

Friends of Thorngrove

Trustee's Report at 1st April 2024-31st August 2025

As declared in our Charities Commission status, Friends of Thorngrove Charity is focused on the following :

- Raising money for the items that can be donated to Thorngrove School for the educational enhancement of the pupils
- Raising monies for nominated national and local charities
- Acting as a focal point for social events that will foster a community spirit with parents, teachers and pupils

Financial Donations to other charities

(Funds raised in 23/24 but paid in 24/25)

Cancer Research £682

Medical Detection Dogs £3535

Financial Donations to the school

In June, we said goodbye to our leavers in Years 6 and 8 with a disco and social. All the pupils in these year groups were invited. Slush drinks, fruit kebabs and a buffet from the Thorngrove catering team kept everyone's energy levels up. George Hooley provided the music and a photo booth ensured everyone took home a photo to remember the night. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped on the night.

Fundraising

Summer Fiesta – June 2024

In June 2024 we held the second summer Fiesta following the success of the 2023 re-incarnation. Starting straight after school, there were the usual tombolas and traditional games but in addition there were giant inflatables provided by Super Camps. The popular Ice Cream van was back and Thorngrove parents ran the fantastic 'Pinata Bar' from early until late. We were treated to live music from some Thorngrove past pupils and feasted on a delicious supper prepared by the Thorngrove catering team. Fire pits were lit and families socialised until late. Early breakfast was served from 7am and then it was time for everyone to pack up and depart. A big thank you to the committee and volunteers for their help – we couldn't do it without you. A fantastic event!

The event raised £3293.28

Gee Cartwright Cookery – November 2024

Parents went back to school, as Gee demonstrated how to make delicious canapes. We watched, tasted and sipped a glass of wine as she shared hints and tips on easy hosting.

A lovely evening was had by all.

The event raised £426.13

Second Hand Ski Sale – November 2024

Parents and staff were able to sell their unwanted ski clothes and accessories, with 30% of profits going to the FOT.

The event raised £204.92

Quiz and Curry Night – January 2025

100 staff and parents and past parents joined us to test their brain power on a fun and competitive evening. Rosie Bellman and Lucinda Thomas ran a fantastic bar service and 'Thai Dan' fed us a delicious curry. Thank you to Alex Lonsdale for being our quizmaster.

Event raised £709.32

Rio Royale – May 2025

The ball was overall a huge success. With a larger committee and more delegation to specific jobs, this made it much more streamlined in the organising. External caterers, hire, live band, marquee and staff costs were much increased from Burns Night so the decision to increase ticket cost was made.

Sponsorship was much harder to come by, but with the huge generosity of Apple print, a successful live auction and silent auction, excellent funds were raised.

Finally, everyone enjoyed it, and the exposure for Swings and Smiles was a massive!

Event raised £17168.66

Car Washing – July 2025

Last Summer term, the Year 2 class organised and carried out a Charity Car Wash on Sports Day, in aid of Swings and Smiles. The school community showed incredible encouragement and support for the children, with some people even choosing to donate without having their cars washed – something we are truly grateful for. The children's commitment to the job in hand was outstanding; they supported one another brilliantly, worked so hard, and showed real determination throughout the event. Thanks to their efforts and the generosity of our community, we are delighted to share that we raised 220.06 for this wonderful cause.

Event raised £220.06

Second Hand Uniform Shop

As always, our very successful uniform shop has raised a wonderful £5109.38 across the year for the FOT (some of this was from 2023-2024 as they had a new treasurer in place). We thank all of the volunteers who give up their time to make this possible.

Notes from the Treasurer

- Charity Commission return for 24/25 submitted
- Michelle Slatter is doing a great job as the Uniform Shop treasurer
- All old account holders have been removed

Committee members 2024-2025

Chair	Hen Bridgman	
Secretary & Trustee	Charlotte Higgs – resigned September 2024	
	Louise Bartlett – September 2024	
Treasurer & Trustee	Edel Thomas	
Committee Members	Caroline Green – resigned September 2024	
	Jules Marsh – resigned September 2024	
	Kat Gisborne	Natalie Upton
	Jess Thomas	Susie Urquhart
	Ruth Wilkins	Alie des Forges
	Claire Williams	Caroline Walters
	Lucinda Prince	Cathy Perowne
	Rosie Bellman	

FINAL FOT 2024- 25 Accounts

Transactions : 1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025

Profit and Loss 1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025

INCOME RECEIVED	
	£ -
Second Hand Uniform 24/25	£ 4,554
Second Hand Uniform 25/25	£ 556
Christmas Fair Donation Dec 2023	£ 67
Fiesta June 2024	£ 9,103
Fiesta Direct Stripe	£ 684
DISCO	£ -
Sports Day Donation July 2024	£ 102
Quiz January 2025	£ 3,648
Quiz January 2025 - direct stripe	£ 206
Quiz January 2025 - Heads or Tails	£ 731
Quiz January 2024 Banking	£ 1,089
Gee Cartwright	£ 1,127
Ski Sale	£ 537
Winter Wonderlights	£ 2,034
Rio Royale 24/25	£ 15,929
Rio Royale 25/25	32,238.07
Car Wash	28.50
INCOME TOTAL	£ 72,634

Assets	
Cash at bank	£ 41,790.63
	£ 41,790.63
Liabilities	
Current liabilities	£ -
	£ -
Capital	£ 41,790.63

COSTS	
	£ -
Fiesta June 202	£ 5,810
DISCO	£ 779
Quiz January 2025	£ 2,938
Ticket Tailor	£ 154
Leaving Presents	£ 152
Thank You's	£ 35
Overheads	£ 18
Gee Cartwright	£ 701
Ski Sale	£ 332
Winter Wonderlights	£ 1,905
Rio Royale 24/25	£ 3,857
Rio Royale 25/25	27,142.12
COST TOTAL	£ 43,822

Cash Flow 1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025

Opening Balance	£ 17,196.59
Total Income	£ 72,633.51
Total Outgoings	£ 48,039.47
Closing Balance	£ 41,790.63

Bank Income	£ 72,633.51
Bank Outgoings	£ 48,039.47

GIFTS MADE	
Cancer Research	£ 682
MDD	£ 3,535
GIFT TOTAL	£ 4,217
Costs + Gifts	£ 48,039
Profit or Loss	£ 24,594

TO PAY OUT	
Swings and Smiles	£ 206 Quiz Donations with tickets
Swings and Smiles	£ 731 Quiz Heads or Tails
Swings and Smiles	£ 709 Quiz Profits
Swings and Smiles	£ 17,169 RR Profits
Swings and Smiles	£ 220 Car Washing

17/09/2025

To whom it may concern

Independent Examination of the Friends of Thorngrove Accounts for 01/04/2024 – 31/08/2025

I have now had the opportunity to look through the accounts for the Friends of Thorngrove.
I can confirm that all is in order and I am happy to independently verify these.

Yours faithfully,

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