

**FRIENDS OF FURZE DOWN**  
**CHARITY NO. 1117292**  
**TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

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## **Trustees Annual Report**

Trustees Annual Report for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

### **Administrative details**

The name of the charity is:	Friends of Furze Down
The registration number of the charity is:	1117292
The address of the charity is:	Furze Down School Verney Road Winslow Bucks MK18 3BL

### **The following served as trustees during the year:**

Mr Hugh Ellerton	Chair
Mr Colin Bishopp	Trustee
Mrs Diana Campbell	Trustee
Mrs Sheree Howard	Trustee

### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is a trust formed under a trust deed dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2006. New Trustees are appointed by existing trustees. The trustees take in to account the need for particular skills and experience when selecting new trustees.

### **Finances**

The financial position of the fund is deemed to be satisfactory. The trustees have not drawn up a formal policy concerning reserves as it is not thought to be necessary in view of the manner of the operation of the fund.

### **Public benefit**

The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their power or duties.

### **Objectives and activities**

To advance the education of pupils of the school by providing or assisting in the provision of educational, recreational and other such charitable facilities in augmentation of facilities financed by the local authority or the DfE.

## **Introduction**

As Trustees of the Friends of Furze Down School, we are pleased to present our annual report for the year 2023-2024. This report provides an overview of the activities and achievements of the Friends of Furze Down School during the past year.

## **Objectives**

The Friends of Furze Down School is a charitable organisation that aims to support and advance the education and well-being of children at Furze Down School. Our objectives are:

- To provide financial support to the school to enhance the educational experience of its pupils
- To enhance cultural capital and social and emotional well-being of pupils at Furze Down School
- Providing funding for facilities that are not financed by the DfE and or Buckinghamshire Council
- To foster a sense of community and partnership between the school, parents and the wider community.

## **Activities and Achievements**

During the past year, we have been involved in a variety of activities and initiatives to support the school and its pupils. Some of our key achievements include:

- Organising fundraising events, such as our annual Christmas fair- income generated outlined in accounts.
- Exceptional grants/donations, due to continued links with local community initiatives
- Charitable bids
- Legacy donations
- Providing financial support to the school to purchase resources and equipment, to support the pond project/goats derived from successful bids,
- Supporting school events and activities
- Collaborating with other local organisations and businesses for sponsorship of events and making future links to provide opportunities for pupils to learn and develop new skills
- Co-held events with the Winslow Lions 10K Run and North Bucks Bike Ride
- Regular fundraising platforms such as Buckinghamshire Lottery
- Community Fund Grants such as the Co Op Community Fund
- Skill and time and expert services – based activities, for example landscaping/ and amphitheatre designs. By leveraging skill – based fundraising, we have created a unique and engaging way to raise funds for the school, whilst also showcasing the talents and passions of our supporters.



## **Financial Report**

For the year ending 31.03.24 we have received a total of £31,753 in donations and fundraising income. We have also incurred expenses of £21,848 on our charity objectives

Our financial statement is attached (see page 7).

## **Impact**

By carefully planning and executing a co-held event like a 10K Run and Bike Ride we are able to create a unique and exciting experience that attracts a broader community audience and generates more revenue for the school.

The impact of our projects is detailed further within our Strategic Fundraising Plan 2024- 2027 [www.fds.org.uk](http://www.fds.org.uk)

## **Recommendations**

As Trustees of the Friends of Furze Down School, we recommend that the following actions be taken:

- Continue to support the school's educational programs and initiatives through financial donations
- Continue to support the school's educational programs and initiatives through applications to charitable trusts.
- Continue to host and develop new fundraising events and activities to increase our income and impact
- Engage with parents and carers through regular meetings and updates to ensure that they are informed about our activities and can get involved
- Continue to collaborate with other local organisations and businesses to provide opportunities for pupils to learn and develop new skills

## **Conclusion**

In conclusion, we are pleased to report that the Friends of Furze Down School has made significant progress during the past year. We are grateful for the support of our donors, fundraisers, and volunteers, without whom we would not be able to achieve our objectives. We look forward to continuing our work in support of Furze Down School and its pupils in the years ahead.

Signed



Hugh Ellerton

Chairperson, Friends of Furze Down

## Independent Examiners Report

### Independent examiners Report to the trustees of Furze Down School, School Fund

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Furze Down School, School Fund for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 which comprise of the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustee's 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable direction 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts so not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Company

COLIN BRADFORD  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Date

09 DECEMBER 2024





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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period  
from

01/04/2023

To

31/03/2024

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowm ent funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants, donations and legacies	15,687	-	-	15,687	2,144
Charitable activities	8,735	400	-	9,135	4,038
Fundraising activities	7,331	-	-	7,331	34,847
				-	
<b>Sub-total</b> (Gross income for AR)	31,753	400	-	32,153	41,029
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	31,753	400	-	32,153	41,029

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowm ent funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Charitable activities	4,678			4,678	3,222
Fundraising costs	47			47	230
Expenditure from funds raised	17,122			17,122	27,129
				-	
<b>Sub-total</b>	21,848	-	-	21,848	30,581

<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub-total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>21,848</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,848</b>	<b>30,581</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>9,905</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,305</b>	<b>10,448</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>36,815</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,353</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>46,720</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,658</b>	<b>10,448</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestric ted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowm ent funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	SF1 Bank Balance	<b>8,301</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	SF2 Bank Balance	<b>38,419</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>-</b>
		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>46,720</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		<b>Unrestric ted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowm ent funds to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>



	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

