

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

1196623

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))			

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

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 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



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

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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:

- 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: 16/10/2025

Name:

George Dylan Message

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

Chartered Accountant (FCA)
Chartered Tax Adviser (CTA)

Address:

Price & Company

30-32 Gildredge Road

Eastbourne BN21 4SH

Section B**Disclosure**

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.