



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	
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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)

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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.

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

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	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	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds 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.