

THE FRIENDS OF THORNTON

ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Charity number: 1064059

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LEGAL INFORMATION

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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

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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

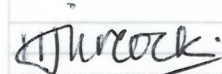
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BALANCE SHEET

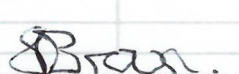
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

	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

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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

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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
