



Aldwickbury Friends Association (AFA)

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

Year ended 31 July 2025

Mrs J. Hurst, Treasurer
Mrs M. Pantham, Secretary
Mr M. Evans
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Mrs D. Stevenson
Mrs K. Ogilvie
Mrs S. Fuller
Mrs V. Fingleton
Mrs C. Lamb

Mr E. Ogden, Mrs S. Fuller, Mrs M. Pantham and Mrs L. Thomson were appointed as auditors for the year ended 31 July 2025. The auditors' report is set out on page 10 of this report.

Mrs L. Sedwell
Barclays Bank PLC

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Trustees' Report

The Trustees of Aldwickbury Friends Association ("AFA") have pleasure in presenting their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2025.

Aldwickbury Friends Association was established on 28 February 2012. It was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission for England and Wales (the "Charity Commission") on 30 December 2013. AFA's charity registration number is 1155137.

The Trustees have prepared their Report and Financial Statements in accordance with the Charity Commission guidance applicable to registered charities and the Charities Act.

Administrative information

Name: Aldwickbury Friends Association ("AFA")

Address: Aldwickbury School
Wheathampstead Road
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Herts
AL5 1AD

Trustees:

Mr P Symes: President
Mrs R Issott: Chair
Mrs H Crockford: Vice Chair
Miss J Hurst: Treasurer
Mrs M Pankhania: Secretary
Mr C Schanschieff
Mrs A Baxter
Mr M Evans
Mr R Gurney
Mrs C Procter
Mrs L Sidwell
Mrs R Gupta
Mrs R Charleston
Mrs L Thomson
Mrs D Stevenson
Mrs K Ogilvie
Mrs S Fuller
Mrs V Finnemore
Mrs C Lamb

Mrs K Ogilvie, Mrs S Fuller, Mrs M Pankhania, Mrs V Finnemore and Mrs C Lamb were appointed as trustees and Mrs R Grant, Mrs F Pattison and Mrs O Walker resigned as trustees at the start of the year.

Independent Examiner: Mrs Tanya Morris-Jones
Bankers: Barclays Bank PLC

Structure, governance and management

Governing document and membership

Aldwickbury Friends Association is the association of friends of Aldwickbury School, Harpenden ("the School"). It is an unincorporated association governed by a constitution.

AFA's membership comprises all parents and guardians of pupils at Aldwickbury School, all staff at the School and the School's Governors. Other persons wishing to offer help or support to the School may also be admitted to membership.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

AFA is administered by a Committee of Trustees, which comprises a President, Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and up to fifteen further members. Aldwickbury School may appoint up to three members. The Board of Governors of the School may appoint one member. The remaining members are elected from among AFA's membership at a general meeting for a two-year term of office. Two terms are permitted.

Induction and training of Trustees

Trustees are provided, upon election or appointment to the Committee, with an induction pack, which includes:

- The Constitution
- Role descriptions for AFA officers
- Event planning and procedures guidance
- Child protection policy guidance
- Donations policy

Organisational structure

A meeting of the full Committee of Trustees takes place a minimum of twice a year - once in the autumn term and once in the summer term (known as formal meetings). The detailed planning of AFA's programme of activities and management of administrative matters is performed on behalf of the Committee of Trustees by a sub-committee comprising all the elected parent Trustees and one of the School Staff Trustees. This sub-committee meets as necessary - at least once a term (known as informal meetings). All major decisions made by this sub-committee are ratified at the subsequent full Committee meeting.

Events are organised by "event sub-committees". These comprise at least one Trustee, with remaining members being members of AFA who have volunteered to be on the event sub-committee.

A team of volunteer year group parent representatives is also formed annually to serve for a school year. This team provides a communication link between the Trustees and AFA's membership amongst parents in all the year groups and supports the Trustees in carrying out the aims of AFA.

Trustee

Relationship with other organisations

AFA is a member of PTA UK, the national charity for PTA in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Related party transactions

Any related party transactions will be disclosed and Trustees will declare any related party interests and will will not be involved in any such transactions.

Risk assessment

The Trustees consider health and safety and event basis, producing a risk assessment document. The Chairman and the President. The risk assessment which is completed for all events organised by AFA is a risk assessment of the event.

Where other organisations are used to run events, the Trustees consider health and safety assessments and public liability insurance cover. Trustees.

All appropriate statutory checks, including background checks, are carried out on trustees of AFA.

The AFA Finance Procedures document sets out the place for management of the financial risks.

Aims and activities

Charitable aims

The aim of AFA is to advance the education of the children of the School in particular by:

- Bringing together the parents, staff and the School, through social, cultural and sporting activities
- Fostering more extended relationships with the community and others associated with the School
- Providing facilities and equipment for the education of boys in the School.
- Supporting the School in promoting the School and awareness of the needs of other children in the area.

Relationship with other organisations

AFA is a member of PTA UK, the national charity representing parent teacher associations in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Related party transactions

Any related party transactions will be disclosed in the Financial Statements. Trustees will declare any related party interests and will withdraw from discussions and decision-making regarding any such transactions.

Risk assessment

The Trustees consider health and safety and child protection risks in detail on an event-by-event basis, producing a risk assessment document for each event, which is signed off by the Chairman and the President. The risk assessment is part of an extensive event checklist, which is completed for all events organised by AFA and which provides a comprehensive assessment of the event.

Where other organisations are used to run, or supply services for, an event, their risk assessments and public liability insurance documents are obtained and examined by the Trustees.

All appropriate statutory checks, including DBS checks, are conducted as required for the trustees of AFA.

The AFA Finance Procedures document sets out the procedures, which the Trustees have in place for management of the financial risks to which AFA may be exposed.

Aims and activities

Charitable aims

The aim of AFA is to advance the education of boys in Aldwickbury School, Harpenden, in particular by:

- Bringing together the parents, staff, Governors and boys interested in the wellbeing of the School, through social, cultural and other activities.
- Fostering more extended relationships between the School, parents, the local community and others associated with the School.
- Providing facilities and equipment, which support the School and advance the education of boys in the School.
- Supporting the School in promoting the boys' involvement with charitable fundraising and awareness of the needs of others in the community.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees have taken due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

AFA exists to benefit the pupils, parents, teachers and other members of the wider School community of Aldwickbury School. The beneficiary of funds raised by AFA is Aldwickbury School Trust Limited, unless funds are raised for a specified external charity as part of AFA's aim of promoting the boys' involvement with charitable fundraising. Monies or goods are donated to Aldwickbury School Trust Limited at the discretion of AFA's Trustees and in accordance with AFA's aim of advancing the education of boys in the School.

Summary of main activities

The main activities of AFA are:

- hosting a range of social, cultural and other activities to bring together different sections of the Aldwickbury School community;
- supplementing the School's programme of new parent events by holding welcome coffee mornings for those parents joining the School in years which are not the main stages of new pupil intake;
- holding cake sales;
- selling second hand uniform to parents;
- working with the School in providing pupils with opportunities to be involved with supporting charities by fundraising and other activities;
- supporting the School at occasional special events.

Achievements and performance

Events

The year to 31 July 2025 saw AFA supporting the boys chosen charity, Dementia UK, as well as a number of activities for individual year groups and whole school activities. Most activities have the dual purpose of fundraising and bringing the school together. The following activities took place:

- A **BMX and scooter day** was held for the entire school with younger boys on scooters and older boys on BMXs including an assembly.
- The Pre-prep boys had a **visit from Santa**.
- **Second hand uniform** was sold online throughout the year.
- **Cake sales** were held for the boys on a Friday twice a term.
- AFA collected **winter clothing donations** to give to two Luton schools with families in need. AFA also collected **Christmas gifts** donated by parents to give to the children at these schools and gifted **£4,000 of supermarket vouchers**.
- A Christmas collection from selling pre-worn Christmas jumpers, parents wreath making and student card making raised £500 for The Salvation Army.
- A **film afternoon** was held for pre-prep boys.

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- **Fireworks** were held for the entire school and a Spring **Bazaar** was held with stalls and activities across the School grounds and was greatly enjoyed by Aldwickbury families. The Bazaar is the largest fundraising event in the year.
- A **Quiz** and a **Wine Tasting** event were held for parents.
- The **disco** for boys in years 7 and 8 was held with local girls schools.
- A **Summer party** was held for parents.

The Trustees are very grateful for the support given to AFA by parents and staff in organising and running these events.

Funds

AFA operates an unrestricted fund, which is categorised as having two components:

- Unrestricted, designated funds. During the year these comprised funds raised for other charities and projects. The funds raised are allocated to designated funds and their effect paid on to the chosen recipient charity or project for future projects.
- General funds. These comprise the remainder of the unrestricted funds necessary to fund ongoing costs and provide protection against risks to AFA. The general funds are available for use in furthering any of the aims of AFA at the discretion of the Trustees.

Reserves

The Trustees review annually the reserves policy and the level of reserves. This is to ensure the school's future funding needs from Aldwickbury School Trust Limited are fully met and AFA's potential to support the school's ongoing administration costs. The reserves are held in a separate bank account.

Reserves may be used to pay for the school's running costs and to provide a buffer against any potential future funding shortfalls. The Trustees may also consider it advisable to fund capital expenditure from the reserves in a period of financial difficulty, but this is not a primary function of the reserves.

Financial review

The Trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements on an accruals basis.

Financial performance

Many of the events organised by AFA are for the dual purpose of furthering one or more of the aims of the Association and for generating funds, but other events, for example uniform sales are usually held with the primary purpose of fundraising.

The income generated by fundraising activities during the year totalled £65,122 (2024: £102,640) and was the sole source of funding for the Association. Total expenditure incurred in holding these events (included within the category of "fundraising trading costs") was £41,672 (2024: £65,913), giving net income from fundraising events of £23,450 (2024: £36,727). Note this variation in net income is driven by 2024 being a record year for bazaar profit, a ball year instead of a party (a ball traditionally makes more money) plus the BMX day run in 2025 increased costs.

During the year AFA made total funds to be donated of £(20,007) (2024: £(18,888)). This consists of donations to charities.

Governance expenses in the year were £(762) (2023: £(1,353)). Note the increased governance expenses in 2024 are due to not accruing for expenses in 2022/23.

Total net funds increased by £2,682 (2024: increase of £16,486).

Funds

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- Unrestricted, designated funds. During the year these comprised funds raised for other charities and projects. The funds raised are allocated to designated funds and then either paid on to the chosen recipient charity or ring-fenced for future projects. Total designated funds at 31 July 2025 were £6,724 (2024: £15,487).
- General funds. These comprise the remainder of the unrestricted funds necessary to fund ongoing costs and provide protection against risks to AFA. The general funds are available for use in furthering any of the aims of AFA, at the discretion of the Trustees. General funds at 31 July 2025 amounted to £51,621 (2024: £40,176).

Reserves

The Trustees review annually the reserves policy and the level of reserves. This review takes into account future funding requests from Aldwickbury School Trust Limited, likely future costs and AFA's potential liabilities, in addition to ongoing administration costs. This review is linked to a six-month forward financial plan.

Reserves may accumulate beyond this level if the Trustees consider it appropriate to set funds aside for the purposes of possible future large-scale funding projects. Funds in reserves may also accumulate if admissible funding applications received from the School in a period are significantly less than net incoming resources in that period. Funding applications are

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As at 31 July 2025 the Trustees believe that the charity has sufficient reserves on current
projections to meet future requirements.

Independent Examiner

The Independent Examiner, Mrs Tanya Morris-Jones, is seeking re-election at the AGM.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Paul Symes

DATE 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Aldwickbury Friends Association ("AFA")

I report on the trustees on my examination of the accounts of AFA for the year ended 31 July 2025, which are set out on pages 11 to 17.

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').

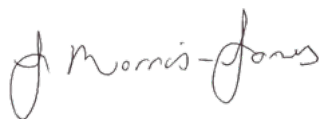
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1) Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2) The accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3) The accounts do 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.



Mrs Tanya Morris-Jones
MJ Accounting Services

DATE 29th May 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year to 31 July 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds: general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds: designated 2025 £	Current year total 2025 £	Prior year total 2024 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	4	-	-	-	-
Activities for generating funds	5	64,107	1,015	65,122	102,640
Total incoming resources		64,107	1,015	65,122	102,640
Resources expended					
Costs of generating funds					
Fundraising trading costs	6	(41,672)	-	(41,672)	(65,913)
Charitable activities	7	-	(20,007)	(20,007)	(18,888)
Governance costs	8	(762)	-	(762)	(1,353)
Other resources expended	9	-	-	-	-
Total resources expended		(42,434)	(20,007)	(62,441)	(86,154)
Net (decrease) / increase in funds	3	21,673	(18,992)	2,681	16,486
Reallocation of funds for designated projects		(10,229)	10,229	-	-
Total funds brought forward		40,177	15,487	55,664	39,178
Total funds carried forward		51,621	6,724	58,346	55,664

The notes on pages 13 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Debtors	12	500	500
Cash at bank and in hand		58,446	55,764
Total current assets		58,946	56,264
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(600)	(600)
Net current assets		58,346	55,664
Provisions for liabilities and charges		-	-
Net assets		58,346	55,664

Represented by:

Funds of the Association

Unrestricted funds:

General funds	3	52,086	40,176
Designated funds	3	6,260	15,487
Total funds		58,346	55,664

The notes on pages 13 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees on 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Hannelore Crockford

Paul Symes

Notes to the financial statements

1. Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historic cost, in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice" (SORP) 2005, with the provisions of Section 1A for "Small Entities" of Financial Reporting Standard 102 and with the Charities Act.

2. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

i) Incoming resources

Incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) on an accruals basis, when entitlement to the resources is established, when the Trustees are virtually certain that they will receive the resources and when the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Where incoming resources have related expenditure, the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross within the SoFA.

ii) Resources expended

Resources expended are recorded on an accruals basis in the period in which an obligation to pay has been established.

iii) Fixed assets

Items of equipment with a cost of more than £1,000 and a useful life of more than one year are capitalised and depreciated over their useful life.

iv) Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

3. Funds

General funds are unrestricted funds, which are available for use in furtherance of AFA's aims at the discretion of the Trustees.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes, as detailed in the Financial Review section of the Trustees' Report.

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4. Incoming resources: voluntary income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other voluntary donations	-	-
	-	-

5. Incoming resources: activities for generating funds

All events, which generate fundraising income, are included under "activities for generating funds" in the Statement of Financial Activities. The corresponding costs of these events are included in fundraising trading costs (Note 6). However, many of these events are organised for the purposes of both fundraising and furthering at least one of AFA's four charitable aims (in particular, bringing parents, staff and boys together at events and promoting the boys' involvement with charitable fundraising).

	Unrestricted funds: general	Unrestricted funds: designated	Total	Prior year
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Summer Ball	-	-	-	59,181
Summer Party	20,867	-	20,867	-
Bazaar	9,725	6,260	15,985	17,048
Fireworks	6,649	-	6,649	6,172
Uniform sales	5,704	-	5,704	5,300
Wine tasting	4,895	-	4,895	4,025
Disco	4,567	-	4,567	2,878
Quiz	1,741	465	2,206	2,377
Wreaths	1,365	-	1,365	2,355
Cake Sales	1,086	-	1,086	1,072
Pre-Prep Film	666	-	666	615
Christmas Cards	-	446	446	446
Christmas Jumpers	-	147	147	139
Tea Towels	-	-	-	826
Miscellaneous	540	-	540	652
	57,805	7,318	65,122	102,640

Note: £6,725 was transferred in the financial year

6. Fundraising trading costs

	Unrestricted funds: general	Unrestricted funds: designated	Total	Prior year
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Summer Ball	-	-	-	(50,253)
Summer Party	(16,517)	-	(16,517)	-
Disco	(4,160)	-	(4,160)	(3,140)
Wine tasting	(3,663)	-	(3,663)	(3,376)
Bazaar	(3,466)	-	(3,466)	(2,211)
Fireworks	(3,210)	-	(3,210)	(2,970)
Wreaths	(1,186)	-	(1,186)	(1,923)
Quiz	(713)	-	(713)	(283)
Pre-Prep Santa	(226)	-	(226)	(279)
Uniform sales	(110)	-	(110)	(191)
Pre-Prep Film	(25)	-	(25)	(20)
Tea Towels	-	-	-	(359)
Cake sales	-	-	-	(30)
Miscellaneous	(8,396)	-	(8,396)	(2,232)
	(41,672)	-	(41,672)	(67,267)

Miscellaneous spend in 2025 includes purchase of branded coffee cups to sell at events such as the school bazaar (£3,370) and the BMX and Scooter day (£4,170)

7. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds: General	Unrestricted funds: designated	Total	Prior year
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Donations to charities:				
SANDS	-	(7,812)	(7,812)	
Luton schools	-	(3,970)	(3,970)	(3,975)
Salvation Army	-	(550)	(550)	(1,000)
Donation to Aldwickbury School	-	(7,675)	(7,675)	(13,913)
Total donations	-	(20,007)	(20,007)	(18,888)

Note: £6,725 was transferred to the boys chosen charity, Dementia UK in 2025/26 financial year

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8. Governance costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Membership of PTA UK	(162)	(153)
Independent Examiner	(600)	(1,200)
Totals	(762)	(1,353)

Note: Costs for independent examiner in 2024 is for two years as not accrued in 2022/23

9. Other resources expended

	2024	2024
	£	£
Other	-	-
Totals	-	-

10. Trustees' expenses and emoluments

The Trustees received no emoluments during the year (2024: £nil). Expenses may be reimbursed when it is necessary for a Trustee, on behalf of AFA, to pay for goods or services required for fundraising activities or for the administration and governance of AFA.

Expenses were reimbursed to Trustees during the year as follows:

Number of Trustees reclaiming	Total cost	Number of Trustees reclaiming	Total cost
2025	2025	2024	2024
No.	£	No.	£
8	(9,143)	8	(12,687)

11. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.

12. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayment for 2024/35 event	500	500
Totals	<hr/> 500	<hr/> 500

13. Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Creditors due within one year	600	600
Totals	<hr/> 600	<hr/> 600