

FRIENDS OF NEWMAN SCHOOL, ROTHERHAM

England & Wales · Charity number 1109202

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2005-04-25

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF PUPILS IN THE SCHOOL IN PARTICULAR BY: (1) DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN STAFF, PARENTS AND OTHERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SCHOOL; (2) ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES OR PROVIDING FACILITIES OR EQUIPMENT WHICH SUPPORT THE SCHOOL AND ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUPILS

Activities: Social Functions/Fashion Show/Ball.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Rotherham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£37,902	£94,955	-	-
2024-03-31	£108,253	£10,730	-	-
2023-03-31	£6,831	£562	-	-
2022-03-31	£6,124	£2,322	-	-
2021-03-31	£4,604	£9,643	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CATHERINE BRIDGE		
Sarah Kulmer		2016-03-16

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Accountancy Solutions

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Financial statements for the
year ended 31st March 2025

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- To provide additional opportunities for every child to reach their full potential

Main activities and Public benefit

In planning the activities during the year the Trustees have considered the Charity Commissions Guidance on public benefit. The Trustees have ensured that the organisation has worked to forward it's aims and objectives.

Activity report

This year has seen the realisation of our mission to replace the stolen School mini bus, lots of hard work by many people.

Firstly, let me thank all the families, community and friends who rallied to help raise funds and of course we could not have achieved this without the Estate of Ellen Wragg and we are most thankful for this and her remembering the impact Newham School had on her life.

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Activity report

We purchased a second hand mini bus from the company behind the story of the Bank of Dave. We are most thankful to Dave Fishwick, and also our supporter Ray Matthews, who made the contact and pushed for the speedy purchase of the new mini bus where long waiting times would have been an issue.

Thanks to FONS committee: Sarah, Natalie, Emma, Jodie, Jenny and other prominent fundraisers Debbie and Ivy.

This year saw lots of change within the School which has had an effect on our activities in the second half of the year while we waited for change of staff, systems and personnel at the School to find their feet and have discussions with us about the link between ourselves and the School.

Hopefully, these are now in place and we shall go strength to strength in 2025/26.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the year end and of its incoming resources and resources expended during that year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP; where applicable
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees declare that they have approved the above report. Signed on behalf of the trustees

Signed:

Name and Position:

Date:

**Independent examiners report to the trustees of
FRIENDS OF NEWMAN SCHOOL, ROTHERHAM
for the period ended 31st March 2025**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 5 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;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures 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.

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Date:

FRIENDS OF NEWMAN SCHOOL, ROTHERHAM
Receipts and Payments Account
for the period ended 31st March 2025

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 31/03/2025
	£	£	£
Receipts			
Donations	27,819	0	27,819
Fundraising	10,083	0	10,083
Total receipts	37,902	0	37,902
Payments			
Bank charges	99	0	99
Charitable activity - donations	94,193	0	94,193
Membership	163	0	163
Professional fees	500	0	500
Total payments	94,955	0	94,955
Net payments/receipts	-57,053	0	-57,053
Balance brought forward at 1st April 2024	122,817	0	122,817
Balance carried forward at 31st March 2025	65,763	0	65,763

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
for the period ended 31st March 2025

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 31/03/2025
	£	£	£
Monetary assets			
Cash at the bank	65,763	0	65,763
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Represented by funds			
Unrestricted funds			
General	65,763	0	65,763
	65,763	0	65,763

The financial statements on pages 5 and 6 were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis and in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and related Regulations.

As the charity's level of income is below £250,000 the Trustees have opted for the accounts to be prepared in a receipts and payment basis. This is in accordance with the Charity Commission guidelines for small charities and is seen as more appropriate for this project.

1.2 Fund Accounting

Incoming resources that may be applied for the charities general purposes are treated as unrestricted incoming resources and are credited to the unrestricted fund.

Where a donation or grant is required to be used for a specific purpose, the amount concerned is treated as restricted income and is credited to the appropriate restricted fund.

2 Trustees remuneration, benefits and expenses

There were no trustees' remuneration in the period of these accounts.

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Date : 21.11.23

Present :

Mrs S Kulmer

Miss N West

Mrs C Bridge

Mrs Jodie Massey

Apologies :

T Smith

Agenda / Minutes

- Chair report (in folder) – Catherine shared the report and agreed that we should maintain the charitable status but accept that fundraising is problematic at the moment.
- Treasurer report - £50,919.22
- Vote in positions in the committee: Chair : To be confirmed Vice Chair: To be confirmed Treasurer: Nat Secretary : Sarah Fund raiser : Jodie
- Bids – CBL (trikes £1070.96) Bikes are to be used throughout Primary.. KT (primary playground £1649.62) – ask KT to fill in a FONS form (bid) and retype to include the items as being utilized to support sensory needs. Rich (NAR) – (play equipment £ 10,288.50)- ask Rich to get a quote for installation. Agreed the cost of the items but NOT the installation at the moment. Gemma (bus - £15,066.40) – no official form has been submitted but an email has been received requesting this. We request that this should be based at Whiston but other sites can request to borrow as and if required. Contact Gemma to communicate that this is agreed in principle but needs to remain on Whiston site.
- The group researched adaptable bikes and all in agreement that 2 bikes should be purchased for school – one at Whiston and one at Dinnington (Approx - £15,000 total spend : Jodie to research and purchase.
- Toni has been in contact and will drop off paperwork
- Recruitment of additional Committee members : Mention at Briefing on Thursday.
- Fund raising discussion – concern re the difficulty in raising funds. This will be stopped at the moment due to lack of take up for events.
- AOB
- Next meeting 30.01.24
- Catherine is resigning from her position as Chair. Officially C Bridge was thanked for her work and dedication involved in relation to fundraising and support. "" THIS WAS REVOKED AFTER MEETING AND CATHERINE ASKED TO STAY ON

- Update the Charity Commission – to remove C Bridge Look at The Constitution / On line banking – HSBC – C Bridge needs to change the Mandate

**NEWMAN SCHOOL
FRIENDS OF NEWMAN**

2023-24

	INITIAL C/0	INCOME + C/0	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE
FRIENDS OF NEWMAN	£ 25,293.75	£ 108,253.23	£ 10,730.43	£ 122,816.55

SCHOOL FUND AREAS

AREA NAME	INITIAL BUDGET	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE
PENDING EXPENDITURE	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ -		TOTAL	£ -
			Available	£ 122,816.55

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Activity report

Since the last report there has been quite a lot going on outside of Fons which has impacted on the running of the Charity.

Over the recent few months we have had an injection of cash from a few different sources. We have had a donation of £102,000 from the estate of one of our ex pupils NI EL WR.

We have a donation from Whiston Charity, a donation from National Charity and of course the regular monies from Debbie Turtle

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Signed: *Catherine Bridge*

Name and Position: *Catherine Bridge Chair.*

Date: *30/1/25.*

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