



Friends of Meath School

Registered charity no 296077

Raising funds for Meath School for children with speech, language and communication disability

Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 August 2024

Structure, governance and management

Friends of Meath School (Friends of Meath) is a registered charity (number 296077). It was formed in 1987 under a constitution which was updated on 22nd December 2017, and sets out the charity's object, details of membership and meetings, officials and finance requirements.

The Object of Friends of Meath is to advance the education of the pupils attending Meath School and is furthered mainly by:

- raising funds to provide equipment, facilities or amenities not normally provided by the school
- helping parents of children attending the school to get to know one another better.

Membership of Friends of Meath is open to all parents of children at the school (past and present), members of the school staff and others from the local community. Meetings are typically held once a month during term times with an open invitation to all members.

Under the Friends of Meath Constitution Officers and Committee members are elected annually at the December Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM is held at the school after the end of term Christmas event.

Officers, Committee members and Trustees during the year were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position held</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Nermen Haba	Chair	13/12/2022	12/12/2023
Geoffrey Trowell	Treasurer	01/09/2021	12/12/2023
Floor Izzard	Secretary	13/12/2022	12/12/2023
Rachel Teasdale	Chair	12/12/2023	03/02/2025
Trevor Smith	Treasurer	12/12/2023	
Kimberley Bailey	Secretary	12/12/2023	
Michaela Winstanley	Chair	03/02/2025	

All Officers, Trustees and Committee members time is unpaid and given voluntarily.

Objectives and Activities

Friends of Meath pay due regard to the guidance issued by the Charities Commission on public benefit when reviewing the charity's objectives and planning future activities. Friends of Meath works with Meath School to identify items or activities which will support and further the education of the current pupils at the school. Friends of Meath undertakes a range of fundraising activities to raise funds to make grants to the school for these items or activities. During the year Friends of Meath raised funds by selling glow sticks at the school firework event, organising a Christmas hamper raffle and the big event of the year is always the summer fair.

Following consultation with the school, Friends of Meath transferred £25,000 to Meath School for the residential provision. Additional payments to the school of £807 were made for transport costs for the children and for subscriptions.

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Achievements and Performance

1) Fundraising Events and Donations

We had another successful summer fair raising £5,946 after costs. The Christmas raffle raised £787 and the sale of glowsticks at the school fireworks event raised £390. Included within the summer fair total is £1,000 of matched funds secured by Mandy Bell from Barclays due to her support given at the summer fair. An additional £240 was received in regular monthly donations by the Knight Family. Jonathan Chandley did an ultramarathon and raised £1,055 which will be reported in our 2025 report as the funds were received after the year end.

2) Funds Bequeathed to Friends of Meath

The net receipts for the year benefited substantially from a legacy gift from the late Vera Irene Almond. The executors of the estate are W Davies solicitors in Woking. Bequeathed funds of £66,006 were received during the year. An initial payment of £15,000 was received in 2022.

2) Designated Funds

Friends of Meath have designated £50,000 from unrestricted reserves for a new school playground. Fundraising will continue for the remainder of the required funds.

3) Restricted Funds and Grants

The opening balance of the restricted funds which were raised by Oliver Bates's Ice Half Marathon and the Garfield Weston foundation grant in 2020 was £52,166. £25,000 was transferred to the school to support the residential provision. During this year we received a grant of £5,000 from the Manali Charitable Foundation which was allocated to specific school activities, leaving a closing restricted fund balance of £32,166, of which £27,166 is for the residential provision.

Financial Review

In the current year Friends of Meath had a surplus of receipts over payments of £53,684 thanks to the £66,006 legacy gift from Vera Almond (2023: deficit of £19,475). Carried forward funds are £162,528 (2023: £108,844).

Unrestricted Funds has a surplus of £73,684. Excluding the bequeathment, it is £7,678. (2023: £7,525).

Restricted Funds has a deficit for the year of £20,000 in light of the £25,000 transfer to the school for residential costs and the receipt of £5,000 from the Manali Charitable Foundation. Since 2020, when almost £140,000 was received in grants and donations for the residential provision, Friends of Meath has been making significant contributions to the Meath School residential provision. Only £27,133 remains. We hope to secure further grants to ensure that we can continue to support this valuable provision which provides so many benefits to those children who stay over at school.

Reserves Policy

Friends of Meath aims to maintain a minimum balance of £10,000 to ensure that we have sufficient funds to run our three main annual events.

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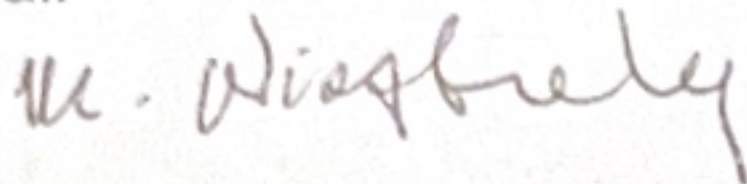
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Administration costs

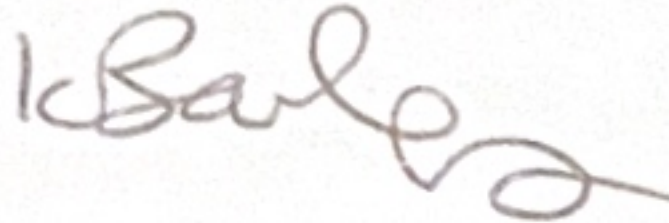
All time spent in helping Friends of Meath and furthering its objectives is given without charge. No administration costs have been claimed and all funds raised are used for School activities.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.


Michaela Winstanley
Chair



Kimberley Bailey
Secretary



Trevor Martin Smith
Treasurer



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Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Year ended 31 Aug 2024				Year ended 31 Aug 2023	
	Unrestricted funds			Restricted funds	Total funds	
	Income £	Costs £	Net £	Net £	Net £	Net £
RECEIPTS						
Fundraising activities income						
Summer Fair	8,892	2,946	5,946	-	5,946	5,834
Christmas raffle	787	-	787	-	787	436
Sale of glowsticks at fireworks event	832	442	390	-	390	571
Amazon	-	-	-	-	-	229
	10,511	3,388	7,123	-	7,123	7,070.90
Bequeathed Funds received	66,006	-	66,006	-	66,006	-
Donations & Gift Aid	2,055	-	2,055	5,000	7,055	965
	78,572	3,388	75,184	5,000	80,184.00	8,036
PAYMENTS						
Grants for school activities	-	807	(807)	(25,000)	(25,807)	(27,000)
Other expenditure	-	693	(693)	-	(693)	(510)
	-	1,500	(1,500)	(25,000)	(26,500)	(27,510)
NET RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	78,572	4,888	73,684	(20,000)	53,684	(19,475)
BALANCE SHEET						
		As at 31 Aug 24 £	As at 31 Aug 24 £	As at 31 Aug 24 £	As at 31 Aug 23 £	
NET ASSETS						
Cash at Barclays Bank		130,041	32,166	162,207	108,408	
Cash in Paypal Account		321	-	321	436	
		130,362	32,166	162,528	108,844	
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY						
Funds brought forward		56,678	52,166	108,844	128,319	
Net surplus/ (deficit) for the year		73,684	(20,000)	53,684	(19,475)	
Funds carried forward		130,362	32,166	162,528	108,844	

Approved by the Trustees on

2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Trevor Martin Smith
Trustee
Treasurer

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Notes to the Report and Accounts for year ended 31 August 2024

1. Accounting Policies

- a) The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.
- b) Donations and Gift Aid on donations are included when received.
- c) Where income has related expenditure (as with events and activities) the income and expenditure are reported gross.

2. Restricted Funds

Restricted Funds are amounts received which must be applied for a specific purpose. The year end balance includes £27,166 which can only be used for the residential provision at Meath School and a further £5,000 for some specific school activities during the 2024-2025 school year.

3. Taxation

Friends of Meath is a registered charity and is exempt from tax on its income where applied for charitable purposes.

4. Trustee and independent examiner payments and related party transactions

Trustees receive no payment or benefits for their role and no Trustee expenses were reimbursed in the year. There were no related party transactions and no payment is made to the independent examiner.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Friends of Meath School

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Friends of Meath School, Charity number 296077 ('the Trust') for the year ended 31 August 2024

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 giving me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
2. 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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13/06/2025