



Friends of Hereward

Trustees Annual Report for Year End 31st December 2024

The Friends of Hereward College Trust, charity No 1159732, is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) the foundation registered 29th December 2014. The charity's investment powers are defined in the Deed of Trust. Its registered address is at Hereward College, Bramston Crescent, Tile Hill Lane, Tile Hill, Coventry CV4 9SW.

Aims and Purposes

Friends of Hereward College aims to provide Hereward College students with disabilities and the wider disabled community with opportunities or resources that enhance their development of social and educational aspirations allowing them to more equally and actively contribute to society.

Membership:

The charity trustees who were appointed by resolution of the existing trustee body, were during the year to 31st December 2024:

- Simon Shackleton (Trustee)
- Paul Cook (Trustee and Chair)
- Cora Taylor (Trustee)

Paul Cook assumed the role of Chair as well as trustee.

Simon Shackleton stepped down as chair and confirmed his relinquishing of the role of Trustee for 2025 as planned following him reaching the maximum permitted 10 years of service. Kate O'Leary applied, and was accepted and the transfer of responsibilities to her will progress over the coming months.

Financial Statement 1st January to 31st December 2024 – Summary (Full statements as attached).

**FRIENDS OF HEReward
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2024 £
Income	
Donations and grants	15,425
Business in Action	-
Indigo takings	12,817
	<u>28,242</u>
Expenditure	
Gifts to Hereward College	1,420
Business in Action	-
Indigo set up and support costs	1,616
Indigo running expenses	8,568
	<u>11,604</u>
Surplus / (deficit) for period	<u><u>16,638</u></u>

Summary of Main Activities

A key focus for the charity was the development of the college shop, which was able to increase opening hours, stock and facilities. Investment enabled touch to speech functionality to aid accessibility for students with visual impairments, a bottle fridge and a trolley. The shop is very popular and offers students opportunities to practice money skills, choice making and communication. It has also been able to serve as an outlet for creative enterprise activities and seasonal themed cultural awareness.

Further opportunity for enterprise and skill development was provided through meetings with the Business in Action initiative. Business in Action provides students with a hands-on opportunity for developing business knowledge, to explore their own ideas as well as working on the Herethreads enterprise selling pre-loved clothes.

Students are able to work on customer care, marketing, time-management and organisation as well as the embedded life skills with regards to care and presentation of the clothing items. Friends of Hereward provided support through mentoring and the experience of having a formal platform to report to.

Through collaboration with a fund raiser, Friends of Hereward were delighted to receive a Sports England grant towards the development of power chair football provision. This is exciting sport offers fun, competitive, active participation for wheelchair users, and is open to all; encouraging teamwork, empathy and friendship. Following the receipt of the grant, in consultation with the college sports department, a decision was made to expand the ambition and provide the chairs as well as the bumpers; an additional donation contributed to the progression of this. Successful activity trials were carried out and progress made towards the goal of having the full team resource and being able to compete regularly internally and regionally.

The charity additionally facilitated a purchase for a Scalextric set that was utilised with Hereward's students with profound and Multiple learning difficulties (PMLD). Switches were adapted in order provide access for those with the most limited movement. Students greatly enjoyed the visual stimulation, sound effects and the accessible interaction provided a sense of agency and participation as well as cause and effect.

Trustees also agreed the purchase of graphics cards to enable the equipping of lunchtime gaming clubs, supporting social interaction and recreation for students with this area of interest.

Grants

£13,425 – Sport England – restricted to Powerchair Football Project
£2,000 – Bruce Wake Charitable Trust - unrestricted

Future Plans

The trustees identified the following objectives:

- Continue to broaden college involvement,
- Expanding on funding applications
- Focus on sports and wellbeing through social inclusion initiatives.

Public Benefit Statement


The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. In planning and delivering the charity's activities for the year, the trustees have considered how these activities contribute to the charity's aims and objectives for the public benefit.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees for the meeting 27th October 2025.

Paul Cook, Trustee and Chairman

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Kate O'Leary, Trustee

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Cora Taylor, Trustee

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO 31ST DECEMBER 2024

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1159732

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income		
Donations and grants	15,425	5,228
Business in Action	-	610
Indigo takings	12,817	4,699
	<u>28,242</u>	<u>10,537</u>
 Expenditure		
Gifts to Hereward College	1,420	-
Business in Action	-	88
Indigo set up and support costs	1,616	2,738
Indigo running expenses	8,568	5,288
	<u>11,604</u>	<u>8,114</u>
 Surplus / (deficit) for period	 <u><u>16,638</u></u>	 <u><u>2,423</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEET

	2024 £	2023 £
Current Assets		
Cash at bank	61,587	33,345
Debtors	5,228	5,228
	<u>66,815</u>	<u>38,573</u>
Creditors		
Hereward College	21,594	9,990
Net Assets	<u><u>45,221</u></u>	<u><u>28,583</u></u>

Represented by:-

Reserves B/fwd	28,583	26,160
From Income & Expenditure	16,638	2,423
Total Reserves	<u><u>45,221</u></u>	<u><u>28,583</u></u>

BREAKDOWN OF RESERVES

Unrestricted reserves	11,962	9,962
Designated Reserves		
Business in Action	0	(163)
Indigo	3,482	(768)
Restricted Reserves		
Grants	13,425	0
Indigo profits	15,612	17,228
Hereward Enterprise	0	692
Power Chair Football	0	777
Heart of England	741	802
Cov General Charities - Sports	0	53
	<u><u>45,221</u></u>	<u><u>28,583</u></u>

Approved by the trustees

Signed..... Date

Paul Cook

Signed..... Date

Simon Shackleton



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

FRIENDS OF HEReward COLLEGE

31/12/2024

On accounts for the year ended

1159732

Charity no (if any)

1-3

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2024**.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Brian Mullis

Signed:

24/10/2025

Date:

Name:

Brian Mullis

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

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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.