

FRIENDS OF AMBLER

England & Wales · Charity number 1157725

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2014-07-04

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF PUPILS IN THE SCHOOL IN PARTICULAR BY:1) DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE STAFF PARENTS AND OTHERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SCHOOL;2) ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES OR PROVIDING FACILITIES OR EQUIPMENT WHICH SUPPORT THE SCHOOL AND ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUPILS.

Activities: Friends of Ambler supports and provides fundraising events for Ambler Primary School and Children's Centre (London, N4). Our aim is to support the school in provision of community engagement, events and funds for activities to benefit the pupils.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Islington

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£39,375	£36,529	-	-
2024-03-31	£47,549	£30,964	-	-
2023-03-31	£31,857	£41,967	-	-
2022-03-31	£24,526	£20,875	-	-
2021-03-31	£16,784	£14,055	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Hannah Gabrielle Foggo	Chair	2025-09-23
Dominic Bouloux		2024-08-02
Federico Mocini		2025-09-23
Lucy Jean Aird Carraz		2023-10-09
Thomas Edwards		2023-12-11
Yvonne Halsey		2024-10-21

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FRIENDS OF AMBLER - AGM REPORT 1st April 2024- 31st March 2025

ABOUT US

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The main elected Committee members are required to be Trustees, registered with the Charities Commission, with associated legal responsibilities. We reelected the same committee at the start of the school academic year.

The elected committee members registered with the Charities Committee from October 2023 to April 2024 were Lucy Carraz (Chair), Tom Edwards (Treasurer), and Yvonne Halsey (Secretary). We will be voting in a new Chair and Secretary during the 2025 AGM. I would like to take this early opportunity to thank Yvonne for all she has done in her role this year and agreeing to stay on as a Trustee for the year ahead.

The 2024/2025 Committee included: Dom Bouloux, Jeni Burt, Amy Colori, Lucy Carraz, Louis Carraz, Sorrel Challands, Asier Domaica, Gale Foster, Catherine Kenyon, Siobhan McKenna, Illiana Ortega Alcazar, Lou Ramsden, Sayyeda Salam and Natalia Yanez-Stiel. Additional people joined the committee after the reporting period including Cyline Addai, Hannah Foggo, Thomas Karshan, Racky Langston, Amy Little, Fede Mocini, Tilly Rubens, Ellie Thompson and Eylem Yildirim. We have included in the report for completeness as they played critical roles in the success of the academic year. – Thank you!



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HIGHLIGHTS

The 2024/2025 school year was extremely busy and we achieved a lot! We held discos for all year groups. A special thank you to Jack Baker, Rosie Baker, Matthias Holgersson and Ju Decanine for the excellent tunes and the Kenyon family for providing the disco lighting. We also ran the Greetings Card Project which we do annually and our traditional Silent Auction which was even more popular than the previous year. This was, once again, a huge community effort with many people donating their time and skills.

We put on a Winter Afternoon of Fun for the kids, which they all enjoyed. The afternoon included face painting and biscuit decorating. Thank you to Jenny Oscroft for all the help with the biscuits! By doing it during the school day, it meant that every Ambler child got to be there. We also ran a Christmas Tree sale for the first time and paid for the children to attend a Christmas pantomime at the Hackney Empire!

We ran our traditional second-hand uniform give aways and a second hand Christmas jumper swap in order to create a culture of reuse at Ambler. We continue with the Ambler Community Fund, which is a separate fundraising campaign, where the money goes to support individual families in Ambler struggling with the costs of school trips and clubs.

A significant highlight has been the work of FoA's Sorrell Challends to design the Ambler School attic space to help bring the curriculum to life at Ambler with a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths space.



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Team members continue to liaise with the school on initiatives to reduce our carbon footprint, and lobby the relevant authorities to introduce measures to improve air quality, reduce pollution and traffic and make Finsbury Park safer for our families. Amy Calori our FoA Sustainability Lead met with North London Waste Authority to look at what more we can do so expect more to come in 2025/26!

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We held our Summer Fair on 21st June and had an amazing turnout. We continued with the International Food Stall which we expanded from last year to really reflect the great diversity of our school and community. We also arranged a Maypole dance to celebrate Midsummer and had the Deputy Mayor of Islington open the fair! Thank you to all the Summer Fair FoA team for all the prep and fantastic running of it on the day – what a huge success! And thank you to Andre Sallowicz for the amazing location map – it was even better than last year's!

Ambler Arts

In the summer term of 2024, FoA / Ambler Arts helped to organise and fund the school's annual Arts Week. We worked closely with the school's Arts Lead to shape the theme and ideas for the week, and sourced the artist who went on to work with the children. Arts Week 2024 focused on the skill of printing, with the children working alongside our artist-in-residence, Sarah Pimenta, to create a series of collaborative textile banners. The theme was Friendship and Equality, and the children designed imaginative stencil images to explore this important topic. They began with mono-printing to produce colourful banner backgrounds, before screen-printing their individual stencil designs on top.

The final collaborative artworks were first unveiled as a giant banner at the Ambler Summer Exhibition in July 2024, and now form part of the school's permanent art displays.

As part of Arts Week, Ambler Arts also organised a CPD teacher training session, supporting the creative development of staff. In addition, Ambler Arts supported the school's Arts Lead with the Ambler Summer Art Exhibition. To coincide with the exhibition, we also designed and produced bookmarks, posters, and notebooks featuring the children's artwork. These were sold on the day, giving families a lovely keepsake of the giant banners - and, importantly, helping to raise funds for future Arts Weeks.



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Grow Ambler

Grow Ambler hosted two very successful gardening days where families volunteered and helped to do tasks such as planting, weeding and maintaining the planters, spreading woodchip in the forest, and tidying up the school grounds. Families brought a picnic, and everyone enjoyed a fun, relaxed and sociable day. The highlight was children getting to make salads with the school grown vegetables!

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In the 2024-25 financial year we were able to fund:

Chromebooks to support SEND pupils	4,785
Stone Age Workshop - 2023	515
Stone Age Workshop - 2024	528
Anti-Racism assemblies	175
Panto	4,323
Subsidy for Bletchley Park trip	534
Summer exhibition	1,079
First Aid workshops	974
Year 6 Graffiti workshops - Community	1,479
Playground equipment	454
Victoria Workshop	528
Poetry Workshop	1,025
Year 6 Leavers Hoodies	1,500
Your voice matters workshops	870
Children's mental health week workshop	475
Amazing plants workshops	146
Trip subsidy - Children's Centre	1,760
Trip subsidy - School	8,400
Black history month	1,000
Transfer Tesco grant to the school	500
Total	31,050

Headline for the year ending 31 March 2025 we are:


Income:	
Commissions	98
Corporate	7,380
General donations	6,169
Community fund donations	3,108
Fundraising income	21,035
Grant income	1,500
Misc Income	85
Total	39,375

Expenditure:	
CCA	31,050
Fundraising cost	5,266
Running Costs	213
Total	36,529

Closing balance **35,195**

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SPECIAL THANKS

Thanks go to Mrs McNicholl and all the School and Children's Centre staff and Governors. In particular the office staff, all the Class Reps, and Maira and Paul for all their support.

We are very grateful for the amazing support from local businesses and from Arsenal football club.

Of course, we also thank **every parent, carer and child** who has volunteered, donated to, attended and supported our events throughout the year. Without these vital volunteers lending their skills, displaying estate agent boards, contacting local businesses, passing on ideas and so much more we could not have had such a successful and fun year!

GETTING INVOLVED

We are always looking for more people to volunteer their time and skills!

We welcome all volunteers, positivity, enthusiasm and suggestions. If you would like to join the Committee, or are able to take on a smaller more discrete role, please do let us know. We need your skills and ideas to help support Ambler.

Get in touch at any time by speaking to a Committee Member, leaving a note with the School Office, emailing friendsofambler@gmail.com or contacting us via our Instagram @friendsofambler. Please look out for text messages/WhatsApp messages/School Gateway app messages, email and our social media pages. We hope everyone will find an opportunity to be involved!

Thank you to all the Ambler pupils, staff, teachers, carers and families for a wonderful year. We had a great year with new faces, new events and a new spin on the Summer Fair. I have really enjoyed my time as Chair and wish the team and my successor all the best. I will be staying on to support the transition and continue my role as a Trustee.

Many thanks,

Lucy Carraz, Chair, Friends of Ambler



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Friends of Ambler

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01-Apr-24

To

31-Mar-25

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					
Commissions	98	-	-	98	-
Corporate	7,380	-	-	7,380	-
Donations	6,169	-	-	6,169	-
ACF donations	-	3,108	-	3,108	-
Fundraising income	21,035	-	-	21,035	-
Grant income	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
Interest	85	-	-	85	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	36,268	3,108	-	39,375	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	36,268	3,108	-	39,375	-
A3 Payments					
Contributions to meet charitable aims	31,050	-	-	31,050	-
Fundraising costs	5,266	-	-	5,266	-
Running costs	213	-	-	213	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	36,529	-	-	36,529	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	36,529	-	-	36,529	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 262	3,108	-	2,846	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	24,201	8,149	-	32,350	-
Cash funds this year end	23,939	11,257	-	35,195	-

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		23,939	11,257	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	23,939	11,257	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	TOM EDWARDS	30/01/2026

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Friends of Ambler

On accounts for the year ended

31/03/2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1157725

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 / 03 / 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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

[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 in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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:

29/01/2026

Name:

James McDonald

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)

(if any):

Address: 30 Crown Place, London EC2A 4EB

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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Ambler Arts

Ambler Arts helped organize and fund screen printing with Sarah Pimenta for Children's Centre and Reception to Y6. They also held the Summer Exhibition and bunting workshops and ran the crafts stall at the Summer Fair. Ambler Arts sponsored materials, provided art expertise support and have already organized a Graffiti workshop for Y6 already this term.

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Wonderdome	£1,215
Graffiti project	£1,984
Bookstairs (all)	£1,896
Arts week (all)	£1,406
First aid course	£974
Yoga	£1,695
Reception resources	£2,750
Year 1 resources	£2,000
Reading roadmap (all)	£3,220

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	5
	£8,40
Trips (all - £20 per pupil)	0
Anti-Bullying Workshop	£700
	£1,29
ACF Transfer	5
Movie night licences (all)	£182
	£27,7
Total	22

Headline for the year ending 31 March 2024 are:

Income:	
Commissions	£606
	£8,68
Corporate	1
	£4,34
General Donations	8
	£8,22
Community Fund Donations	4
	£21,6
Fundraising Income	20
	£1,99
Year 6	6
Interest	£49
	£2,02
Gift aid income	5
	£47,5
Total	49
Expenditure:	
	£27,7
CCA	22
	£3,02
Fundraising Costs	3
Running Costs	£220
	£30,9
Total	64
	£32,3
Closing balance	50





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SPECIAL THANKS

Thanks go to Mrs McNicholl and all the School and Children's Centre staff and Governors. In particular the office staff, all the Class Reps, and Maira and Paul for all their support.

We are very grateful for the amazing support from local businesses and from Arsenal football club.

Of course, we also thank **every parent, carer and child** who has volunteered, donated to, attended and supported our events throughout the year. Without these vital volunteers lending their skills, displaying estate agent boards, contacting local businesses, passing on ideas and so much more we could not have had such a successful and fun year!

GETTING INVOLVED

We are always looking for more people to volunteer their time and skills!

We welcome all volunteers, positivity, enthusiasm and suggestions. If you would like to join the Committee, or are able to take on a smaller more discrete role, please do let us know. We need your skills and ideas to help support Ambler.

Get in touch at any time by speaking to a Committee Member, leaving a note with the School Office, emailing friendsofambler@gmail.com or contacting us via our Facebook or Twitter (@FoAmbler) pages. Please look out for text messages/WhatsApp messages/School Gateway app messages, email and our social media pages. We hope everyone will find an opportunity to be involved!

Thank you to all the Ambler pupils, staff, teachers, carers and families for a wonderful year. The 2023/2024 financial year was a great one. As this was my first year as Chair, a final personal thank you to the previous Chair, Nicky Dawkins, and the fantastic committee for helping me navigate my first year.

Lucy Carraz, Chair, Friends of Ambler



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024
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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					
Commissions	606	-	-	606	-
Corporate	8,681	-	-	8,681	-
Donations	4,348	-	-	4,348	-
ACF donations	-	8,224	-	8,224	-
Fundraising income	21,620	-	-	21,620	-
Year 6 leaver activities	-	1,996	-	1,996	-
Interest	49	-	-	49	-
Gift Aid	2,025	-	-	2,025	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	37,329	10,220	-	47,549	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	37,329	10,220	-	47,549	-
A3 Payments					
Contributions to meet charitable aims	27,722	-	-	27,722	-
Fundraising costs	3,023	-	-	3,023	-
Running costs	219	-	-	219	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	30,964	-	-	30,964	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	30,964	-	-	30,964	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,365	10,220	-	16,585	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	15,765	-	-	15,765	-
Cash funds this year end	22,130	10,220	-	32,350	-

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	CAF Account	32,350	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	32,350	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Cash float held	200	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name: Friends of Ambler

On accounts for the year ended

31/03/2024

Charity no (if any)

1157725

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 31/03/2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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.

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

22/01/2025

Name:

James McDonald

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

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)

Address:

30 Crown Place, London EC2A 4EB

FRIENDS OF AMBLER

England & Wales - Charity number 1157725

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1 st	April	2022		31 st	March	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Friends of Ambler

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1157725

Charity's principal address

Ambler Primary School and Children's Centre
 Blackstock Road
 London
Postcode N4 2DR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Nicola Jane Dawkins	Chair		
2	Emma Guirao	Secretary		
3	Meriel Sarah Louise Cartwright	Treasurer	Until September 2022 as Treasurer, remained Trustee	
4	Jennifer Chiu	Treasurer	From September 2022	
5				
6				
7				

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by the charity membership

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

- 2.1 Developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school
- 2.2 Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils
- 2.3 In exceptional circumstances, supporting the families of Ambler Primary School and Children's Centre directly

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The benefits arising from Friends of Ambler's activities are additional resources and opportunities for pupils at Ambler Primary School and Children's Centre, and strengthening links between the school and the local community.

These benefits are demonstrated through the activities of the PTA, working in partnership with the school and engaging support from parents and carers, and the provision of activities for pupils which would not be available via school funding.

There is no harm arising from any of the purposes.

The charity's beneficiaries are the pupils of Ambler Primary School and Children's Centre.

Charity trustees (PTA committee members) are usually also parents and carers of pupils at Ambler school and hence gain benefit in the same way as all other beneficiaries. This benefit is incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to all beneficiaries.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The start of the financial year included a fantastic leaving party for Juliet Benis, Ambler's long-standing headteacher, which was a well-deserved send off to a wonderful Head. We also had our first summer fair since 2019, which was circus themed and included a bouncy castle, circus skills and 2 fire engines. With thanks to our sponsors, Winkworths, we raised an enormous amount.

The 2022/2023 school year was extremely busy. We held discos for all year groups. We also ran the Greetings Card Project, which we do annually, and organised a Silent Auction which was even more popular than the previous year. This was, once again, a huge community effort with many people donating their time and skills.

We also put on a Winter Day of Fun for the kids, instead of a Winter Fair, which they all enjoyed. Stalls ranged from a golf game to face painting, to guess the name of the Penguin. By doing it during the school day, it meant that every Ambler child got to be there. We also hosted a Winter Party at the end of the school day to include parents with festive music and hot chocolate.

Also in the Winter Term, Ambler Arts created a beautiful Calendar showcasing the artwork from Arts Week. This was sold to raise money for art projects at Ambler. We also ran a second-hand uniform sale and a second hand Christmas jumper sale in order to create a culture of reuse at Ambler. Finally, we set up the Ambler Community Fund, which is a separate fundraising campaign, where the money goes to support individual families in Ambler struggling with the costs of school trips and clubs.

In January 2023, we held a hilarious comedy night for the Ambler adults, which was hosted by Tom Price. It was a night of laughter with fantastic acts: Athena Kugblenu, Rosie Holt and Jimmy McGhie.

In February 2023, we put on four movie nights to cover all the year groups. As ever, the kids talked through the films but loved watching them together and chomping on popcorn.

Ambler Arts

Ambler Arts helped organize and fund Arts Week in Summer 2022. With artist Aya Haidar, the pupils in each year group worked in smaller groups on beautiful DREAMS squares, which were then stitched together to make two quilts – a main one and a smaller one as a gift for Juliet. The main quilt was subsequently picked for the Young Artists Summer Exhibition at the Royal Academy. Ambler Arts also organized an incredible graffiti workshop for the Year 6 pupils.

Ambler Arts also provided support to the school with finding appropriate art workshops, museum and gallery visits that are on offer this year.

Grow Ambler hosted three very successful gardening days last year, one each term, where families volunteered and helped to do tasks such as planting, weeding and maintaining the planters, spreading woodchip in the forest, and generally tidying up the school grounds. Families brought a picnic, and everyone enjoyed a fun, relaxed and sociable day. Other team members liaised with the school on initiatives to reduce our carbon footprint, and continued to lobby the relevant authorities to introduce measures to improve air quality, reduce pollution and traffic.

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Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Friends of Ambler has limited running costs of around £15 pcm. Trustees have agreed that £2000 should be kept available as a minimum to enable costs for fundraising events to be met in order to sustain the activities of the charity.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>N. Dawkins</i>	<i>M. Avery</i>
Full name(s)	Nicola Jane Dawkins	Meriel Sarah Louise Cartwright
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	31/01/2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Friends of Ambler

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 4/1/2022	To	Period end date 3/31/2023
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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					
CAF Donate Income	2,239	2,953	-	5,192	1,964
Commissions	401	-	-	401	334
Corporate Sponsorship	5,046	-	-	5,046	5,606
Fundraising Income	21,172	-	-	21,172	15,771
Misc. Income	46	-	-	46	851
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	28,904	2,953	-	31,857	24,526
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	28,904	2,953	-	31,857	24,526
A3 Payments					
Contributions to meet Charitable Aims	33,113	-	-	33,113	15,212
Fundraising expenditure	4,942	-	-	4,942	5,327
Running costs	297	-	-	297	336
Year 6	3,615	-	-	3,615	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	41,967	-	-	41,967	20,875
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	41,967	-	-	41,967	20,875
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 13,063	2,953	-	- 10,110	3,651
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	25,875	-	-	25,875	-
Cash funds this year end	12,812	2,953	-	15,765	3,651

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		15,765	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	15,765	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
	Cash float held	200	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Nicola Dawkins		
		Meriel Cartwright		



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Friends of Ambler

On accounts for the year
ended

31 Mar 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1157725

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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

[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 in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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:

31/01/2024

Name:

James McDonald

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

(if any):

Address:

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.