

### Chair's Report, July 4 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the Steiner Academy Hereford,

What a year! Perhaps I think that every year, but this year has been truly impressive. Last year we set ourselves the challenge of raising an extra £20,000 to fund the purchase of a new minibus, in addition to our usual fundraising commitments. And I'm so proud of all of us, because we have so nearly achieved this target!!

We have done all the usual things in our fundraising calendar this year: we made apple juice (lots), had a fabulous Harvest Lunch, held another magical Advent Fair, blessed the orchard with a Wassail, enjoyed a sunny Spring Fair, worked the Steiner Diner and children's activities at Hellen's Garden Festival and tomorrow we will enjoy a craft and wellbeing themed Summer Fair. Class 8's Fun Dog Show hosted at Redbrook Farm was a huge highlight this year and I'm sure Class 9 will provide a delicious feast for Class 10's Cabaret. The Kindergartens got creative with their fundraising ideas and held cake and ice lolly sales, produced the most beautiful cookery book, and catered for Arts Alive events. All these things take just a few lines to list, but the amount of effort and time that go into them is never small. So many people have worked very hard to organise and run these events and, as ever, they have done themselves proud.

On top of all this we have held numerous other events to raise money for a new minibus. These included hosting singing workshops at school, organising an Evening of Short Talks, a Bingo Night, a plant sale, sponsored runs and bike rides, a Virtual Balloon Race, and ice cream and watermelon sales. We've done so much fundraising! However, we would still be a long way off without all the very generous donations that we have received through our JustGiving page. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who was able to make a financial contribution, thereby accelerating us towards our goal.

We have had a lot of ideas that we haven't even managed to make happen, but I have so enjoyed hearing people's suggestions for ways to raise money and their enthusiasm for contributing in whatever way they can. Thank you to all those local businesses who have supported us with donations of prizes and services.

In addition to all the fundraising, we have also benefitted from the four workdays we held throughout the year, maintaining and caring for our premises while connecting with other parents and being treated to lunch and cakes. Thank you to everyone who attended a workday and of course to those who looked after our tummies as well.

Over the last year or so we have made a couple of changes to the way we fundraise. Previously, if an event raised more money than the amount that Friends asks each class to raise (currently £700 per class/£1200 for the Kindergartens), that class was at liberty to add the surplus to their 'class pot', as a way of helping to reduce the cost of class trips etc. Having given this some thought over the last few years, the committee has agreed that if an event is advertised as being in aid of Friends, it is not acceptable to divert some of that money to a different cause, and therefore ALL funds raised should

remain with Friends. However, classes are still free to raise funds for their own class's needs (trips/resources, etc.) once they have raised their minimum amount for Friends. We simply ask that it be made clear these fundraisers are for a specific class and not for Friends.

This brings me on to what is currently known as the 'class pot'. A somewhat messy concept, we have decided to tweak things to make it clearer what it is for and how it works. A handy document explaining all of this has been created to bring clarity, so please do read it when it comes your way.

All in all, we finish the year thus:

Raised by class and whole-school fundraisers: £23,927 (with Summer Fair still to go!)

Raised for minibus: approx. £16,100

Lottery profits: £1,173

School shop profits: almost £4,000, of which £3,000 was given to school to support therapies.

The Elder Tree continues to be a good support for our fundraising and also a valued source of clothing for our community. Apple juice sales continue to go very well. We started with an incredible 900 bottles this year and 'only' have approximately 250 left.

Friends have successfully fulfilled their pledge to school for this academic year and the treasurers and I have agreed with the Business Manager that we will continue with the same level of support for school next year. Namely, we have agreed that for the year 2025/26, Friends will give to school £20,000 from our fundraising account and £45,000 from our donations account.

Donations into the Donations Scheme are currently slightly lower than they have been, but we understand that contributions fluctuate sometimes and are confident that they will rise again in future. Many thanks for everyone's continued support for this scheme. It makes such a huge difference and when the scheme does well, it takes a little pressure off fundraising.

Thank you to all parents, carers and Friends who have supported this year's fundraising endeavours. It is such a phenomenal effort, and it feels like a lot, but it is deeply appreciated and is such a crucial support to our beautiful school. Particular thanks to all those who shouldered responsibilities at these events to ensure that they came together and were successful. Without these special people willing to do that little bit more, none of this would be possible.

Having filled this post for the last six years, I am now looking for the next Chair of the Friends Committee. Please do get in touch if you are interested in this role.

With much gratitude for this incredible school community,

Sophy Simpson  
Chair of Friends

FRIENDS OF THE STEINER ACADEMY HEREFORD		1135990		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	1st Oct 2023	To	30 September 2024	

## 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	53,138	-	-	53,138	47,120
FUNDRAISING	41,191	-	-	41,191	29,439
SCHOOL SHOP	9,946	-	-	9,946	8,783
BANK INTEREST	21	-	-	21	17
HOLDING FUNDS	-	109	-	109	224
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	<b>104,296</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>104,405</b>	<b>85,582</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>104,296</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>104,405</b>	<b>85,582</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
FUNDRAISING COSTS	12,561	-	-	12,561	9,484
PROFESSIONAL FEES	153	-	-	153	140
BANK CHARGES	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER DIRECT COSTS	535	-	-	535	395
SHOP EXPENDITURE	8,304	-	-	8,304	8,836
DONATIONS TO SCHOOL	73,870	-	-	73,870	66,692
OUTSIDE INITIATIVES	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
COMMITTEE EXPENSES	-	-	-	-	-
TRAINING	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>96,423</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>96,423</b>	<b>85,546</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>96,423</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>96,423</b>	<b>85,546</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>7,873</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,982</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>				-	
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>				-	
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>60,430</b>	<b>1,974</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,404</b>	<b>54,422</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>	CASH & BANK	60,430	1,974	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

<b>Total cash funds</b>		<b>60,430</b>	<b>1,974</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK
		<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>
		to nearest £	to nearest £	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)
	Shephaerds Hut	2000	-	-
	Cupboards	280	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<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	
	R. Thorne	Richard Thorne	10 June 2025	



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 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1135990

Set out on pages

Sections A and B of CC16a: receipts & payments accounts for year ending 30 September 2024 and the statement of liability and assets as at 30 September 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30/09/2024**.

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 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:

14<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Name:

Timothy Greenhalgh

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

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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.**