

THE FRIENDS OF THORNTON

England & Wales · Charity number 1064059

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1997-08-20

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

Contact

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Convent of Jesus & Mary
Thornton
Milton Keynes
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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ATTENDING THORNTON COLLEGE (AT THE CONVENT OF JESUS & MARY, THORNTON, MILTON KEYNES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE) IN PARTICULAR BY PROVIDING AND ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF BOOKS, EQUIPMENT, BUILDING AND OTHER ITEMS AND FACILITIES AT THE COLLEGE WHICH WOULD NOT OTHERWISE BE PROVIDED.

Activities: The objects of the Charity are to advance the education of children and young persons attending Thornton College, in particular by providing and assisting with the provision of books, equipment, buildings and other items and facilities at the College which would not otherwise be provided.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED - IN PRACTICE MILTON KEYNES
- Buckinghamshire
- Milton Keynes

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£34,487	£19,450	-	-
2024-08-31	£40,892	£38,220	-	-
2023-08-31	£35,432	£17,206	-	-
2022-08-31	£56,352	£24,867	-	-
2021-08-31	£20,415	£15,875	-	-
2020-08-31	£19,675	£23,003	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Helen Hircock	Chair	2022-02-08
Catriona Lucy Scott Morris		2024-10-01
Melanie Bateman		2022-10-04
Mia Bloomfield		2021-03-17
SUZANNE LOUISE BROWN		2012-05-15
Sarah Winkleman		2023-05-01

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Friends of Thornton Annual Report 2024 – 2025

It has been a successful year for Friends of Thornton raising over £16,000 for items to benefit students at Thornton College.

The FOTS group worked voluntarily across the year to run family events at Thornton College for not only Thornton families but also the local and wider community. Over 2,000 people attended the Traditional Summer Fete in June where students performed in the choir and maypole dancing. The fun dog show was a huge attraction as were the pony rides, afternoon teas and traditional stalls such as coconut shy and welly wanging!

A very successful event this year was the Thornton Christmas Market where children could visit Father Christmas and families could purchase Christmas gifts and enjoy mulled wine and Thornton's famous Sausage rolls!

Perhaps the highlight of the year was the Easter Trail with its new feature of hooking ducks from the traditional medieval fountain in Thornton's grounds.

In addition to these wonderful events the Nearly New team of volunteers have kept the shop running exceptionally well throughout the year raising nearly £10,000. As a charity the shop remains valued by families giving them the option of purchasing second hand uniform. This is especially important in the current cost of living crisis, for students joining near to a transition year, students on bursaries or perhaps for a short term placement such as an international student or child of a forces family.

It has been a more challenging year to raise funds. The fundraising events were enjoyed by all but the Board has recognised that increased costs of items such as catering and fireworks costs as well as safety requirements such as First Aid Cover have made the profit margins reduce in this financial year. In addition, it has been noted how difficult it is to recruit volunteers to both the Board and to help with fundraising events and the Nearly New Shop. This is despite communications with current parents of the school. It is perhaps a reflection of how busy parents are often with both parents working full time and, of course, in a year where independent school fees were increased significantly with the introduction by Government of 20% VAT on fees. As parents are having to pay increased fees it may be a continuing difficult task to ask for them to volunteer and donate in addition.

Friends of Thornton made small donations this year. Please note that the Board made the decision to continue to raise funds this year and save these funds towards a large project for students which requires a significant one-off donation which will be made in our 2025-2026 annual year.

I would like to end my report by sincerely thanking all the Friends of Thornton Board Members and Group Members for working so hard this year, often giving up days,

weekends and evenings to help set up for events. These voluntarily efforts are very much appreciated and remain critical to ensure we can continue to raise funds to meet our charitable objective. Thank you.

Helen Hircock

Chair of Trustees

Friends of Thornton

THE FRIENDS OF THORNTON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2025

	2025	2024	2023
Incoming resources - activities for generating funds			
Fete	8,573	12,146	11,327
Christmas Fayre	6,570	7,274	4,028
Nearly New Shop	9,805	11,773	12,446
Quiz Night	0	1,060	
Centenary Teas	0		
Northbrook Gift Wrap	0		
Hoedown	0		
Donations Received	0		
Fireworks	5,836	5	5,543
Disco	0		
Easter	3,701	1,398	2,088
Total - activities for generating funds	34,487	40,892	35,432
Cost of generating funds			
Fete Expenses	5,576	2,560	8,653
Fireworks	3,164	6,909	4,212
Centenary Teas and Champagne	0		
Outstanding Fete Expenses from previous year	0		
Christmas Fayre	846	270	885
Quiz	0	350	
Hoedown	0		
Nearly New Shop Purchases & Expenses	7,305	4,141	1,754
Easter	1,092	200	1,701
Leavers' Ball	0		
Net Fund Raising Income	17,983	14,430	18,226
Governance and other resources expended			
Postage, stationery & other administration costs	0	0	
Boarders Day	0	0	
Independent Examination of Accounts	0	0	
Insurance	162	153	540
General Expenses	1,306	93	128
Bank Charges	-1	0	2,548
Invoices owed to Thornton		120	1,209
Depreciation of Equipment			4,425
Subtotal	1,467	366	13,801
Net surplus on generating funds	15,037	26,095	1,000
Investment Income			
Bank interest received			
Other Income (Scottish Widows transfer)	1,356	37,220	1,000
Less: Expenditure on Charitable Activities	0	1,000	0
Donations to Thornton College	0		
Donation to Police Dog Charity	0		
Donations to Syria (Sister Helen)	0		
Subtotal	1,356	38,220	1,000
Net (deficit)/surplus for the year	13,681	(12,124)	12,801

THE FRIENDS OF THORNTON

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025

	2025	2024	2023
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	1	978	1,098
Current Assets			
Stock (Nearly New Shop)			
Stock (held over from Fete)			
Debtors - Fund Raising Activities			
Prepayments - Leavers Ball			
Cash at Bank and in Hand	47,560	33,879	45,884
Total Current Assets	47,560	33,879	45,884
Current Liabilities			
Creditors	450	450	450
Accruals (Christmas Fayre Stall Fees)	0		
Total Liabilities	450	450	450
Net Current Assets	47,110	33,429	45,434
Total Assets	48,088	34,408	46,532
Represented by:-			
Unrestricted funds of the charity			
As at 1 September 2024	34,407	46,532	32,130
Retained (deficit)/surplus for the year	13,681	(12,124)	14,402
As at 31 August 2025	48,088	34,408	46,532

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 19/03/2026 and signed on their behalf by:-

Helen Hircock
Chairman

Mel Bateman
Trustee

Note 1: Increase in value due to purchase of 10 sum up machines



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

Friends of Thornton

On accounts for the year ended

31st August 2025

Charity no (if any)

1064059

Set out on pages

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Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 08 / 2025.

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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

15.3.26

Name:

Dominic Green

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Chartered Association of Certified Accountants (ACCA)

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October 2018

Address:

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Houlton, Rugby

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

None

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	01	09	2023	To	31	08	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

FRIENDS OF THORNTON

Other names charity is known by

FoTS

Registered charity number (if any)

1064059

Charity's principal address

THORNTON COLLEGE

THORNTON

MILTON KEYNES

Postcode

MK17 0HJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Helen Hircock	Chair of Trustees		
2	Melanie Bateman	Secretary		
3	Jennifer Walker			
4	Mia Bloomfield			
5	Suzanne Brown			
6	Sarah Winkelman	Chair of Executive Committee		
7	Jonathan Heap	Treasurer		
8				
9				
10				

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bank	Natwest	Units 164-166, Midsummer Arcade, Central Milton Keynes. MK9 3BA

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted 9 th November 1996
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General meeting held in the Michaelmas Term, usually September/October

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Friends of Thornton welcomes staff, parents and families of the college to their Executive Committee and to volunteer at fundraising events.

The Charity follows the College's Child protection and Safeguarding policies. Criminal Records Bureau checks are carried out on Trustees in line with statutory requirements. and they also receive safeguarding training from the school to enable them to wear a grey lanyard in the College. Anyone who has not completed training will wear a red lanyard.

Friends of Thornton is supported by college staff at events, particularly the Summer Fete. The Charity have use of two rooms at the college – one for storage of equipment and one to run the Nearly New Uniform Shop.

All trustees and members of the executive committee give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the education of the children and young people attending Thornton College, in particular by providing and assisting with the provision of books, equipment, buildings and other items and facilities at the college which may not otherwise be provided.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

During the year the objectives of the Charity have been maintained through the good work of the Executive Committee and other volunteer supporters. Throughout the year the trustees have paid due regards to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

In planning the activities for the year, the Executive Committee kept in mind the need to ensure funds are used to benefit all ages and departments at the school, without showing bias or favour to one area of learning.

The main fundraising activities of the year have been:

- the Christmas Market
- the Easter Egg Trail
- the Summer Fete

these activities generate funds and have benefitted the children and young persons at the College. These events have benefitted the students by providing opportunities for the students to volunteer, help run stalls and make things to sell.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Trustees are very grateful for the many hours volunteers, including fellow trustees and members of the Executive Committee have spent working with the College community to raise funds for the benefit of the students. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise, we would not have been able to achieve so much this past year.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Chair Report 2023 – 2024

Well, what a fantastic year! I have greatly enjoyed this year as Chair of Friends of Thornton and the team that has been assembled is an absolute dream team of the highest order.

The academic year started with the Fireworks evening which posed our biggest challenge to date given the severe adverse weather warning. In true Thornton style, we showed grit and determination and held our nerve. We were rewarded with good enough weather with low winds and the fireworks went off without a hitch, it only started raining just as the display started luckily! Numbers were very good for the event and I feel that the display by Frontier Fireworks was the best on we've ever had.

The Christmas Market soon followed, and this was one of our finest events. A great turnout and some superb additions to the line-up (including Santa's Grotto being relocated to the Outside Classroom and the Café being open for hot drinks) meant this was a great success.

We held our first Quiz under the Quizmaster / Head of Grounds Chris Mayhew which we sold all tabled for. This raised reasonable funds given it was not too heavy an outlay for volunteers. I would highly recommend repeating this event this year, perhaps on a Friday or Saturday to allow for more attendees. In particular, the style of quiz was very popular, and the food arranged by Harrisons was excellent with an opportunity for parents to experience catering that the girls rave about!

The Easter Egg Trail was the busiest we have ever had with mostly good weather minus the hailstorm! This is a great marketing tool for the school and is mostly aimed at Prep age children and younger. Over 200 children attended this event, we even had to do a last-minute dash to buy more Easter eggs! The café worked well again for this especially as a start and finish point as we made great income from the hot and cold drinks alongside the barbecue supplied by Harrisons.

Finally, the Summer Fete was our biggest event of the year and a great way to finish. Over 2000 people attended and we raised the second highest amount of money in the past ten years, partly due to a much lower cost outlay this time. We welcomed alpacas, ponies, fairground rides and lots of new stalls this time.

We have used our funds very wisely this year with some great new additions including the following:

- A new state of the art gym for the Senior School and staff to make use of. This was opened by a male and female player from MK Dons with an official ceremony that was publicised locally
- Playground markings for the main playground and the Pre-Prep department
- Headsets for the Drama department which were delivered in time for the Matilda musical. This was a real showstopper and the sound quality was phenomenal!
- A wellbeing garden located at the top of the school site and proposed by the Head and Deputy Head Girl team.

The fortnightly planning meetings and monthly Tuesday evenings worked well in order to allow every member of Friends of Thornton an opportunity to broach new ideas and discuss how to improve current and future

events.

The Nearly New shop had once again this year raised significant funds through the sale of nearly new school uniform items donated by parents of current students. The team (including Jane, Gemma, Taiwo, Abbie and others) have worked tirelessly this year to ensure great quality items of clothing are available at very reasonable prices. I only ever hear such positive comments about the Shop – the opening hours, dry cleaning, the ease of finding items and the actual set-up itself are all testament to such dedication by the team there. I was approached by three different people at our last event all saying how friendly and helpful the staff in the Shop are and how it affirmed their decision that they'd picked the right school for their daughter! They have raised great funds again this year as we are finding more and more people turn to the Shop first before looking to purchase new.

Moving forward, we are awaiting a number of proposals from the School Committee and will look to discuss these in further detail. I believe that we should run the same set of events that we have done this year, provided the team feel this is manageable. They have become firm fixtures in the diary for staff, parents and children alike.

Unfortunately, due to a relocation away from Thornton, I have decided to step down as Chair of Friends of Thornton. I am thrilled to announce that Sadie Staten who has two daughters in the Prep department of the school will be taking over as Chair with Muncelle Dunn supporting her as Vice-Chair. I have complete trust that they will continue to take Friends of Thornton to the next level with fundraising while executing fantastic events to benefit the girls and wider community. I am deeply sad to be leaving but will of course still attend and help with all the events and meet regularly with the group as I feel such a deep sense of community with the team. I have been made to feel so welcome over these past few years and so well supported. Let's have a great 2024 -2025 academic year!

Sarah Winkelman

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Executive Committee have determined that a reserve of £5000 is required in order to enable it to "forward fund" events, particularly the annual summer fete.

Beyond this, the Executive Committee try to ensure that available funds are committed to appropriate projects at an early date, and therefore invest surplus funds on a temporary basis with the Charity's bankers.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Trustees consider the biggest risk to the Charity is the failure of the Summer Fete, which is the principal fundraising activity of the year.

As the Trustees do not make forward binding commitments to the college, the shortfall in income for the year would be balanced by a compensating adjustment in future support given to the College.

Section F

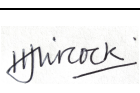
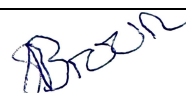
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Helen Hircock	Suzanne Brown
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairperson	Trustee
Date	23 April 2025	

THE FRIENDS OF THORNTON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2024

		2024		2023
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources - activities for generating funds				
Fete		12,146		11,327
Christmas Fayre		7,274		4,028
Nearly New Shop		11,773		12,446
Quiz Night		1,060		
Centenary Teas				
Northbrook Gift Wrap				
Hoedown				
Donations Received		5		
Fireworks		7,235		5,543
Disco				
Easter		1,398		2,088
Total - activities for generating funds		40,892		35,432
Cost of generating funds				
Fete Expenses	2,560		8,653	
Fireworks	6,909		4,212	
Centenary Teas and Champagne				
Outstanding Fete Expenses from previous year				
Christmas Fayre	270		885	
Quiz	350			
Hoedown				
Nearly New Shop Purchases & Expenses	4,141		1,754	
Easter	200		1,701	
Leavers' Ball				
	14,430			17,206
Net Fund Raising Income	26,461			18,226
Governance and other resources expended				
Postage, stationery & other administration costs	-			
Boarders Day	-			
Independent Examination of Accounts	-		540	
Insurance	153		128	
General Expenses	93		2,548	
Bank Charges	-			
invoices owed to Thornton	-			
Depreciation of Equipment	120		1,209	
		366		4,425
Net surplus on generating funds		26,095		13,801
Investment Income				
Bank interest received				
Other Income (Scottish Widows transfer)				
Less: Expenditure on Charitable Activities				
Donations to Thornton College	37,220			
Donation to Police Dog Charity	1,000		1,000	
Donations to Syria (Sister Helen)	-		-	
		38,220		1,000
Net (deficit)/surplus for the year	-	12,124		12,801

THE FRIENDS OF THORNTON

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	1		978		1,098
Current Assets					
Stock (Nearly New Shop)					
Stock (held over from Fete)					
Debtors - Fund Raising Activities					
Prepayments - Leavers Ball					
Cash at Bank and in Hand		33,879		45,884	
Total Current Assets		33,879		45,884	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors		450		450	
Accruals (Christmas Fayre Stall Fees)					
Total Liabilities		450		450	
Net Current Assets			33,429		45,434
Total Assets			34,408		46,532
Represented by:-					
Unrestricted funds of the charity					
As at 1 September 2023			46,532		32,130
Retained (deficit)/surplus for the year			- 12,124		14,402
As at 31 August 2024			34,408		46,532

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by:-

.....
Helen Hircock
Chairman

.....
Sue Brown
Trustee

Note 1: Depreciation of value due to loss of two tents in winds - written off.



Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Friends of Thornton	any) 1064059
On accounts for the year ended	August 31, 2024 Charity no (if	

Set out on page 1

	I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2024.
Responsibilities and basis of report	followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.
	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:
Independent examiner's statement	☒ accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
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").	☒ the accounts do not accord with the accounting records
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	I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

[Redacted Signature]

Name:

[Redacted Name]

Relevant professional qualification(s) or
body (if any):

Member of the Institute of Accountants and
Bookkeepers (IAB)

Address:

[Redacted Address]

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ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Charity number: 1064059

THE FRIENDS OF THORNTON

LEGAL INFORMATION

Charity number: 1064059

Trustees: Mrs H Hircock
Mrs J Walker
Ms S Brown

Independent Examiner: Jason Franklin
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Milton Keynes
MK 3ER

Scottish Widows Bank plc
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Edinburgh
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THE FRIENDS OF THORNTON

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Introduction & Governing Instrument

The Charity is governed by a Constitution dated 9th November 1996 and was registered with the Charity Commissioners on 20th August 1997. The principal aims of the charity are to advance the education of the children and young persons attending Thornton College.

The charity is supervised by a body of Trustees, but day to day control is delegated to, and exercised by, an Executive Committee.

Objectives

The objects of the Charity are to advance the education of the children and young persons attending Thornton College, in particular by providing and assisting with the provision of books, equipment, buildings and other items and facilities at the College which would not otherwise be provided.

During the year the objectives of the Charity have been maintained through the good work of the Executive Committee and other volunteer supporters. Throughout the year the trustees have paid due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Activities and Results

During the year the Executive Committee arranged a number of fund raising events. Details are given in the accompanying accounts.

From the funds raised the charity was able to provide equipment for the benefit of various departments throughout the College. Details are given in the notes to the accounts.

The Trustees and Executive Committee will continue to monitor the funds raised to ensure that they are properly used in furtherance of the Charity's objectives.

Reserves Policy and Investments

The Executive Committee have determined that a reserve of £5000 is required in order to enable it to "forward fund" events, particularly the annual summer fete.

Beyond this the Executive Committee try to ensure that available funds are committed to appropriate projects at an early date, and therefore invest surplus funds on a temporary basis with the Charity's bankers.

Review of Risks

The Trustees consider the biggest risk to the Charity is the failure of the Summer Fete, which is the principal fund raising activity of the year.

As the Trustees do not make forward binding commitments to the college, the shortfall in income for the year would be balanced by a compensating adjustment in future support given to the College.

Conclusion

The Chair and her fellow Trustees thank the members of the Executive Committee for the hard work they have put in during the past year and continue to do so for the College.

Helen Hircock
Chair of Trustees

EXAMINERS UNQUALIFIED REPORT FOR THE FRIENDS OF THORNTON

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Friends of Thornton

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31st August 2023 which are set out on pages 3 to 6

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down on the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with the records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosure in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

Have not been met; or

- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Jason Franklin

Relevant professional qualification or body: MAAT

Address: Unit 5A, the Stables, Croughton Bottoms Farm, Tusmore, Bicester, Oxon, OX27 7SL

Date: 21st March 2025

THE FRIENDS OF THORNTON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2023

		2023		2022
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources - activities for generating funds				
Fete		11,326.50		19,066.24
Christmas Fayre		4,028.22		6,678.58
Nearly New Shop		12,445.87		10,435.45
Quiz Night		-		-
Centenary Teas		-		-
Northbrook Gift Wrap		-		-
Hoedown		-		-
Donations Received		-		-
Fireworks		5,543.34		10,713.92
Disco		-		-
Easter		2,087.61		2,852.32
Total - activities for generating funds		35,431.54		49,746.51
Cost of generating funds				
Fete Expenses	8,652.78		7,793.67	
Fireworks	4,212.00		4,957.09	
Centenary Teas and Champagne	-		-	
Outstanding Fete Expenses from previous year	-		-	
Christmas Fayre	885.45		1,727.55	
Disco	-		-	
Hoedown	-		-	
Nearly New Shop Purchases & Expenses	1,754.32		2,034.50	
Easter	1,701.44		2,146.30	
Leavers' Ball	-		323	
		17,205.99		18,982.11
Net Fund Raising Income		18,225.55		30,764.40
Governance and other resources expended				
Postage, stationery & other administration costs	-		-	
Boards Day	-		-	
Independent Examination of Accounts	540		540	
Insurance	128		128	
General Expenses	946.74		3,525.91	
Bank Charges	-		-	
invoices owed to Thornton	-		-	
Depreciation of Equipment	1,208.85		880.85	
		2,823.59		5,074.76
Net surplus on generating funds		15,401.96		25,689.64
Investment Income				
Bank interest received		-		-
Other Income (Scottish Widows transfer)		-		-
Less: Expenditure on Charitable Activities				
Donations to Police Dogs/Thornton College	1,000.00		6,274.92	
Donations to Syria (Sister Helen)	0		0	
		1,000.00		6,274.92
Net (deficit)/surplus for the year		14,401.96		19,414.72

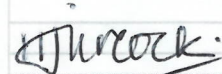
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BALANCE SHEET

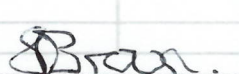
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	£	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible Assets	3		1,098.33	342.45
Current Assets				
Stock (Nearly New Shop)	4	-	-	-
Stock (held over from Fete)		-	-	-
Debtors - Fund Raising Activities		-	-	-
Prepayments - Leavers Ball		-	-	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand		45,883.66	32,777.58	
		45,883.66	32,777.58	
Current Liabilities				
Creditors		450	990	
Accruals (Christmas Fayre Stall Fees)				
		450	990	
Net Current Assets			45,433.66	31,787.58
Total Assets			46,531.99	32,130.03
Represented by:-				
Unrestricted funds of the charity				
As at 1 September 2022			32,130.03	12,715.32
Retained (deficit)/surplus for the year			14,401.96	19,414.72
As at 31 August 2023			46,531.99	32,130.04

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by:-



Helen Hircock
Chairman



Sue Brown
Trustee

THE FRIENDS OF THORNTON

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2005, although some of the presentation has been changed to reflect the particular circumstances of the Charity. There has been no change to accounting policies since last year.

1.2 Fund raising income

Income is recognised at the point on which it is receivable by the Charity.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:-

Furniture & Equipment	25% straight line
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1.4 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

2 Remuneration of trustees

None of the trustees or management committee received any remuneration during the year. However expenses properly incurred in the furtherance of the charity's activity were reimbursed.

3 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture & Equipment £
Cost	
As at 1 September 2022	11,438
Additions during year	1,965
Total as at 31 August 2023	<u>13,403</u>
Depreciation	
As at 1 September 2022	11,096
Charge for the year	1,209
Total as at 31 August 2023	<u>12,305</u>
Net book values	
As at 31 August 2023	<u>1,098</u>
As at 31 August 2022	342

THE FRIENDS OF THORNTON

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

4	Stock	2023	2022
		£	£
	Stock – Nearly New Shop	-	-
	Stock – Held over from Fete	-	-
	TOTAL	£ -	£ -
5	Donations to Thornton College	£	£
	Thornton College Picnic Bench		722
	Educational Resources		5,553
	Police Dogs	1,000	
	TOTAL	£ 1,000	£ 6,275

Accounts

THE FRIENDS OF THORNTON
ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Charity number: 1064059

THE FRIENDS OF THORNTON

LEGAL INFORMATION

Charity number: 1064059

Trustees: Mrs H Hircock
Mrs J Walker
Ms S Brown

Independent Examiner: Jason Franklin
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501 Silbury Boulevard
Saxon Gate East
Milton Keynes
MK 3ER

Scottish Widows Bank plc
67 Morrison Street
Edinburgh
EH3 8YJ

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THE FRIENDS OF THORNTON

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Introduction & Governing Instrument

The Charity is governed by a Constitution dated 9th November 1996 and was registered with the Charity Commissioners on 20th August 1997. The principal aims of the charity are to advance the education of the children and young persons attending Thornton College.

The charity is supervised by a body of Trustees, but day to day control is delegated to, and exercised by, an Executive Committee.

Objectives

The objects of the Charity are to advance the education of the children and young persons attending Thornton College, in particular by providing and assisting with the provision of books, equipment, buildings and other items and facilities at the College which would not otherwise be provided.

During the year the objectives of the Charity have been maintained through the good work of the Executive Committee and other volunteer supporters. Throughout the year the trustees have paid due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Activities and Results

During the year the Executive Committee arranged a number of fund raising events. Details are given in the accompanying accounts.

From the funds raised the charity was able to provide equipment for the benefit of various departments throughout the College. Details are given in the notes to the accounts.

The Trustees and Executive Committee will continue to monitor the funds raised to ensure that they are properly used in furtherance of the Charity's objectives.

Reserves Policy and Investments

The Executive Committee have determined that a reserve of £5000 is required in order to enable it to "forward fund" events, particularly the annual summer fete.

Beyond this the Executive Committee try to ensure that available funds are committed to appropriate projects at an early date, and therefore invest surplus funds on a temporary basis with the Charity's bankers.

Review of Risks

The Trustees consider the biggest risk to the Charity is the failure of the Summer Fete, which is the principal fund raising activity of the year.

As the Trustees do not make forward binding commitments to the college, the shortfall in income for the year would be balanced by a compensating adjustment in future support given to the College.

Conclusion

The Chair and her fellow Trustees thank the members of the Executive Committee for the hard work they have put in during the past year and continue to do so for the College.

Helen Hircock
Chair of Trustees

THE FRIENDS OF THORNTON

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S UNQUALIFIED REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FRIENDS OF THORNTON

EXAMINERS UNQUALIFIED REPORT FOR THE FRIENDS OF THORNTON

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Friends of Thornton

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31st August 2022 which are set out on pages 3 to 6

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down on the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with the records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosure in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

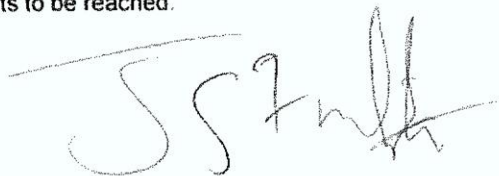
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

Have not been met; or

- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Name: Jason Franklin

Relevant professional qualification or body: MAAT

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Date: 16th June 2023

THE FRIENDS OF THORNTON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2022

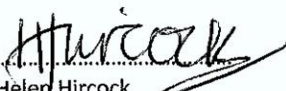
		2022		2021
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources - activities for generating funds				
Fete		19,066.24		
Christmas Fayre		6,678.58		
Nearly New Shop		10,435.45		6,605.83
Quiz Night		-		
Centenary Teas		-		-
		-		-
Northbrook Gift Wrap		-		-
Hoedown		-		-
Donations Received		-		-
Fireworks		10,713.92		
Disco		-		
Easter		2,852.32		
Total - activities for generating funds		49,746.51		6,605.83
Cost of generating funds				
Fete Expenses	7,793.67			
Fireworks	4,957.09		1,750.00	
Centenary Teas and Champagne	-		-	
Outstanding Fete Expenses from previous year	-		-	
Christmas Fayre	1,727.55		560.64	
Disco	-		-	
Hoedown	-		-	
Nearly New Shop Purchases & Expenses	2,034.50		2,401.25	
Easter	2,146.30			
Leavers' Ball	323.00		1,173.28	
		18,982.11		5,885.17
Net Fund Raising Income		30,764.40		720.66
Governance and other resources expended				
Postage, stationery & other administration costs	-		-	
Boards Day	-		-	
Independent Examination of Accounts	540.00		450.00	
Insurance	128.00		123.00	
General Expenses	3,525.91		619.50	
Bank Charges	-		-	
invoices owed to Thornton	-		-	
Depreciation of Equipment	880.85		1,387.85	
		5,074.76		2,580.35
Net surplus on generating funds		25,689.64		- 1,859.69
Investment Income				
Bank interest received		-		-
Other Income (Scottish Widows transfer)		-		-
Less: Expenditure on Charitable Activities				
Donations to Thornton College (Note 5)	6,274.92			172.56
Donations to Syria (Sister Helen)	0.00			-
		6,274.92		172.56
Net (deficit)/surplus for the year		19,414.72		(2,032.25)

THE FRIENDS OF THORNTON

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	3		342.45		1,223.31
Current Assets					
Stock (Nearly New Shop)	4	-	-	-	-
Stock (held over from Fete)		-	-	-	-
Debtors - Fund Raising Activities		-	-	-	-
Prepayments - Leavers Ball		-	-	-	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand		32,777.58		11,942.01	
		<u>32,777.58</u>		<u>11,942.01</u>	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors		990.00		450.00	
Accruals (Christmas Fayre Stall Fees)				-	
		<u>990.00</u>		<u>450.00</u>	
Net Current Assets			31,787.58		11,492.01
Total Assets			<u>32,130.03</u>		<u>12,715.32</u>
Represented by:-					
Unrestricted funds of the charity					
As at 1 September 2021			12,715.32		14,747.57
Retained (deficit)/surplus for the year			19,414.72		(2,032.25)
			<u>32,130.04</u>		<u>12,715.32</u>
As at 31 August 2022					

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 25/6/23 and signed on their behalf by:-


Helen Hircock
Chairman


Sue Brown
Trustee


Jenny Walker
Thornton College

THE FRIENDS OF THORNTON

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3 Tangible fixed assets

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Cost	
As at 1 September 2021	11,438
Additions during year	
Total as at 31 August 2022	<u>11,438</u>
Depreciation	
As at 1 September 2021	10,215
Charge for the year	881
Total as at 31 August 2022	<u>11,096</u>
Net book values	
As at 31 August 2022	<u>342</u>
As at 31 August 2021	<u>1,223</u>

THE FRIENDS OF THORNTON

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022 (CONTINUED)

4	Stock	2022	2021
		£	£
	Stock – Nearly New Shop	-	-
	Stock – Held over from Fete	-	-
	TOTAL	£ -	£ -
5	Donations to Thornton College	£	£
	Thornton College Picnic Bench	722	-
	Educational Resources	5,553	173
	TOTAL	£ 6,275	£ 173
