

FRIENDS OF GROVE SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 510561

Details

Other names	THE GROVE SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION, FOGS (FRIENDS OF GROVE SCHOOL), GROVE PTA
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1980-10-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Newcastle Road
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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF PUPILS IN THE SCHOOL IN PARTICULAR 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.

Activities: Friends of Grove School Owns, manages and runs The Birks which is an outdoor field centre located in The Duddon Valley, Cumbria.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Shropshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£46,388	£28,729	-	-
2024-08-31	£27,249	£23,411	-	-
2023-08-31	£20,352	£32,540	-	-
2022-08-31	£24,721	£29,070	-	-
2021-08-31	£32,163	£16,551	-	-
2020-08-31	£30,742	£31,778	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adrian Corney		2025-04-07
Alex Blank		2025-04-07
Christopher Ingham		2025-04-07
Craig Gilmour		2015-06-23
Dr Alexandra Consterdine		2025-05-19
JENNY HARRISON		2011-06-10
Jordan Machin		2025-04-07
Lisa Savill		2025-04-07

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**FRIENDS OF THE GROVE SCHOOL
UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

Purcell Accountants
7 Cheshire Street
Market Drayton
Shropshire
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**Friends of the Grove School
Business Details
For The Year Ended 31 August 2025**

Proprietor

Friends of the Grove School

Accountants

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**Friends of the Grove School
Accounts Approval Statement
For The Year Ended 31 August 2025**

I approve these unaudited accounts which comprise a Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet and related notes.
I acknowledge my responsibility for the accounts including the provision of all the information and explanations necessary for the completion.

These accounts will be presented at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will be held on 3rd November 2025.

Signed

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Friends of the Grove School

**Friends of the Grove School
Accountant's Report
For The Year Ended 31 August 2025**

Independent Examination Report:

We have prepared the Financial Statements of the Friends of the Grove School; Registered Charity Number 510561 for the year ended 31st August 2025, which comprise of the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. These Financial Statements have been prepared under the Historical Cost Convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

The report is made solely to you. Our work has been undertaken to enable us to prepare the accounts on your behalf and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than to you, the client, for our work or for this report.

Respective Responsibilities of the Committee and Accountants

The committee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the Financial Statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the charity has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require to prepare these accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the Charities affairs at 31st August 2025 and of its surplus for the year then ended.

Signed

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Purcell Accountants
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**Friends of the Grove School
Profit and Loss Account
For The Year Ended 31 August 2025**

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Turnover				
Donations		1,055		1,015
Fund Raising - Gross		13,531		25
Lettings		31,773		25,532
Gift Aid		-		640
Telephone		9		37
Internet Income		20		-
		<u>46,388</u>		<u>27,249</u>
Cost of Sales				
Fund Raising costs	5,597		-	
		<u>5,597</u>		<u>-</u>
GROSS PROFIT		40,791		27,249
Distribution Costs				
Waste disposal	1,775		1,510	
		<u>1,775</u>		<u>1,510</u>
		<u>39,016</u>		<u>25,739</u>
Expenditure				
Caretaker	1,088		845	
Rates	1,562		718	
Light and heat	4,032		3,754	
Repairs and maintenance	7,647		3,716	
Insurance	8,793		5,883	
Telephone charges	911		850	
Internet	900		524	
Website costs	270		4,056	
Accountancy fees	189		189	
Professional fees	720		167	
Stripe fees	393		-	
Sundry expenses	2,224		1,198	
		<u>28,729</u>		<u>21,900</u>
		<u>10,287</u>		<u>3,839</u>
Finance Costs				
Bank charges	26		-	
		<u>26</u>		<u>-</u>
NET PROFIT		<u>10,261</u>		<u>3,839</u>

**Friends of the Grove School
Balance Sheet
As At 31 August 2025**

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		30,148		19,888	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Trade creditors		189		189	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>29,959</u>		<u>19,699</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>29,959</u>		<u>19,699</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>29,959</u>		<u>19,699</u>
CAPITAL ACCOUNT					
Balance at 1 September 2024			19,698		15,860
Profit/(Loss) for the period/year			<u>10,261</u>		<u>3,839</u>
Balance Carried Forward			<u>29,959</u>		<u>19,699</u>

**Friends of the Grove School
Notes to the Accounts
For The Year Ended 31 August 2025**

1. Accounting Policy

Accountancy Policies

Accounting Principles

These unaudited accounts have been completed in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice guidelines.

Structure and Governance

The charity has Trustees and a Committee, Whose members are:-

Trustees

Dr Alexandra Consterdine Appointed 16.05.2025

Christopher Ingham Appointed 07.04.2025

Adrian Corney Appointed 07.04.2025

Lisa Savill Appointed 07.04.2025

Jordan Machin Appointed 07.04.2025

Alex Blank Appointed 07.04.2025

Craig Gilmour Appointed 23.06.2015

Jenny Harrison Appointed 10.06.2011

Committee

Christopher Ingham Joint Chair

Jordan Machin Joint Chair

Lisa Savill Treasurer

Alex Blank In Charge of Bookings

Colette Bourne Committee Member

Peter Armitage Committee Member

Steve Murphy Committee Member

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

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ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

We have prepared the attached Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 2024, together with an Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date, from the records and information supplied.

**7 Cheshire Street
MARKET DRAYTON
Shropshire
TF9 1PD**

Purcell Accountants

25th November 2024

CLIENT APPROVAL

We approve the attached Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 2024, together with the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date. We acknowledge our responsibility for these financial statements and confirm that we have provided Purcell Accountants with all information and explanations necessary for their completion.

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Mrs. C Bourne - Treasurer

Friends of the Grove School

BALANCE SHEET

As At 31st August, 2024

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>				
Bank Current Accounts	19887		16049	
	<u>19,887</u>		<u>16,049</u>	
<u>Current Liabilities</u>				
Creditors	189		189	
	<u>189</u>	19,698	<u>189</u>	15,860
<u>Leaving Net Assets</u> - Represented by :-		<u><u>19,698</u></u>		<u><u>15,860</u></u>
<u>Accumulative Fund</u>				
Balance brought forward		15860		28048
Surplus - Income over Expenditure				
Deficit - Expenditure over Income		3838		-12188
		<u><u>19,698</u></u>		<u><u>15,860</u></u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For The Year Ended 31st August, 2024

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Income</u>				
Donations		1,015		380
Fundraising - Gross		25		965
Lettings		25,532		18,912
Gift Aid		640		0
Telephone		37		95
		<u>27,249</u>		<u>20,352</u>
 <u>Less: Expenses</u>				
Website	4056		120	
Insurance	5883		7703	
Rates	718		700	
Heat and Light	3754		3355	
Professional Fees	168		2756	
Waste Disposal	1510		1327	
Telephone Charges	850		758	
Internet	524		0	
Accountancy Charges	189		189	
Repairs and Maintenance	3716		14466	
Caretaker	845		470	
Miscellaneous Expenses	1198		696	
Renovation Costs	0	23,411	0	32,540
		<u>0</u>		<u>32,540</u>
 <u>Surplus/(Deficit) - Expenditure over Income</u>		<u><u>3838</u></u>		<u><u>(12188)</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEET

As At 31st August, 2021

	<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>				
Bank Current Accounts	32586		16965	
	<u>32,586</u>		<u>16,965</u>	
<u>Current Liabilities</u>				
Creditors	189		180	
	<u>189</u>	32,397	<u>180</u>	16,785
<u>Leaving Net Assets</u> - Represented by :-		<u><u>32,397</u></u>		<u><u>16,785</u></u>
<u>Accumulative Fund</u>				
Balance brought forward		16785		17821
Surplus - Expenditure over Income		15612		1036
		<u><u>32,397</u></u>		<u><u>16,785</u></u>

Friends of the Grove School

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For The Year Ended 31st August, 2021

	<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Income</u>				
Donations		2,408		8,645
Fundraising - Gross		0		0
Lettings		12,324		12,097
Grant		17,431		10,000
Telephone		0		0
		<u>32,163</u>		<u>30,742</u>
<u>Less: Expenses</u>				
Website	120		0	
Insurance	4432		5356	
Rates	3250			
Heat and Light	1450		1664	
Waste Disposal	1089		1544	
Telephone Charges	629		574	
Accountancy Charges	189		180	
Repairs and Maintenance	4967		1632	
Caretaker	425		300	
Professional Fees	0		652	
Miscellaneous Expenses	0		0	
Renovation Costs	0	16,551	19,876	31,778
		<u>16,551</u>	<u>19,876</u>	
<u>Surplus/Deficit - Income over Expenditure</u>		<u><u>15612</u></u>		<u><u>(1036)</u></u>

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General Meeting
Of
Friends of Grove School
Registered Charity No: 510561
Monday 26th April 2021
7.15 pm on Zoom

Agenda

Apologies

- 1 Minutes of the last meeting
- 2 Matters arising from the minutes
- 3 Review of the year
 - 3.1 Chair's Report
 - 3.2 President
- 4 Treasurer's Report
- 5 Appointment of independent examiner of accounts
- 6 Election of Trustees
- 7 Any other business

Friends of Grove School Charity is run for the benefit of the Grove School students

Minutes of
Friends of Grove School, Registered Charity No: 510561
Monday 20th January 2020 held in the school library

Present: Steve M, Paul H, Peter A, Adrian C, Bill B, Colette B, Alex B, Jenny H, Sonia T.

Apologies: John L, Steve D, Heidi J, Craig G.

1. Minutes of the last meeting.

These were read, agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

Matters arising

John Upton has been consulted on ownership. Legally, The Birks is owned by the charity registered as 'The Birks' and ultimate responsibility lies with the Custodians of Charities.

2. Review of the Year (attached)

The Chairman's report was given by Steve.

3. President's Report – Sonia

The academy Trust now comprises four Secondary schools and 5 Primary Schools. The MAT Development Group is committed to raising awareness and promoting the use of the Birks across the whole of the Trust.

Craig continues to canvass staff support but the interest in Training weekends has been disappointing.

Sonia has suggested that the MAT development Group could take advantage of the facility and benefit from a period spent there.

The Keppleway connexion is a promising development.

The School has contributed £2500 this year and will continue to support The Birks.

4. Treasurer's Report (attached)

Income: £19680

Expenditure: £24146

Current Balance: 19764.70

Lettings are down a little and fundraising has been depressed as the Ball did not go ahead.

The new website should help to encourage new more bookings.

5. Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts for Year ending 31st August 2020

It was proposed to continue with the services of C D Purcell & Co Accountants, 7 Cheshire Street, Market Drayton, Shropshire. TF9 1PD

6. Election of Trustees and Appointments

Trustees:

Otto Blank

Jenny Harrison

Craig Gilmour

Heidi Jensen

Chair: Steve Murphy

Vice Chair: Heidi Jensen

Treasurer: Colette Bourne

Secretary:

7. A.O.B.

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 6.30pm.

Chair's Report 2020.

Steady progress continued to be made on site at the Birks throughout 2019. Work started in January to construct a new external doorway, lower the floor in the barn lobby and install a new staircase. The builders set about the work in very cold and draughty conditions but battled on to finish in late January.

Richard Day and his team plastered out the area in early February and then volunteered put down new flooring in the barn. Once the staircase was fitted volunteers finished off the decoration.

In September work commenced in the toilet area in the barn. The old shower, handbasin and toilets were stripped out before the team moved in to dig out the floor area, lowering it by approximately 300mm. On the same weekend new pipework was installed, in the dining area to supply hot & cold water and ultimately heating in the barn!!!

October saw a group of friends decorate the main house. This was much needed as the house area has been a neglected over recent years and deserved some TLC.

As 2019 closed the builders were busy working on drains and flooring in the toilets.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the committee for all their hard work over the past months, particularly Colette and Heidi who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep the Birks functioning.

I'm also very grateful to Molly (Jensen) for all of her efforts in building the new website and arranging for it to be published. It looks great!

My special thanks go to the teaching staff and admin staff at the school for their help.

Without their support organising and encouraging pupils to go to the Birks, all that we are doing would be pointless.

My disappointment for 2019 was that we were unable to hold a Birks Ball but I'm sure the team are on the case. My highlights for 2019 are the ongoing support we receive from the community, seeing the "youngsters" getting involved on site and the hard work they did digging out the floor and finally the group of friends who painted the house. It was also refreshing to see the reaction of the SJT staff who could see great potential for the future.

Over the next few months the new toilets in the barn will be finished. This will finally make all accessible areas of the Birks fit for purpose and compliant with H&S requirements. We can then comfortably promote the centre with other schools and organisations. Plans are going ahead to for an association with the Keppleway Centre in Broughton to provide adventure activities should they be requested.

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Steve Murphy

Agenda for
Birks Committee Meeting
Monday April 26th 2021 – **Online**
Following the AGM

1. Apologies
 2. Finance -
 3. Bookings - Reduce rates May/June 2021
- Charges 2022
 4. Summer working party -
 5. School -
 6. Website -
 7. Meeting with builder - Newfield
 8. Birks interior - Skirting, dining area
- AOB -

Next meeting -

Friends of the Grove School

BALANCE SHEET

As At 31st August, 2020

	<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>				
Bank Current Accounts	16965		18001	
	<u>16,965</u>		<u>18,001</u>	
<u>Current Liabilities</u>				
Creditors	180		180	
	<u>180</u>	16,785	<u>180</u>	17,821
<u>Leaving Net Assets - Represented by :-</u>		<u>16,785</u>		<u>17,821</u>
<u>Accumulative Fund</u>				
Balance brought forward		17821		22287
Deficit - Expenditure over Income		1036		4466
		<u>16,785</u>		<u>17,821</u>

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<u>Income</u>				
Donations		8,645		450
Fundraising - Gross		0		779
Lettings		12,097		18,357
Grant		10,000		0
Telephone		0		94
		<u>30,742</u>		<u>19,680</u>
<u>Less: Expenses</u>				
Fundraising Costs	0		0	
Insurance	5356		4277	
Heat and Light	1664		3393	
Waste Disposal	1544		1495	
Telephone Charges	574		786	
Accountancy Charges	180		180	
Repairs and Maintenance	1632		2281	
Caretaker	300		0	
Professional Fees	652		1888	
Miscellaneous Expenses	0		124	
Renovation Costs	<u>19,876</u>	<u>31,778</u>	<u>9,722</u>	<u>24,146</u>
<u>Surplus - Income over Expenditure</u>		<u><u>(1036)</u></u>		<u><u>(4466)</u></u>

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