

# FRIENDS OF ASCHIANA (UK)

England & Wales - Charity number 1101761

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2004-01-27

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** FOR THE RELIEF OF POVERTY, SICKNESS AND DISTRESS, AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION OF STREET CHILDREN IN KABUL WHO ATTEND ASHCAN DAY CENTRES BY PROVIDING FINANCIAL AND OR MATERIAL AID.D.

**Activities:** Friends of Aschiana raises funds to provide food, education, crafts and fun to the street children in Kabul Afghanistan.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Accommodation/housing, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** KABUL
- Afghanistan
- Hertfordshire
- Throughout London

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-11-30	£7,655	£25,565	-	-
2023-11-30	£15,789	£16,568	-	-
2022-11-30	£83,717	£21,700	-	-
2021-11-30	£37,702	£38,960	-	-
2020-11-30	£11,198	£90,020	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
EDWARD LOCKHART-MUMMERY		
FIONA EARLE		
JULIAN DAVIES		2007-01-01
LYSE DOUCET		2019-12-16
Lucy Lyon		2019-01-01
Noal Zaher		2020-09-30

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## **Friends of Aschiana Trustee Annual Report - Year Ending November 2022**

### **Introduction**

Friends of Aschiana was established with the objective of providing essential support to street children in Afghanistan, including access to food, education, and recreational opportunities. Our commitment to these objectives remains, thanks to the generosity of our dedicated donors and the huge efforts of our Trustees.

This is especially the case with Caroline Mylon who resigned as Chairperson and Trustee on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023 due to ill health after 11 years supporting Friends of Aschiana. She was extraordinarily committed and made a huge contribution to the charity, her leaving has created a challenge finding a replacement

### **Financial Overview**

Despite facing numerous challenges throughout the year, including the evolving political landscape in Afghanistan, Friends of Aschiana continued to pursue its fundraising initiatives. We faced many difficulties in transmitting funds to Aschiana, after the regular banking system all but collapsed with the return of Taliban rule in August 2021, as well as international sanctions against senior Taliban, which created new difficulties in finding acceptable money transfer companies.

We managed to send financial support, albeit less than our intended target. We are consulting other charities to share knowledge and expertise and our investigations into best practise and the best transfer mechanisms continue.

### **Impact on Education and Well-being**

Despite the challenges, Friends of Aschiana has continued to make a meaningful impact on the lives of Afghan children. Throughout the year, we maintained partial funding for five schools in Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps. These educational facilities have given some opportunity to the children who have faced the harshest of circumstances.

Additionally, we played a role in sustaining Aschiana in Kabul by contributing to the salaries of three key staff members. These individuals are the backbone of Aschiana's operations, and without their dedication, ours and their objectives would be impossible to accomplish.

### **Acknowledgments**

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our donors, whose unwavering support enables us to persist in our mission. We also commend our Trustees for their dedication and hard work in raising funds and navigating the challenging operational landscape in Afghanistan.

### **Looking Forward**

Friends of Aschiana remains committed to its objective of providing a brighter future for the street children of Afghanistan. Due to the current conditions in Afghanistan, there are many challenges ahead but we hope that the situation will stabilise at some stage in the future and we will be able to increase our support and expand our reach to help even more children in need.

In conclusion, we thank everyone who has contributed to Friends of Aschiana over the past year. Your generosity and support are crucial to our continued success in making a difference in the lives of vulnerable children in Afghanistan.

Julian Davies – Treasurer

Edward Lockhart-Mummery - Trustee



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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/12/2021	To	Period end date 30/11/2022
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations and grants	83,695	-	-	83,695	37,702
Interest	22	-	-	22	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>83,717</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>83,717</b>	<b>37,702</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>83,717</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>83,717</b>	<b>37,702</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Payments to Aschiana	21,700	-	-	21,700	38,728
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	100
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	132
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>21,700</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,700</b>	<b>38,960</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>21,700</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,700</b>	<b>38,960</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>62,017</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,017</b>	<b>- 1,258</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>60,834</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60,834</b>	<b>62,092</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>122,851</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>122,851</b>	<b>60,834</b>

## 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 £	
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current account	62,829	-	-	
	Savings account	60,022	-	-	
		-	-	-	
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>122,851</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>	
			-	-	
				-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>	
			-	-	
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>	
			-	-	
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>	
			-		
				-	
				-	
				-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval		
	<i>Julian Davies</i>	Julian Davies	29/09/2023		

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Friends of Aschiana (UK)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Friends of Aschiana (UK) ("the Charity") for the year ended 30 November 2022.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As trustees of the Charity 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 Charity'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:

- 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Elaine Fisher FCA  
78 Brocket Road  
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29 September 2023

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## FRIENDS OF ASCHIANA UK

### 2021 Trustee Report

#### WINTER AID

This year, Friends of Aschiana UK has once again been able to help Aschiana with a donation of £10,000 to provide food, blankets and Covid protection materials to 200 more families, that is nearly 1,000 vulnerable adults and children protected against the sub-zero temperatures in the three months of winter in Afghanistan. The distribution took place on January 14<sup>th</sup> 2021, at Husain Khail IDP camp in Kabul province in the presence of Hashmatullah Hayat, Projects Supervisor of Aschiana; social workers; Elders of the IDP camp and other Aschiana supporting staff members.

#### IDP CAMP SCHOOLS

In response to Aschiana's specific request to us, we embarked on a fundraising campaign to help to fund the re-opening of 5 of its schools in the IDP camps, which were closed by the pandemic and remained closed because of the lack of funding caused by the ongoing effects of the pandemic. The budget per school to reopen and run for one year is as follows:

1 Teacher 12 months @ 175	2,100.00
1 *Social worker 3 months @ 250	750.00
Stationery 12 months @ 20	240.00
Heating classrooms 3 months @ 100	300.00
Teaching materials one-off	74.00
Masks, sanitization materials 12 months @ 28	336.00
Hot meal a day 12 months @350	4,200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£8,000.00</b>

(9,450 Euros, as our transfers are currently made in Euros)

On March 25, 2021 we sent 9,450 Euros to reopen the first school in Pul-e Shina IDP camp.

#### LINDA NORGROVE FOUNDATION

11<sup>th</sup> February, I submitted an application to the Linda Norgrove Foundation for the funds to reopen a school. They sent their Programme Directors in Kabul, Frishta Matin and Farzana Matin to a meeting with Hashmatullah at Aschiana, who also took them to Arzan Qemat 52 IDP camp school. They gave the project their full approval and we subsequently received £8,000 from the foundation.

2<sup>nd</sup> April, we sent a further 9,450 Euros to Aschiana and the school at Arzan Qemat IDP camp is now up and running.

Both the schools at Pul-e Shina and Arzan Qemat IDP camps are running basic education classes. Each has two shifts morning and afternoon, for girls and boys. The classes are from 8:00 to 12:00 and the second shift is from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Each shift has 30 students, 60 in each location. Currently, 120 children have entered education for the first time. The programme involves educating the children up to the level of the state-run schools and transferring them to those, giving room for a new group of children to enter the IDP school.

## **FUNDRAISING**

Involving schools is an excellent way of raising awareness and funds for Aschiana's children and we now have two UK schools interested in working with us.

We have also gathered 2 groups of children, one at Aschiana and one at a UK school, to start a communication between the 2 pupils of the schools which we hope will be an ongoing activity.

## **LEGACY GIVING – WILLS**

Since we advertised our charity to receive legacy donations, two supporters have contacted us to confirm they have now included us in their wills: Dr David Faber and Elizabeth Bell.

## **GIVE AS YOU LIVE & AMAZON SMILE**

We have signed up to both. Shopping online and physically with store cards, can now bring us donations directly to our bank account. But we must keep spreading the word for supporters to name Friends of Aschiana UK as their chosen charity.

## **WEBSITE**

Continues to serve us well, with its clear and easy way for people to donate to us via Virgin Money Giving and also to promote and describe current projects and campaigns. As always, Miles Essex has been hugely supportive in getting our latest news on the site the minute I send him the written-up articles and photos.

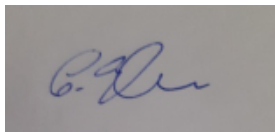
## **COLLABORATION**

### **BAAG**

Thanks to BAAG, we receive all the latest information regarding civil society in Afghanistan and the political and security situation. They are also extremely helpful when we have queries regarding issues faced by us as a charity. I strongly recommend we continue our membership going forward.

**THE USA ASCHIANA FOUNDATION**

We maintain a close and friendly collaboration with the President, Sanya Younossi, and former President Mary Jo Myers. The past year has been extremely difficult in terms of fundraising as the online version of their annual gala fundraiser had to be postponed several times and we congratulate them on a successful event in May 2021. We shall be liaising with them on the video footage they have offered to share with us, which Lyse has already obtained a copy of.

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be 'C. Mylon'.

Caroline Mylon  
Chair of Trustees  
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## Receipts and payments accounts

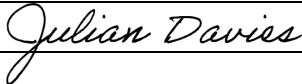
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For the period from 01/12/2020 To 30/11/2021

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations and grants	37,702	-	-	37,702	11,198
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>37,702</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,702</b>	<b>11,198</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>37,702</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,702</b>	<b>11,198</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Payments to Aschiana	38,728	-	-	38,728	89,816
Bank charges	100	-	-	100	25
Subscriptions	132	-	-	132	132
Other	-	-	-	-	47
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>38,960</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,960</b>	<b>90,020</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>38,960</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,960</b>	<b>90,020</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 1,258</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 1,258</b>	<b>- 78,822</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	62,092	-	-	62,092	140,914
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>60,834</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60,834</b>	<b>62,092</b>

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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			-	
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