

Friends of Barrington School

Trustees' Annual Report and Unaudited Accounts
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023



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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

FOBS events and activities this year

Our school PTA, Friends of Barrington School (FOBS), has had another successful year to raise £32,424 this year for our school of 139 pupils and growing. We look back on the fundraising highlights of the year and celebrate the achievements of the committee and our fantastic supporters.



We began in November 2022, with a fabulous wine tasting event generously hosted by our Treasurer, Simon Lake in his Barrington home, and led by local oenophile and wine expert Suzi Tydeman. This convivial evening raised a fantastic £652.

November also saw the return of the Barrington-school disco after a 3-year hiatus. I am not sure who was more excited – the kids or the DJs, but either way they were all ripping up the dance floor and a lot of fun was had. This event raised £428 – a disco record.



In December, we began festive celebrations with an enjoyable evening of wreath making – expertly led and organised by Natalie



Carter, mum and florist. What could be better than an evening spent crafting and sipping something mulled whilst nattering to friends? It felt like a winning combination, especially when it raised £509. Christmas fundraising activities continued with our renowned Christmas hamper raffle - huge thanks to all those that donated items and bought tickets. We raised £881, and we also made £184 from the sale of Christmas cards and mugs created by the children.



As we moved into 2023, our first fund raising effort was an ever-popular night of Bingo in the Barrington Social Club. Dabbers at the ready and eyes down in pursuit of the elusive full house, the participants thoroughly enjoyed themselves and raised a wonderful £250 in the process.

The approach of Spring meant it was time for our now annual event on Barrington Green – The Barrington School Fun Run. This year, fifty-one children took part and collectively ran 301km (the equivalent of almost seven London Marathons) around a 1 km course that took them down Back Lane from the Pavilion to return via a loop past the cottages opposite the village shop. There were some incredibly determined



performances from participants and the immense sponsorship collected by children, combined with tea and coffee sales on the day raised £1,530 for FOBS.



Another year, another Royal milestone and Barrington marked the occasion with a village Coronation event. FOBS participated in the festivities with a face- painting stall. Barrington Parish Council generously donated a portion of the general proceeds of event and so we raised a total of £635.



In the height of summer, we were absolutely delighted to welcome back the Barrington School Fete. This organisational masterclass from the FOBS fete team, led expertly by Anna Church and Sam Herbert, was another phenomenal success. We were especially delighted to welcome the melodic vibes of a local jazz group, The Other Band, who performed on our newly installed stage. As the afternoon progressed, their dulcet tones were replaced by the cacophony of men and women squaring up to each other in the adrenalin-fuelled tug-of-war. The women, of course, were victorious. We could not possibly comment on the suggestion of an imbalance

between the numbers on each team. As ever, there was much enthusiasm for splatting rats, hooking ducks and chucking beans bag through ladder rungs (it's a Barrington thing). Other highlights included the bouncy castles, the epic homemade cake stall with coffee and tea from Hot Numbers, delicious BBQ with produce from local suppliers (Barkers Butchers and Days' Bakery), and the raffle with its extensive array of prizes.

This event would not be possible without the army of FOBS Committee members, other parents and carers, school staff and



people from the wider community who all contribute their time, skills, resources and hard graft so generously. Thank you

all so much. We also are very indebted to our loyal and generous sponsors: Redrow, Savills, Barkers Butchers, Barkers Bakers, Hot Numbers, Law Storage and all the many local businesses and individuals who donated raffle prizes or ran stalls and donated their profits to FOBS. The fete raised a record total of £5,039 and the Fete Raffle a further £1,209.



Grants

At the beginning of last academic (2021-2022) year, we decided to set up a dedicated grant sub-group to focus purely on identifying and targeting grants to access funds for key items. To our great delight, we were successful with three of these applications - receiving a £2,000 grant from South Cambs Community Chest Fund, £1,145 from BlueSpark Foundation (a charity which supports the education and development of children and young people) and £1,000 from The Leys Community Fund. We are extremely grateful to all these organisations for fantastic donations.

Individual donations and match funding

FOBS continues to benefit from some very generous individual private donations which make an immense difference to our yearly income, and therefore has a significant impact on our children. If you or your company would like to make a regular or one-off donation, please do get in touch. For example, one parent donates a regular amount which is used to provide daily fruit to KS2. Match funding can also be accessed through your company and can help us to double profits made on individual events, which is extremely significant.

Other fundraising avenues

We continue to be linked in with **Easy Fundraising**. This gives us the potential to collect donations for FOBS every time you shop online through its site. Why would you not?!

How has the money raised been spent?

We have had the pleasure of being able to accommodate all requests for funding submitted by the school this year. As a reflection of the current national school-funding crisis, this year requests have included some of the more fundamental items for learning and teaching that the school budget is simply not able to stretch to. Requests have included a new set of reading books for red class, additional resources for teaching phonics, new laptops for some teachers and a charging trolley for the chrome books used regularly in class.



On a more inspirational note, FOBS funding has also supported a range of different workshops and performances across the year groups. This has included a visit from Fen Falconry with their beautiful birds of prey, performances of Jack in the Beanstalk panto and The Jungle Book, a poetry workshop, two separate visits from published authors and a visit from the Sikh Education Service.

We have also funded a number of items to improve the safety of the children – First Aid training for the whole school, an Online E-safety workshop for parents and carers (the Two Johns – highly recommended) and Cycle safety banners (designed by the children).

From a technology perspective, we have funded the purchase of 6 Rugged Robots - outdoor programmable robots, Technology trolleys for KS1 and KS2 and a new flat screen for the main hall.

The major big-ticket item purchased in 2022-23 has been the wooden stage for the outdoor area. This was principally funded by the money we received from grants. We have been delighted to see that it is in use daily, and it really serves to enhance the way in which children use the outdoor space. It was especially nice to have the stage in situ in time for the fete and we anticipate further community use in future.

FOBS has also contributed to the cost of an assortment of school trips including Cadbury World (Y3/4), The Sealife Centre in Hunstanton (KS1), and the Burwell House Residential trip (Y5/6), participation in the Young Voices Concert at the O2 (Y4/5/6).



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Trustees' Annual Report Year Ended 31 August 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name: Friends of Barrington School

Abbreviated name: FOBS

Registered charity number: 1082614

Charity's principal address: Barrington C of E Primary School,
Haslingfield Road, Barrington, Cambridge CB22 7RZ

The trustees who served during the year and at the date of approval were as follows:

Nina O'Brien (Joint Chair)
Miranda Wheatcroft (Joint Chair)
Victoria Holt (Secretary)
Simon Lake (Treasurer)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Friends of Barrington School ("FOBS") is a charity and is constituted as a Parent Teacher Association. It is a member of Parentkind, which provides public liability insurance as well as support and guidance. Its governing document is the Parentkind (formerly PTA UK) model constitution. Trustees are elected from the membership. They are supported by a PTA committee that organises fund raising events.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of FOBS, as set out in its governing document, are to support and advance the welfare and education of the pupils attending Barrington C of E Primary School ("the school"); and to foster good relationships between staff, parents and the wider community.

FOBS has complied with its duty to have due regard for public benefit when undertaking activities and allocating funds. The main activity is fundraising for the school and making grants to the school to support and advance the welfare and education of the pupils at the school.

FOBS receives great support from parent volunteers, teachers and the wider community in organising and sponsoring fundraising activities.

RESERVES POLICY

FOBS aims to hold between £5,000 to £10,000 on the Unrestricted Fund at each year end. That allows capacity for planned and unforeseen expenditure by the school, especially in the period of September to December, and will be kept under review as the needs of the school expand in future years to reflect the growth in pupil numbers. There was a reduction of £1,924 in the reserves of the Unrestricted Fund during the year and its reserves at 31 August 2023 were £15,014. The reserves of the Restricted Funds at that date were £2,188. Total funds amounted to £17,202.

The Trustees' Annual Report was approved on 25 January 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by



Miranda Wheatcroft (Joint Chair)

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of Barrington School
Year Ended 31 August 2023**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("The Trust") for the year ended 31 August 2023.

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 which give 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.

Signed



Date: 25 January 2024

Name: Ian Chamberlain

Relevant Professional Qualification: ACMA

Address: 10 Orwell Road, Barrington, Cambridge CB22 7SE

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Accounts

for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

		2023			2022		
	Notes	General fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	General fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE							
INCOME FROM:							
Fundraising activities	1	14,151	-	14,151	17,383	-	17,383
Donations and corporate receipts	2	445	20,545	20,990	1,496	17,581	19,077
Total		14,596	20,545	35,141	18,879	17,581	36,460
EXPENDITURE ON:							
Costs of raising funds	1	2,717	-	2,717	2,052	-	2,052
Donations to School	3	13,803	21,075	34,878	22,821	15,990	38,811
Total		16,520	21,075	37,595	24,873	15,990	40,863
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(1,924)	(530)	(2,454)	(5,994)	1,591	(4,403)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS							
Total funds brought forward		16,938	2,718	19,656	22,932	1,127	24,059
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		15,014	2,188	17,202	16,938	2,718	19,656
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REPRESENTED BY:							
Cash at bank		15,014	2,188	17,202	16,938	2,718	19,656
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MOVEMENT ON FUNDS							
	At 1.9.21 £	2022 Income £	2022 Expense £	At 31.8.22 £	2023 Income £	2023 Expense £	At 31.8.23 £
General fund	22,932	18,879	24,873	16,938	14,596	16,520	15,014
Restricted funds:							
Outdoor area	901	9,000	7,901	2,000	2,145	4,145	-
Fruit for Key Stage 2	226	1,500	1,008	718	2,400	930	2,188
Music concerts	-	581	581	-	-	-	-
Other school expenditure	-	6,500	6,500	-	16,000	16,000	-
	24,054	36,460	40,863	19,656	35,141	37,595	17,202
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Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

1 FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES AND COST OF RAISING FUNDS

	2023			2022		
	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Net
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Coronation celebration	635	-	635	-	-	-
Platinum Jubilee Celebration	-	-	-	126	-	126
Gathering on the Green	-	-	-	841	-	841
Disco	606	(178)	428	-	-	-
Christmas wreaths	915	(406)	509	1,358	(376)	982
Christmas hampers raffle	881	-	881	1,021	-	1,021
Christmas cards	184	-	184	207	-	207
Bingo Evening	250	-	250	-	-	-
Quiz Night	-	-	-	768	-	768
Fun Run	1,542	(12)	1,530	3,237	-	3,237
Wine tasting	880	(228)	652	-	-	-
Gulsin Onay concert	-	-	-	945	(121)	824
Summer Fete	6,772	(1,733)	5,039	5,610	(1,392)	4,218
Summer raffle	1,209	-	1,209	320	-	320
Auction of promises	-	-	-	2,254	(27)	2,227
Barrington Bites cookbook	-	-	-	385	-	385
Book sale	11	-	11	-	-	-
Clothes sales	72	-	72	85	-	85
Clothes recycling	194	-	194	226	-	226
Small societies lottery licence	-	(20)	(20)	-	(20)	(20)
Parentkind subscription	-	(140)	(140)	-	(116)	(116)
Total	14,151	(2,717)	11,434	17,383	(2,052)	15,331
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2 DONATIONS AND CORPORATE RECEIPTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
General fund:		
Individual donations	106	783
Amazon Smile	216	177
Easy Fundraising Org UK	78	231
Corporate donations	45	305
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	445	1,496
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Restricted funds:		
Individual donations	18,400	8,581
Corporate donations	2,145	9,000
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	20,545	17,581
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Total	20,990	19,077
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Notes to the Accounts - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

3 DONATIONS TO BARRINGTON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

	2023	2022
	£	£
General fund:		
Outdoor areas	727	12,860
Incubator for duck/chick eggs	-	270
Workshops	2,526	2,684
External trips	1,294	2,263
Music concerts and performances	1,679	941
Science week materials	-	248
Bouncy castle and gifts for Year 6 leavers	-	211
School Christmas and Spring celebrations	100	-
Giraffe sculpture	695	-
Cycle safety banners	75	-
Coronation event activities	161	-
Teaching equipment and resources	6,546	3,344
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	13,803	22,821
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Restricted funds:		
Outdoor areas	4,145	7,901
Fruit for Key Stage 2 pupils	930	1,008
General school expenditure	16,000	6,500
Music concerts	-	581
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	21,075	15,990
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Total	34,878	38,811
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported Friends of Barrington School during the year ended 31 August 2023. We thank the staff of the school and the many individuals who have given their time to fundraising activities, and all individuals who have made donations or have arranged matched funding.

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Barkers Bakery
Barkers Bros Butchers
Barrington Social Club
Barrington Parish Council
Bluespark Foundation
Google
Hot Numbers Coffee
Law Storage
Leys School
Redrow
Savills
South Cambridgeshire Community Grant