

FRIENDS OF PENNY BRIDGE
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Is to advance the education of pupils in the school by developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school. Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The services offered by the charity are deemed to be beneficial by their nature and are available to a large section of the public. The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

We have held various fundraising events for children. These include school discos, a summer fair, the colour run, a bingo night and hosting a cycle event for both students and the local community. A team of parents, teachers and children also raised money by completing the Coniston to Barrow walk in May.

We have received some generous donations from local companies in the year too.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The charity received gross income of £68,285 (2024: £60,916) in the year. The major costs were those incurred in relation to fundraising events. After paying a small amount for subscriptions and bank charges a donation of £65,371 (2024: £54,016) was made to the school. This left a deficit of £496 (2024: £4,969) to be deducted from reserves brought forward.

Reserves at the year end were £6,138 (2024: £6,634).

We are looking to spend the money we have raised so far to further support the schools needs and aim to continue to grow the charity and run more fundraising events in the future.

We are fundraising to help buy new laptops and to build an outdoor classroom so any reserves held at the present time are for this.

Reserves policy

The policy is to ensure that there is enough in reserves to cover the annual fixed cost for subscriptions and to cover incidental fundraising event costs.

Going concern

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document a constitution adopted on 11th May 2023

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Our trustees are recruited through the school network. Once recruited we ensure that they have read through the guidance from the charity commission on the responsibilities of being a charity trustee.

Organisational structure

Unincorporated charity

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1203053

Principal address

Penny Bridge CofE Academy

Mt Pleasant Road

Greenodd

LA12 7RQ

Trustees

Faye Lacey - Treasurer

Helen Carlson – Chair (appointed 23 January 2025)

Helen Bradford (resigned 23 January 2025)

Alison Wise – Secretary (appointed 23 January 2025)

Approved by the board of trustees on 17 April 2026 and signed on its behalf by H. Carlson (Chair)

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
FRIENDS OF PENNY BRIDGE**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of Penny Bridge

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Friends of Penny Bridge (the Trust) for the year ended 31 July 2025 set out on page 2.

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.

V. Thompson ACA 17 April 2026

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FRIENDS OF PENNY BRIDGE
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

	Current Year Unrestricted Fund £	Prior Year Total Funds £
RECEIPTS		
Donations, legacies and grants	59,626	54,386
Fundraising events	8,659	6,530
GROSS INCOME	68,285	60,916
PAYMENTS		
Costs of fundraising events	3,003	1,651
Bank charges	245	127
Subscriptions	162	153
Donations paid	65,371	54,016
TOTAL PAYMENTS	68,781	55,947
NET RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	(496)	4,969
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		
Total funds brought forward	6,634	1,665
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	6,138	6,634

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT THE END OF THE PERIOD

ASSETS		
Bank account	6,138	6,634
TOTAL ASSETS	6,138	6,634
FUNDS		
Unrestricted funds	6,138	6,634
TOTAL FUNDS	6,138	6,634

The accounts were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 17 April 2026 and were signed on its behalf by H. Carlson (Chair)