



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	11	2023		31	10	2024

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Howbury Friends

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1117813

Charity's principal address

St Augustine's Church Hall

Slade Green Road

Erith Kent

Postcode

DA8 2DT

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Julie Clarke	Chairperson		
2	Jillian o'Reilly	Secretary		
3	Deborah Hughes	Treasurer		
4	Amy Tiller			
5	Dave Tiller			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Registered Charity
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Vacant posts are advertised through BVSC and on social media and newsletters. Potential members are voted on by hand at a committee meeting.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Trustees are offered courses at BVSC and other local groups. Howbury Friends reviewed all policies in December and continue to do that annually. Howbury Friends continues to work closely with St Augustine's PCC who manage the hall, this is to ensure smooth operation and the best service and outcomes for the families and individuals in Slade Green and the surrounding areas. St Augustine's church recognises Howbury Friends is a service much needed and supported by the local community and we have a written agreement to occupy the premises at a regular monthly amount. Howbury Friends also works with other local charities and organisations in delivering projects.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Advance education for families and other members of the community and surrounding areas of the London Borough of Bexley by running events and activities and encouraging people in learning and education.

Promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Slade Green and the surrounding areas of the London Borough of Bexley, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or political or religious or other opinions by associating with other local inhabitants, local authorities and voluntary organisations in a common effort to advance education, recreation and

other leisure time occupations with the objective of improving the condition of life for the said inhabitants.

Promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Howbury Friends delivered a foodbank to the community serving on average 65 families a day, feeding over 200 people on average a day. Huge logistical project and bringing in new volunteers to help achieve the aims. We didn't want to keep this foodbank open after covid but due to the cost of living crisis we seem to be seeing a increase of users.

We also delivered a swap shop where people can donate their old items such as clothing and toys etc and take other items for free. This again is a much used service.

Howbury Friends also gives parents, carers and their children aged 5 year and over the chance for the children to attend an affordable after school club whilst the parents/carers are at work Monday-Friday, term time only.

Family holiday activities are held, community celebration days are run 3 times per year as well.

We began to work on a health project and how we can help our community better with mental health and family issues.

Activities were held for over 60's including a free breakfast and meals and fitness projects.

We work to support residents in their day to day lives, providing a listening ear when needed and signposting to relevant agencies and services when appropriate and encouraging their involvement in other activities that the organisation runs.

Arranging social events for parents.

We also carry out signposting to other community groups and services with which we work closely, and with whom we collaborate to provide community events.

We remained part of Bexley Community Lottery.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

We rely heavily on volunteers and they have been involved in the foodbank and the running of events.

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the year, Howbury Friends has:

Provided a term time, daily walk from school and after school club.

Provided a wide range of activities during the school holidays for families including arts and crafts, cooking, cinema.

Provided a food bank including a surplus bank as well working with Neighbourly, Fareshare and Felix

Provided a swap shop where residents can donate clothes and household items etc and take other items.

Coordinated and volunteered at the football club Slade Green Knights

Distributed free hygiene products.

Fundraised internally for the group

Worked with other community groups, schools, services and agencies.

Provided activities for the over 60s

Provided Household support grant to households.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We review our financial policy annually.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Deborah Hughes

A. Tiller

Full name(s)

DEBORAH HUGHES

A. TILLER

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

TREASURER

Date

27/8/25.



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/11/2023	To	Period end date 31/10/2024
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Fundraising After School	14,271	-	-	14,271	18,428
Bexley Lottery	63	-	-	63	121
Neighbourly	-	666	-	666	1,600
Bexley Rotary	400	-	-	400	1,790
Brookfield JC	600	-	-	600	200
Bexley Council Household Support	-	130,000	-	130,000	87,600
Erith Rotary	600	-	-	600	120
Cheque Return	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
Postcode Lottery	-	26,000	-	26,000	-
All Saints Belvedere	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Donation	180	-	-	180	-
CAF	102	-	-	102	-
St Pauls PCC	126	-	-	126	200
Voluntary Health Project	-	26,680	-	26,680	-
William Kendall	-	-	-	-	3,000
Amazon Core	-	-	-	-	63
Refund	-	-	-	-	66
Groundworks	-	-	-	-	1,000
St Vincents Lodge	-	-	-	-	600
Bexley Voluntary Service (Big Local)	-	-	-	-	44,798
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	18,221	182,216	-	201,438	167,276
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	18,221	182,216	-	201,438	167,276
A3 Payments					
Wages/hmrc/pension	16,841	-	-	16,841	48,638
Household Support Grant	-	162,800	-	162,800	62,000
Activities/Foodbank	-	12,610	-	12,610	4,341
Service Charge	-	1,012	-	1,012	-
Insurance	-	-	-	-	720
Rent	-	24,200	-	24,200	-
Tutor	-	1,010	-	1,010	-
Local Giving	180	-	-	180	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	16,821	191,632	-	207,353	106,699
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
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Net of receipts/(payments)	3,399	- 9,317	-	- 5,917	50,576
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	26,258	46,887	-	73,145	-
Cash funds this year end	29,657	37,570	-	67,228	50,576



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Trustees

on accounts for the year
ended

31st October 24

Charity no.
(if any) 1117812

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ('the Trust') for the year ended 31st 10 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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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:

Date:

13/08/25

Name:

J Bugg

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

Address:

93 Flemming Crescent
Leigh on Sea
Essex SS9 4HR

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asset belongs

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Filing Cabinets
Computers x 2
Toys
Tablets
Second Hand Clothes and Toys

Asset belongs
Howbury Friends
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Staff

After School

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DEBBIE HUGHES
A. TILLER

Date of approval

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