



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024  
Period end date

Period start date To 31st January 2025

**Charity name:** New Friends For You

**Charity registration number:** 1186686

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing residents of Chorley and surrounding areas from becoming socially excluded and assisting them to reintegrate into society. For this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded as a result one or more of the following factors: old age, ill health, disability or bereavement.</b>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<b>Befriending service via home visits or phone calls. Talkin Tables &amp; After Loss Clubs. Social activities for befriended people.</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>The Trustees confirm they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</b>

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<b>N/A</b>
	Para 1.38	<b>N/A</b>

Policy on social investment including program related investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<b>Volunteer befrienders give at least one hour of their time every week to visit or telephone lonely and/or isolated residents. Volunteer Table Leaders host Tables in cafes/church halls/bars for an hour a week. These Tables bring together lonely people to meet new friends. Volunteers run our 3 after loss clubs for bereaved residents of Chorley</b>
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p><b>Over 200 residents of Chorley &amp; South Ribble visit a Talkin Table and have made strong new friendships resulting in days out together, holidays away, and even a marriage. Lives have been changed for the better by bringing socially isolated people back into the community and developing new friendships.</b></p> <p><b>The After Loss Clubs support those suffering bereavement and have benefitted over 60 residents. We continue to support over 100 befriended people, some of whom have grown in confidence and made additional social connections and no longer need support.</b></p> <p><b>We arrange a Christmas party for volunteers and their befriended person and send Christmas cards to all our befriended people. Many of the befriended people have a disability and are housebound.</b></p> <p><b>The After Loss Clubs and Talking Tables groups arrange their own self-funded dinners and outings.</b></p> <p><b>In July 2024 the 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Talkin Tables was celebrated at Chorley Town Hall with a gala dinner and over 200 beneficiaries of our charity.</b></p> <p><b>All these activities have contributed to improved mental health and improved emotional health and well-being of participants.</b></p>

**Additional information (optional)**

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<b>Our mission is to help and support the lonely and bereaved. Over 500 people have benefitted from our interventions and social activities.</b>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<b>We have secured sufficient funds to enable us to achieve our objectives. Funds were raised through grants and donations.</b>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	<b>N/A</b>
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>At the end of our financial year, we had £5540 unrestricted funds (including reserves of £2500). Restricted Funds stand at £37,521.</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>We have reserves of £2500 to cover 3 months of running costs and any statutory redundancy payments.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£2500</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>N/A</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>We have grant funding from the National Lottery which makes us financially secure for the next 2 years.</b>

### Additional information (optional)

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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<b>Donations &amp; Fundraising £1312 National Lottery £24,161 Local Councils £6007 Other grants £3725</b>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<b>N/A</b>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<b>None</b>
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document ( <a href="#">trust deed</a> , <a href="#">royal charter</a> )	Para 1.25	<b>Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g <a href="#">unincorporated association</a> , <a href="#">CIO</a> )	Para 1.25	<b>CIO</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<b>New Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<b>Trustees can access online training</b>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<b>6 Trustees make decisions concerning annual expenditure and the strategic development of the charity. The day to day running of the charity is managed by the Chair. Volunteers support the running of the charity</b>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<b>We do not have any related parties. We have a very strong relationship with Chorley Council through their Chorley Together project. In addition, Chorley Council support us with free office space. We also have a good relationship with South Ribble Council.</b>
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	New Friends For You
Other name the charity uses	Friends For You . Talkin Tables.
Registered charity number	1186686
Charity's principal address	6 Cherryfields Euxton Chorley PR7 6JS



### **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	Marjorie Hayward	Chair		
2	Carole Ash	Vice Chair & Treasurer		
3	Catherine Mould			
4	Sally Calley			
5	Keith Singleton			
6	Natalie Peck		7/3/24 – 31/1/25	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### 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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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>	C Ash	
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Carole Ash	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Vice Chair	
<b>Date</b>	9/4/2025	



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## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees**

Charity Name  
**New Friends For You**

**1 accounts for the year  
ended**

**31/01/2025**

**Charity no  
(if any)**

**1186686**

**Set out on pages**

**1-3**

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

**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:**

*W. Paterson*

**Date:**

**26/03/2025**

**Name:**

**Wendy Paterson**

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

Retired FIFA (Fellow of the Institute of Financial Accountants)

**Address:**

Stanworth Farm Barn

Bolton Road

Withnell, PR6 8BP

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

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

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



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## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period

01/02/2024

To

31/01/2025

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations & Fundraising	804	508	-	1,312	5,485
National Lottery	-	24,161	-	24,161	15,868
Chorley Council	-	2,000	-	2,000	6,500
Yapp	-	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
Bank Interest	137	-	-	137	-
Lancs CC	-	600	-	600	500
South Ribble Council	-	4,007	-	4,007	-
Charnock Richard PCC	-	125	-	125	-
(repayment prining)	-	52	-	52	3,500
Contra TT	2,202	-	-	2,202	-
McCarthy Stone	-	-	-	-	4,000
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>3,143</b>	<b>30,293</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,506</b>	<b>38,853</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>3,143</b>	<b>30,293</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,506</b>	<b>38,853</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Refreshments/Outings	105	1,117	-	1,222	7,879
Salary + Costs	-	10,663	-	10,663	10,599
Travel	-	869	-	869	1,621
Insurance & Accountancy	-	646	-	646	196
Befriending Network	-	75	-	75	75
Office Costs	-	406	-	406	737
DBS	-	256	-	256	414
Advertising/Printing	-	1,152	-	1,152	583
Training	-	130	-	130	421
Contra TT	2,202	-	-	2,202	-
Sundries	125	-	-	125	52
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,432</b>	<b>14,309</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,746</b>	<b>22,877</b>
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	-	-	-	-	-
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<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>15,984</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,695</b>	<b>15,976</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>4,829</b>	<b>18,382</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,211</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>5,540</b>	<b>37,366</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,906</b>	<b>16,276</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	National Lottery	-	28,197	-
		-		-
	YAPP		3,000	
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	Charnock Richard RCC		125	
	Unrestricted	3,040		
	Reserves	2,500		-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>		<b>5,540</b>	<b>37,111</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK
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<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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