

Friends of Mitchell House

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101418

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-10-02

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: The trustees hereby declare that the said sums of money so subscribed as aforesaid and all other subscriptions and donations made and given for the like purposes shall be held upon trust that the same shall be applied in accordance with the provisions hereinafter contained for the following purposes (if any in so far as the same shall be charitable) :- 1.1 The provision of additional facilities services and equipment to the Mitchell House Special School 1.2 The relief of disabled persons resident in Northern Ireland who are in conditions of need hardship sickness or distress particularly present and past pupils of the school 1.3 To assist in the organisation of schemes which would propagate the integration of the disabled and the able 1.4 To obtain collect and receive money and funds by way of donations sponsorship legacies grants and any other lawful method and accept and receive gifts of property and to purchase property of any description 1.5 To supplement and complement but not to replace existing statutory services and co-operate with statutory authorities and voluntary organisations having similar objects

What the charity does: The prevention or relief of poverty, The advancement of education, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Disability, Grant making, Sport/recreation

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£25,459	£19,748	£0	0
2024-03-31	£12,094	£11,050	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Carol Mckay		
Cathy Walker		
Jonny Collins		
Miriam Donnan		
Molly Mccartney		
Mrs Kellyanne Dorman		
Valerie Meadows		

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Accounts

Friends of Mitchell House School**Accounts for period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025**

	2024-2025	2023-2024
Opening Bank Balance	£14461723	£14495070
Previous outstanding cheques	£78000	£176313
Previous outstanding lodgements	£39500	£000
<u>Receipts</u>		
Gifts and donations	£623700	£644000
Sponsored Walk	£251238	£176797
Christmas Fair/bikers day	£70419	£23600
Interest earned	£209575	£187700
Funds raised	£142170	£158308
Amazon Smile	£000	£19038
Cash for Kids	£1248880	£000
Other	£000	£000
	£2545982	£1209443
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Bus Insurance	£151341	£135453
Bus Expenses	£114507	£23031
Bank Fees	£3482	£5416
Fund raising costs	£12000	£000
Music Therapist	£864000	£390000
Summer Scheme	£111649	£144390
Formal - pupils	£000	£185793
Purchase equipment	£000	£70123
Gifts for pupils	£000	£12500
Christmas Fair	£65227	£128271
Staff wellbeing	£36800	£000
Cash for Kids	£600000	£000
Misc	£15796	£10000
	£1974802	£1104977
Closing Balance	£14994403	£14423223
Corporate Current Account	£14944403	£14461723
Outstanding lodgements	£50000	£39500
Outstanding cheques	£000	£78000
	£14994403	£14423223

Statement of assets and liabilities - Year Ended 31 March 2025

Funds Reconciliation	Total 2025	Total 2024
Cash at bank and in hand 31/3/24	£14461723	£14495070
Surplus/deficit this year end	£482680	-£33347
Cash at bank and in hand 31/3/25	£14944403	£14461723
Bank and Cash Balances		
Corporate Current Account	£14944403	£14461723
Cash in Hand	£000	£39500
Uncashed Cheques at year end	£50000	£78000
	£14894403	£14423223
Other Assets		
Minibus	£500000	£500000
Total Assets*	£500000	£500000
Liabilities		
None	£000	£000

Approved by the trustees and Committee on 16 May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Chair:

Jonny Collins

Date:

28/05/2025

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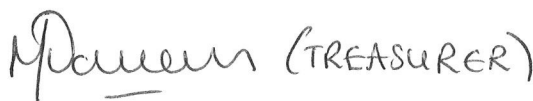
	2023-2024	2022-2023
Opening Bank Balance	£144,950.70	£141,633.22
Previous outstanding cheques	£1,763.13	£91.59
Previous outstanding lodgements	£0.00	£0.00
<u>Receipts</u>		
Gifts and donations	£6,440.00	£5,256.00
Sponsored Walk	£1,767.97	£2,394.66
Christmas Fair/bikers day	£236.00	£2,724.50
Interest earned	£1,877.00	£469.84
Funds raised	£1,583.08	£0.00
Amazon Smile	£190.38	£158.61
Keep NI Beautiful Grant	£0.00	£3,085.41
Other		
	£12,094.43	£14,089.02
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Bus Insurance	£1,354.53	£1,043.25
Bus Expenses	£230.31	£723.18
Bank Fees	£54.16	£37.26
Fund raising costs	£0.00	£300.00
Music Therapist	£3,900.00	£2,520.00
Summer Scheme	£1,443.90	£1,971.03
Formal - pupils	£1,857.93	£350.00
Purchase equipment	£701.23	£4,078.36
Gifts for pupils	£125.00	£540.00
Christmas Fair	£1,282.71	£330.00
Misc	£100.00	£550.00
	£11,049.77	£12,443.08
Closing Balance	£144,232.23	£143,187.57
Corporate Current Account	£144,617.23	£144,950.70
Outstanding lodgements	£395.00	£0.00
Outstanding cheques	£780.00	£1,763.13
	£144,232.23	£143,187.57

Statement of assets and liabilities - Year Ended 31 March 2024

Funds Reconciliation	Total 2024	Total 2023
Cash at bank and in hand 31/3/23	£144,950.70	£141,633.22
Surplus/deficit this year end	-£333.47	£3,317.48
Cash at bank and in hand 31/3/24	£144,617.23	£144,950.70
Bank and Cash Balances		
Corporate Current Account	£144,617.23	£144,950.70
Cash in Hand	£395.00	£0.00
Uncashed Cheques at year end	£780.00	£1,763.13
	£144,232.23	£143,187.57
Other Assets		
Minibus	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
Total Assets*	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
Liabilities		
None	£0.00	£0.00

Approved by the trustees and Committee on 16 May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Jonny Collins
Chair: 
Date:

 (TREASURER)
16/05/2024

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Accounts

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Accounts for period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
Opening Bank Balance	£141,633.22	£143,102.15
Previous outstanding cheques	£91.59	£714.18
Previous outstanding lodgements	£0.00	£83.00
<u>Receipts</u>		
Gifts and donations	£5,256.00	£6,309.06
Sponsored Walk	£2,394.66	£2,683.20
Christmas Fair/bikers day	£2,724.50	£2,838.97
Interest earned	£469.84	£140.44
Amazon Smile	£158.61	£282.43
Keep NI Beautiful Grant	£3,085.41	£0.00
Other		£2,488.30
	£14,089.02	£14,742.40
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Bus Insurance	£1,043.25	£998.45
Bus Expenses	£723.18	£763.83
Bank Fees	£37.26	£37.17
Fund raising costs	£300.00	£0.00
Music Therapist	£2,520.00	£7,080.00
Summer Scheme	£1,971.03	£2,093.97
Formal - pupils	£350.00	£0.00
Purchase equipment	£4,078.36	£1,737.80
Gifts for pupils	£540.00	£0.00
Christmas Fair	£330.00	£2,359.76
60th Anniversary Celebrations	£0.00	£500.00
Misc	£550.00	£100.76
	£12,443.08	£15,671.74
Closing Balance	£143,187.57	£141,541.63
Corporate Current Account	£144,950.70	£141,633.22
Outstanding lodgements	£0.00	£0.00
Outstanding cheques	£1,763.13	£91.59
	£143,187.57	£141,541.63

Statement of assets and liabilities - Year Ended 31 March 2023

Funds Reconciliation	Total 2023	Total 2022
Cash at bank and in hand 31/3/22	£141,633.22	£143,102.15
Surplus/deficit this year end	£3,317.48	-£1,468.93
Cash at bank and in hand 31/3/23	£144,950.70	£141,633.22
Bank and Cash Balances		
Corporate Current Account	£144,950.70	£141,633.22
Cash in Hand	£0.00	£0.00
Uncashed Cheques at year end	£1,763.13	£91.59
	£143,187.57	£141,541.63
Other Assets		
Minibus	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
Total Assets*	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
Liabilities		
None	£0.00	£0.00

Approved by the trustees and Committee on 1 June 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Jonny Collins
Chair: 
Date:

 (Treasurer)
01/06/2023

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Annual report

Friends of Mitchell House
ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF
ACCOUNTS
2022-2023

ANNUAL REPORT 31 March 2023

Friends of Mitchell House are pleased to submit their accounts for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

Background

Friends of Mitchell House was incorporated by the Department of Social Development on 7 February 2006 under Section 10 of the Charities Act (NI) 1964; and were registered with the Charities Commission (NI) on 2 October 2015

Location

Friends of Mitchell House can be contacted c/o Mitchell House School, Marmont House, Marmont Drive, Belfast, BT4 2GT.

Purpose of the charity

Friends of Mitchell House organise a range of fundraising events such as: sponsored walks and a Christmas fair. We own a minibus, this is used to transport pupils to other schools to take exam courses, to sporting events and to work experience placements. We respond to requests from school staff and pupils for specialist equipment, additional equipment and toys. We help fund the school summer scheme, formal and residential trips.

Beneficiaries

The beneficiaries of Friends of Mitchell House are the pupils of Mitchell House School and their families.

Trustees

The trustees of Friends of Mitchell House during 2022/23 and at the date the report was approved were: Mary McCartney; Miriam Donnan (Treasurer); Cathy Walker; Carol McKay; Mary Glass; Jonny Collins (Chair); Kellyanne Dorman (Secretary); Valerie Meadows.

Management Structure

Meetings are held when deemed necessary and minutes taken. The meetings are chaired by Jonny Collins; attendees include the treasurer, the secretary, trustees, staff from Mitchell House School and parents of the children who attend the school. Staff and children are encouraged to bring forward ideas for expenditure on items that will enhance the pupils care and development. The accounts are prepared at close of the financial year, independently reviewed and presented to the Committee for approval.

Activities in 2022/23

The direct benefits which flow from the work of Friends include pupils using specialised therapeutic equipment, having access to special play areas and toys and receiving specialist therapy. For the last 8 years we have employed the services of a music therapist to assist with the development of the children in the care of Mitchell House School. We consider this a key aspect of our fund raising as music therapy is a well-established clinical, evidence-based profession in which highly skilled practitioners use music interventions to address and achieve non-musical goals within a therapeutic relationship. It aims to address the physical, emotional cognitive and social needs of the pupils.

Through its activities Friends of Mitchell House raises money for the benefit of pupils of Mitchell House School, a clear aim of Friends is to assist in enhancing the pupils' school experience and help them reach their potential. Any private beneficiaries e.g. the employment of a music therapist, the use of accommodation for a residential, are incidental private benefits but essential to ensure the benefit is provided to the beneficiaries i.e. the pupils of Mitchell House School.

The trustees are satisfied that none of the activities they engage in give rise to any harm.

Accounts 2022/23

During 2021/22 we raised £5,256 from donations.

In addition, £2,724.50 was raised from the Christmas fair. We raised £2,394.66 from our Sponsored Walk and £158.61 from Amazon Smile.

Our biggest expenditure, however, in 2022/23 was the purchase of materials £4,078.36, many of which was for the revamp of the sensory garden which was funded by a grant of £3,085.41 from Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful. We spent £1971.03 on the Summer Scheme allowing pupils to attend for one week during the summer.

Our opening bank balance was £141,633.22 and closing balance £144,950.70; there was £1,763.13 of unreconciled cheques.

We own a minibus which was donated to us and whose book value is £5,000.

Public Benefit Statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Jonny Collins

Chair of Friends of Mitchell House

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Annual return

FRIENDS OF MITCHELL HOUSE SCHOOL

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

I have examined the summary of receipts and expenditure of Friends of Mitchell House School for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

Based on the documentation made available to me, I am content that the amounts are accurate.

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Deirdre Roche FCA

24th June 2024

Friends of Mitchell House

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101418

Accounts

Friends of Mitchell House School**Accounts for period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

	2021-2022	2020-2021
Opening Bank Balance	£143,102.15	£141,454.69
Previous outstanding cheques	£714.18	£0.00
Previous outstanding lodgements	£83.00	£0.00
<u>Receipts</u>		
Gifts and donations	£6,309.06	£2,487.61
Just Giving	£0.00	£0.00
Sponsored Walk	£2,683.20	£0.00
Openwork Foundation	£0.00	£9,600.00
Christmas Fair/bikers day	£2,838.97	£3,186.94
Refund school transport - fuel	£0.00	£60.00
Interest earned	£140.44	£143.37
Funds raised	£0.00	£18.00
Rates Refund	£0.00	£0.00
Amazon Smile	£282.43	£63.23
Boat house sale	£0.00	£0.00
Other - Business Reserve Closure	£2,488.30	£0.00
	£14,742.40	£15,559.15
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Bus Insurance	£998.45	£953.65
Bus Expenses	£763.83	£3,257.43
Bus Leasing	£0.00	£5,453.20
Bank Fees	£37.17	£31.55
Boah House repairs	£0.00	£0.00
Boah House Insurance	£0.00	£0.00
Boat House Rates	£0.00	£0.00
Boat House Management Fees	£0.00	£0.00
Fund raising costs	£0.00	£1,644.79
Music Therapist	£7,080.00	£0.00
Summer Scheme	£2,093.97	£0.00
Formal - pupils	£0.00	£0.00
School trip - allowance to pupils	£0.00	£0.00
Purchase equipment	£1,737.80	£714.18
Gifts for pupils	£0.00	£0.00
Christmas Fair	£2,359.76	£0.00
60th Anniversary Celebrations	£500.00	£0.00
Misc	£100.76	£0.00
	£15,671.74	£12,054.80
Closing Bank Balance	£141,541.63	£144,959.04
Corporate Current Account	£141,633.22	£143,102.15
Outstanding lodgements	£0.00	£83.00

Outstanding cheques	£91.59	£714.18
Business reserve account	£0.00	£2,488.07
	£141,541.63	£144,959.04

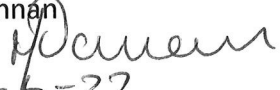
*Note: Business reserve a/c interest
2020-2021 - £1.00*

Statement of assets and liabilities - Year Ended 31 March 2022

Funds Reconciliation	Total 2022	Total 2021
Cash at bank and in hand 31/3/21	£143,102.15	£138,301.53
Surplus/deficit this year end	-£1,468.93	£4,883.62
Cash at bank and in hand 31/3/22	£141,633.22	£143,185.15
Bank and Cash Balances		
Corporate Current Account	£141,633.22	£113,102.15
Business Reserve Account	£0.00	£2,472.43
Cash in Hand	£0.00	£83.00
Uncashed Cheques at year end	£91.59	-£714.18
	£141,541.63	£116,371.76
Other Assets		
Minibus	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
Total Assets*	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
Liabilities		
None	£0.00	£0.00

Approved by the trustees and Committee on 13 May 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Jonny Collins
Chair:
Date: 15-6-22

Miriam Donnan
Treasurer: 
Date: 15-6-22

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Our biggest expenditure, however, in 2021/22 was the cost of the Music Therapist £7,080.00 which was mostly covered by a grant from the Openwork Foundation. We spent £2,093.97 on the Summer Scheme allowing pupils to attend for one week during the summer.

Our opening bank balance was £144,959.04 and closing balance £141,633.22; the Business Reserve account was closed this year on advice from the bank. Funds were transferred into the current account.

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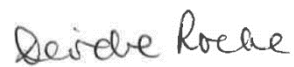
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