

FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S C OF E (AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL (PULBOROUGH)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Charity Number: 1147547

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Reference & Administrative Details (Year Ending 31st August 2023)

Trustees

Sara Quaranta (Chairperson – appointed July 4th, 2023)
Aloma Seal
Raylene Barnes (Appointed 13th October, 2022)
Katherine Williams (Appointed 17th January, 2023)
Annie Lewis (resigned 12th October 2023)
Samantha Copus
Ashleigh White (Appointed 12th October, 2023)

Charity registered number

1147547

Registered office

St Mary's C of E (aided) Primary School
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Independent Examiner of the accounts

Alan Copus
36 Northend Close
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Trustees Report

Over the last year, Friends of St Mary's has held some engaging social & community fundraising events. The increase in funds is an amazing achievement for the Events Committee. We are lucky to have the generosity of the parents and local community who support these events.

As a result, we were able to fund learning wall art for Science, Geography and History. These walls provide visual images used as teaching points to assist the children's curriculum learning. We continue to support Christmas pantomime, book bags, sports day and other benefits to the children in the school.

Structure, Governance and Management

CONSTITUTION

Friends of St Mary's is constituted under the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations model constitution dated 12th December 2011.

The objects for the charity are to advance the education of the children in the school in particular by:

- Developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school.
- Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the children.

METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the constitution.

POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

Each new trustee is provided with the relevant Charity Commission publications, a copy of the Constitution and a copy of the charity Operating Framework. At a meeting with the chairperson, trustees are fully briefed on the operation of the charity and the responsibilities of the trustees.

Objectives and Activities

ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

Friends of St Mary's runs many events throughout the year that fulfil a dual purpose of fundraising for the charity as well as providing fun activities where parents, staff and others in the local community can build relationships.

The focus this year has been on fundraising towards the learning wall art. We funded 3 walls one each for Science, History and Geography. We continued to support a number of other regularly funded items.

VOLUNTEERS

The trustees are very grateful for the generous giving in terms of both finances and time. Without the free will of time by the Events Committee and many of its members much of the work of the charity would not function.

Financial Review

GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

The charity aims to maintain financial reserves equal to the regular funding requirements for a 12-month period which is currently held at £2600.

INVESTMENT POLICY AND PERFORMANCE

The trustees have the power to make investments as they see fit.

As Friends of St Mary's has short term funding objectives to meet the requests from the school, all funds generated are used to progress the objectives of the organisation rather than being invested. The Investment policy will be reviewed as necessary by the trustees

PRINCIPAL FUNDING

Fundraising is principally achieved through the running of fundraising events and receipt of grants / charitable donations from other local fundraising bodies.

The charity continues to function without assets such as offices, equipment and vehicles. It is able to continue to function in this way due to the facilities and commitment of St Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary School and the Trustees at their own expense.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Friends of St Mary's continues to raise money for funding short term purchases. The charity intends to continue in this way and will commit to purchases only after there is surety that the funds will be in place for those items.

Trustees' Responsibilities Statement

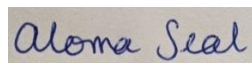
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 29th June 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Aloma Seal

Independent Examiners Report


I have examined the accounts for the 2022/23 financial year and am able to confirm that all appropriate material documentation exists to support the accounting transactions.

I certify that the Balance Sheet that you have prepared as at 31st August 2023 is in accordance with the accounting transactions and closing bank account balances.

If you would like me to review the 2023/24 accounts, then I would be able to do so.

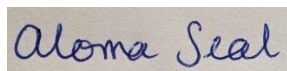
Alan Copus, BSc (Hons) ACMA, CGMA

Statement of Financial Activities (for the year ending 31st August 2023)

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Charity Name			No (if any)		CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts					
	For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2022	To	Period end date 31/08/2023		
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						
Fund Raising Events	15,527	12,548	-	28,075	18,824	
Deposit Account Interest	-	37	-	37	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	15,527	12,585	-	28,112	18,824	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total receipts	15,527	12,585	-	28,112	18,824	
A3 Payments						
Costs of Fundraising	21,829	14,735	-	36,564	16,071	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	21,829	14,735	-	36,564	16,071	
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)						
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	21,829	14,735	-	36,564	16,071	
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 6,302	- 2,150	-	- 8,452	2,753	
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	11,912	3,377	-	15,289	-	
Cash funds this year end	5,610	1,227	-	6,837	2,753	

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	Current Account		2,720	-
	Deposit Account	2,889	1,228	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,889	3,948	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 29th June 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Aloma Seal