

THE FRIENDS OF OLIVERS BATTERY SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1053928

Details

Other names FOBS

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1996-03-20

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUPILS IN THE SCHOOL

Activities: Organise and run events such as Christmas and Summer Fairs to raise money to support the children at Olivers Battery Primary school

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE THE CATCHMENT AREA OF THE SCHOOL
- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£8,874	£6,578	-	-
2024-08-31	£16,207	£17,249	-	-
2023-08-31	£6,295	£10,458	-	-
2022-08-31	£49,593	£47,561	-	-
2021-08-31	£9,238	£12,718	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Stephanie Ironside	Chair	2025-09-01
Catherine Farrand		2020-10-20
Gemma Bowry		2025-09-01
Katarzyna Dobrzanska		2025-09-01

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Trustees' Annual Report

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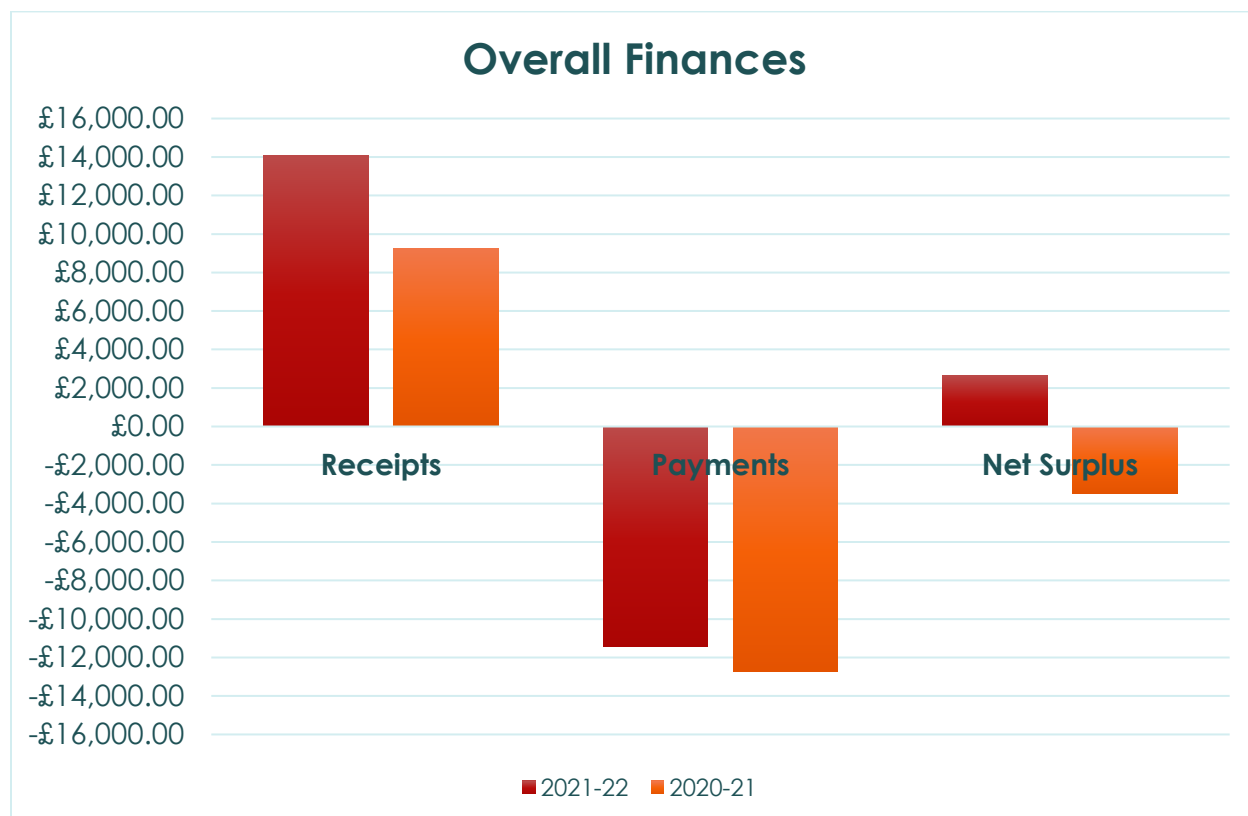
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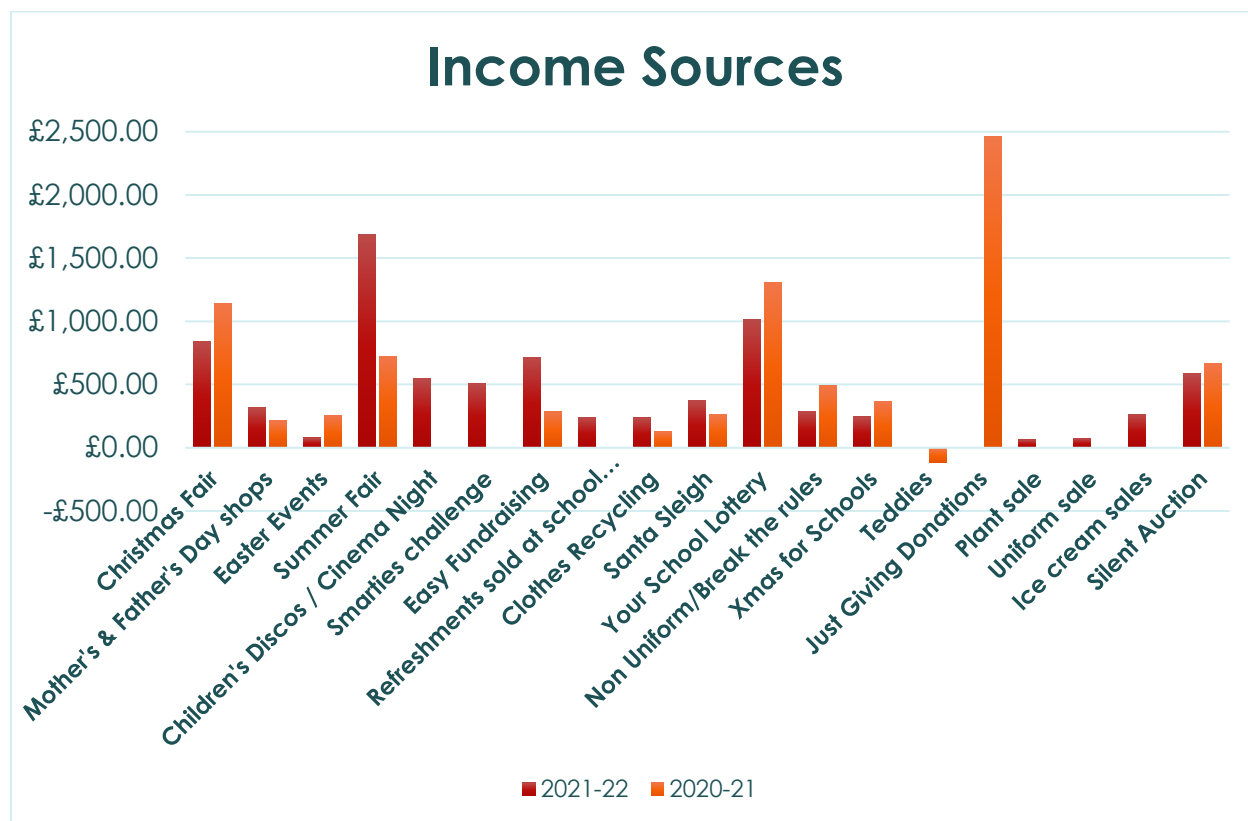
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Mother's & Father's Day shops	983.33	- 370.59	612.74	325.00	- 411.00	86.00
Easter Events	368.10	- 289.25	78.85	413.06	- 81.75	331.31
Summer Fair	4,714.75	- 2,637.58	2,077.17	333.33	-	333.33
Children's Discos / Cinema Night	822.34	- 272.00	550.34	-	-	-
Smarties challenge	580.78	- 71.95	508.83	-	-	-
Easy Fundraising	717.77	-	717.77	284.05	-	284.05
Refreshments sold at school events	262.38	- 21.00	241.38	-	-	-
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Sub Total	14,104.52	- 5,284.19	8,820.33	9,238.23	- 1,659.98	7,578.25
Other Items						
Interest on Deposit	0.15	-	0.15	0.12	-	0.12
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Miscellaneous & Administration Expenses	36,130.73	- 38,566.63	2,435.90	-	- 111.00	111.00
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Letter from Early Years Alliance

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If there is a potential opportunity to transfer staff to another organisation via the TUPE process, we would recommend that a charity trustee contacts Law-Call, our free 24-hour legal helpline line, on 01455 255 205 for guidance.

With regard to the charity's assets (all funds and property owned by the charity), the Charities Act imposes an 'asset-lock', meaning that the assets can only be used for the charity's aims. When a charity closes, any assets that remain after all outstanding debts, liabilities and funding agreements of the charity have been settled must be donated to another charity to be used for the same purposes (i.e. a charity concerned with the care and education of pre-school children).

Where a proposal has been made for the remaining assets to be transferred to a charitable trust, the trust must meet the following conditions:

1. the trust's instrument of governance (constitution or similar document) allows them to provide facilities for an early years provision
2. agreement has been made in writing by the trust to ring-fence all the resources and assets for the sole use of the early years provision
3. the trust has charity status

Prior to transferring the charity's assets to another charity permission from the Alliance will be required. This can be done by a charity trustee writing to the Information Service team at info@eyalliance.org.uk, with a copy of the resolution passed to dissolve the setting and details of the receiving charity, or for a trust, the trust's governing document and a copy of the written agreement to ring-fence the assets for the sole use of the early years provision.

The final step in the process, following the settling of all debts and liabilities, is to advise the Charity Commission of the charity's dissolution via their [closure form](#). The charity trustees will need to retain its accounting records for six years after the year they were made.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our Information Service team at info@eyalliance.org.uk or on 020 7697 2595.

We are trying to keep our members updated, with information on our [website](#) as well as our [Facebook](#) page in relation to the Coronavirus, so please take the opportunity of following these sites for up to date information.

Kind regards,

Bridget Allison

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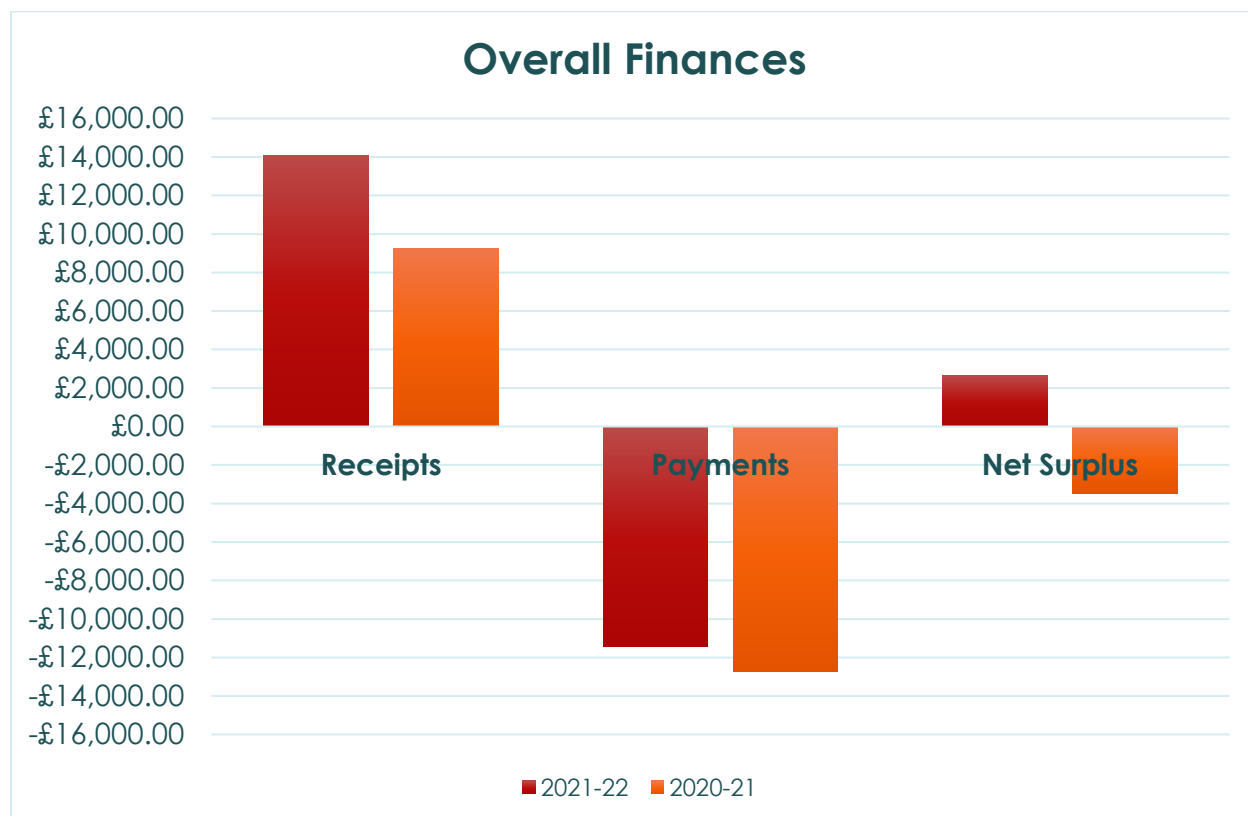
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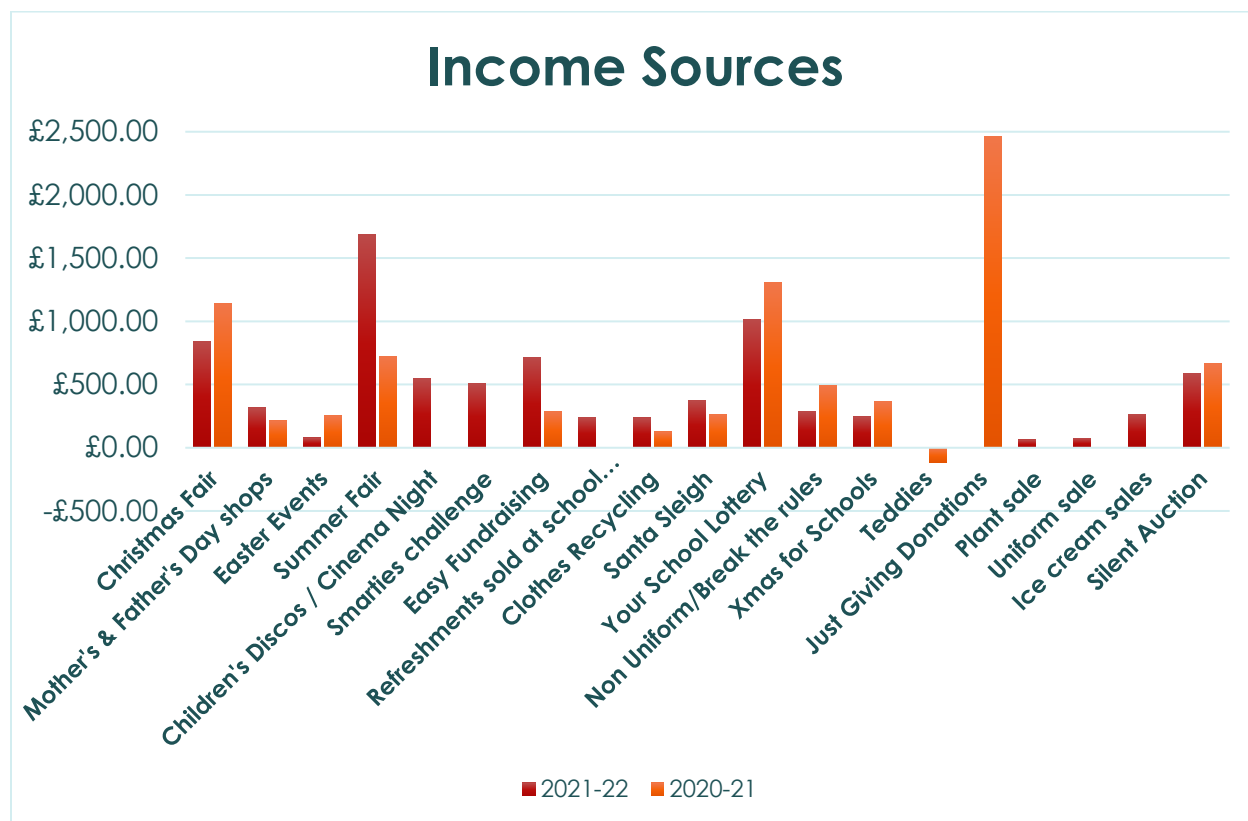
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For the vote to be valid the meeting must be quorate. What constitutes a quorum depends on which version of the Alliance Model Constitution the setting is running to. Any constitution prior to the 2005 version requires 30% or 5 members (whichever is greater) present, and later versions require 10% or 5 members (whichever is greater).

If there is a potential opportunity to transfer staff to another organisation via the TUPE process, we would recommend that a charity trustee contacts Law-Call, our free 24-hour legal helpline line, on 01455 255 205 for guidance.

With regard to the charity's assets (all funds and property owned by the charity), the Charities Act imposes an 'asset-lock', meaning that the assets can only be used for the charity's aims. When a charity closes, any assets that remain after all outstanding debts, liabilities and funding agreements of the charity have been settled must be donated to another charity to be used for the same purposes (i.e. a charity concerned with the care and education of pre-school children).

Where a proposal has been made for the remaining assets to be transferred to a charitable trust, the trust must meet the following conditions:

1. the trust's instrument of governance (constitution or similar document) allows them to provide facilities for an early years provision
2. agreement has been made in writing by the trust to ring-fence all the resources and assets for the sole use of the early years provision
3. the trust has charity status

Prior to transferring the charity's assets to another charity permission from the Alliance will be required. This can be done by a charity trustee writing to the Information Service team at info@eyalliance.org.uk, with a copy of the resolution passed to dissolve the setting and details of the receiving charity, or for a trust, the trust's governing document and a copy of the written agreement to ring-fence the assets for the sole use of the early years provision.

The final step in the process, following the settling of all debts and liabilities, is to advise the Charity Commission of the charity's dissolution via their [closure form](#). The charity trustees will need to retain its accounting records for six years after the year they were made.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our Information Service team at info@eyalliance.org.uk or on 020 7697 2595.

We are trying to keep our members updated, with information on our [website](#) as well as our [Facebook](#) page in relation to the Coronavirus, so please take the opportunity of following these sites for up to date information.

Kind regards,

Bridget Allison

Publications & Information Manager

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Oliver's Battery Primary School PTA

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Oliver's Battery Primary School PTA (the Trust) for the year ended 30 August 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

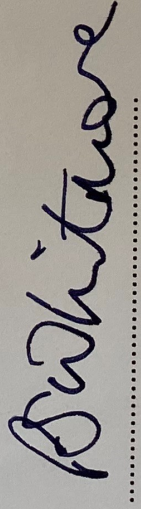
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



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19 June 2023