



The Friends of Dedham Church Charity

Annual Report 2011

Registered Charity Number:

Charity No: 1103634

Registered Address:

Badgers, Coopers Lane, Dedham, Colchester CO7 6AX

Charity Trustees as at December 2011

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Objective of the Charity:

To maintain, repair, restore, preserve, improve, beautify and reconstruct for the benefit of the public the fabric of the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Dedham its monuments, fixtures, fittings, furniture, stained glass, ornaments and other chattels and its churchyard. In addition the Society may support any charitable purpose in the parish of Dedham that promotes the whole mission of the said Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Membership

The Friends currently have 124 members, eleven of whom are life members.

Main Objectives 2011

In 2010 the Friends pledged to support the refurbishment work to be carried out in the Nave. As the project start date is still to be agreed and the final cost for this is anticipated to be high, the Friends agreed to ring-fence a large part of their funds to support this major project. This pledge was carried forward into 2011 and is reflected in the amount of assets the Friends carry forward into 2012.

Grants were given to the Church for a comprehensive alarm system and for the fitting of oak sills in some of the windows. Five small grants were given to local community projects – a contribution towards the cost of replacing the boiler in the Duchy Barn, the annual maintenance costs of the CCTV at the Duchy Barn, a contribution towards the establishing of a bereavement group at Dedham Primary School and for minibus hire to allow Dedham Primary School children to visit and entertain residents at Blackbrook Nursing Home. A small sum was also given in sponsorship to the Dedham Run.

Fund Raising Activities

On 24th June, the Dedham Summer Ball was held to raise general funds for the Friends. It was a very successful evening with 171 people attending and £8,366 was raised. Our thanks go to all those who attended.

Members' Events: A member's trip to Bletchley was arranged in 2011 and 51 people attended. A Friends of Dedham Church drinks party was held at the house of Jill and Philip Strangward on 18th August with over 50 members attending.

Other funding was raised through general donations, subscriptions and gift aid.

Financial Review

In 2011 the Friends of Dedham Church raised a total of £11,337 after event expenses. This revenue was achieved through subscriptions, donations, fund raising events, member's events, gift aid and interest.

In 2011 a total of £7,187.47 was approved in grants: £5,414.95 to install a CCTV system in Dedham Church, £400 towards the cost of refurbishing the Church windowsills, £1000 towards the cost of replacing the Duchy Barn boiler, £145.51 for CCTV maintenance charges at the Duchy Barn, £115.83 to pay for the minibus hire for Dedham Primary School choir, £86.18 towards the cost of setting up a bereavement group at Dedham Primary School and £25 in sponsorship for the Dedham Fun which raises funds for Dedham Primary School.

The Friends' current assets amount to £36,043.22. I am confident, therefore, that we have the resources to continue to support the fabric of the Church and other connected community projects in Dedham.

A full set of accounts is available from: info@friendsofdedhamchurch.org.uk.

Plans for the Future

The Friends will continue to raise funds towards the refurbishment work to be carried out in the Nave. Additional projects that could be supported include the upgrade of kitchen and cloakroom facilities in the Church and the continuing work in the Churchyard.

The 2012 Dedham Summer Ball will be held on 16th June at Le Talbooth. The Golf Day will be held at Hintlesham Golf Club on 9th May. A member's drinks party will take place on 16th August at the home of Richard and Carolyn Clayton. A member's trip to Kensington Palace will be held on 7th September.