

Friends of the Steiner Academy Hereford
Chair's Annual Report 2022/2023 – 7 July 2023

Fundraising hit the ground running at the beginning of the academic year 2022/23. By the end of September, a bumper crop of apples had been harvested from the school orchard and also from Colin Crawford's trees. The resulting 786 bottles of juice were stashed away for selling at future events and stocking the school shop.

In early October Kindergarten parents and children took part in a sponsored mud run at Eastnor Castle, smashing their fundraising target for the year and having a fun day out at the same time. Well done!

Class 3 hosted a beautiful Harvest Supper in mid October. The food was delicious and we got the first taste of the new apple juice. The Ceilidh band got everyone up on their feet after dinner for a good dance, with much fun and merriment had by all.

The Advent Fair took place at the start of December, at school for the second year running. This year there was a Friday evening, adults-only shopping event, with the main affair on Saturday. There was wreath making, candle dipping, gingerbread decorating, carol singing, a visit from the Snow Queen and much, much more! Huge thanks to everyone for all the hard work that went into this whole school fundraiser. Profits came in at £5285.

Class 5 blew the cobwebs away at the end of January with a jolly Wassail. We were joined by the Gidderskins Morris who danced for us and lead our procession to bless the school orchard. We sang to trees, banged our pots and pans at them, fed them bread soaked in cider and adorned them with ribbons. There was tasty food, spiced apple juice and a very successful raffle!

In February Class 6 held a car boot sale at Redbrook farm, raising money for both Friends and the farm.

Classes 1 and 2 ran this year's Spring Fair and what a wonderful family day out it was. The sun shone and there was cake galore, delicious lunches, stalls, egg decorating, sheep to pet, lots of face painting, an Easter trail and the ever-popular paint bike.

In early May Class 8 held their annual Duck Race at the Bridge Inn in Kentchurch. It was a beautiful sunny day and we all enjoyed cheering on the ducks nearly as much as we enjoyed watching the volunteers fall in the river.

The Open Day was a lovely community event with many of the parents being able to gather to watch the classes perform a little song or poem, followed in the afternoon by a delightful May celebration. This is our community (non-fundraising) event, with bring and share high tea, maypole dancing, and flower crown making.

In the May half term Circus Raj came to town. This was an Arts Alive event and was a thoroughly entertaining afternoon. Despite being warned against trying some of the tricks ourselves, there were plenty of children who left feeling very inspired by what they had seen. The ice cream and delicious street food were provided by Class 10 as a fundraiser.

June saw our school return to Hellens Garden Festival to run the Steiner Diner and the children's activities. This was, yet again, an incredibly successful fundraiser. Everything looked and tasted fantastic. Huge thanks go to Faye Clark and her loyal helpers, and Siwan for the massive amount of work they did for this event. It would not have happened without them. Thanks of course also to ALL of the parents who volunteered that weekend. It's a busy time of year and everyone is beginning to suffer a little from fundraiser's fatigue, so it's fantastic that we can still all come together for the benefit of our school. This event brought in a whopping £5,500 profit, so it was well worth the effort!

In addition to the events mentioned here, money was raised at many other times throughout the year, including through cake sales, plant stalls and providing refreshments for other Arts Alive events. Always excellent fundraisers!

Throughout the year there have also been several community work days, where parents have given their time to come and care for the school grounds. So much is achieved on these days and they are such a valuable way to support the school, showing our children how we care for their environment while giving us a sense of investment and ownership. The camaraderie and refreshments make them very enjoyable too. Many thanks to all who took part this year.

Class 4 are busy organising the summer fair for 8 July, which promises to be another fun day out. There will be alpacas to stroke and ponies to ride, Pizza and popcorn for munching, and the water slide and ice creams to cool us down. Fingers crossed for fine weather!

After a fall in the donations that Friends was receiving from parents during the Covid era, we are pleased to say that these are now on the increase again. So far this year, Friends has received an impressive £30,000 through our monthly donation scheme. The school shop has also been successful, with £3,000 of profits from this being given over to school this year to support the therapies on offer. The Friends lottery continues to be a good fundraiser, but we would still like to see it grow further.

Last week, the Friends Treasurer and I met with the Business Manager to agree the funds that Friends will pass to school for the next academic year 23/24. We decided that we are in a position to increase the amount we give from the donations account from £39,000 to £40,500. From September 2023, we will also be asking classes to increase the amount they raise for Friends through fundraising. We will now be asking the Kindergartens to raise £1200 between them, while Classes 1 – 10 are requested to raise £700. The extra £1200 raised in this way will also be passed to school, to help mitigate the ever-rising costs that it faces.

As you can see, this year has been absolutely packed with fundraising. It can feel relentless at times, especially if you have children in multiple classes. Friends would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication that parents put into this side of school life, and also to give a special mention to all the class Reps, and Siwan in particular, for organising, coordinating and overseeing all these events. We seem to be fairly unique in what we achieve in this area. People I speak to often can't believe how much we raise for our school in this way. We are so proud to be part of a community that is dedicated to coming together for the benefit of all our children. Thank you to each and every one of you for your ongoing support and goodwill.

Sophy Simpson – Chair.

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

1st Oct 2021

To

30th Sep 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 £
A1 Receipts					
DONATIONS	49,808	-	-	49,808	37,853
FUNDRAISING	27,822	-	-	27,822	33,092
SCHOOL SHOP	10,795	-	-	10,795	7,624
BANK INTEREST	1	-	-	1	1
HOLDING FUNDS	-	234	-	234	660
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	88,426	234	-	88,660	79,229
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	88,426	234	-	88,660	79,229
A3 Payments					
FUNDRAISING COSTS	10,626	-	-	10,626	7,030
PROFESSIONAL FEES	116	-	-	116	111
BANK CHARGES	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER DIRECT COSTS	1,443	-	-	1,443	2,175
SHOP EXPENDITURE	6,462	-	-	6,462	6,695
DONATIONS TO SCHOOL	62,567	-	-	62,567	57,900
OUTSIDE INITIATIVES	-	-	-	-	-
COMMITTEE EXPENSES	-	-	-	-	-
TRAINING	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	81,215	-	-	81,215	73,911
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	81,215	-	-	81,215	73,911
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,212	234	-	7,446	5,317
A5 Transfers between funds				-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	45,459	1,482	-	46,941	
Cash funds this year end	52,671	1,716	-	54,387	46,942

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 £
B1 Cash funds	CASH & BANK	52,671	1,716	-
		-	-	-

	-	-	-
Total cash funds	52,671	1,716	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Unrestricted funds

Restricted funds

Endowment funds

to nearest £

to nearest £

to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

Details			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity’s own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Shephaerds Hut	2000	-	-
Cupboards	280	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

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



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Friends of the Steiner Academy Hereford

On accounts for the year
ended

30 September 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1135990

Set out on pages

Sections A and B of CC16a: receipts & payments accounts for year ending 30 September 2022 and the statement of liability and assets as at 30 September 2022

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30/09/2022**.

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 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.

Signed:

Date:

19 June 2023

Name:

Timothy Frank Greenhalgh

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

Address:

Stone Barn, Old Gore, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire. HR9 7QW

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.