

CHALE CHURCHYARD COMMITTEE

Receipts & Expenditure accounts – 1st Jan. 2025 to 31st Dec. 2025

RECEIPTS	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations - general	2,620	1,320
- Chale Horticultural Society	1,000	500
Commonwealth War Graves	15	0
Chale P.C.C. (propn. burial fees, etc.)	54	306
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Total income	3,689	2,126

EXPENDITURE

Groundsman's expenses:-		
Grass and hedge cutting, etc.	1,470	1,768
Maintenance (machinery, painting gates, benches, etc.)	10	161
Petrol for mowers	97	32
Digging graves and burial of ashes (2)	0	100
Xmas gift for Groundsman	15	0
Poppy wreath (part with PCC),	16	15
Donation - Victoria Cross Trust (cleaning memorials in churchyard)	0	100
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Total costs	1,608	2,176

Total income (as above)	3,689	2,126
Total expenditure (as above)	1,608	2,176
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Excess of expenditure over income (2024)		50 -
Excess of income over expenditure (2025)	2,081	

Balances forward	1.1.25. 1,889	1.1.24. 1,940
Balances on hand	31.12.25. 3,970	31.12.24. 1,889

Lynette Atkinson, Asst. Treasurer

Accounts independently examined by Mr. Michael Cooper. Date:- 10.4.26. /.. ..

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REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31.12.25.

First and foremost I wish to pay tribute to Derek Sprake, our Chairman and Treasurer, who, for many years, has successfully guided the Churchyard Committee. Following a few months of ill health he has decided to pass on the baton and, on behalf of us all, I thank him for his dedication

I have pleasure in attaching a copy of our financial report for 2025 which ended with the finances of the Chale Churchyard Committee for the year showing a surplus of £2,081. This is pleasing as we have faced another year of steady growth in grass and coping with regular rain which made it impossible for Dave (our Groundsman) to carry out mowing as frequently as he otherwise would have done. This is reflected in the lower figure for grass cutting in 2025 compared to 2024. Thank you, Dave, for the hard work you put in.

We received from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission £15.00 towards cleaning the headstones to the War Graves in the Churchyard, for which we thank them.

As usual we receive a small proportion of the funeral fees agreed many years ago by the Diocese to contribute towards the extra work involved when the ground settles following a burial or interment of ashes.

We are very lucky to receive donations from individuals and from Chale Horticultural Society (Chale Show) and we thank them all for their generosity which has enabled us to meet all our costs.

On behalf of our Committee members I take this opportunity to thank everyone who works so hard for our Church as, without the Church, there would not be a Churchyard.

Lynette Atkinson
Secretary and Asst. Treasurer

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