

FRIENDS OF EMBARK

England & Wales · Charity number 1167878

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-06-28

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

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Activities

Objects: RELIEF OF THOSE IN NEED BY REASON OF DISABILITY, IN PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY:A) PROVIDING WORK EXPERIENCE IN CONTROLLED AND SAFE ENVIRONMENTS TO ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF SUSSEX B) PROVIDING QUALITY, SECURE, STABLE AND WELL MAINTAINED HOUSING TO ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF SUSSEX

Activities: Friends of Embark provide work experience and aim to provide quality homes to adults with learning difficulties in the area of Mid Sussex.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£813	£2,669	-	-
2024-04-05	£3,811	£4,108	-	-
2023-04-05	£5,171	£1,879	-	-
2022-04-05	£1,794	£1,140	-	-
2021-04-05	£3,010	£5,002	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JAN JENNINGS		2015-01-01
MIKE JENNINGS		2015-01-01
SIOBHAN WINTERS		2015-01-01
VICTOIRE ELLISON		2015-01-01

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**Friends of Embark
TRUSTEES REPORT 2025
(for FY2024/25)**

Friends of Embark has been able to continue providing a woodworking experience when possible. Due to a period of recovery for one of the Trustees from a serious health condition activities have been somewhat curtailed this year; however, we have managed to get back to providing the woodworking workshop in the latter part of the year.

Due to our fixed costs and limited sales, we have seen our expenses outweigh our income this year however, the charity is still in a good financial position with a healthy bank balance due to generous donations in previous years. We were also very grateful for a donation this year from The Catenian Association.

We have invested in more project materials and filtration equipment for our laser cutting tool mainly in relation to health and safety. We have been experimenting with new products with this new tool to diversify our range and plan to have new products to build and sell in the next financial year.

I am happy to report that we were also able to make a grant to the adults with learning difficulties supported by Embark, to cover another year's National Trust membership.

Funding

Although it has been another challenging year, Friends of Embark remains in a healthy financial position thanks to previous donations from St Wilfrid's School and a donation this year of £673 from an ex-pupil via The Catenian Association.

Our sales from products were down from last year at £90.

We will be looking for further fundraising opportunities in the coming year, particularly to upgrade our PC that is approaching end of life support.

Way forward

We look forward to continuing providing the woodworking experience project again next year and using our new laser tool to diversify our product range and to keep the project interesting, for our wonderful adults with learning difficulties.



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Friends Of Embark	
Balance Sheet 2024/25	6th April 2025
Assets	
Opening Balance	£ 10,144.87
Petty Cash Opening Balance	£ 1.94
PAYPAL Account Opening Balance	£ 230.95
Donations	£ 723.00
Sales	£ 90.00
Grants	
Sponsorship	
GAYL Income	
Amazon Income	£ -
Total	£ 11,190.76
Liabilities	
Event Expenses	-
Materials Expenses	£ 249.22
Insurance	£ 454.57
Accommodation (The Yews)	£ 194.50
Grants	£ 573.00
Tools&Equipment	£ 895.81
Website Domain	£ 302.39
PAYPAL Account funding	
Postage	
Total	£ 2,669.49
Net Assets	£ 8,521.27
Represented by:	
Current Account Balance	£ 8,288.38
Petty Cash	£ 1.94
PAYPAL Account Balance	£ 230.95
Total	£ 8,521.27

Produced By	Mike Jennings Chairman / Acting Treasurer
Signed	M.J.Jennings
Date	31/12/2025

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Friends of Embark TRUSTEES REPORT 2024 (for FY2023/24)

Friends of Embark has been able to continue providing a woodworking experience when possible. Unfortunately, one of the trustees suffered a serious health condition and we had to pause running the workshop for a period of Dec 2023 and March 2024.

We did manage to make some sales of our products early in 2023 and for Christmas, with the help of our friends at the Yews Community Centre in Haywards Heath. We were also very well supported with a very generous donation from St Wilfrid's School again from their superb fundraising events

This year the trustees have decided to invest in a new laser cutting and engraving tool, to produce kits of a variety of different products to give our woodworkers some new & different products to make, to keep it interesting for them.

I am happy to report that we were also able to make a grant to the adults with learning difficulties supported by Embark, to cover another year's National Trust membership.

Funding

Although it has been another challenging year, for slightly different reasons to previous years, Friends of Embark remains in a healthy financial position thanks to the fantastic support we have received from St Wilfrid's School who raised £3,548.53.

Our sales from products were slightly down last from last year at £234.50.

Way forward

We look forward to continuing providing the woodworking experience project again next year and using our new laser tool to diversify our product range and to keep the project interesting, for our wonderful adults with learning difficulties

M. Jennings
08/02/2024



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Balance Sheet 2023/24	6th April 2024
Assets	
Opening Balance	£ 10,441.72
Petty Cash Opening Balance	£ 1.94
PAYPAL Account Opening Balance	£ 230.95
Donations	£ 3,548.53
Sales	£ 234.50
Grants	
Sponsorship	
GAYL Income	
Amazon Income	£ 28.29
Total	£ 14,485.93
Liabilities	
Event Expenses	-
Materials Expenses	£ 177.51
Insurance	£ 427.04
Accomodation (The Yews)	£ 610.10
Grants	£ 528.00
Tools&Equipment	£ 2,029.00
Website Domain	£ 336.52
PAYPAL Account funding	
Postage	
Total	£ 4,108.17
Net Assets	£ 10,377.76
Represented by:	
Current Account Balance	£ 10,144.87
Petty Cash	£ 1.94
PAYPAL Account Balance	£ 230.95
Total	£ 10,377.76

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**Friends of Embark
TRUSTEES REPORT 2023
(for FY2022/23)**

Friends of Embark has been able to continue providing a woodworking experience, when possible, throughout the year although attendance rather erratic due to staff shortages and periods of ill-health. We have also been able to support the Yews honouring our room bookings even though it has sometimes not been possible to attend at short notice.

Sadly, Dan R, one of our expert painters, has also left the Embark service during the year. We wish him well for the future. We must also thank Larry and Janet for their support to Friends of Embark managing stalls and making birdbox kits. Most recently they also managed to secure a donation from a firm of solicitors that has significantly boosted our funds. Janet and Larry have decided to step down as Trustees this year.

We had sold all our stock last year through our on-line shop but were able to build up a new stock of products during the autumn that allowed us to have a successful Christmas market.

Funding

The two main events of the year during this time were a Hannah Jennings running the Brighton Marathon and raising over £400 in sponsorship. Great job! Thank you, Hannah. A similar figure was also raised through sales and Donations.

As mentioned above, we have also been given a very generous donation of 4298.71 from Solicitors Mason and Beer in East Grinstead.

Although we have all had another challenging year Friends of Embark remains in a healthy financial position thanks to the fantastic support we have received from our supporters

Way forward

We look forward to continuing providing the woodworking experience project again next year and we are also looking into the possibility of diversifying our product range to keep the project interesting along with new fundraising opportunities.

M. Jennings
09/01/2024



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Balance Sheet 2022/23	6th April 2023
Assets	
Opening Balance	£ 7,150.10
Petty Cash Opening Balance	£ 1.94
PAYPAL Account Opening Balance	£ 230.95
Donations	£ 90.48
Sales	£ 377.92
Grants	£ 4,298.71
Sponsorship	£ 404.24
GAYL Income	
Amazon Income	
Total	£ 12,554.34
Liabilities	
Event Expenses	-
Materials Expenses	£ 461.83
Insurance	£ 416.59
Accommodation (The Yews)	£ 650.40
Grants	
Tools&Equipment	
Website Domain	£ 350.91
PAYPAL Account funding	
Postage	
Total	£ 1,879.73
Net Assets	£ 10,674.61
Represented by:	
Current Account Balance	£ 10,441.72
Petty Cash	£ 1.94
PAYPAL Account Balance	£ 230.95
Total	£ 10,674.61

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Friends Of Embark	
Balance Sheet 2021/22	
5th April 2022	
Assets	
Opening Balance	£ 6,495.71
Petty Cash Opening Balance	£ 1.94
PAYPAL Account Opening Balance	£ 230.95
Donations	£ 1,330.18
Sales	£ 255.00
Grants	
Sponsorship	£ 189.04
GAYL Income	
Amazon Income	£ 20.41
Total	£ 8,523.23
Liabilities	
Event Expenses	£ 70.00
Materials Expenses	£ 51.42
Insurance	£ 419.41
Accomodation (The Yews)	£ 262.90
Grants	
Tools&Equipment	
Website Domain	£ 336.51
PAYPAL Account funding	
Postage	
Total	£ 1,140.24
Net Assets	£ 7,382.99
Represented by:	
Current Account Balance	£ 7,150.10
Petty Cash	£ 1.94
PAYPAL Account Balance	£ 230.95
Total	£ 7,382.99

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Friends of Embark
TRUSTEES REPORT 2021
(for FY2020/21)

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic this is a very different Trustees Report compared to previous years.

However, I am very pleased and indeed proud to report, that Friends of Embark have been able to adapt to meet the challenges of the various restrictions and lockdowns and have also been able to provide significant support to both Embark and NHS Charities during a very difficult time for all.

During the initial lockdown period, the group of adults with learning difficulties that we support, had to isolate in their homes and were unable to access their usual activities e.g. Day Services, as these were closed. This meant that Embark had to provide significant extra staffing, which at the time was not financially supported by the local authority. I am pleased to report that Friends of Embark were able to provide a grant of £4000 to Embark to cover the extra staffing costs for an initial 12 week period and cover the initial cost of PPE, some medical supplies and additional cleaning products.

As there were no local markets or fairs during this time we were also unable to sell our products to provide an income and therefore, had to adapt. We achieved this through setting up an online shop which proved to be very successful to the point that we sold all of our stock during the summer months.

Above all I am pleased to report that the group of adults that we support have coped very well with the demands and restrictions and shielding required during the lockdowns and have remained happy and healthy through this difficult period in no small part to the dedication and care of all the staff at Embark.

Work Experience

Due to the National Lockdown we were unable to continue with the wood working workshop for the remainder of this financial year.

Funding

Many Thanks to Larry and Janet who generated £200 worth of sales after convincing a campsite owner that his site would be a great setting for our bird boxes.

After creating an online shop via our website, we managed to sell all our remaining stock over the summer months generating over £500 in sales.

Haywards Heath Town Council gave us a grant for £436.71 to cover the costs of setting up our online shop and to cover packaging materials and postage cost for our online sales.

A really big thank you again to St Wilfrid's School whose fundraising efforts generated a magnificent £1747.33 to Friends of Embark. This is a remarkable sum considering the difficulties for everyone throughout the year and we are extremely grateful for their ongoing support.

So in a very challenging year although, our overall funds have taken a hit, we have managed to provide significant financial support to Embark during a very testing time. With the ability to adapt our sales channel and the fantastic support we have received from our supporters we have managed to recover at least half of the expenditure this year and Friends of Embark remains in a healthy financial position.

Way forward

It is not clear as yet how the pandemic will affect our activities over the next year. However, we look forward to a time when it is safe for our adults to resume their woodworking activities.

M. Jennings
03/01/2022



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Balance Sheet 2020/21	5th April 2021
Assets	
Opening Balance	£ 8,524.82
Petty Cash Opening Balance	£ 1.94
PAYPAL Account Opening Balance	£ 193.75
Donations	£ 1,807.25
Sales	£ 722.74
Grants	£ 436.71
Sponsorship	-
GAYL Income	£ 30.00
Amazon Income	£ 14.25
Total	£ 11,731.46
Liabilities	
Event Expenses	-
Materials Expenses	£ 225.34
Insurance	£ 407.77
Accomodation (The Yews)	£ 94.50
Grants	£ 4,058.75
Tools&Equipment	-
Website Domain	£ 134.87
PAYPAL Account funding	£ 10.53
Postage	£ 71.10
Total	£ 5,002.86
Net Assets	£ 6,728.60
Represented by:	
Current Account Balance	£ 6,495.71
Petty Cash	£ 1.94
PAYPAL Account Balance	£ 230.95
Total	£ 6,728.60

Produced By:

Mike Jennings
Chairman / Acting Treasurer

Signed:

M. J. Jennings

Date: 03/01/2022