

FRIENDS OF THE FERNS

CHAIRMAN'S AGM REPORT, 13TH NOVEMBER 2023

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen.

Thank you all for coming here today and it is good to be able to meet up again in person with you all and, for some, to meet for the first time.

The past year has once again been (sadly) busy for the staff here and Louise and Carol will report on that in more detail a bit later on. There continues to be the burden of increasing regulation with reorganisations and ISO accreditation adding to an uncertain picture for the year ahead.

It's also sad that we say farewell to Karin Norman-Butler, who is stepping down as Chair and Trustee at this AGM. We would like to put on record our thanks for Karin's heroic efforts for the Charity over the past 10 years or so. She was first appointed on 22 November 2013, so this really represents a huge amount of dedication as a tireless advocate of the Charity.

We are also delighted to welcome Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner, Tim Passmore, who will spend some time speaking with us about his role and his views on what the Fern's does.

Financially, the Charity has recorded a surplus for the year of £6,260. A donation from the Stratford Hills Horse Trials in February this year was very gratefully received. Sophie's quiz night and Fenella's dog walk all were hugely appreciated, as well as the number of smaller donations.

Payments for equipment and client services, such as counselling, have remained largely consistent with the prior year and I know that Louise and Carol will comment on other activities undertaken.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Trustees, everyone at the Ferns, and propose that the accounts are adopted as laid before this meeting.

We would also like to invite you all to take the opportunity to stay behind afterwards and enjoy a light lunch provided by the Trustees.

Luke Morris

Chairman

13 November 2023

Summary of Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended 26/06/2023

	£ 2023	£ 2022
INCOME		
Fundraising Events	1,793	215
Donations & Grants	8,310	1,746
Gift Aid	368	-
	<hr/> 10,471	<hr/> 1,960
EXPENSES		
Equipment	3,688	4,161
Fundraising Expenses	-	231
Totalgiving/Sprite charges	43	6
Website/Services	150	150
Critical Incident Work	330	-
	<hr/> 4,211	<hr/> 4,547
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) :	<hr/> 6,260	<hr/> - 2,587
<i>Balance Carried Forward:</i>	13,363	7,104