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Church in the Field Charitable Association

Annual Report

Presented on behalf of the Chair, Carla Pilkington

1. Introduction

This report is presented on behalf of our Chair, Carla Pilkington, and outlines the activities and achievements of the Church in the Field Charitable Association over the past year.

2. Events and Community Engagement

2.1 Somerset Day Folk Concert

In May, we celebrated Somerset Day with a well-attended folk concert led by Liberty Goodswen. The evening was highly enjoyable and received positive feedback from attendees.

2.2 Sir Edward Hext Exhibition

In July, the Association hosted a special exhibition to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the death of Sir Edward Hext, the Lord of the Manor who commissioned the construction of the church in the early 17th century.

Three Trustees — John Head, David Reed, and Patricia Richards — conducted historical research and curated the exhibition. Initially scheduled to run for two months, it was extended until the end of September due to overwhelming interest. During this time, over 500 visitors came to see the exhibition.

2.3 Christmas Fair

In November we held our annual Christmas Fair to raise funds for our ongoing conservation work. Although the weather was poor we did manage to raise more than previous years.

3. Conservation Work

3.1 Restoration of Charles II Coat of Arms

Last year, we commissioned a Churches Conservation Trust (CCT)-recognised conservation firm to restore the Charles II coat of arms located on the nave's east wall. Over the centuries, the arms had