

## **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



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
FRIENDS OF ASCHIANA (UK)

No (if any)  
1101761

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/12/2021

To

Period end date  
30/11/2022

### 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>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</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
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details		-	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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.



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29 September 2023