

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held in the Priory Church,  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026, 7pm.**

Present	B Allwright, J Bland, G Bricknell, C Conlon, J Dickson, S Field, B Jones, L Marsh, C Phillips, R Phillips, A Quelch, B Quelch, J Wheeler-Jones
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Prior to the AGM, at 6.15pm, the Eucharist was taken by Fr. Guy Cole.

**1. Chairman's opening remarks:** The Chairman welcomed all members present and thanked Fr Guy for taking the Eucharist Service, and the PCC for the use of the Priory.

**2. Apologies:** M Chambers, J Gallimore, S Gluyas, Rt. Rev. M Hooper, R Hutchinson, J Lindsay, Rev. M Kneen and Dr L Kneen, J Sansom, W Sladen.

**3. Minutes of 2025 AGM:** Having already been circulated, they were accepted by those present and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Matters arising:** We were very pleased that C Conlon kindly volunteered to be the Friends' Secretary last summer, and was coopted at the time.

**5. Chairman's report:** Friends' membership currently stands at 77. The Chairman reminded those present that the Friends' group is open to anyone in Leominster and beyond, anybody who has an interest in the Priory, not just Priory churchgoers.

Over the last year, the Friends supported items such as flowers for the church over Christmas (£150), the Shoe Box Appeal (£350), a grant towards the Time Line for the 'Priory 900' Event (£1,000) and sundry items (£100). Should anyone think of potential projects the Friends could support, please let the Chairman know.

Subscriptions, donations, Gift Aid, and fundraising events are the Friends' primary source of income and in 2025 two events raised vital funds, namely, 'Cheese & Pudding Night' (£604) and a concert by the Hereford Police Male Voice Choir (£1,310).

Due to the effects of inflation, the Chairman invited existing Friends to consider increasing their subscription amount. Any adjustments would be greatly appreciated, as this will directly support the Friends' work.

Finally, the Chairman thanked the Friends for their ongoing support, as it ensures funds remain available for future projects in the Priory. After giving special thanks to Lesley, Richard, Christine and to members of the Friends' Council, he announced that if any other members wanted to volunteer to be on the Friends' Council, please let him know.

The Chairman then presented a bouquet of flowers to Julia Wheeler-Jones, who has stepped down from the Friends Council, having been a member for over 40 years. Julia was thanked for the work she had done as a Friend of Leominster Priory, throughout four decades, taking on many roles including Secretary, and Treasurer.

**6. Treasurer's report:** Prepared by R Phillips, audited, checked and accepted by Sarah Gluyas, who was thanked for her work (full accounts included on page 2 of the Minutes).

Total funds at 31.03.2026 were £23,422.43, an increase on 2025, regarded as a healthy surplus. The task now is to increase membership numbers which will increase subscriptions.

**7. Election of Officers:** The proposal to re-elect the following members for the coming year, was passed: Chairman: B Quelch; Vice-Chair: L Marsh; Treasurer: R Phillips; Secretary: C Conlon.

**8. Election of Council members:** The Chairman confirmed that the Council, comprising the four officers plus, B Allwright, S Field, B Jones, J Lindsay, and A Quelch, was re-elected for the coming year.

**9. Any other business:** No Friends' matters were raised. Two questions were asked, but they were about PCC matters.

**10. Date of next AGM:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2027 at 7pm, preceded by a Eucharist at 6.15pm.

**11. Closure of Meeting:** Meeting closed at 7.20 pm

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**Friends of Leominster Priory: Statements of Accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

<b>FRIENDS OF LEOMINSTER PRIORY: STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2026</b>					
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>
	£	£		£	£
Subscriptions	1,659.00	1,252.00	Priory 900 Time Line	1,000.00	-
Donations	30.00	140.00	Shoe Box Appeal	350.00	350.00
HMRC Gift Aid refund	324.97	353.07	Christmas & Easter flowers	350.00	-
CCLA Investment Account interest	780.50	1,004.82	Christmas tree	100.00	149.68
HPMVC/EMC Concert	1,470.90	1,005.50	Votive candles	48.00	46.00
Cheese & Pudding Evening	604.82	631.98	Organ renovation	-	5,000.00
Christmas Tree Sponsorship	100.00	80.00	Threads of Creation	-	800.00
Christmas Flowers Sponsorship	150.00	-	Priory Shop equipment	-	189.28
			Planters for Priory entrance	49.98	43.00
			Secretarial (including printing of Membership Forms)	51.10	109.00
			Presentations	30.00	40.00
			AGM refreshments/expenses	26.42	11.47
YEAR DEFICIT	-	2,271.06	YEAR SURPLUS	3,114.69	-
	<u>5,120.19</u>	<u>6,738.43</u>		<u>5,120.19</u>	<u>6,738.43</u>
<b>BARCLAYS BANK COMMUNITY ACCOUNT</b>		<b>CHURCH OF ENGLAND DEPOSIT FUND</b>		<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST MARCH 2026</b>	
Balance at 1st April 2025	1,590.96	Balance at 1st April 2025	18,652.36	Balance at 1st April 2025	20,307.74
Credits year end 31st March 2026	4,542.67	Credits year end 31st March 2026	780.50	Surplus for the year	3,114.69
	6,133.63		19,432.86		<u>23,422.43</u>
Debits year end 31st March 2026	2,144.06	Debits year end 31st March 2026	-		
				<b>REPRESENTED BY:-</b>	
<b>BALANCE AT 31ST MARCH 2026</b>	<u>3,989.57</u>	<b>BALANCE AT 31ST MARCH 2026</b>	<u>19,432.86</u>	BARCLAYS BANK COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	3,989.57
				CHURCH OF ENGLAND DEPOSIT FUND	19,432.86
					<u>23,422.43</u>