

Report from St Edmunds Building Trust For Annual Meeting PCC – April 2026

There have been several meetings in 2025 of members of the Friends Management Committee and the Trustees. There has been a change of Chair for the Building Trust from David Bennison to Richard Russell. We would like to record our thanks to David for his time as the Chair.

Projects: There are no specific projects in hand, but the Quinquennial Inspection is due soon, so there could be some maintenance work to be done following the architect's report.

Fundraising: Firstly, a summer Music Evening with Wight Sax was organised at the time of the Open Day on 19th July. This raised **£240**. Secondly, a Christmas Music Evening was held on 6th December. This was held in St Marks and raised **£140**. Our thanks go to Wight Sax whose members gave their time free of charge, especially Paul Marshall, the musical director of Wight Sax. Lynn Peppitt, their Chair, organised the event. More musical events are being considered for July and Christmas 2026.

Health & Safety: Precautions to comply with H & S regulations were taken at both the events.

Annual Newsletter: Due to health problems suffered by the Secretary, Doreen Gazey, there was no Newsletter in 2025.

Membership: The Membership has been run over the last year by Lynn Peppitt & Erica Hall with Doreen assisting until the autumn. There are 58 paid up members, 9 whose subscriptions are overdue and 10 who pay by Standing Order. 2 members died in 2025.

To date we have email addresses for a large percentage of the members which benefits the Trust by reducing costs and aiding efficiency. We have introduced a new system for renewals by asking all the members to renew during September rather than throughout the year, and it has worked reasonably well.

A spreadsheet, kept by the Membership Team is used, which shows the membership renewal payments and donations but does not show payments made by Standing Order. This is sent to the Treasurer. The cash and cheques are banked by the Membership Team.

To comply with GDPR the membership records are kept on a password protected computer and a paper copy is kept in a locked filing cabinet. Those that relate to Gift Aid are passed to the Treasurer to enable her to claim Gift Aid back from the Inland Revenue.

Trustees 'St Edmund Church Building Trust':

The board of Trustees is in full compliance with the Trust Deed with 6 Trustees.

FINANCE:

Most members have made generous donations in addition to the basic membership fee of £5, which accounts for a large part of our income. The Treasurer reports that there is **£14357.28** in the bank account in March 2026.

Lynn Peppitt - Trustee