



Charity: The Friends of Hatherop Church of England Primary School

Charity Number: 1045773

HMRC Reference Number: XR7808

Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

Background and Introduction

The Trust and Relationship with the school

The Friends of Hatherop Church of England Primary School was established over 20 years ago to support the Hatherop Church of England Primary School with buildings improvements and to fund activities for the pupils.

The Primary School the Trust supports is a small village primary school near Cirencester, Gloucestershire, providing primary education for approximately 85 pupils and is a Gloucestershire County Council School.

Trust History

Over time the funds have developed through Parent Teacher Association fundraising, individual donations and interest.

In 2005 initial plans were made for school buildings improvements, however the plans did not proceed. In 2022, following consultation with staff, governors, and parents the school buildings were seen as a key priority for improvement.

Subsequently a group of governors and teachers was formed to look into options for building improvements. A survey was carried out by architecture firm Thinking Buildings in 2022, subsequently it was agreed that planning permission would be sought.

Building Plans

In 2023 Thinking Buildings produced the plans to go forward for planning permission to Cotswold District Council.

The pre-planning and planning efforts were funded by the Trust (The Friends of Hatherop Church of England Primary School)

The plans were approved in early 2024, which then led to plans to fundraise to fund the building work. To make the plans manageable, the team divided the buildings work into 3 phases.

Rural Elm was appointed as the Architectural firm to draw up plans for building quotes. A tender process was completed, and a building contractor 'Austen Dawson' was selected to perform the work.

It was decided that The Friends of Hatherop Church of England Primary School would be vehicle for receipts of funds for the buildings project, hence the significantly higher level of income in 2024/2025 compared to previous years

Organization and Structure

The Trust has five members formed of past and present governors of the school.

In a Full Governors meeting (10th July 2024) it was decided that the School Trust should be represented with more current Governors.

Ian Powell and David Hicks-Beach stepped down from the Trust and Ben Platts and Lucy Duff have joined the Trust.

- Sam Lawson (Trust Member, Chair, and school parent governor)
- Ben Platts (Trust Member, Treasurer and school parent governor)
- Lucy Duff (Trust Member, Minutes and actions and school parent governor)
- Ed Wilson (Trust Member and former school governor)
- Mike Francis (Trust Member and former school chair of governors)

Financial Summary

£108,026.58 was carried over from 2024, this was mainly invested in 4 funds with CCLA. £14,909.88 had been allocated to the school in 2023/24 for pre-planning and planning activities with architect firm Thinking Buildings.

Fundraising started actively in April 2024 with income coming from the following sources

- £73,500 from local charitable trusts
- £40,000 from an event hosted by a local celebrity
- £13,000 from local donations
- £10,000 from an auction

As well as a sponsored run, plant sales, 300 club event, Grow a fiver initiative etc

Expenditure of £10,189.67 was used for Architectural support for building plans. Rural Elm architects were appointed to perform the work.

THE FRIENDS OF HATHEROP CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL						
(REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1045773)						
Receipts and Payments Account as at April 2025						
2024			TRUST	BIG BUILD		2025
			£ . p	£ . p		£ . p
	Receipts					
339.33	COIF Charities Deposit Fund - Interest		492.95	1,635.26		2,128.21
1,000.00	Big Build			162,498.00		162,498.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS		492.95	164,133.26		164,626.21
	Payments					
14,909.88	Hatherop School		(9,480.67)	0.00		(9,480.67)
0.00	Big Build		(529.00)	(180.00)		(709.00)
	TOTAL PAYMENTS		(10,009.67)	(180.00)		(10,189.67)
7,641.24	Net gains/(losses) on Investments		6,848.53			6,848.53
(5,929.31)	NET OF RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS) FOR YEAR		(2,668.19)	163,953.26		161,285.07
	Commitments					
113,955.89	BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		107,026.58	1,000.00		108,026.58
108,026.58	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		104,358.39	164,953.26		269,311.65

The Assets were primarily invested in 4 funds managed by CCLA. Overall, these performed well during the year, however with tariff discussions and economic instability in early 2025 and the need to have funds available for the buildings project in Summer 2025, the Trust agreed to exit the funds and place in the Deposit Fund, which is more accessible. The property fund remains in place as there is a 6 month exit on this fund.

2024			TRUST	BIG BUILD		2025
	Statement of Assets and Liabilities					
	Assets					
1,055.26	Cash at Lloyds Bank		55.26	32,808.33		32,863.59
3,794.25	C COIF Charities Deposit Fund		90,309.08	122,496.85		212,805.93
28,209.36	A COIF Charities Short Duration Bond Fund		0.00			0.00
11,728.81	Z COIF Charities Global Equity Income Fund		0.00			0.00
37,990.72	R COIF Charities Investment Fund		0.00			0.00
25,248.18	P COIF Charities Property Fund		23,642.06			23,642.06
	Liabilities					
108,026.58	TOTAL NET ASSETS		114,006.40	155,305.18		269,311.58

The phase 1 & 2 buildings work was priced at c. £300,000, therefore all cash raised will be used to fund this project in Summer 2025. A fresh look at phase 3 fundraising will be undertaken in late 2025.



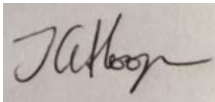
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Independent examiner's report on
the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Charity Name The Friends of Hatherop Church of England Primary School		
On accounts for the year ended	2025	Charity no (if any)	1045773
Set out on pages	1 to 4		
Responsibilities and basis of report	<p>I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 5 April 2025.</p> <p>As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").</p> <p>I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.</p>		

Independent examiner's statement	<p>I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or * the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or * the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination. <p>I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</p>		
Signed:		Date:	12 January 2026
Name:	Jonathan Hooper		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCA, FCCA		
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Section B Disclosure	
	<p>Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).</p>

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None