



Friends of Austerfield Study Centre

Trustees Annual Report for the Period 6th April 2020 to 5th April 2021

Reference and Administrative details

Charity Name: Friends of Austerfield Study Centre

Other names charity is known by: Austerfield Field Study Centre School Fund

Charity's principal address

The Old Primary School
High Street
Austerfield
Doncaster
South Yorkshire
DN10 6RG

Registered Charity Number 1059319

Trustees Names	Dates Acted if not full year
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sarah Sutton• Kay Elizabeth Goodall• Sue Rose• Sandra Maureen Crawford	

All trustees have been in place for the full financial year.

Structure, Governance and Management

Friends of Austerfield Study Centre is constituted as a charitable trust registered with the charity commission on 20th November 1996 under charity number 1059319.
It is governed by a deed of trust made on 3rd October 1996

The charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity, and give their time freely and receive no remuneration for this purpose, nor any other financial benefits.

The directors of the company are responsible for decision-making on day to day operational matters, policies, recruitment and the long-term business plan.

The trustees meet quarterly to discuss funding for projects which are determined in conjunction with the directors of the Centre and the staff & volunteer team. Fundraising is the responsibility of all involved in the Centre - seeking appropriate funding sources, bidding for funding, organising and running fundraising events. Some of the funds raised are spent on general materials and equipment purchase & replacement in order to keep our resources in good condition.

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in the constitution:

To advance the education of pupils in Austerfield Study Centre - an outdoor education centre and community hub. The Centre offers day and residential visits to schools & community groups from across South Yorkshire (and sometimes further afield). Children come to experience the outdoors through guided activities & play. More recently we have been providing classroom space & some activities for groups who specialise in educating children and young people who have been excluded from mainstream schools.

In addition, following the investment in the refurbishment of our main building six years ago we became the village community centre for organised events and private hire. We aim to provide an accessible recreational and educational facility for all age groups. Although having both business streams is advantageous, it also makes planning more complex due to safeguarding issues, and limited resources.

For the majority of this financial period, the Centre was unable to open to the public due to the restrictions in place during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

During the school holiday periods of 2020 summer, October & Christmas we were permitted to offer a limited holiday club to support working parents. These sessions were planned with limited numbers, and adhered to social distancing, whilst giving children the chance to play, engage in team building & problem solving activities and learn new skills in the outdoors. We also offered a limited number of sessions for pre-school children and carers, and adult wellbeing activities.

As a not for profit business we use our income to cover costs and the additional revenue is ploughed back into the business in capital projects, equipment etc.

The charity supports the business in seeking grants for projects and fundraising.

The pandemic meant that we were unable to hold any major fundraising events to support our work, and ultimately we had to take the difficult decision to make three staff members redundant due to lack of business.

Additional Information

Volunteers have been key to the survival of the Centre since it became a social enterprise in 2013. The number of volunteers has decreased significantly over eight years, but we still have a core group who carry out administration, gardening, catering, shopping, cleaning and general maintenance tasks. This has meant cost savings which have been ploughed back into the business.

Achievements and Performance

Our ability to serve the local community has been hampered in the past year due to national and local lockdown measures which affected us for 8 months.

We were unable to hold scheduled events, nor host groups, though bookings for our post-lockdown community events are very positive so far.

Additional Information

The main highlight of the year was surviving with almost no customer income.

We were lucky to be able to benefit from the government furlough scheme to retain some staff. We also secured £6k funding through the Persimmon Homes Building Futures scheme, £1.7k from the Co-op Community Fund and £1k from Doncaster MBC for the Wellbeing Group (Barrier Buster Fund). In January we also benefited from £6k from DMBC Business Continuity fund. These funds have been added to other unspent funds while we assess the future direction of the business.

We were originally aiming to open a self-contained rough campsite to double our visitor capacity, though this may not be an immediate priority with social distancing measures still in place. We have to be mindful that some of our buildings are well over 40 years old and, as such, we may need to earmark funds for replacement as some are beyond repair.

Financial Review

Our reserves have been separated from our working bank account into the charity account to provide us with a clear view of monies ring-fenced for specific projects.

Our current bank balance at 31/3/2021 is £36,869.34.

Of this £29k is reserved as follows:

£8k rough campsite - from Persimmon, Groundworks & Co-op Community Fund.

£14.5k Well-being Group activities - from DMBC and Co-op Community Fund.

£4.5k for residentials for disadvantaged school pupils - from Tween Bridge Fund.

£2k general funding from The Entertainer & other small donations.

The remaining £8k is from the sale of souvenirs - for small equipment and materials.

The limited expenditure this year has been on maintenance supplies as our volunteers busied themselves tidying up and making improvements to the site.

As lockdown restrictions are eased, the business is in a more stable financial situation. With the support of the furlough scheme we were able to retain three paid staff who are now key to our re-opening. Early signs of customer demand for our services are good - with community activity events for parents/carers and young children being completely booked out. It appears that most of our school customers are keen to take up their pre-booked residential visits, with other new enquiries starting to come in.

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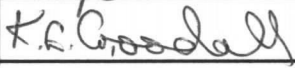


The main risk facing the charity now is an uncertain market which makes decisions on our investment policy more difficult. Also the age and unsuitability of some of our facilities mean that our funds may need to be diverted to replace some of these - particularly mobile classrooms.

Investment policy and objectives

Our ideal future projects of investing in resources for an adjacent self-contained rough campsite, and then adding in some high ropes-type climbing equipment are currently under review. As we begin to understand how recent events have impacted our customer base, we will be in a better position to decide what the next investment priorities should be.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature	Full Name	Position	Date
	Sarah Jane Sutton	Volunteer	10 th November 2021
	Kay Elizabeth Goodall	Treasurer	3.11.21
	Sandra Maureen Crawford	Volunteer	14/10/21.
	Sue Rose	Volunteer	20/10/21



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Friends of Austerfield Study Centre Limited

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/20

To

21/03/21

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	150	-	-	150	677
Fundraising:		-	-	-	-
Persimmon Homes Building Futures		6,000	-	6,000	-
Co-op Community Fund	-	2,752	-	2,752	-
Tesco Bags of Help/Groundworks		817		817	
Grants:	-	479	-	479	-
Tween Bridge Wind Farm Community Benefits Fund	-	4,645	-	4,645	-
DMBC	-	6,001	-	6,001	-
Wellbeing Grant	-	12,573	-	12,573	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	150	33,267	-	33,417	677
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Loan Repayment (new building)	8,500	-	-	8,500	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	8,500	-	-	8,500	-
Total receipts	8,650	33,267	-	41,917	677
A3 Payments					
Grant spending (to main account)	-	6,480	-	6,480	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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Sub total	-	6,480	-	6,480	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	6,480	-	6,480	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,650	26,787	-	35,437	677
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,432	-	-	1,432	-
Cash funds this year end	10,082	26,787	-	36,869	677

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Donations	150	-	-
	Fundraising	1,432	9,569	-
	Grants		17,218	-
	Loan Repayment	8,500		
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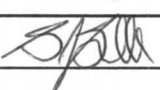
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B3 Investment assets			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	SARAH J. SUTTON	17/11/2021



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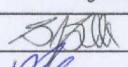
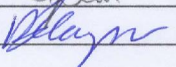
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	ROBIN COOPER (INDEPENDENT AUDITOR)	28/1/2022