



# **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 2025**

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## Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 August 2025

### ***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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position held</u></b>	<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>
Rachel Teasdale	Chair	12/12/2023	03/02/2025
Trevor Smith	Treasurer	12/12/2023	16/12/2025
Kimberley Bailey	Secretary	12/12/2023	16/12/2025
Michaela Winstanley	Chair	03/02/2025	16/12/2025
Natasha Courage	Chair	16/12/2025	
Will Power	Treasurer	16/12/2025	
Joanne Parris	Secretary	16/12/2025	

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, during the year Friends of Meath transferred £84,102 to Meath School for a new playground, £15,000 was transferred for the residential provision, £10,025 for a new school car and an additional £5,000 was transferred for transport costs for the children, outdoor learning equipment and activities.

## Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

### *Achievements and Performance*

#### **1) Fundraising Events and Donations**

Friends of Meath enjoyed a very successful year of fundraising. Parent-led initiatives, including marathons, bike races and ultramarathons, generated £15,615. The summer fair was again a strong contributor, raising £5,248 after costs, this total includes £523 of mated funding from Barclays and a £250 donation from David McGeachie Estate Agents. The Christmas raffle raised £1,366 and the sale of glowsticks at the school fireworks event raised £504. The charity also received £240 in regular monthly donations from the Knight Family.

#### **2) Funds Bequeathed to Friends of Meath**

The executors of Vera Irene Almond's estate transferred a further £5,000 during the year. Bequeathed funds of £66,006 were received during the prior year.

#### **3) Restricted Funds and Grants**

The opening balance of the residential restricted fund was £27,166. During the year, £15,000 was transferred to the school, leaving a closing balance of £12,166. Friends of Meath received £70,000 in restricted grant funding towards the new playground. This comprised £25,000 from the Your Fund Surrey Small Community Projects Fund, £20,000 from the National Lottery, and a further £25,000 from another donor. All funds received were transferred to Meath School, and the playground was completed in time for the start of the 2025 school year. A local charity kindly donated £5,000 for Voice Output Communication Aids (VOCA's). This amount remained unspent at the year end.

### *Financial Review*

In the current year Friends of Meath had a surplus of payments over receipts of £10,134 reflecting the completion of the major playground project. Total funds carried forward at the yearend were £152,394 (2024: £162,528).

Unrestricted Funds has a surplus of £135,228.

Restricted Funds has a deficit for the year of £15,000 arising from the payment made to the school for residential costs. Since 2020, when almost £140,000 was received in grants and donations for the residential provision, Friends of Meath has made significant annual contributions to the Meath School residential provision. At the year end, £12,133 remains. The Trustees hope to secure further grant funding to ensure that we can continue to support this important provision which delivers significant benefits to the children who stay overnight 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.

## Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

### **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.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by William Power, Treasurer.



08/03/26


William Power  
Treasurer

## Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Year ended 31 Aug 2025				Year ended 31 Aug 2024	
	Unrestricted funds			Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	Income	Costs	Net	Net	Net	Net
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
<b>Fundraising activities income</b>						
Summer Fair	8,155	2,907	5,248	-	5,248	5,946
Christmas raffle	1,366	-	1,366	-	1,366	787
Sale of glowsticks at fireworks event	981	477	504	-	504	390
Parent fundraising	15,615	-	15,615	-	15,615	-
	26,117	3,384	22,733	-	22,733	7,123
<b>Bequeathed Funds received</b>	5,000	-	5,000	-	5,000	66,006
<b>Donations &amp; Gift Aid</b>	2,387	-	2,387	75,000	77,387	7,055
	<b>33,504</b>	<b>3,384</b>	<b>30,120</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>105,120</b>	<b>80,184</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
Grants for school activities	-	24,127	(24,127)	(90,000)	(114,127)	(25,807)
Other expenditure	-	1,127	(1,127)	-	(1,127)	(693)
	<b>-</b>	<b>25,254</b>	<b>(25,254)</b>	<b>(90,000)</b>	<b>(115,254)</b>	<b>(26,500)</b>
<b>NET PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>33,504</b>	<b>28,638</b>	<b>4,866</b>	<b>(15,000)</b>	<b>(10,134)</b>	<b>53,684</b>
<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>						
		As at	As at	As at	As at	As at
		31 Aug 25	31 Aug 25	31 Aug 25	31 Aug 24	31 Aug 24
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>NET ASSETS</b>						
Cash at Barclays Bank		135,179	17,166	152,345	162,207	
Cash in Paypal Account		49	-	49	321	
		<b>135,228</b>	<b>17,166</b>	<b>152,394</b>	<b>162,528</b>	
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>						
Funds brought forward		130,362	32,166	162,528	108,844	
Net surplus/ (deficit) for the year		4,866	(15,000)	(10,134)	53,684	
<b>Funds carried forward</b>		<b>135,228</b>	<b>17,166</b>	<b>152,394</b>	<b>162,528</b>	

Approved by the Trustees on

2026 and signed on their behalf by:

 08/03/26

William Power  
Trustee  
Treasurer

## Notes to the Report and Accounts for year ended 31 August 2025

### 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 £12,166 which can only be used for the residential provision at Meath School and a further £5,000 for Voice Output Communication Aids.

### 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.

## 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 2025

### 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').

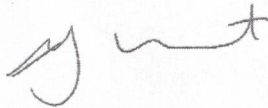
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### 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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2nd March 2026