

## Just Friends Trustees Report year ending 30<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Just Friends

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01-Jul-22

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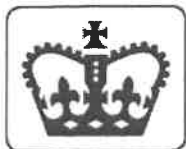
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants	43,150	-	-	43,150	36,725
Donations	97	-	-	97	-
Events	7,260	-	-	7,260	-
Branches	2,783	-	-	2,783	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>53,290</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,290</b>	<b>36,725</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>53,290</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,290</b>	<b>36,725</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
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
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>29,083</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,083</b>	<b>32,280</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>29,083</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,083</b>	<b>32,280</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>24,207</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,207</b>	<b>4,445</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>27,410</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,410</b>	<b>22,965</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>51,617</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,617</b>	<b>27,410</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>	Bank account	51,617	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	51,617	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details			
	Prepaid event expense	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details			
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details			
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	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 2023**

**Charity no  
(if any)**

**1196623**

**Set out on pages**

**CC16a pages 1 -2  
Trustees Report pages 1-2**

*(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 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:

- 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:**

*George Dylan Message*

**Date:**

**06.12.2023**

**Name:**

**George Dylan Message**

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

**Chartered Accountant (ACA)  
Chartered Tax Adviser (CTA)**

**Address:**

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.**

No matters of concern.