

Friends of Nettlebed School
(Charity registration number: 1091177)



Trustees' Annual Report
for the period 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024

Objectives and Activities

The purpose of Friends of Nettlebed School ("FONS") is to advance the education of pupils at Nettlebed Community School in particular by (a) developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school and (b) engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.

Each year, the school gives us a list of items that they would like us to raise money for, such as music resources, trips and outdoor learning items, and we put on various events such as a Halloween disco, winter fete, summer fete, quiz night, as well as run uniform sales and cake sales on a smaller scale. At the moment, our largest annual event is a 10k "Stinger" run through the local area, which attracts around 300 adult runners, often unconnected to the school, as well as lots of local children.

The trustees consider the guidance provided by the Charity Commission on public benefit, as well as the constitution and plenty of guidance provided by Parentkind, which guides us through particularly important aspects relevant to parent-led organisations that fundraise for schools.

FONS Volunteers

Our volunteers are critical to FONS' continuation. The board is made up of volunteers and our events are run by volunteers. We are immensely grateful to everyone, both within and outside of the school, who helps to put our events together.

Achievements and Performance

Our main events during the 2023-24 financial year raised:

Halloween disco	£514.75
Christmas fete and tea towels	£1,381.72
Quiz night	£271.35
Easter	£261.74
Stinger	£6,812.24
Nettlefest	£5,011.74

Overall we raised income of £29,995, profit before payments to school of £18,327, and surplus after payments to the school of £7,442.

We gave £10,885 to the school for the following:

- £2,877 for the percussion instruments in the KS1 playground
- £811 for classroom resources
- £446 for Christmas crafts, First News and Henley Youth Festival
- £1,219 for music lessons and resources
- £2,500 for Forest School
- £500 for the skipping workshop and Farms2Ewe

- £500 for coaches to sports events
- £334 for Year 6 calculators and SATs revision
- £539 for science resources
- £206 for DT resources
- £452 for geography and history resources
- £500 for RE resources

Financial Review

We started the year with £21,276.67 in the bank and in hand, and ended the year with £28,719.00, having given the school the amount set out above.

Our reserves policy is to maintain at least £7,500 at all times in case of an emergency, which is based on our risk assessment. Our biggest risk is not getting sufficient parents and carers to run events each year, whilst the school still needs the funds to cover the basic annual requirement.

Structure, Governance and Management

The members of Friends of Nettlebed School are all the parents and carers of children at Nettlebed School. It is an unincorporated association and registered charity run by a small group of volunteer parents and carers. Trustees (the FONS committee) are appointed at the AGM, by being nominated, seconded and then voted on. Trustees are not paid for their time.

Our rules are set out in our constitution. We do not hold any real property, just cash and a few items used for events.

Reference and Administrative details

The registered name of the charity is Friends of Nettlebed School with charity number 1091177. The principal address is Nettlebed Community School, High Street, Nettlebed, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire RG9 5DA.

The trustees who were involved in the 2023-24 or 2024-25 financial year were:

- Anna Fryer, Chair from 1 February 2023 to 14 October 2024, then Vice Chair since
- Laura Oxley, Vice Chair from 18 October 2023 to 14 October 2024, then Chair since
- Vanessa Hoare, Treasurer from 18 October 2023 to present
- Harriet Sutton, Secretary from 18 October 2023 to present
- Sarah Saunders, Treasurer from 1 February 2023 to 18 October 2023 and general trustee from then to 14 October 2024
- Olivia Fergusson, Secretary from 1 February 2023 to 18 October 2023
- Sarah Morris from 18 October 2023 to 14 October 2024
- Lauren Rosher from 14 October 2024 to present

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Laura Oxley</i>	<i>Vanessa Hoare</i>
Full name(s)	Laura Oxley	Vanessa Hoare
Position	Chair	Treasurer
Date	21 May 2025	



Friends of Nettlebed School

Receipts and Payments Accounts for 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024

Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ Restricted funds to the nearest £ Total funds to the nearest £ 2022-23 to the nearest £ 2021-22 to the nearest £

Section A Receipts and Payments

RECEIPTS

Donations					
Direct donations	703.00		703.00	2,066.07	5,152.00
Bags2School	360.20		360.20	301.80	298.00
Your School Lottery	680.30		680.30	724.70	1,270.40
Amazon Smile			-	204.55	160.00
Give As You Live / Easy Fundraising / Just Giving	121.94		121.94	229.56	-
Ukraine fundraiser			-	-	126.00
Total donations	1,865.44	-	1,865.44	3,526.68	7,006.40
Charitable Activities					
Halloween disco	1,088.30		1,088.30	964.24	711.00
Christmas fete inc tea towels	2,565.50		2,565.50	1,610.02	1,917.00
Quiz night	849.03		849.03	765.27	1,111.00
Easter	291.89	-	291.89	529.34	813.00
Stinger	10,672.00	-	10,672.00	8,656.91	9,879.00
Summer fete / Nettlefest	7,618.95		7,618.95	3,828.71	2,881.00
Colour Run and Sports Day	419.70		419.70	-	574.00
Total from charitable activities	23,505.37	-	23,505.37	16,354.49	17,886.00
Other trading activities					
Bank interest	39.57		39.57	41.42	16.00
Float received back			-	-	75.00
Bake sales		1,163.56	1,163.56	631.16	338.00
Uniform and lolly sales			-	1,303.24	145.00
Uniform sales	647.96		647.96		
Donuts and lolly sales	279.55		279.55		
Christmas present room and raffle	1,195.83		1,195.83	956.05	
Smarchies Challenge			-	-	682.00
For yoga in 24-25 year	406.69		406.69	80.00	110.00
Gift Aid	891.59		891.59		
Ad hoc			-	20.00	
Total from other trading activities	3,461.19	1,163.56	4,624.75	3,031.87	1,366.00
Paid in from previous year				-	1,454.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	28,832.00	1,163.56	29,995.56	22,913.04	27,712.40

PAYMENTS

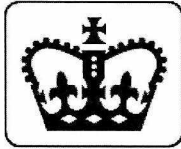
Charitable Activities					
Halloween disco	574			424	63
Christmas fete inc tea towels	1,184			368	320
Quiz night	578			421	437
Easter	30			271	44
Stinger	3,860			3,809	3,434
Summer fete	2,607			1,812	1,112
Colour Run (incurred in 24-25)	7			-	376
Total on charitable activities excluding payments to school	8,839	-		7,105	5,786
Payments to School	10,885			32,950	2,560
Total on charitable activities including payments to school	19,724	-		40,055	8,346
Other trading activities					
Donation costs	0				
Bank fees	86			60	90
Parentkind membership inc insurance	153			140	156
Lottery licence	20				
Floats paid out				-	155
Playground expenses				-	366
Uniform and lolly sales				64	
Uniform sales	13				
Donut and lolly sales	149				
Christmas present room and raffle	218			203	
Bake sale expenses	0			-	17
Roundhouse	2,000			-	
Community Day				198	
Yoga expenses	21			14	
Ukraine donation	126				
Welcome gift or event / Thank you expenses	16			50	105
Ad hoc	29			20	
Total from other trading activities	2,830	-		749	889
TOTAL PAYMENTS	22,553	-	22,553	40,805	9,235
PROFIT / (LOSS)	6,279	1,164	7,442	-17,892	18,478

Section B Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	01 October 2023	30 September 2024	
Money in bank	20,677	28,006	-
Cash	599	713	
No investment assets	-	-	
Assets (Gazebos)	200	100	
Liabilities	2,878		

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Name	Position	Date
<i>Vanessa Hoare</i>	Vanessa Hoare	Trustee	13-May-25
<i>Laura Oxley</i>	Laura Oxley	Trustee	19-May-25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Friends of Nettlebed School

On accounts for the year
ended

30 September 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1091177

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 September 2024.

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 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 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: S.Symonds-Dye

Date: 10/4/25

Name: Stephanie Symonds-Dye

S. Symonds-Dye

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

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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).