

FRIENDS OF BRAM

England & Wales · Charity number 1185901

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2019-10-21

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

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Activities

Objects: (1) TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR THE DAILY CARE, RECREATION AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN DURING AND OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS AND SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND TO ADVANCE EDUCATION, PROMOTE THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF GOOD HEALTH AND RELIEVE THE EFFECTS OF POVERTY AMONGST RESIDENTS OF BARROW IN FURNESS AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.(2) TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES BY THE PROVISION OF SERVICES PARTICULAR THOSE AIMED AT PROMOTING GOOD HEALTH, RELIEVING POVERTY AND HELPING PEOPLE MEET THEIR OWN NEEDS IN SOCIETY.(3) TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF BARROW IN FURNESS AND THE SURROUNDING AREA THE PROVISION OR THE ASSISTANCE IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

Activities: *Activities for all children and families in Barrow in Furness - including holiday club for children, opportunities to take part in interesting trips supporting interests, intergenerational activities, sharing of skills and wisdom, seasonal and cultural activities supporting community cohesion.*Growing, cooking and eating activities supporting families in hardship.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Cumbria

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£635,386	£471,834	£228,065	26
2024-03-31	£389,557	£340,818	-	-
2023-03-31	£289,097	£280,248	-	-
2022-03-31	£232,073	£237,909	-	-
2021-03-31	£178,568	£151,122	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Carol Elizabeth Budge		2019-02-28
Jacqueline Ann Drake		2013-02-06
Nicola Kell		2021-09-01
Wilma Anne Anderson		2019-02-28

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Legal and Administrative Details

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Registered Office

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Trustees

Carol Elizabeth Budge

Wilma Anne Anderson

Nicola Kell

Chairman

Jacqueline Ann Drake

Secretary

Jacqueline Ann Drake (acting secretary)

Treasurer

Carol Elizabeth Budge

Friends of Bram Year Ended 31 March 2025

Trustees Report (Continued)

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report. This report outlines the activity of the Friends of Bram from April 2024 to March 2025.

The purposes of the charity are:

- (1) To provide facilities for the daily care, recreation and education of children during and out of school hours and school holidays and to advance education, promote the preservation and protection of good health and relieve the effects of poverty amongst residents of Barrow in Furness and the surrounding area.

- (2) To relieve the needs of children, young people and their families by the provision of services in particular those aimed at promoting good health, relieving poverty and helping people meet their own needs in society.

- (3) To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Barrow in Furness and the surrounding area for the provision of the assistance in the provision of facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

Activities and achievements

We continue to signpost both families and individuals to our hugely successful Well Fed programme, we continue to work with Fairshare to enhance the current produce including fresh fruit, meals and fresh meat produce through working in partnership with Fairshare we were offered an opportunity to visit the warehouse on the 2nd Monday of the month where we were able to pick up 15 extra trays of a range of food and produce which we use to support both the nursery and the local community, through this development we have been successful in funding by the Cumberland Building Society which has continued throughout this financial year which has ensured there is no direct cost to ourselves which is also supporting the nursery provision and reducing the food costs for our daily meals. The food delivered on a weekly basis on a Monday which continues to support individuals and families to be able to eat at an excellent cost of £3.00 per bag which support families and individuals to eat for the whole week. We continue to work with local supermarkets receiving excellent donations which support both the Well Fed and Fairshare programme and food parcels for the most vulnerable and isolated which we have continued to support these individuals but on a reduced capacity.

During this period we have continued to work with a range of partner organisation including: Barrow Community Learning Skills and WEA who are now able to deliver a direct service in line with government guidance in a safe, planned and structured environment ensuring both the safety of the students, teaching staff and other users of the building. We have also been working with a number of external organisations including: Families Matter, Furness Multi Cultural Group, Family Action, Family Hubs, Project John, Warrior Down, Health Visiting Team providing essential support and advice to help the local community address any needs that may be affecting them including; physical and mental health, benefits and housing advice as well as signposting to the most appropriate services to meet their individual needs. We have developed a partnership with the Family Hubs providing a range of services to meet the needs of families and children with a specific focus on babies and toddlers including; infant massage, terrific toddlers and baby time sessions which supports the development and understanding of children through their parents.

After an initial conversation with Warrior Down we have developed an excellent partnership with the programme who deliver a service to the local community and provide an office base for their management team, the organisation supports individuals and families who have been affected by substance misuse, through this partnership we have been able to complete a large amount of work on the site adjacent to the woodland area and have put a programme together to ensure the land is finished and completed in the next financial year and open to the local community to access this exciting provision, we plan to have an open day later on in the year to celebrate its completion. Through this partnership we have been able to expand our volunteer base dramatically and to improve our external area within the Bram gardened areas.

Friends of Bram continue to work with the local authority in developing the building into becoming one of the four town deal hubs based within the Barrow footprint, we have now been given the approval for our government funding which is due to start in the very near future and we look forward to the continued development of the building to provide services for the local community. We have been allocated 165K of capital funding to complete the development of the town deal hub within our site. We are working with officers from the local authority to develop a plan of work which includes completing the town deal work, the canopy creating an outside classroom and a number of maintenance programmes to upgrade the Bram Longstaffe building, these include: replacement of the fascias within the courtyard area as well as the fascias at the far end of the building adjacent to the Navigators and Voyagers rooms also replacement of all heaters throughout the building and emergency lighting internally and externally. This programme has become increasingly frustrating as the time frame for the work to be started and completed has been put off on numerous occasions, this is mainly due to the local authority wanting Friends of Bram to sign up to a long term lease and the legal team within the local authority having to produce and develop this which both parties are happy to sign, we are hoping this will happen in the coming financial year and the work will then be able to be completed to support our delivery for the local community.

We continue to plan to develop our outside provision adjacent to the garden including: erecting the gates which have now been erected, developing the patio area with seating and a well-being garden with our initial plan of opening the air raid shelter based on the setting, where local school and community will be able to learn some of the history of both the war and how it affected the Barrow Island footprint, we have now secured the wood to erect the raised beds as well as the stone and chippings to develop the paths throughout the area. Unfortunately due to the adverse weather conditions we have had during this year we have been unable to complete the work planned and hope to have completion and secured ready for the Winter of 2025 which will include the patio area, raised beds, paths and opening of the air raid shelter. We continue to work with Travel Active in creating Barrow Island Bikes which is a programme to support children, young people and the local community to understand the concept of repairing their own bikes and delivered two training programmes for local volunteers to support the local community and children into gaining an understanding of how to repair and rebuild their bikes as well as an opportunity to acquire a bike for their personal use which will be either free or at low cost, we have started this programme on site as we now have a unit that the programme can deliver sessions and we plan to expand this service as the land progresses.

Through securing funding from Cumbria Community Foundation we were also able to develop and deliver an Air Fryer programme designed to support individuals and families to both reduce their fuel costs while also improving their diet and reducing waste food. The programme was extremely intergenerational with the youngest attendee being 28 years and the eldest 82 years both male and female, through attending the programme that participants were given the opportunity to share recipes, create wholesome meals while also developing friendships in a relaxed, informal and enjoyable environment. Friends of Bram provided the ingredients, Air Fryers and utensils for the course and once the course is completed the participants were able to take home the Air Fryer and utensils which they will then be able to use in the home environment. Friends of Bram continue to offer to a Warm Spot project during the Winter months providing an opportunity for the local community to access somewhere they could charge their electrical items, enjoy a warm drink, soup, sandwiches, biscuits and cakes as well as the opportunity to develop friendships and discuss any concerns that may be affecting them with either the member of staff or volunteer who delivered the programme.

During this financial year we have delivered a hugely successful holiday programme for children ages 2 years to 11 years as this included our Haf programme during Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays supporting the most vulnerable and isolated 5 years to 11 years old with a particular focus on children receiving free school meals, all our holiday provision is extremely well attended for both the most vulnerable and isolated children as well as paying children from working parents. Each of the Haf programme attendance has been exceptional and we have never been under 100% attendance, during this period we have also been both internally and externally audited by the Haf team which we have come through with flying colours on both occasions and are seen as excellent practice. During this financial year we have developed and delivered a successful youth provision which is delivered by two of our members of staff on a weekly basis and is attended on average sixteen young people from the local area where they have the opportunity to access a range of activities including: games, IT, cooking and baking as well as extending their social networks and gaining new friends, the sessions also provide a cooked tea for all the young people which they really enjoy and have a discussion each week about they will eat the week after.

During this year we have seen our numbers rapidly grow which is linked to word of mouth and social media which has been extremely positive where potential parents are looking for nursery provision for their children. This has led to us having to rethink how we provide our nursery provision and are now in a position of needing four rooms, Little Sailors 0-2 years, Navigators 2-3 years and Voyagers 3-4 years. At this present moment we have approximately 96 children on roll which is over double the figure we started with in 2021, due to our rising numbers we have had to look at staffing levels and employed three extra members of staff on a full time basis and due to the government's plans for both 2 year and 9 month old funded places for working parents we are expecting a rapid rise from April 2024 and September 2024 which we expect to need more staffing to cover the extra provision which will be needed for working parents especially return to work parents. We have currently 3 qualified teachers, an early years specialist and 11 childcare assistants on contract and 2 staff members on casual bank which we have utilised in our holiday programmes especially the Haf programme, this also gives us an opportunity where we have been needing extra staff to cover holidays and sickness throughout term time.

This has been an extremely successful year for both our community work and nursery provision and we have developed an excellent name for our nursery as we are now independent form the local authority and developed and excellent relationship with the local community providing a range of services as well as creating an extremely trusting opportunity to work with local people within our community.

During this financial period we have been successful with a number of grants including: Town Deal which we have received our first revenue payment. We were successful in receiving funding from Sir John Fisher, Cumbria Foundation to support the delivery of a number of projects as well as supporting Bram Longsaffe Community Hub running costs and salaries, this excludes our funded 2,3 and 4 year old children and paid children which supports the running of Brams Little Sailors Nursery provision and staffing.

Finance

As at March 31st 2025 the bank account funds stand at £224,826.

Approved by the trustees on the 13.01.26 and signed on their behalf by:

C A Budge



W A Anderson



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N Kell



Independent Examiner's Report To the Trustees of Friends of Bram

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner and basis of report

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this Period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:-

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

R F Miller & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants

Doubletree Court
10A Cavendish Street, Ulverston
Cumbria LA12 7AD
Dated: 12 January 2026

RF Miller & Co

Friends of Bram

Statement of financial activities

for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	
	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Funded children income - CCC	332,656		138,862	
Parent fees received	136,642		143,969	
HAF	40,318		22,920	
Funding income - COVID-19	-		-	
Funding income	112,916		76,647	
Recycling	2,291		250	
Premises usage	10,563		6,895	
Interest received	-		16	
Total receipts		<u>635,386</u>		<u>389,557</u>
Payments				
Payments for generating funds				
Covid hub expenses	29,417		22,087	
Salaries and pensions	373,023		268,793	
Training costs	1,947		210	
Rates	-		-	
Insurance	1,155		1,079	
Utility costs	37,626		35,852	
Accountancy	990		900	
Telephone	4,227		2,589	
Travel costs	-		-	
Bank charges	102		221	
Depreciation	3,004		135	
Barclaycard	-		-	
Repairs and renewals	7,232		4,698	
Licences	566		550	
Development	4,045		2,500	
Advertising	5,000		-	
Computer costs	3,499		1,204	
Total payments		<u>471,834</u>		<u>340,818</u>
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Excess of income over expenditure		163,552		48,739
Balance brought forward from previous year		64,512		15,772
Balance at end of the year		<u><u>228,065</u></u>		<u><u>64,512</u></u>

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Balance Sheet

for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £ <u>2025</u>	Unrestricted funds to nearest £ <u>2024</u>
Fixed Assets		
Fixtures & fittings	12,810	
Motor Vehicles	4,770	
	<u>-</u>	6,360
	17,580	6,360
Current assets		
Prepayments	703	
Cash at bank	703	650
Current account		649
Savings account	222,176	
	2,650	73,092
		43
Total current assets	<u>225,529</u>	<u>73,699</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Loans		
Accruals	-	-
PAYE	6,643	-
Pension	6,670	10,041
Creditors	1,731	3,477
	-	2,029
	<u>-</u>	-
Net assets	<u>228,065</u>	<u>64,512</u>
Represented by		
Funds of the charity		
Unrestricted funds		
As at 31 March 2024	64,512	15,772
Add: Net assets (first completion of balance sheet)	-	
Add Excess of income over expenditure for the year	<u>163,552</u>	<u>48,739</u>
Total funds as at 31 March 2025	<u>228,065</u>	<u>64,512</u>

I approve the financial information.

I acknowledge my responsibility for the financial information, including the appropriateness of the accounting basis as set out and for providing R F Miller & Co with all the information and explanations necessary for its completion.

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The financial information was approved on

Signed

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W. Dudge

C. Budge

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Wilma Anne Anderson

Nicola Kell

Chairman

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Jacqueline Ann Drake (acting secretary)

Treasurer

Carol Elizabeth Budge

**Friends of Bram
Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**Trustees Report
(Continued)**

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Activities and achievements

We continue to signpost both families and individuals to our hugely successful Well Fed programme. In February we signed up to Fairshare to enhance the current produce including fresh fruit, meals and fresh meat produce, through this development we have been successful in funding by the Cumberland Building Society which has ensured there is no direct cost to ourselves which is also supporting the nursery provision and reducing the food costs for our daily meals. The food delivered on a weekly basis on a Monday which continues to support individuals and families to be able to eat at an excellent cost of £3.00 per bag which support families and individuals to eat for the whole week. We continue to work with local supermarkets receiving excellent donations which support both the Well Fed and Fairshare programme and food parcels for the most vulnerable and isolated especially those that continue to be affected by the aftermath of Covid.

During this period we have continued to work with a range of partner organisation including: Barrow Community Learning Skills and WEA who are now able to deliver a direct service in line with government guidance in a safe, planned and structured environment ensuring both the safety of the students, teaching staff and other users of the building. We have also been working with a number of external organisations including: Families Matter, Furness Multi Cultural Group, Family Action and Family Hubs providing essential support and advice to help the local community address any needs that may be affecting them including; physical and mental health, benefits and housing advice as well as signposting to the most appropriate services to meet their individual needs. We have developed a partnership with the Family Hubs providing a range of services to meet the needs of families and children with a specific focus on babies and toddlers including; infant massage, terrific toddlers an baby time sessions which supports the development and understanding of children through their parents.

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We continue to plan to develop our outside provision adjacent to the garden including: erecting the gates which have now been erected, developing the patio area with seating and a well-being garden with our initial plan of opening the air raid shelter based on the setting, where local school and community will be able to learn some of the history of both the war and how it affected to Barrow Island footprint, we have now secured the wood to erect the raised beds as well as the stone and chippings to develop the paths throughout the area. Unfortunately due to the adverse weather conditions we have had during this year we have been unable to complete the work planned and hope to have completion and secured ready for the Spring of 2025 which will include the patio area, raised beds, paths and opening of the air raid shelter. We have developed a partnership with Travel Active in creating Barrow Island Bikes which is a programme to support children, young people and the local community to understand the concept of repairing their own bikes and plan to deliver a training programme for local volunteers to support the local community and children into gaining an understanding of how to repair and rebuild their bikes as well as an opportunity to acquire a bike for their personal use which will be either free or at low cost, we have applied for funding to support this programme and have been successful in securing 28k + to ensure it's delivery. We secured funding to complete the work on this site from the heritage funding which would link extremely well to the historical values of the area.

During this financial year we have developed and delivered a number of new projects including: Brilliant Babies which was developed to support parents understanding of their child's development during the period of 0- 18 months using a range of activities including sensory play, arts and crafts and treasure baskets, the programme was delivered by a member of the nursery staff and volunteers. Due to staffing capacity we were unable to start the programme after Easter and had to delay until September. The programme is well attended and feedback from parents has been excellent. We plan to continue this programme throughout the next financial year and will produce a report for Orsted who have supported us with a grant to deliver this programme. Through securing funding from Cumbria Community Foundation we were also able to develop and deliver a Slow Cooker programme designed to support individuals and families to both reduce their fuel costs while also improving their diet and reducing waste food. The programme was extremely intergenerational with the youngest attendee being 28 years and the eldest 82 years both male and female, through attending the programme that participants were given the opportunity to share recipes, create wholesome meals while also developing friendships in a relaxed, informal and enjoyable environment. Friends of Bram provided the ingredients, slow cookers and utensils for the course and once the course is completed the participants will be able to take home the slow cooker and utensils which they will then be able to use in the home environment. Friends of Bram continue to offer to a Warm Spot project during the Winter months providing an opportunity for the local community to access somewhere they could charge their electrical items, enjoy a warm drink, soup, sandwiches, biscuits and cakes as well as the opportunity to develop friendships and discuss any concerns that may be affecting them with either the member of staff or volunteer who delivered the programme. During this financial year we have delivered a hugely successful holiday programme for children ages 2 years to 11 years as this included our Haf programme during Easter, Summer and

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During this financial period we have been successful with a number of grants including: Town Deal which is 180K for the 1st year which hasn't been received as of today. We were successful in receiving funding from Francis C Scott, Sir John Fisher, Cumbria Foundation, Heritage and local authority to support the delivery of a number of projects as well as supporting Bram Longsaffe Community Hub running costs and salaries, this excludes our funded 2,3 and 4 year old children and paid children which supports the running of Brams Little Sailors Nursery provision and staffing.

Finance

As at March 31st 2024 the bank account funds stand at £73,049.

Approved by the trustees on the (insert date) and signed on their behalf by:

C A Budge



W A Anderson



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Independent Examiner's Report To the Trustees of Friends of Bram

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R F Miller & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants

Doubletree Court
10A Cavendish Street, Ulverston
Cumbria LA12 7AD
Dated: 22 April 2025

R F Miller & Co

Friends of Bram

Statement of financial activities

for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	
	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Funded children income - CCC	138,862		94,870	
Parent fees received	143,969		114,995	
HAF	22,920		12,122	
Funding income - COVID-19	-		-	
Funding income	76,647		59,150	
Recycling	250		-	
Premises usage	6,895		7,950	
Interest received	16		9	
Total receipts		<u>389,557</u>		<u>289,097</u>
Payments				
Payments for generating funds				
Covid hub expenses	22,087		14,450	
Salaries and pensions	268,793		215,873	
Training costs	210		692	
Rates	-		201	
Insurance	1,079		597	
Utility costs	35,852		34,149	
Accountancy	900		2,700	
Telephone	2,589		2,448	
Travel costs	-		-	
Bank charges	221		175	
Depreciation	135		-	
Barclaycard	-		1,800	
Repairs and renewals	4,698		4,771	
Licences	550		422	
Development	2,500		-	
Computer costs	1,204		1,971	
Total payments		<u>340,818</u>		<u>280,248</u>
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Friends of Bram

Balance Sheet

for the year ended 31 March 2024

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Current assets		
Prepayments	650	639
Fixed Assets		
Motor Vehicles	6,360	
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash at bank	7,009	639
Current account	73,082	30,016
Savings account	-	43
	-	1,689
Total current assets	<u><u>80,059</u></u>	<u><u>32,344</u></u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Loans	-	-
Accruals	10,041	9,068
PAYE	<u>3,477</u>	6,481
Pension	2,029	1,023
Creditors	-	-
Net assets	<u><u>64,512</u></u>	<u><u>15,772</u></u>
Represented by		
Funds of the charity		
Unrestricted funds		
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FRIENDS OF BRAM

England & Wales - Charity number 1185901

Accounts

Charity Number: 1185901



Friends of Bram

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Charity Commission Registered Number

1185901

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Wilma Anne Anderson

Nicola Kell

Chairman

Jacqueline Ann Drake

Secretary

Jacqueline Ann Drake (acting secretary)

Treasurer

Carol Elizabeth Budge

**Friends of Bram
Year Ended 31 March 2023**

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(Continued)**

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The purposes of the charity are:

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Activities and achievements

With the aftermath of Covid 19 pandemic we have found families and individuals continuing to struggle with both food and fuel poverty in the current financial climate and found ourselves having to still support people to be able to heat and heat their properties although at a reduced rate. We continue to signpost both families and individuals to our hugely successful Well-Fed programme delivered on a weekly basis on a Monday which continues to support individuals and families to be able to eat at an excellent cost of £3.00 per bag which support families and individuals to eat for the whole week. We continue to work with local supermarkets receiving excellent donations which support both the Well Fed programme and food parcels for the most vulnerable and isolated especially those that continue to be affected by Covid.

During this period, we have continued to work with a range of partner organisation including: Barrow Community Learning Skills and WEA who are now able to deliver a direct service in line with government guidance in a safe, planned and structured environment ensuring both the safety of the students, teaching staff and other users of the building. We have also been working with a number of external organisations including: Families Matter, Bay Wildlife Trust, Hawcs, Inspira, Furness Multi Cultural Group and DWP providing essential support and advice to help the local community address any needs that may be affecting them including; physical and mental health, benefits and housing advice as well as signposting to the most appropriate services to meet their individual needs.

Friends of Bram continue to work with the local authority in developing the building into becoming one of the four town deal hubs based within the Barrow footprint, we have now been given the approval for our government funding which is due to start in the very near future and we look forward to the continued development of the building to provide services for the local community. We have been allocated 165K of capital funding to complete the development of the town deal hub within our site. We are working with officers from the local authority to

develop a plan of work which includes completing the town deal work, the canopy creating an outside classroom and a number of maintenance programmes to upgrade the Bram Longstaff building, these include: replacement of the fascia's within the courtyard area as well as the fascia's at the far end of the building adjacent to the Navigators and Voyagers rooms also replacement of all heaters throughout the building and emergency lighting. Looking through the scheme of work it is hoped and planned the work will be completed over the Summer holidays with this mind I am currently looking to develop an opportunity for ourselves to move our nursery provision to another site in the Barrow area working with local schools as they will be closed in the Summer break who would have their own Ofsted registration which means we would only have to inform Ofsted we are moving to another building for a short period of time.

We continue to plan to develop our outside provision adjacent to the garden including: erecting the gates, developing the patio area with seating and a wellbeing garden with our initial plan of opening the air raid shelter based on the setting, where local school and community will be able to learn some of the history of both the war and how it affected to Barrow Island footprint, we have now secured the wood to erect the raised beds as well as the stone and chippings to develop the paths throughout the area. We are currently looking at opportunities to secure funding to complete the work on this site and have made enquiries into the opportunities of applying to the heritage funding which would link extremely well to the historical values of the area.

During this financial year we have developed and delivered a number of new projects including: Brilliant Babies which was developed to support parents understanding of their child's development during the period of 0- 18 months using a range of activities including sensory play, arts and crafts and treasure baskets, the programme was delivered by a member of the nursery staff and volunteers. Due to staffing capacity we were unable to start the programme after Easter and had to delay until September. The programme is well attended and feedback from parents has been excellent. We plan to continue this programme throughout the next financial year and will produce a report for Orsted who have supported us with a grant to deliver this programme. Through securing funding from Cumbria Community Foundation, we were also able to develop and deliver a Slow Cooker programme designed to support individuals and families to both reduce their fuel costs while also improving their diet and reducing waste food.

The programme was extremely intergenerational with the youngest attendee being 28 years and the eldest 82 years both male and female, through attending the programme that participants were given the opportunity to share recipes, create wholesome meals while also developing friendships in a relaxed, informal and enjoyable environment. Friends of Bram provided the ingredients, slow cookers and utensils for the course and once the course is completed the participants will be able to take home the slow cooker and utensils which they will then be able to use in the home environment. Friends of Bram were offered an opportunity to become a Warm Spot providing an opportunity for the local community to access somewhere they could charge their electrical items, enjoy a warm drink, soup, sandwiches, biscuits and cakes as well as the opportunity to develop friendships and discuss any concerns that may be affecting them with either the member of staff or volunteer who delivered the programme.

During this financial year we have delivered a hugely successful holiday programme for children ages 2 years to 11 years as this included our Haf programme during Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays supporting the most vulnerable and isolated 5 years to 11 years old with a particular focus on children receiving free school meals, all our holiday provision is extremely well attended for both the most vulnerable and isolated children as well as paying children from working parents. Each of the Haf programme attendance has been exceptional and we have never been under 100% attendance, during this period we have also been both

internally and externally audited by the Haf team which we have come through with flying colours on both occasions and are seen as excellent practice.

As stated in last year's report our numbers of children in the nursery setting were extremely low which made our decision to combine the 2,3- and 4-year olds the most cost-effective answer to the delivery of the nursery provision, during this year we have seen our numbers steadily grow which is linked to word of mouth, social media which has been extremely positive where potential parents are looking for nursery provision for their children. This has led to us having to rethink how we provide our nursery provision and are now in a position of needing three rooms, Little Sailors 0-2 years, Navigators 2-3 years and Voyagers 3-4 years. At this present moment we have approximately 60 children on roll which is nearly double the figure we started with in 2021, we are managing with our current staffing levels but are now seriously needing to look if we need to employ an extra member of staff. We have qualified teachers and childcare assistants on casual bank which we have utilised in our holiday programmes especially the Haf programme, this also gives us an opportunity where we have been needing extra staff to cover holidays and sickness throughout term time.

This has been an extremely successful year for both our community work and nursery provision and we have developed an excellent name for our nursery as we are now independent from the local authority and developed an excellent relationship with the local community providing a range of services as well as creating an extremely trusting opportunity to work with local people within our community especially through the work we delivered through Covid 19. During this financial period, we have been successful with a number of grants including: Town Deal which is 180K for the 1st year which hasn't been received as of today. We received a total of £69,525.44 from a range of local funding organisations to support the delivery of a number of projects as well as supporting Bram Longstaff Community Hub running costs and salaries, this excludes our funded 2,3 and 4-year-old children and paid children which supports the running of Brams Little Sailors Nursery provision and staffing.

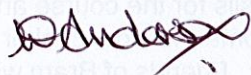
Finance

As at March 31st 2023 the bank account funds stand at £31,705.

Approved by the trustees on the (insert date) and signed on their behalf by:



C A Budge



W A Anderson



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**Independent Examiner's Report
To the Trustees of
Friends of Bram**

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

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner and basis of report

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this Period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:-

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**R F Miller & Co
Chartered Accountants**

RF Miller & Co

Doubletree Court
10A Cavendish Street, Ulverston
Cumbria LA12 7AD
Dated: 10 May 2024

Friends of Bram

Statement of financial activities

for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	
	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Funded children income - CCC	94,870		65,417	
Parent fees received	114,995		75,372	
HAF	12,122		-	
Funding income - COVID-19	-		21,169	
Funding income	59,150		63,715	
Premises usage	7,950		6,387	
Interest received	9		13	
Total receipts		<u>289,097</u>		<u>232,073</u>
Payments				
Payments for generating funds				
Covid hub expenses	14,450		14,200	
Salaries and pensions	215,873		196,701	
Training costs	692		1,628	
Rates	201		433	
Insurance	597		950	
Utility costs	34,149		11,662	
Accountancy	2,700		-	
Telephone	2,448		2,355	
Travel costs	-		-	
Bank charges	175		270	
Barclaycard	1,800		-	
Repairs and renewals	4,771		3,213	
Licences	422		704	
Computer costs	1,971		1,796	
Total payments		<u>280,248</u>		<u>233,911</u>
Capital expenditure		-		3,998
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Excess of income over expenditure		8,848		(5,836)
Balance brought forward from previous year		6,924		12,760
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Cash funds at 31 March 2022		21,610		27,446
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Friends of Bram

Balance Sheet

for the year ended 31 March 2023

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Prepayments	639	-
Other Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash at bank	639	-
Current account	30,016	21,168
Savings account	1,689	442
Total current assets	<u><u>32,344</u></u>	<u><u>21,610</u></u>
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Loans	-	-
Accruals	9,068	900
PAYE	6,481	13,786
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FRIENDS OF BRAM

England & Wales - Charity number 1185901

Accounts

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Friends of Bram Year Ended 31 March 2021

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Activities and achievements

Due to the continuation of the situation within Covid 19 pandemic we continued to provide meals and food parcels and during the Christmas period we were extremely busy only closing Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day, this was due to the negative impact Covid 19 situation was having on the local community. We continued to provide this service up until the start of the Summer holidays 2021, during the period of March 2021 and July 2021 we started to reduce this service as families and individuals became more self-sufficient. Working with the most vulnerable individuals and families to provide fuel, white goods and furniture where needed as well as providing a service to collect prescription etc.

Through developing a strong partnership with The Well we developed the Well-fed programme to support struggling individuals and families who have been adversely affected by Covid 19 with their financial situation, the Well-fed programme provides an opportunity for individuals and families to choose food and fresh produce filling two carrier bags for a nominal fee of £3.00 per week. The programme has been extremely successful and on average we have between 20 and 25 individuals accessing this service.

Since September 2020, when we took over the running of the building, we have been working with partner organisations to develop services for the local community in line with government guidance which has changed on a regular basis which means we have had to adapt our plans on a regular basis to ensure the safety of everyone involved. We have a number of services delivered from the building by partner organisations including: WEA, Barrow Community Learning Skills, The Well, Family Action, Bay Wildlife Trust, Hawkes, Inspira, Furness Multi Cultural Group which is generating rentable income as well as providing a needed service to local families and individuals.

During the Summer holidays of 2021 the building closed for two and half weeks as Cumbria County Council were needing to do some essential work replacing the flat roofs which was part of the development plan and essential works for the building. Since taking the building over we have been working with Cumbria County Council to develop the building into a family and community hub linking in with the town deal which will create four hubs, ourselves, Ormsgill, Earnse Bay and the Forum.

Each of the hubs has an amount of funding attached to develop the buildings, Bram Longstaffe has been allocated 180K, 15K of which is revenue and the remainder Capital Funding. We are due for a final decision on this funding at the end of December beginning of January and the money is due to be released at the beginning of the next financial year, this will mean the building will have to close for a length of time which we are planning to have the work completed during the Summer holidays.

Working with Cumbria County Council we developed a wish list of work that would be a benefit to the local community and the building which includes; creating a more appropriate disabled accessibility doorway, developing both the first two rooms in the corridor, creating a kitchen area in the second room and one to one room as well as providing a large open space for group work, developing the first room to provide large group work space, a one to one room and computer suite, through moving both the staff room and the library to the far end of the building this will also provide more group space for the local community.

One of the main things on our wish list was to provide an outdoor classroom which when we costed the concept we were looking at towards 50k as a classroom is planned to be self-sufficient, heated and dual use. We have been successful to secure 47K from a different funding pot which means we will be able to achieve our outside classroom in the next financial year.

In line with this development a decision was made to cut the building in half where the nursery provision would be solely delivered in the far two classrooms, in Summer 2021 we moved the baby room into the Voyagers room while developing an outside area with artificial grass, fenced for the babies to utilise. The 2,3 and 4-year-old children have been condensed due to low numbers in the Navigators room which we have been delivering in since September and apart from a few teething troubles this seems to be going really well. Though condensing the nursery into one side of the building it has given us an opportunity to develop a training room which is used most days and a community room providing a range of activities across the week including weekends and planned activities of an evening.

In line with the development of the building we are also looking at developing the large piece of land adjacent to the woodland area which we are working in partnership, Bay Wildlife Trust, Greenheart Den, the Well and Community Friends-WEA. The area is now fenced off and working with Andy from AJ Automotive we have secured two gates from BAE and when the weather allows these will be erected to make the site secure. Working in partnership we have already secured a 36ft by 10ft vandal proof porta cabin which we can use for group work and a comfort area, a large poly tunnel and 5K to purchase the equipment needed to renovate the land, as part of the development the plan is to have raised beds so we can grow our own vegetables, open up the Air Raid shelter, mental health garden and a large open area which can be used by children for sports, these plans are changeable and we are working closely with Community Friends to look at our ongoing developments for the future.

During the previous year two of our members of staff moved on to other roles but due to low numbers within the nursery we have not had to replace staff. In September 2020 we had a large 3 and 4-year-old group with a number of children with EHCP which brought in extra financial support however we had very low 2-year funded children. Baby room continued to grow with firms asking parents to back into the office. In September 2021 we have very low 2,

3 and 4-year-old funded places which is now starting to grow which is excellent news as we were really concerned of how the numbers were going to be from September onwards.

Baby room continues to grow in numbers and we are now looking at the possibility of having a waiting list which is something we haven't had to do for a long period.

The pandemic has had negative and positive impact for the nursery and community hub, it created Bram Longstaffe, an opportunity in the beginning to re-open and provide some excellent work within the community, but as the year progressed it has had an adverse effect due to lock downs and restrictions put in place by the government, our expected rental income and partnerships have been delayed which has hit us financially, to ensure the continuity of the building I have had to chase funding throughout this year to ensure our financial survival, through the knowledge and partnerships I have developed over the past 20 years it has enabled Friends of Bram to be successful in gaining small grants from a number of local funding pots including; Area Committee, Cumbria Community Foundation, Francis C Scott, Sir John Fisher, Health Population Commission as well as the rentable income from partner organisations.

The pandemic has also affected the childcare provision as families are affected by Covid in the home as children are unable to attend the nursery this is having an adverse effect as we are unable to charge parents for sessions booked which means we lose money on a constant basis as this is a regular event.

Since September 2021 we have seen a huge impact of the number of children that have both shown an interest and attendance of the nursery provision which has created both a positive and negative affect as our numbers have risen dramatically through babies, 2, 3 and 4 year olds, this is however taking the Hub manager role away as he is needing to be in the classroom more, the hub role is essentially important in the continued development for the building and surrounding area, we are now looking at the possibility of bringing into the setting an apprentice who currently has a level 2 in Early Years and working towards a level 3 to alleviate this problem.

We are still working with a large number of organisations and partners to develop a range of services to provide the most appropriate provision for the local community to provide services that meet the needs of local families and individuals we have now developed key contacts with a range of organisations to ensure this happens and provides a service within the Barrow Island footprint which now includes Health, Housing, Benefits, Police, Health and Well-being, Multi-Cultural, Drug and Alcohol and carbon footprints. Working with the local authority, Barrow Borough Council and Health we are accessing the needs of the local community and how we can address the issues that are being highlighted and how we can best support the local community and individuals within their own footprint.

We have successfully secured funding for 'Brilliant Babies' which is due to be delivered after the Easter break which is designed to ensure babies are ready to attend nursery provision and parents feel a lot more confident in supporting their children in their age and stage development. We also have a new project which is due to start after Easter supporting children and families affected by bereavement one Saturday per month which will be relaxed with fun activities for children and their parents which will include outdoor play, gardening, leisure activities and cooking.

We have now been informed the town deal fund has now been secured which will bring in 180K to develop our ongoing community opportunities for the local people and families within our footprint providing an opportunity for a wide range of organisations to deliver services on the doorstep of the Barrow Island ward which provides an opportunity for a greater accessibility for families, individuals and children to be able to access services on their doorstep ensuring there is an opportunity for the whole community to access provision while also enabling them to have a voice in a provision provided in their local footprint.

Finance

As at March 31st 2022 the bank account funds stand at £21,610.

Approved by the trustees on the (insert date) and signed on their behalf by:

C A Budge

C Budge
5/2/2023

W A Anderson

W Anderson
5/2/23

N Kell

N Kell
2/2/23

**Independent Examiner's Report
To the Trustees of
Friends of Bram**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner 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

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Association of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW). 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.



**Mr P Newsham ACA
RfM Ulverston Ltd
Chartered Accountants**

Bellevue
Princes Street, Ulverston
Cumbria LA12 7NB
Dated: 2 February 2023

Friends of Bram

Receipts and Payments Account

for the year ended 31 March 2022

Receipts	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Funded children income - CCC	65,417		94,085	
Parent fees received	75,372		37,047	
Funding income - COVID-19	21,169		24,398	
Funding income	63,715		21,265	
Premises usage	6,387		1,773	
Interest received	13		-	
Total receipts		<u>232,073</u>		<u>178,568</u>
Payments				
Payments for generating funds				
Covid hub expenses	14,200		35,806	
Salaries and pensions	196,701		93,952	
Training costs	1,628		246	
Rates	433		833	
Insurance	950		910	
Utility costs	11,662		9,212	
Telephone	2,355		647	
Travel costs	-		100	
Bank charges	270		-	
Repairs and renewals	3,213		6,624	
Licences	704		544	
Computer costs	1,796		2,250	
Total payments		<u>233,911</u>		<u>151,122</u>
Capital expenditure		3,998		-
Total payments		<u>237,909</u>		<u>151,122</u>
Net of payments		(5,836)		27,446
Cash funds at 31 March 2021		27,446		-
Cash funds at 31 March 2022		<u>21,610</u>		<u>27,446</u>

Friends of Bram

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

as at 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
Assets	
Cash funds	
Bank account	21,168
Deposit account	442
Cash In hand	
	<u>21,610</u>
Other monetary assets	
None held	
	Cost
Investment assets	£
None held	-
	Cost
Assets retained for the charity's own use	£
None held	-
	Amount due
Liabilities	£
Accountancy	900
Pension	909
PAYE/NIC	13,786

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on the 2 February 2023 and are signed on their behalf by:

C A Budge
Trustee

CBudge
5/2/2023

W A Anderson
Trustee

W A Anderson
5/2/23
C

N Kell
Trustee

N Kell
2/2/23

FRIENDS OF BRAM

England & Wales - Charity number 1185901

Accounts

Charity Number: 1185901

Friends of Bram

Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended

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Friends of Bram

Year Ended 31 March 2021

Trustees Report

The trustees present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Legal and Administrative Details

Charity name

Friends of Bram

Charity Commission Registered Number

1185901

Registered Office

36 The Gill

Ulverston

Cumbria

LA12 7BP

Trustees

Carol Elizabeth Budge

Wilma Anne Anderson

Linda Hadwen

Chairman

Jacqueline Ann Drake

Secretary

Linda Hadwen

Treasurer

Carol Elizabeth Budge

**Friends of Bram
Year Ended 31 March 2021**

**Trustees Report
(Continued)**

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with financial statement to meet requirements. This report outlines the activity of the Friends of Bram from April 2020 to March 2021.

The purposes of the charity are:

(1) To provide facilities for the daily care, recreation and education of children during and out of school hours and school holidays and to advance education, promote the preservation and protection of good health and relieve the effects of poverty amongst residents of Barrow in Furness and the surrounding area.

(2) To relieve the needs of children, young people and their families by the provision of services in particular those aimed at promoting good health, relieving poverty and helping people meet their own needs in society.

(3) To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Barrow in Furness and the surrounding area for the provision of the assistance in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

Activities and achievements

In April 20 we opened as a Community Resilience Hub with our Manager as Covid 19 Co-ordinator for Barrow Island. We were supported by Cumbria County Council and Community Foundation with funding to enable us to support the most vulnerable and isolated individuals and families with free food parcels and hot meals and providing a link to the outside world. We were also open for childcare for the children of keyworkers and vulnerable children.

During July and August 2020, we provided a holiday programme for the most vulnerable and isolated children from the area which included activities and a hot meal, the programme provided a much-needed opportunity for these children to expand their social networks and gain some physical exercise within the outdoor areas.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic we continued to provide meals and food parcels and during the Christmas period, we were extremely busy only closing Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day, this was due to the negative impact Covid 19 situation was having on the local community.

We supported the most vulnerable individuals and families to provide fuel, white goods and furniture where needed as well as providing a service to collect prescriptions etc.

We negotiated with the local authority to organise a licence with a peppercorn rent to enable Friends of Bram to provide a service to the local community.

Friends of Bram

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Capital expenditure		-
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Cash funds at 31 March 2021		<u>27,446</u>

Friends of Bram

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None held	-
	Amount due
Liabilities	£
Accountancy	960
Pension	1,035
PAYE/NIC	2,987

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on the _____ and
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C A Budge
Trustee



W A Anderson
Trustee



L Hadwen
Trustee



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Dated:

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The Friends of Bram successfully registered with Ofsted to run childcare (Bram's Little Sailors) from 02/02/2021.

Finance

As at March 31st 2021 the account stands at £27,445.99.

Approved by the trustees on the (insert date) and signed on their behalf by:

C A Budge

W A Anderson

L Hadwen

