

JUST FRIENDS

England & Wales · Charity number 1196623

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2021-11-17

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION IN THE AREA OF SOUTHERN ENGLAND FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY BY THE PROVISION OF ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE 'SOCIALLY EXCLUDED' MEANS BEING EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY, OR PARTS OF SOCIETY, AS A RESULT OF ONE OF MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS: UNEMPLOYMENT; FINANCIAL HARDSHIP; YOUTH OR OLD AGE; ILL HEALTH (PHYSICAL OR MENTAL); SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR DEPENDENCY INCLUDING ALCOHOL AND DRUGS; DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF SEX, RACE, DISABILITY, ETHNIC ORIGIN, RELIGION, BELIEF, CREED, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER RE-ASSIGNMENT; POOR EDUCATIONAL OR SKILLS ATTAINMENT; RELATIONSHIP AND FAMILY BREAKDOWN; POOR HOUSING (THAT IS HOUSING THAT DOES NOT MEET BASIC HABITABLE STANDARDS; CRIME (EITHER AS A VICTIM OF CRIME OR AS AN OFFENDER REHABILITATING INTO SOCIETY)

Activities: Just Friends helps to combat the effects of loneliness in those who live alone, including carers. Just Friends organises social meetings, walking groups and a lunch each month in each branch. In addition members can enjoy events including Tea Parties with Entertainment, Steam Train outings, Wine Tasting excursions, Theatre Visits, Specific Lunches including Halloween, Christmas etc and more.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Recreation
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- East Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£54,228	£38,746	-	-
2024-06-30	£76,582	£37,478	-	-
2023-06-30	£53,290	£29,083	-	-
2022-06-30	£36,725	£32,280	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
FREDERICK JOHN GEORGE SMITH FSCA FBIM	Chair	2019-01-07
Graham Wills		2023-09-14
Heather Marion Broad		2019-07-01
Lisa Claire Strevens		2019-07-01

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Just Friends Trustees Report for the year to 30th June 2025

This is the Annual Trustees Report for the Registered Charity JUST FRIENDS, No.1196623 with four Trustees namely Frederick Smith (Chair), Heather Broad (Secretary), Lisa Strevens (Treasurer) and Graham Willis. Our registered address is 13 The Lodge, 3 Blackwater Road, Eastbourne BN21 4JF.

We have had a very successful year, continuing with providing the high standard of services for our members and through popular demand have opened two new branches. Restricting membership to those living alone, including carers, is always praised where ever we meet the public. Another popular aspect of our services is the No Membership Fee policy as this is so badly needed in certain parts of East Sussex due to the difficult economic circumstances being experienced. During the year we amended our Constitution thus enabling us to open branches in a wider area.

Our activities continue to be risk assessed and fortunately we have not had any problems in this area during the year. Membership is growing every week but Awareness is still a major problem but it appears most Charities have the same problem.

Trustees number 4 at present namely F.Smith Chair, H Broad Secretary, L Strevens Treasurer and G Wills. We did enrol an additional Trustee during the year but this did not work out. We all agree that subsidising our events is a good practice but we can only do this if funding is available. We invest considerable time in applying for grants and we have tried to recruit additions to the staff for this purpose but not yet successful.

The services of our Branches Manager was completed and replacements have been employed in our new financial year. We had the services of a CEO for one month but their misunderstanding of what the role entails meant that the appointment was short term.

We are delighted to have produced yet again a surplus on our activities, this year £15,482 with funds held at 30th June 2025 of £106,203 and no debts as at that date. We have maintained our Specific Reserves of £15,000 in support of the Dissolution Policy. Obtaining funding is proving very difficult in the Charities sector. Our future growth is still restricted, dictated by lack of funding but as soon as funding becomes available we will open new branches thus helping many more people living alone to join us and re-engage with the community.

We opened Brighton branch in November 2024 and then Portslade in May 2025 and they follow the traditional path of slow start but gathering momentum after a few months. Here, the awareness programme helps recruitment but this again depends on funding. Our membership has passed the 700 mark and we look forward to celebrating the 1,000 mark soon.

Collaboration with other Charities is now high on our agenda and with those having a strong synergy with us it is proving beneficial to both parties.

We remain in a strong financial position due to the discipline and controls incorporated in the Governance of the Charity.

The Chair again thanks the Trustees for their support and looks forward to the year ahead with their continued enthusiasm and commitment.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Just Friends

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Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01-Jul-24

To

30-Jun-25

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	40,575	-	-	40,575	59,038
Donations	3,560	-	-	3,560	4,346
Events	6,533	-	-	6,533	10,179
Branches	3,198	-	-	3,198	3,011
Sundry	-	-	-	-	8
Bank interest	362	-	-	362	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	54,228	-	-	54,228	76,582
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	54,228	-	-	54,228	76,582
A3 Payments					
Events	10,399	-	-	10,399	14,420
Admin costs	966	-	-	966	851
Audit fee	330	-	-	330	330
Insurance	96	-	-	96	96
Website/IT	1,367	-	-	1,367	1,253
Promotional items	-	-	-	-	140
Admin Salary	22,875	-	-	22,875	18,857
Branches costs	2,613	-	-	2,613	1,441
Professional fees	100	-	-	100	90
Sub total	38,746	-	-	38,746	37,478
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	38,746	-	-	38,746	37,478
Net of receipts/(payments)	15,482	-	-	15,482	39,104
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	90,721	-	-	90,721	51,617
Cash funds this year end	106,203	-	-	106,203	90,721

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Account	40,831	-	-
	Metro Current Account	10	-	-
	Metro Deposit Account	65,362	-	-
	Total cash funds	106,203	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Prepaid event expense	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

 Signature	Print Name FREDERICK SMITH	Date of approval 16/10/2025
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of** **Just Friends**

**On accounts for the year
ended** **30 June 2025** **Charity no
(if any)** **1196623**

Set out on pages **CC16a pages 1 -2
Trustees Report page 1**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 June 2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report** As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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:

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- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *George Dylan Message* **Date:** 16/10/2025

Name: George Dylan Message

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):** Chartered Accountant (FCA)
Chartered Tax Adviser (CTA)

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No matters of concern.

JUST FRIENDS

England & Wales - Charity number 1196623

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Just Friends Trustees Report for the year to 30th June 2024

The Trustees, very aware of our Constitution, have continued providing services to those living alone, including Carers, in East Sussex including branch social meetings, walking and lunch groups and events covering coach excursions and in-house tea parties and much more. We continuously seek those living alone, helping them to overcome isolation and re-engage with the community.

All activities are arranged after assessing risk management and in conjunction with the many policies in place required by the Charity Commission and some that are deemed optional.

The Charity has the required insurance in place and are members of the various professional organisations recommended by the Charity Commission.

The Trustees, namely F. Smith, H. Broad, L Strevens (who last year was Lisa Harris), G. Wills, T Elliott and B Angus are delighted we are able to continue with our NO MEMBERSHIP FEE policy, which is always well accepted during these difficult economic times. We also subsidise events where possible thus making them more affordable to members.

Our numbers have now exceeded 600 and we still aim to increase membership where possible as there are, literally, millions of people living alone. Of course we lose some due to the natural process but the number increases week by week. Our awareness programme includes table displays in supermarkets where we are able to connect directly with the public in our endeavours to reach potential members.

During the year we engaged the services of Nicki Watts as Administrator and delighted to confirm she is still in that important role and performing in a most satisfactory manner.

A new Branches Manager started a 1 year contract on 1st September 2023 but it was not renewed so we are now in the process of advertising for a replacement, hopefully to start in the New Year.

Meanwhile, Teri Sayers is in position as a temporary Branches Manager and taking up the position of Chief Executive Officer on 1st January 2025 on a 6 month contract.

All contracts are offered subject to the amount committed to is actually in our bank balance, otherwise we would be committing fraud.

Many Charities who were funded by the Government have had their support withdrawn so they have entered the general marketplace applying for funding, whilst some Trusts and Foundations have ceased to exist. Those remaining state there are less funds available which means Charities are now, and no doubt for some time to come, going to find it very difficult to raise funding for their activities and especially the funding of salaries.

During the year we recruited two Trustees, T Elliott and B Angus but unfortunately Tracey Elliott has resigned as a Trustee but pledged to continue in her role of Leading Grant Applications but in a limited way depending on family commitments.

We are delighted with the surplus £39,104 generated during the year and this has given us the opportunity to increase our reserves from £8,000 to £15,000 which are "ring fenced" should the Charity ever find itself in a position of ceasing activities.

Future Growth and Development are set out in our 5 year plan, with growth of existing branches in Hastings, Bexhill, Eastbourne and Newhaven expected to increase membership, whilst new branches are planned for a Brighton branch opening on 28th October and, depending on resources, a further branch opening in Spring for Hove/Portslade. We are looking to reach 1,000 members quite soon. During the

months ahead we shall be looking at the benefits of collaborating more closely with other Charities as often together we can achieve more than the two acting independently.

Volunteers and Trustees are difficult to recruit and we can only endorse recent findings that show virtually every Charity is experiencing these problems. Though the current year is providing us with many challenges the Trustees are determined to overcome the problems that are besetting the sector and adopt a positive attitude for the future.

Our finances are in very good order thanks to the Treasurer and we have cash at bank to fulfil the 2024/2025 budget. Strict rules and disciplines are maintained and have been the reasons for being, at this stage, in a financially healthy situation. Now in October we look forward to the remainder of the financial year with a positive approach. The Chair requested this report include his thanks for the support and enthusiasm shown by the Trustees in achieving the successful year to 30th June 2024.



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 01-Jul-23 To 30-Jun-24

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	59,038	-	-	59,038	43,150
Donations	4,346	-	-	4,346	97
Events	10,179	-	-	10,179	7,260
Branches	3,011	-	-	3,011	2,783
Sundry	8	-	-	8	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	76,582	-	-	76,582	53,290
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	76,582	-	-	76,582	53,290
A3 Payments					
Events	14,420	-	-	14,420	12,090
Admin costs	851	-	-	851	3,594
Audit fee	330	-	-	330	300
Insurance	96	-	-	96	-
Website/IT	1,253	-	-	1,253	352
Promotional items	140	-	-	140	728
Admin Salary	18,857	-	-	18,857	12,019
Branches costs	1,441	-	-	1,441	-
Professional fees	90	-	-	90	-
Sub total	37,478	-	-	37,478	29,083
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	37,478	-	-	37,478	29,083
Net of receipts/(payments)	39,104	-	-	39,104	24,207
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	51,617	-	-	51,617	27,410
Cash funds this year end	90,721	-	-	90,721	51,617

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account	90,721	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	90,721	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Prepaid event expense	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Just Friends

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30 June 2024

**Charity no
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Signed:

George Dylan Message

Date:

22 October 2024

Name:

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Just Friends Trustees Report year ending 30th June 2023

On behalf of the Trustees: Frederick Smith, Lisa Harris, Heather Broad, Loretta Nolan (now resigned) and Graham Wills (newly instated).

In reviewing the past 12 months the Trustees are delighted to declare that we have expanded the range of services we offer to our members and maintained the subsidising policy due to additional funding received.

Membership has grown by approximately 10% and is now standing at close to 600. Sadly we have lost a number of members due to natural process and the result of Covid, which has had quite an impact on our members.

The Trustees are pleased to state that we can continue with our NO MEMBERSHIP FEE policy, due to excellent financial control by the Treasurer.

Since 1st July 2022 we had the resignation of the Administrator, Trish Hayes, but we were fortunate in finding a replacement rather quickly and now employ Nicki Watts as the Administrator. Due to our development we needed to employ a Branches Manager and here we again were fortunate in finding Julian Tutt, who has had extensive experience, including 25 years with the BBC and Sky.

For a short period of four months we enjoyed the services of Joanna Barton as our Awareness Officer. As an acclaimed Actress and Entertainer, Joanna contributed much by producing musical shows, which further enhanced the range we are offering. Though Joanna's term as a paid employee has ended, she has generously offered to continue working for the Charity on a voluntary basis, and this is very much appreciated.

Julie Simcox continues in the role of Publicity Officer and so too does Laura Canbulat as the Website Administrator and Toby Grist as our IT Consultant. We also enjoy the input from Tracey who concentrates on Online Grant Applications. As the daughter of a Bexhill member, she is so aware of the need of Finance in supporting the Charity.

Sadly we had to accept the resignation of a Trustee, Loretta Nolan, on medical grounds, and we all thank her for the contribution she made during her 4 years in office. However, we have gained the services of Graham Wills as a new Trustee, but continue to seek further additions to the current number of 4 Trustees.

The team we have can quite easily become the Management Board in 2024, thus completing the structure discussed during the past year or two.

Regarding the financial situation, the Trustees have been able to maintain the figure of £8,000 as Reserves in the event of cessation of activities. The income for 2022/2023 was £53,290 which is an increase of 45.15% on the Income for 2021/2022 (£36,725) but partly due to a change of

presentation in the accounts by the Independent Examiners. As a Charity we can only survive due to the generosity of the Trusts and Foundations that respond to our applications. The work in applying for funding has increased tremendously during the past 12 months and the work of Tracey has been outstanding. Expenditure for 2022/23 is down to £29,083 from £32,280 a reduction of 11%. However, it should be noted that some expenditure that would have been incurred during the last 3 months of 2022/2023 was due to circumstances beyond our control and enjoyed in the first 3 months of the current year.

We have very strict control on all expenditure, which has created a firm basis for financial stability for Just Friends during the period ahead.

Though the Trustees can safely say the year 2022/2023 has been successful, we are aware that the current financial cost of living increase and uncertainty in the Charity sector means that we must be even more active in applying for funding and maintain the strict controls on expenditure. Despite the current climate, the Trustees look forward to the current year being even more successful.

Future growth and development will depend not only on financial resources, but finding the right calibre of person to assist with the process of opening a new branch and ensuring its success. We constantly look for such people and if we are successful, we will open new branches accordingly.



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Receipts and payments accounts

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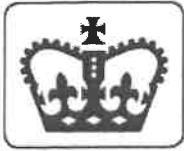
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Section A Receipts and payments

	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 £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	43,150	-	-	43,150	36,725
Donations	97	-	-	97	-
Events	7,260	-	-	7,260	-
Branches	2,783	-	-	2,783	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	53,290	-	-	53,290	36,725
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	53,290	-	-	53,290	36,725
A3 Payments					
Events	12,090	-	-	12,090	20,909
Admin costs	3,594	-	-	3,594	3,482
Audit fee	300	-	-	300	300
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-
Website/IT	352	-	-	352	30
Promotional items	728	-	-	728	-
Admin Salary	12,019	-	-	12,019	7,559
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	29,083	-	-	29,083	32,280
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	29,083	-	-	29,083	32,280
Net of receipts/(payments)	24,207	-	-	24,207	4,445
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	27,410	-	-	27,410	22,965
Cash funds this year end	51,617	-	-	51,617	27,410

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account	51,617	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	51,617	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	Prepaid event expense	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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England & Wales - Charity number 1196623

Accounts

JUST FRIENDS

Trustees Report for the 12 months ending 30th June 2022.

Despite the impact of Covid we were able to continue providing much of the events and services we offer but always within Government guide lines. Recruitment reduced during the period but we are delighted to say numbers are increasing as a form of normality begins to be resumed.

During the year we opened a new branch in Newhaven and we are delighted with the progress being made. Towards the end of the financial year we received funding to help open a new branch in Hastings and this is scheduled for the beginning of the new financial year.

We had to find a replacement for Zoe, the Administrator, who resigned due to pressure of work and we were fortunate to appoint Trish as her replacement and this is proving a very good move.

Laura continues to maintain the web site which is one form of communication with our members.

Due to our expansion it is now essential we engage a self-employed person as a Branches Manager who will manage existing branches and also organise branch events. This will be progressed during the months ahead.

We are grateful to the volunteers who provide such a necessary service and hope we can expand the numbers to spread the work load more evenly.

We enjoyed a successful financial year receiving many grants thus enabling us to continue with the policy of NO MEMBERSHIP FEE. We have sufficient reserves to continue with the Charity for four months should any severe difficulties arise in the future. The financial controls have proved efficient and further policies will be added as required.

Now we have exceeded the minimum income for a Charities Account we must now move to a Business Account which means free banking ceases.

The Trustees collectively acknowledge that their efforts during the year have been welcomed by the membership and many have written testimonials for inclusion on the web site.

Though the events programme for next year is in draft form we must recognise that new events proposed by the members should figure prominently throughout. We are always striving in encouraging members to participate where possible and contribute their ideas.

The Trustees have demonstrated their worth and will continue to do so in the future.

Trustees. F Smith, H Broad, L Harris, L Nolan.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Just Friends

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30 June 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1196623

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 June 2022.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

M N Preece

Date:

6 December 2022

Name:

Malcolm N Preece BA FCA DChA

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

Chartered Accountant

Address:

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No matters of concern.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Just Friends 1196623

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	01-Jul-21	To	30-Jun-22
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	36,725	-	-	36,725	30,100
Non conditional	-	-	-	-	400
Sundry	-	-	-	-	807
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	36,725	-	-	36,725	31,307
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	36,725	-	-	36,725	31,307
A3 Payments					
Events	20,909	-	-	20,909	3,476
Admin costs	3,482	-	-	3,482	4,264
Audit fee	300	-	-	300	150
Insurance	-	-	-	-	143
Website	30	-	-	30	1,936
Legal fees	-	-	-	-	222
Admin Salary	7,559	-	-	7,559	6,464
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	32,280	-	-	32,280	16,655
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	32,280	-	-	32,280	16,655
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,445	-	-	4,445	14,652
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	22,965	-	-	22,965	8,313
Cash funds this year end	27,410	-	-	27,410	22,965

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 £
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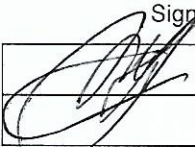
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B3 Investment assets			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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	FREDERICK SMITH	8.12.22



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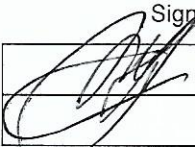
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