

Hill Croft Parent Teacher Association

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100740

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2014-09-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

Address	5 Meadow Dale Newtownabbey Bt37 0ut BT37 0UT
Phone	07474393309
Email	pta@hillcroftschoool.co.uk
Website	www.hillcroftschoool.co.uk/pta

Activities

Purposes: The purpose of the Association (the Purposes) is 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.

What the charity does: The advancement of education

How the charity works: Education/training

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), Learning disabilities, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£28,855	£12,026	£0	0
2024-08-31	£13,405	£20,020	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Morag Mullan		
Mr Eamon Doherty		
Mrs Catherine Taylor		
Mrs Sharona Rainey		
Mrs Victoria Kelly		
Ms Jana Patterson		
Ms Lisa Bowers		
Ms Rose Montgomery		

Accounts



Hill Croft Parent Teacher Association

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2025

		<u>2025</u>	<u>2025</u>
<u>Income</u>			
	Parent Fundraiser - Craig McLean	£ 6,522.89	
	Football Fundraiser	£ 4,383.61	
	Marathon Fundraiser - School Staff	£ 4,059.00	
	Masonic Fundraiser - Neil Mullan (Parent)	£ 3,500.00	
	Formal Tickets Income	£ 2,435.73	
	Motivational Ulster	£ 2,135.00	
	Smarties Challenge	£ 1,201.40	
	Christmas Raffle	£ 1,090.04	
	Begin Together	£ 900.00	
	CAF	£ 500.00	
	PayPal Giving Fund UK	£ 495.50	
	Tesco book table fund raiser	£ 425.00	
	Parentkind ASDA Scheme	£ 406.84	
	Valentines Event	£ 249.08	
	Santa drive in	£ 190.00	
	Parent Fundraiser - Jody Thompson	£ 150.00	
	Christmas Concerts	£ 105.00	
	Prizegiving	£ 55.84	
	Personal donation - Mrs V Robinson	£ 50.00	
	Total Income	£ 28,854.93	£ 28,854.93
<u>Expenditure</u>			
	Formal 2025	£ 4,230.10	
	Class Funds	£ 2,450.00	
	Lorne house residential	£ 1,376.00	
	Marathan registration fees	£ 980.00	
	Thermometres	£ 489.65	
	Halloween goodie bags	£ 341.96	
	Reflexology	£ 330.00	
	Santa drive in	£ 297.01	
	Valentines disco	£ 262.89	
	Horticultural project	£ 218.72	
	Smarties challenge	£ 200.51	
	PE equipment	£ 175.48	
	Drumming circle	£ 174.00	
	Parentkind affiliation fee	£ 162.00	
	Christmas Raffle	£ 150.00	
	Bank charges	£ 71.88	
	Learning disability pride	£ 70.90	
	Pumpkins for play dates	£ 30.12	
	Refreshments	£ 14.71	
	Total expenditure	£ 12,025.93	-£ 12,025.93
	Surplus in the year		£ 16,829.00
	Funds at 31 Aug 2024		£ 12,281.46
	Surplus for the year to 31 Aug 2025		£ 16,829.00
	Funds at 31 Aug 2025		£ 29,110.46

Signed

Sharna Rainey

Sharna Rainey | Chairperson | 20.06.2026

Cathy Taylor

Cathy Taylor | Treasurer | 20.06.2026

Accounts

Hill Croft Parent Teacher Association
Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024

	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Income</u>		
PayPal Giving Fund UK	6,602.04	
Table quiz	1,728.18	
Valentines raffle	1,483.94	
Tesco door collection	1,001.00	
Tesco book table fund raiser	548.03	
Santa drive in	529.46	
Begin together	450.00	
Zipline	351.46	
Christmas concerts	305.47	
Valentines event	235.00	
Donations for prize giving refreshments	82.73	
Personal donation	50.00	
Christmas performance donations	37.31	
Total Income	<u>13,404.62</u>	13,404.62
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Outdoor classroom	6,500.00	
Hoist	6,010.00	
Class funds	2,500.00	
Cups and medals for prize giving	1,435.00	
Leavers trip (overnight)	1,260.00	
Rebound programme	402.00	
Chritmas drive in gifts	343.69	
Galgorm voucher for valentines raffle	272.50	
Zettle POS device	238.80	
Compost and manure	219.86	
Musgraves items for valentines disco	202.44	
Parentkind affiliation fee	153.00	
Polo shirts/tee shirts	138.75	
Bank charges	91.74	
PTA rebound cup	75.00	
Cash drawer/calculator for valentines disco	53.84	
Tea biscuits and coffee	47.80	
Just eat voucher for valentines raffle	36.96	
Pumpkins for play day	30.00	
Protective bag for zettle	8.99	
Total expenditure	<u>20,020.37</u>	(20,020.37)
Deficit in the year		<u>(6,615.75)</u>
Funds at 31st August 2023		18,897.21
Deficit for the year to 31st August 2024		<u>(6,615.75)</u>
Funds at 31st August 2024 (AIB £12,281.46)		<u>12,281.46</u>

Signed



Sharona Rainey
Chairperson
30.06.2025



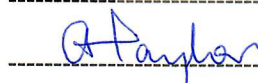
Cathy Taylor
Treasurer
30.06.2025

Accounts

Hill Croft Parent Teachers' Association

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st August 2023

	£	£
<u>Income</u>		
Grant income and corporate donations		7,605.39
Income from fundraising activities		
Personal donations and PayPal Giving Fund	3,473.81	
Christmas ballot and Easter raffle	3,172.00	
Christmas Drive-In	332.59	
Christmas Concerts	73.25	
Valentine's Disco	<u>267.74</u>	
		<u>7,319.39</u>
Total income for the year		14,924.78
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Expenditure for the benefit of children		
School formal (net cost after ticket sales of £3,325.00)	556.33	
Uplift Performing Arts	3,500.00	
Horticultural project	260.83	
Recycling bags	338.20	
Waterproof suits	279.00	
Class treats (Christmas, Easter, Summer, end-of-year)	2,079.74	
High 5 performance, water and treats	28.58	
Expenses for Christmas event	<u>104.00</u>	
	7,146.68	
Other expenditure		
Sundry administration costs (Parent Kind affiliation fee £140.00, PayPal fee £31.63 and Bank charges £89.31)	<u>260.94</u>	
Total expenditure for the year		(7,407.62)
Surplus for the year		<u>7,517.16</u>
Funds at 31st August 2022 (PayPal £4,633.02, AIB £6,447.03, debtor £300.00)		11,380.05
Surplus for the year to 31st August 2023		<u>7,517.16</u>
Funds at 31st August 2023 (PayPal £5,274.18, AIB £11,159.19, due from school (debtor) £2,475.00 and bank fee accrual (£11.16)).		<u>18,897.21</u>

 (Chairperson) Signed by Sharona Rainey on 9th September 2024
 (Treasurer) Signed by Cathy Taylor on 9th September 2024

Hill Croft Parent Teacher Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100740

Annual report



Hill Croft Parent Teacher Association

Report of the Committee by Chairperson for the year ended 31st August 2023

Governing Document

Hill Croft PTA is a charity, based in Northern Ireland and registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (NIC100740) and HM Revenue and Customs (XR96661). The PTA was formed to support the work of Hill Croft School, Newtownabbey, in the education of children and young people aged 3-19, who have severe learning difficulties. The management of the affairs of the PTA are entrusted to a committee.

The committee met in formal meetings every month throughout the year, and on other occasions as required.

Structure

The committee comprises of members elected by the members of the PTA. In addition, the principal of the school is an ex-officio member of the committee, with full voting rights. The committee is vested with the full powers to conduct the affairs of the PTA, and to carry out its objectives, and has the power to raise funds by way of public appeals, collections, ballots, special efforts, and other such means, as are lawful.

No value has been placed on the work carried out by volunteers, and the provision, without charge, of the meeting space and other establishment facilities at Hill Croft School.

Aims and Objectives

The PTA aims to advance the education and learning of those who attend Hill Croft School, by providing, as well as assisting in the provision of facilities for education at the school (not normally provided by the Education Authority). In addition, the PTA encourages collaborations and co-operation between teachers, ancillary staff, parents, and others associated with the school, for the benefit of the pupils, and engages in activities which both support the school, and advances the education of its pupils.



Benefit Test Requirement

The committee is confident that the activities of the PTA met the Public Benefit Requirement.

Achievements 2022-23

Following a less eventful period with restrictions due to Covid, we were determined to be more active supporting the school community.

Events:

- Highly successful Christmas Santa Drive-In where families could bring their young people to visit Santa in a safe & controlled environment. Community based for us, so no entry fee was charged but costs were covered due to donations received on the night.
- Christmas ballot raised close to £2,700.
- The Valentines Disco was well supported by all age groups.
- Easter raffle where all prizes were donated to the PTA.
- Our main event of the year was the bi-annual Hill Croft School formal where we host all our older pupils (16+) and their families. We also invite school leavers from the previous year to join us. Costs were mostly covered via ticket sales, so it was not a large outlay. Most importantly, a great evening was had by all.
- We also had a few staff members complete the Belfast Marathon & designated Hill Croft PTA as their chosen charity within their Facebook Fundraisers.

Purchases:

- Waterproof suits for the foundation department.
- Recycling bags for each classroom and office within the school, supporting the renewed drive to promote recycling in school and at home.
- In collaboration with the 'Knit & Natter' group, which meets at the school, we bought chocolate eggs for placement inside their knitted chicks as part of the School's Easter celebration.
- Water & treats for Hi-5 Performance at Theatre at the Mill.
- Class funds distributed at Christmas and summer term.
- Horticultural Project supported with purchases of compost, seeds, and gardening tools.

Plans for the Future

- To continue to build the school community by engaging with as many parents as possible.
- To continue to follow our rolling 3-year fundraising schedule, rotating staple events whilst maintaining a healthy level of support from families within our school community.
- To support the school's project for an outdoor learning space.
- To provide essential equipment to enhance our new therapy strategies within school.

Risk Management

Through their own direct involvement, the members of the committee identify risks to which the PTA is exposed. They ensure that appropriate systems and controls are in place to manage significant risks.

Independent Accountant

The reporting accountant, T H Hill, is willing to continue in the office and a resolution to reappoint him will be proposed.

Signed: Sharna Rainey Date: 30.6.24

Sharona Rainey, Chairperson

Hill Croft Parent Teacher Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100740

Annual return

HILL CROFT PARENT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE OFFICERS OF HILL CROFT PARENT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2023

I report on the unaudited accounts of Hill Croft Parent Teachers' Association for the year ended 31st August 2023.

Respective responsibilities of officers and examiner

As the charity's officers you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

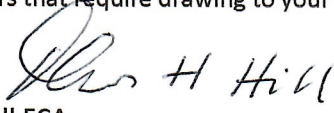
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the officers concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.


T H Hill FCA

C/O Hill Croft School

9th September 2024

Accounts

Hill Croft Parent Teacher Association

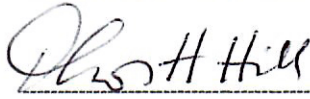
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st August 2021

	£	£
Balance at Bank and cash in hand on 1 st September 2020		9,336
Receipts		
Unrestricted - Individual Donations	400	
Unrestricted - Amazon Smile Donations	225	
Unrestricted - Proceeds from Quiz Night	200	
Total receipts for the year		825
Payments		
September Class Funds	1,450	
Halloween Treats	405	
Christmas Gifts for Children and Selection Boxes	701	
Teachers' Christmas Boxes	200	
Five Special Needs Pushchairs	1,115	
End of Year Treats for Children	405	
Purchase of Fruit Trees for Horticulture Project	240	
Contribution to Summer Scheme	2,295	
Just Giving fees	126	
Bank fees	92	
Parentkind – Annual Affiliation Fee	111	
Miscellaneous Payments – stationery, postage and gifts	102	
Total payments for the year		(7,242)
Total cash at bank and in hand at 31st August 2021		2,919
Balance at bank on 31st August 2021		2919
Petty cash balance at 31st August 2021		0
Total cash at bank and in hand at 31st August 2021		2,919

Karen Cuddy (Chairperson) Signed by Karen Cuddy on 14th March 2022

L. Wood (Treasurer) Signed by Lorna Wood on 14th March 2022

I have reviewed the accounting records kept by Hill Croft Parent Teacher Association for the year-ended 31st August 2021 and have compared the attached Receipts and Payments Account with those records. In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirement to keep accounting records and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records have not been met.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T H Hill', written over a horizontal dashed line.

(Independent Examiner) – Signed by T H Hill on 14th March 2022

Hill Croft Parent Teacher Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100740

Annual report



Hill Croft Parent Teacher Association

Report of the Committee by Chairperson for the year ended 31st August 2021

Governing Document

Hill Croft PTA is a charity, based in Northern Ireland and registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (NIC100740) and HM Revenue and Customs (XR96661). The PTA was formed to support the work of Hill Croft School, Newtownabbey, in the education of children and young people aged 3-19, who have severe learning difficulties. The management of the affairs of the PTA are entrusted to a committee.

The committee met in formal meetings every month throughout the year, and on other occasions as required.

Structure

The committee comprises members elected by the members of the PTA. In addition, the Principal of the school is an ex-officio member of the committee, with full voting rights. The committee is vested with the full powers to conduct the affairs of the PTA, and to carry out its objectives, and has the power to raise funds by way of public appeals, collections, ballots, special efforts and other such means, as are lawful.

No value has been placed on the work carried out by volunteers, and the provision, without charge, of the meeting space and other establishment facilities at Hill Croft School.

Aims and Objectives

The PTA aims to advance the education and learning of those who attend Hill Croft School, by providing, as well as assisting in the provision of facilities for education at the school (not normally provided by the Education Authority). In addition, the PTA encourages collaboration and co-operation between teachers, ancillary staff, parents and others associated with the school, for the benefit of the pupils, and engages in activities which both support the school, and advances the education of its pupils.

Benefit Test Requirement

The committee is confident that the activities of the PTA met the Public Benefit Requirement.

Achievements 2020/21

During what was another extremely difficult school year, we were still very active supporting the school community:

- In September we contributed towards class funds.
- At Halloween, we provided class treats.
- Christmas time – the PTA bought selection boxes for every young person, teachers were given hampers, and each class got some treats.
- Special needs buggies were purchased.
- Recently fruit trees were purchased.
- Easter treats were given to each class.
- Contribution towards the Education Authority Summer Scheme.

Plans for the future

- To build the school community by engaging with as many parents as possible.
- To develop a proactive approach to fundraising that will ensure that the PTA generates an income stream to provide equipment and other resources needed for school.
- To support the Duke of Edinburgh scheme
- To support extra activities for the children

Risk Management

Through their own direct involvement, the members of the committee identify risks to which the PTA is exposed. They ensure that appropriate systems and controls are in place to manage significant risks.

Independent Accountant

The reporting accountant, T H Hill, is willing to continue in office and a resolution to reappoint him will be proposed.

Signed: Karen Cuddy

Date: 16/5/22

Karen Cuddy, Chairperson

Hill Croft Parent Teacher Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100740

Annual return

Hill Croft Parent Teacher Association

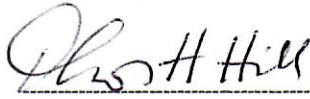
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st August 2021

	£	£
Balance at Bank and cash in hand on 1 st September 2020		9,336
Receipts		
Unrestricted - Individual Donations	400	
Unrestricted - Amazon Smile Donations	225	
Unrestricted - Proceeds from Quiz Night	200	
Total receipts for the year		825
Payments		
September Class Funds	1,450	
Halloween Treats	405	
Christmas Gifts for Children and Selection Boxes	701	
Teachers' Christmas Boxes	200	
Five Special Needs Pushchairs	1,115	
End of Year Treats for Children	405	
Purchase of Fruit Trees for Horticulture Project	240	
Contribution to Summer Scheme	2,295	
Just Giving fees	126	
Bank fees	92	
Parentkind – Annual Affiliation Fee	111	
Miscellaneous Payments – stationery, postage and gifts	102	
Total payments for the year		(7,242)
Total cash at bank and in hand at 31st August 2021		2,919
Balance at bank on 31st August 2021		2919
Petty cash balance at 31st August 2021		0
Total cash at bank and in hand at 31st August 2021		2,919

Karen Cuddy (Chairperson) Signed by Karen Cuddy on 14th March 2022

L. Wood (Treasurer) Signed by Lorna Wood on 14th March 2022

I have reviewed the accounting records kept by Hill Croft Parent Teacher Association for the year-ended 31st August 2021 and have compared the attached Receipts and Payments Account with those records. In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirement to keep accounting records and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records have not been met.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T H Hill', written over a horizontal dashed line.

(Independent Examiner) – Signed by T H Hill on 14th March 2022