Clandon in the diocese of Guildford and of the monuments, fittings, fixtures, bells, stained glass, furniture, contents, equipment, ornaments and chattels within and without it, and of the churchyard and any burial ground belonging to it now or in the future.

Principal Addresses of the charity

The **Chairman** of the charity is

Mr Murray Dudgeon
Bay Tree Cottage
Ripley Road
East Clandon
Guildford
Surrey GU4 7SE

Professional Advisers

Bankers to the charity are

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc
36 St Andrew Square
Edinburgh
EH2 2 YB

Virgin Money
Jubilee House
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE3 4PL

Solicitors to the charity are

Thrings
Chancery House,
Chancery Lane,
London WC2A 1QS

The Independent Examiner of the charity is

Mr Keith J Grange
Hollyhocks
The Street
East Clandon, Surrey, GU4 7RY

TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY

Of the trustees

- one shall, if he consents, be the incumbent of the benefice of St. Thomas of Canterbury, East Clandon or if he does not consent or if the benefice is vacant, a person who is a church warden
- one other shall be a member of the ECPCC and nominated by it to act as a trustee of F.R.O.S.T.

Apart from the initial trustees, whose office periods are shown below, all other trustees are appointed for terms of three years by resolution of the trustees, except for the incumbent of the benefice of St. Thomas of Canterbury, East Clandon who shall be a trustee for as long as he remains the incumbent, and the ECPCC representative who shall remain as a trustee for as long as he or she remains a member of the ECPCC and nominated by it to be a trustee of F.R.O.S.T.

TRUSTEES

The trustees of F.R.O.S.T. during the year ended 31 December 2023 were:

Name of Trustee	Office Held	Date Appointed/Left	Period of office	Appointing Body
James Culmer	Initial Trustee	6 January 2003	Until no longer the nominated trustee of ECPCC	East Clandon Parochial Church Council (ECPCC)
Murray Dudgeon	Trustee	22 February 2021	Until 21 February 2024	By Resolution of the Trustees
Andy Hay	Trustee	14 January 2020	Until 13 January 2026	By Resolution of the Trustees
Bug Robertson	Trustee	21 January 2016	Resigned 23 rd September 2024	By Resolution of the Trustees
Sally Novell	Trustee and Secretary	28 th April 2020	Until 27 th April 2026	By Resolution of the Trustees
Sarah Pickering	Trustee	11 th June 2023	Until 10th June 2026	By Resolution of the Trustees
Lesley Pitt	Trustee	12 June 2014	Until 11 June 2023	By Resolution of the Trustees
Julie Eves	Trustee and Treasurer	23 April 2019	Until 22 April 2025	By Resolution of the Trustees
Chris Ross	Trustee	20 March 2018	Until 19 March 2024	By Resolution of the Trustees
Rev. Barnaby Perkins	Trustee	3 December 2013	Until no longer the incumbent	Incumbent of the Parish of St. Thomas of Canterbury, East Clandon

None of the trustees received any remuneration. Expenses incurred on behalf of the charity by trustees have been reimbursed. The charity does not have any 'custodian trustees'.

SIGNATURE AND DECLARATION

We declare, in our capacity as trustees of The Friends of St. Thomas of Canterbury, East Clandon, (F.R.O.S.T.), Registered Charity Number 1096354, that the trustees:

- have approved the report and accounts above; and
- have authorised us to sign it on their behalf

Signature:

Full Name: Murray Dudgeon

Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair etc) Chairman

Date:

Signature:

Full Name: Julie Eves

Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair etc) Treasurer

Date: