



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2024 **To** 31 March 2025

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Charity registration number: 279172

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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	<p>The Charity provides public benefit by achieving its objects, notably through the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) The Charity has provided financial support to the School to help advance pupils' education and learning, helping the School to fund the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• books and other educational equipment• enrichment activities for all pupils.• sports and music equipment• transport costs for educational visits• equipment and materials for the Early Years provision.(ii) The Charity hosts and co-hosts events and fundraisers to raise funds to enable financial support to the school in line with its objectives. These activities also foster extended relationships with the staff, parents, and other members of the local community.

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Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All fundraising activities organised by the Friends of Dr South's are run and managed by volunteers.
Other		N/A

Achievements and Performance

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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>The net profit from the Charity's fundraising activities this year is £11,689.99. A significant proportion of this money (£5,696.78) was raised through the Islip Big Bike Ride in May 2024. The most profitable events organised by members of the Charity have been the sale of Christmas trees (£1,802.19) and the Quiz Night (£1,321.32).</p> <p>The Charity has provided a total of £20,601.97 of funding to the School during the year – purchasing valuable resources for use in the classroom as well as enhancing the School's educational enrichment offering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Class Resources: Classroom materials and activities. -SEND and Emotional Literacy Resources. -Field Trips: Coaches for visits to museums, theatres, and other educational and enrichment venues. -Music and Drama: Music lessons and school drama productions. -Library Revamp: Refurbishment and equipment for a welcoming new library space. -Technology: Supporting the school's second of a three-year ICT refresh project.

Additional information (optional)

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The Charity has raised £11,689.99 this year, which has led to a net decrease in funds of £6,509.95.</p> <p>As a result, the Charity has total assets of £31,172.53.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The Charity's reserves policy is to maintain sufficient free reserves to enable it to meet its financial obligations and commitments to the school for at least a year.</p> <p>Additionally, Charity income varies between years with the biannual Big Bike Ride typically doubling funds raised. Reserves at the end of a year may reflect a planning-ahead to maintain funding levels to the school in a non-Big Bike Ride year.</p> <p>We can also agree to hold larger reserves when the School has expressed an upcoming need and the Charity membership has voted to approve support.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<p>As explained above, the Charity's net assets currently amount to £31,172.53.</p> <p>Funding and fundraising forecasts show an upcoming decrease to these reserves, following another non-Big Bike Ride year and the final year of a 3-year ICT refresh funding programme for the School.</p>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>The Charity's principal source of funds are volunteer-led fundraising events and activities. This year, these have included May Day celebrations, a 'Soup Lunch', Quiz Night and end-of-term discos; the sale of Christmas trees and other Christmas-related events; and sale of second-hand</p>
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		<p>clothes/uniform. We also receive regular donations to the 'Sparkle Fund' and organise a '100 Club' lottery.</p> <p>This year the Charity also benefitted significantly from the 'Islip Big Bike Ride' held in May 2024, which raised money for the Friends of Dr South's School and St Nicholas Church, Islip. For ease of administration, all the funds raised by the Bike Ride during the year under review (£21,280.37) were paid to the Friends of Dr South's School, which then passed on to St Nicholas Church the latter's share of those funds (£11,412.60) under a joint funding agreement.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	N/A
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Association
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	Elected by parent body

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Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Friends of Dr South's School
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Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	279172
Charity's principal address	Dr South's C.E. Primary School Bletchington Road Islip Kidlington OX5 2TQ

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	Kimberly Wiles	Chairperson		
2	Lynne Bustin	Treasurer		
3	Jo Davies	Co-Secretary		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
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Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

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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

Signature(s)	<i>Lynne Bustin</i>	<i>Kimberly Wiles</i>
Full name(s)	Lynne Bustin	Kimberly Wiles
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chair
Date	13th January 2026	13th January 2026

The Friends of Dr South's School - Charity Number 279172							
Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31 March 2025							
Cash at Bank and in hand			31-Mar-25		31-Mar-24	Net movement	
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
The Friends of Dr South's School

On accounts for the year ended

31/03/2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

279172

Set out on pages

Friends of Dr South's Accounts 2024-2025

(Remember to include the page numbers of additional pages)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2025

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

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:

DTaylor

Date:

14/1/26

Name:

DAVID TAYLOR

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

CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS now retired

Address: