

FRIENDS OF CHESTNUT GROVE (FoCG)

Chair's Report, November 2019 to February 2021

1. The new committee was elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 12 November 2019:

Committee Elected on 12 Nov 2019:

Co-Chair	Loné Olsen
Co-Chair	Damien Austin-Walker
Treasurer	Kathy Walker
Asst Treasurer	Vicky Maher
Secretary	None elected

Committee members

Lorna Moxham
Richard Williams
Emma Wheeler
Emily MacDonald
Tracey Preston
Kevin Keenoy
Kristina Roszynski
Matthew Cowley
Catherine Farror
Fritha Flint
Mike Howard
Sharon Noble (CG Fundraising Manager)
Noga Verber / Richard Cheesborough (School representative)

The main objective of the committee was not only to raise additional funds to provide equipment for the students but to build good social and community links with parents and teachers. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 global pandemic very few events took place in the last year but we did manage to raise some much needed funds to support the most vulnerable students during the lockdown and absence from normal school life. We achieved this as outlined below.

2. The events and activities we supported and held during the last year were as follows:
 - 18 Dec 2019 - Winter Concert. A fantastic showcase for the school's musical talent and its Year 7 choir. We support it by selling seasonal refreshments and holding our annual Winter Raffle. The bar and mulled wine station took £1274.50 (highest amount ever). A popular event to see the year out
 - Annual Winter Raffle – 30 prizes were donated and raised £968.00 (highest amount ever)
 - 6 February 2020 – Adult quiz night (over 16s only and open to all parents) with chilli con carne and rice cooked by the canteen staff. Event took £1631 including tickets, bar and raffle
 - Spring Concert – this was cancelled due to the pandemic
 - July 2020 – Yearly Production – this was cancelled due to the pandemic
 - August 2020 – second-hand uniform sale was held at school and on our Facebook page and raised £507
 - Year 7 Family Fish and Chips Quiz Night – we usually host a quiz night for our new parents and students in the autumn – this was cancelled due to the pandemic

- December 2020 – we teamed up with Ravenstone Primary School, Balham, to sell pre-booked Christmas trees at their school and raised £331.25
- In addition, we received £21,445 in donations from various sources including parent donations and our COVID-19 fundraising campaign. We also created a second-hand laptop campaign on our Facebook page in order to support students with home learning

We have recorded each event in a form called the Post Event Summary (PES), which gives a full breakdown of the event; including any lessons learned.

Despite the pandemic we have been active as much as could have been possible. We have allowed our Facebook page to be used by the school for non-PTA activities in order to increase communications between the school and the parents. This has increased our FB page followers to 368 (pre-Covid we had 232 followers).

In the last year we have donated a total of £11,400 to the school - £2,000 to help buying additional laptops for the students for home learning and £9,400 to enable the school to recruit a psychologist to provide professional counselling to students during the Covid-19 pandemic up to and including the academic year (July 2021).

The support the Friends have received from the teaching staff, Sharon Noble and premises officers (especially Jamal) has contributed enormously to the success of our events.

We would also like to thank Kathy Walker for her incredible hard work and dedication over the last 6 years as our Treasurer and committee member. We are now actively looking for a new treasurer (currently c/o Damien Austin-Walker, Co-Chair).

Upcoming Events

We currently have no planned events due to Covid-19.

FRIENDS OF CHESTNUT GROVE ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31.10.2020	
Opening balance as at 01.11.2019	£ 7,792.55
Income	£29,413.81
Expenditure	£ 2,959.50
Closing balance as at 31.10.2020	£ 34,246.86
Balance as follows:	
Petty Cash	£ 129.85
Treasurers account	£ 34,117.01
	£ 34,246.86
Detailed Income and expenditure form 1st November 2019 to 31st October 2020	
INCOME	
Winter concert -Bar	£ 1,086.50
Winter concert - Raffle	£ 968.00
Spring Quiz - Bar	£ 664.50
Spring Quiz - raffle	£ 221.00
Spring quiz - parentpay	£ 712.95
Part payment F&Chip 19	£ 300.35
Donation -parent	£ 10,000.00
Donation (CAF)	£ 500.00
Donations- COVID	£ 3,310.00
Donation - regular	£ 100.00
Donation to school (WLT)	£ 508.00
Donation -Hellman & Frieman	£ 6,550.00
Donation -6th form	£ 477.00
Gift Aid	£ 3,498.51
Second hand uniform sale	£ 507.00
Trial of sum up	£10.00
INCOME total	£ 29,413.81
EXPENDITURE	
Stock	£ 959.97
Parentkind membership	£ 122.00
Licences	£ 63.00
raffle tickets	£ 83.00
items for quiz	£ 18.69
Washing powder (uniforms)	£ 10.00
Carbon conversations (18/19)	£95.00
Paid back trial on sum up	£ 10.00

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Friends of Chestnut Grove

On accounts for the year
ended

19/20

Charity no
(if any)

1150342

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/10/2020DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

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,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

9th March 2021

Name:

Eileen Flanagan

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

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Section B

Disclosure

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 details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.