Friends of Bednall

Accounts for the Year Ended

31-Aug-26

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Charity Information

Trustees and Management Committee:	David Primrose (Chair) Neil Homer (Treasurer) Carol Bloxham Elaine Le Montais Jim Goodwin Joan Hammerton Katie Holmes Michelle Kenny
Bankers:	Lloyds Bank 5 Market Square Stafford ST16 2JL
Charity Reference:	ZD20568

Constitution:
Friends of Bednall is a small charity whose purpose is to improve the environment of and undertake projects in and around Bednall village and to organise fund raising events for the benefit of the community. The constitution of Friends of Bednall was adopted on 15 February 2013. Under the terms of the constitution, accounts need to be made up each year to 31 August. Friends of Bednall is registered with HMRC as a charity and eligible to receive gift aid on eligible donations.

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Income Account

Income

	Notes	2026	2025
Village quizzes	1	£ 889.25	£ 699.75
Folk evening			£ 219.10
Classic Cars		£ 160.00	£ 130.72
Ticket sales for Garden Lunch		£ 360.00	£ 40.00
Total Income		**£ 1,409.25**	**£ 1,089.57**

Expenditure

Insurance		£ 84.00	£ 84.00
Top Cashback funding expenditure	2	£ 488.46	£ 507.04
Hilton fund grant expenditure	3	£ 711.71	£ 136.29
Donations to church	4	£ 888.76	£ 310.00
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal		£ 20.00	£ 20.00
Sponsorship of Bednall Banter		£ 144.00	£ 68.00
Church meeting room hire		£ 45.00	£ -
Defib battery replacement		£ 28.44	£ -
Bednall Banter Celebration		£ 34.99	
Scarecrow competition prizes		£ 100.00	
Plants for village		£ 153.04	
Banking charges	5	£ 56.49	£ 14.26
Total Expenditure		**£ 2,754.89**	**£ 1,139.59**

Excess Income over Expenditure	**-£ 1,345.64**	**-£ 50.02**

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	2026	2025
Cash at Bank	£ 553.93	£ 1,897.17
Cheques and cash to be banked	£ 77.60	£ 80.00
Total	**£ 631.53**	**£ 1,977.17**

We approve these accounts and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

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Notes

1 2 quizzes organised in October 2025 and April 2026

2 Top Cashback grant utilised in full. Balance of fund = nil

3 Hilton Fund grant utilised in full for Made with Love craft group. Balance of fund = nil

4 Garden lunch ticket sales and half of profits from Autumn and Spring quizzes donated to church

5 Banking charges were introduced to Lloyds Bank community accounts in June 2025

Annual Report

Friends of Bednall have been well served by their committee who met five times during the reporting period to 31st August 2026, and then twice to consider the future of Friends of Bednall in preparation for the AGM. In between meetings, business was conducted by email/WhatsApp.

There was considerable enthusiasm for the Village Scarecrow Festival, with a workshop on 11th May which provided a choir display outside church. There were a total of 16 scarecrow displays who were entered in both the Community Centre and the Village Competition. Three were highly commended in the former. Sir Gavin Williamson judged our own competition on September 4th, arriving at the Place of Welcome to announce the Postie (Toni and Paul Castle) and the Farmer (Henry Bloxham) as category leads, with the Lady Gardener (Elaine Le Montais) as overall best.

Having decided again not to enter the Best Kept Village and Community, we were able to hold our Spring Clean Weekend in May. We began with celebration in church of Bednall Banter, with particular thanks to Katie Holmes as a founding editor, along with the good news that Cesca Bloxham would become editor. Activities in the churchyard and around the village included the installation of two planters and the planting of two trees, the final expenditure of the Top Cashback grant.

By July, the Made With Love craft group had exceeded the targets linked to its Hilton Grant. It is now a well established and popular community group having had 23 people participating.

Our Classic Car meets were monthly from May through to August, with Tony Wood kindly offering his paddock as a venue. This proved popular both with Bednall residents and local enthusiasts. There also was a Car Rally in August and a visit to Milford Common for the Baswich Fete.

The PCC took responsibility for another successful Afternoon Tea. Friends of Bednall ran the Garden Lunch in September, with 33 people enjoying a three-course meal in the village marquees at Hill House.
The village quizzes at the Community Centre continued to prove popular with eleven teams competing in the autumn of 2025 and the spring of 2026. Quentin and Yvette Kozma provide stimulating entertainment, with chip-suppers much appreciated by participants.

We sponsored an issue of Bednall Banter and place a wreath for remembrance at the soldier's sculpture by the bench. The batteries for the defibrillator cabinet were replaced.

During September and October 2026, local residents were invited to apply for or refresh their membership of Friends of Bednall. One couple have left the village, so the total membership stands at 45.