

# Friends of Down High

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104603

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2016-03-08
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

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## 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), Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£56,881	£663	£0	0
2024-07-31	£46,453	£60,873	£0	0

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Charles Knox		
Mr Douglas Robert Marr		
Mrs Hilary Mcguire		
Mrs Judith Gibson		
Mrs Shauna Mullan		

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# Accounts

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Friends of Down High		104603	
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>			
For the period from	01/08/2023	To	31/07/2024

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Voluntary Contributions	40,878	-	-	40,878	36,954
Gift Aid	4,846	-	-	4,846	5,689
Donation - Dunumians	20	-	-	20	40
Fund Raising - Dunumians	367	-	-	367	2,000
Interest	343	-	-	343	208
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for the Annual Return)	<b>46,454</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,454</b>	<b>44,891</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>46,454</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,454</b>	<b>44,891</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Donations to DHS for Educational Purposes	60,000	-	-	60,000	-
90th Anniversary Costs	669	-	-	669	-
Indep Auditor	150	-	-	150	150
Bank Interest & Fees	54	-	-	54	51
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>60,873</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60,873</b>	<b>201</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>60,873</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60,873</b>	<b>201</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 14,419</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 14,419</b>	<b>44,690</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	141,649	-	-	141,649	96,959
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>127,230</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>127,230</b>	<b>141,649</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Accounts	127,230	-	-	127,230	141,649
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>127,230</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>127,230</b>	<b>141,649</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

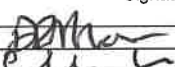
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
				Total		

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total			

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			Total		

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
		Total			

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature  


Print Name  
 DOUGLAS R. MARR  
 CUMMIE KNOX

Date of approval  
 1/5/25  
 1/5/25

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# Accounts

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<b>Friends of Down High</b>	<b>104603</b>
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/08/2024	To	31/07/2025
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Voluntary Contributions	40,603	-	-	40,603	40,878
Gift Aid	5,719	-	-	5,719	4,846
Donation - Dunumians	60	-	-	60	20
Fund Raising	10,033	-	-	10,033	367
Interest	316	-	-	316	343
Other Donation	150	-	-	150	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for the Annual Return)	<b>56,882</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,882</b>	<b>46,453</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>56,882</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,882</b>	<b>46,453</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Donations to DHS for Educational Purposes	-	-	-	-	60,000
Dunumians - Event Costs	462	-	-	462	669
Indep Auditor	150	-	-	150	150
Bank Interest & Fees	51	-	-	51	53
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>60,873</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>60,873</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>56,218</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,218</b>	<b>- 14,419</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>127,229</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>127,229</b>	<b>141,649</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>183,448</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>183,448</b>	<b>127,229</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Accounts	183,448	-	-	183,448	127,229
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>183,448</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>183,448</b>	<b>127,229</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

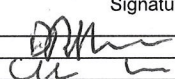
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total					

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total				

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total			

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Total				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature  
  
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Print Name  
 DOUGLAS ROBERT MARR  
 CHARLIE KNOX

Date of approval  
 27/5/26  
 27.5.26

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# Annual report

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## **Friends of Down High NIC104603**

Trustees Annual Report for Financial Year 1 August 2024 – 31 July 2025

Address: Friends of Down High  
Strangford Road  
Downpatrick  
BT30 6SL

### Trustees' Annual Report

Friends of Down High (FoDH) has continued to organise fundraising events for the families, children and former members of the school community. This group has maintained the link to the school with a large number of former pupils known as "Old Dunumians" as well as ensuring that the sporting endeavours of the school are also well resourced.

During the course of the 2024-25 year, the Friends of Down High made vital contributions to promote and increase individual and collective knowledge. In close consultation with the Principal and teachers, support was given to fund a range of items, activities and services that benefit the pupils.

Amongst the various areas that were supported, some funding towards the extra-curricular life of the school was included by providing extra coaching for the rugby and hockey teams. Entry fees to sporting competitions in activities such as Dance, Athletics and Equestrian were also covered. Creative arts students benefitted from the donations made as they staged numerous music and drama productions. Over the last year, various subjects have been able to purchase additional resources such as text books and ICT equipment.

All pupils benefitted from the contributions made towards activities ranging from the Year 8 induction residential to a Year 13 event which develops team-work, communication and leadership skills for students in the first full day of Sixth Form. Also, bespoke training was given to enhance the study skills of our students, and to develop our senior prefects as leaders. Pupil wellbeing was also supported through workshops from visiting organisations as well as through various end of year events.

The Friends of Down High is a fundraising organisation, but an important part of our role is promoting social inclusion, promoting well-being for all in the community, developing community relations and providing a less formal channel of communication between the past pupils and staff, our parent body and the school. Many of the Friends of Down High help the school in many ways including being involved in the Careers mock interview process.

At the end of the financial year, the Friends of Down High was in surplus by £183,447.65. A breakdown of this is made in the Receipts and Payments Account figures. There are no funds held by Friends of Down High that are materially in deficit at the end of the year.

Trustees:

The trustees during the year ended 31 July 2025 were:


Mr Douglas Marr  
Mrs Janice Cooke  
Mr Charles Knox  
Mrs Shauna Mullan  
Mrs Judith Gibson  
Mrs Maud Perry  
Mrs Hilary McGuire

No other people served as trustees during the year.

### **PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

Purpose 1: Improved relationships between home and school. The benefit which flows from this purpose includes funding for additional resources for the school and links built with the local community. This is demonstrated through having a PTA that works in partnership with the school and engages parental support. This purpose does not lead to harm. The benefit is for children at Down High school. Charity trustees (committee members) are usually past pupils, past or current members of staff or parents at the school which their children attend and hence gain benefit in the same way as all other beneficiaries. This benefit is incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to all beneficiaries.

Purpose 2: Advancing the education of pupils in the school. The benefit which flows from this purpose includes increased educational progress and attainment of pupils in the school and links built with the local community. This is demonstrated through pupils having access to resources, events, activities and links with the local community which are not available through direct school funding. This purpose does not lead to harm. The benefit is for children at Down High school. Charity trustees (committee members) are usually past pupils, past or current members of staff or parents at the school which their children attend and hence gain benefit in the same way as all other beneficiaries. This benefit is incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to all beneficiaries.

  
26/05/26

**Friends of Down High**

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# Annual return

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# Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Friends of Down High Grammer School

I report on the accounts of the Friends of Down High Grammer School (FDHGS) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025

## Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2022. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- 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
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## Basis of examiner's statement

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. The 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 you as charity trustees 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 as required by 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 Examiners Statement

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.



Andrew Neill ACA  
Smyth McIlhone MacMullan  
60 Main Street  
Saintfield  
BT24 7AB  
7<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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# Accounts

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FRIENDS OF DOWN HIGH

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from 01/08/22 To 31/07/23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Voluntary Contributions	36,953	-	-	36,953	39,877
Gift Aid	5,689	-	-	5,689	4,606
Donation - Dunumlans	40	-	-	40	10
Donation - Sporting Patrons	-	-	-	-	62
Fund Raising Activities	2,000	-	-	2,000	5,000
Interest	208	-	-	208	227
pHA Funding	-	-	-	-	1,000
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)</b>	<b>44,891</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,891</b>	<b>50,782</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>44,891</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,891</b>	<b>50,782</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Donations to DHS for Educational Purposes	-	-	-	-	43,450
	-	-	-	-	-
Contribution to Sport at DHS	-	-	-	-	62
Independent Auditor	150	-	-	150	150
Interest & Fees	51	-	-	51	54
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>43,716</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>43,716</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>44,690</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,690</b>	<b>7,066</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	96,959	-	-	96,959	89,893
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>141,649</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>141,649</b>	<b>96,959</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>					
Bank Accounts	141,649	-	-	141,649	98,959
<b>Total cash funds</b>	141,649	-	-	141,649	98,959
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

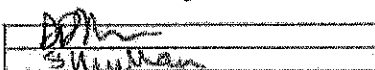
Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>				
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		-	-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		-	-	-

Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>				
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		-	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
 _____ DOUGLAS ROBERT MARK	_____ DOUGLAS ROBERT MARK	_____ 24/4/24

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# Annual report

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## Friends of Down High NIC104603

Trustees Annual Report for Financial Year 1 August 2022 – 31 July 2023

Address: Friends of Down High  
Down High School  
Mount Crescent  
Downpatrick  
BT30 6EU

### Trustees' Annual Report

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During the course of the 2022-23 year, the Friends of Down High made vital contributions to promote and increase individual and collective knowledge. In close consultation with the Principal and teachers, support was given to fund a range of items and services that benefit the pupils.

Amongst the various areas that were supported, some funding towards the extra-curricular life of the school was included by providing extra coaching for the rugby, netball and hockey teams. Entry fees to sporting competitions in activities such as Dance, Athletics and Equestrian were also covered. Creative arts students benefitted from the donations made as they staged numerous music and drama productions.

All pupils benefitted from the contributions made towards activities ranging from the Year 8 induction residential to a Year 13 event which develops team-work, communication and leadership skills for students in the first full day of Sixth Form. Also, bespoke training was given to enhance the study skills of our students, and to develop our senior prefects as leaders. Pupil wellbeing was also supported through workshops from visiting organisations as well as through various end of year events.

The Friends of Down High is a fundraising organisation, but an important part of our role is promoting social inclusion, developing community relations and providing a less formal channel of communication between the past pupils and staff, our parent body and the school. Many of the Friends of Down High help the school in many ways including being involved in the Careers mock interview process.

At the end of the financial year, the Friends of Down High was in surplus by £141649. A breakdown of this is made in the Receipts and Payments Account figures. There are no funds held by Friends of Down High that are materially in deficit at the end of the year.

Trustees:

The trustees during the year ended 31 July 2023 were:

Mr Dougie Marr  
Mr David Spratt  
Mrs Hilary McGuire  
Mrs Shauna Mullan

No other people served as trustees during the year.

**PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

Purpose 1: Improved relationships across the Down High Community

The benefit which flows from this purpose includes funding for additional resources for the school and links built with the local community.

This is demonstrated through an active Friends of Down High group that works in partnership with the school and engages support from staff and pupils, past and present, as well as parents.

This purpose does not lead to harm.

The benefit is for children at Down High school.

Charity trustees (committee members) are usually past pupils, past or current members of staff or parents at the school which their children attend and hence gain benefit in the same way as all other beneficiaries. This benefit is incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to all beneficiaries.

Shauna Mullan SMullan Secretary 28/5/24

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# Annual return

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# Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Friends of Down High Grammar School

As the appointed Independent Examiner, I report on the Annual Accounts of the Friends of Down High Grammar School (FDHGS) for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022

## Respective responsibilities of the Charity Trustees and Examiner

As the Charity Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

As the appointed Independent Examiner, it is my responsibility to

- Examine the Accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures as laid down in the General Directions given by the Charities Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act;
- State whether there are any particular matters that have come to my attention.

## Basis of Examiner's Report

I have examined the FDHGS Charity Accounts for this Year, as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charities 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 you as charity trustees 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 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 whether there is any further information needed for a proper understanding of the content of these accounts to be reached

## Independent Examiners Statement

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Date 31/5/23

**Friends of Down High**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104603

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# Accounts

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**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period from	01/08/2021	To	31/07/2022
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**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Voluntary Contributions	39,877	-	-	39,877	29,621
Fund Raising Activities	5,000	-	-	5,000	400
Gift Aid	4,806	-	-	4,806	6,993
Donations - Dunumians	10	-	-	10	30
Donation - Sporting Patrons	62	-	-	62	300
PHA - Funding	-	1,000	-	1,000	-
Interest	227	-	-	227	171
<b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for the Annual Return)	<b>49,782</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50,782</b>	<b>37,505</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>49,782</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50,782</b>	<b>37,505</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Donations to DHS for educational Purposes	42,450	1,000	-	43,450	-
Old Dunumian Bulletin exps	-	-	-	-	266
Contributions to Sport at DHS	62	-	-	62	1,284
Honorable Sec Exps	-	-	-	-	13
Independent Auditor	150	-	-	150	300
Interest & Fees	54	-	-	54	38
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>42,716</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,716</b>	<b>1,898</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>42,716</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,716</b>	<b>1,898</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>7,066</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,066</b>	<b>35,607</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>89,893</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89,893</b>	<b>54,286</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>96,959</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>96,959</b>	<b>89,893</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	88,859	-	-	88,859	88,853
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>88,859</b>	-	-	<b>88,859</b>	<b>88,893</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	<b>Total</b>			-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	DOUGLAS R. MARR HILARY MCGURK	20/8/23 27/4/23

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# Annual report

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Friends of Down High NIC104603

Trustees' Annual Report for Financial Year 1 August 2021 – 31 July 2022

Address: Friends of Down High  
Down High School  
Mount Crescent  
Downpatrick  
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### Trustees' Annual Report

Friends of Down High (FoDH) has continued to organise social and fundraising events for the families, children and former members of the school community. This group has maintained the link to the school with a large number of former pupils known as "Old Dunumians", as well as ensuring that the sporting endeavours of the school are also well resourced.

During the course of the 2021-2022 year, and in the context of re-emerging from the global pandemic, the Friends of Down High made vital contributions to promote and increase individual and collective knowledge. The Friends of Down High have continued to support the school to enhance learning and teaching, and the extra-curricular programme. The school replaced hockey goal posts and upgraded its fitness suite. Also, provision of more technical analysis equipment was acquired. The Old Dunumians were delighted to pay for a new trophy cabinet to display the school's many awards, and memorabilia. The school is moving to a new build on a new site and the main focus of fundraising will be focussed on providing state of the art facilities, upgrading some finishes, and also ensuring that the History and ethos of our school are encapsulated, recorded and exhibited.

In 2021-22, FoDH contributed to essential pastoral interventions such as additional counselling. We also provided money to allow leadership training to take place, and also for visiting companies and speakers to attend. The FoDH has also made significant contributions to the Careers department and has contributed towards the cost of Unifrog – an online resource that helps pupils to identify pathways through GCSE, A Level and on to university.

The Friends of Down High is a fundraising organisation, but an important part of our role is promoting social inclusion, developing community relations and providing a less formal channel of communication between the past pupils and staff, our parent body and the school. Many of the Friends of Down High help the school in many ways, including being involved in the Careers mock interview process.

At the end of the financial year, the Friends of Down High was in surplus by £96,958.97. A breakdown of this is made in the Receipts and Payments Account figures. There are no funds held by Friends of Down High that are materially in deficit at the end of the year.

Trustees:

The trustees during the year ended 31 July 2022 were:

Mr Dougie Marr  
Mr David Spratt  
Mrs Hilary McGuire  
Ms Lorraine Halligan  
Mrs Louise Healy

No other people served as trustees during the year. However, Lorraine Halligan gave notice in September 2022 that she intended to stand down, and it was agreed that Judith Gibson would replace her. Also, Louise Healy gave notice that she would stand down, and a replacement would be needed for her also.

#### **PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

Purpose 1: Improved relationships across the Down High Community

The benefit which flows from this purpose includes funding for additional resources for the school and links built with the local community.

This is demonstrated through an active Friends of Down High group that works in partnership with the school and engages support from staff and pupils, past and present, as well as parents.

This purpose does not lead to harm.

The benefit is for children at Down High School.

Charity trustees (committee members) are usually past pupils, past or current members of staff or parents of children attending the school and hence gain benefit in the same way as all other beneficiaries. This benefit is incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to all beneficiaries.



DOUGLAS ROBERT MARR  
Chair, Friends of Down High  
20/4/2023

H McGuire  
E HILARY MCGUIRE  
TRUSTEE  
27/4/23

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# Annual return

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# Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Friends of Down High Grammar School

As the appointed Independent Examiner, I report on the Annual Accounts of the Friends of Down High Grammar School (FDHGS) for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022

## Respective responsibilities of the Charity Trustees and Examiner

As the Charity Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

As the appointed Independent Examiner, it is my responsibility to

- Examine the Accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures as laid down in the General Directions given by the Charities Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act;
- State whether there are any particular matters that have come to my attention.

## Basis of Examiner's Report

I have examined the FDHGS Charity Accounts for this Year, as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charities 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 you as charity trustees 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 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 whether there is any further information needed for a proper understanding of the content of these accounts to be reached

## Independent Examiners Statement

I have completed my examination and as a result have no concerns in respect of matters 1-4 (as listed above) and following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to the attention of the Commission and/or its Officers.



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