

The Relationship between the St Benet's Trust and the Ampleforth Abbey Trust

St Benet's Hall is a Permanent Private Hall in the University of Oxford owned by Ampleforth Abbey and governed through the St Benet's Trust, which is a subsidiary trust to the Ampleforth Abbey Trust. The St Benet's Trust holds the licence issued by the University of Oxford, which enables the work of St Benet's Hall as an academic institution of research and teaching in the University. The University has established a Supervisory Committee for its six Permanent Private Halls, including St Benet's Hall.

St Benet's Hall is thus intimately involved with the work and mission of both Ampleforth Abbey and the University of Oxford. The existence of both these stakeholders is appropriately reflected on the Board of Trustees which is responsible for the governance of the Hall. The Master is entrusted with the day-to-day running of the Hall and acts as line manager to the staff employed by the Hall.

While the University supervises the academic provisions of the Hall, the Abbey is concerned with all strategic aspects of the Hall's activities, including the monastic work and religious presence, finance and development, the management of the estate, and the employment of the Master and of all other members of the Hall – academic, administrative and housekeeping.

Moreover, through the Procurator's Department at Ampleforth, the Hall has access to a range of services, such as finance, human resources, insurance, health & safety and risk management, and building support services to the Hall. St Benet's cooperates with the Abbey on all matters of development and fundraising, and a special Board of Regents, that includes monks of Ampleforth Abbey, the Master and Development Officer of the Hall, as well as suitable alumni and friends of the Hall, is concerned with the strategic and fundraising dimensions of the development work in St Benet's. In these various areas, the Hall can draw upon the advice and resources available in the wider Ampleforth governance structure.

St Benet's Hall wishes to promote a mutually enriching climate of co-operation with both Ampleforth Abbey and the University of Oxford. The Trustees, the Master, the Senior Tutor, the Fellows, the JCR, and the administrative staff of the Hall are all committed to deepening the relationship of the Hall with the members and employees of the Abbey and of the University. Regular communication and frequent visits between the members of the Abbey and the Hall are necessary for the successful co-operation between both institutions.