

Friends of New Row

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107284

Details

Status Overdue

Registered 2019-03-08

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

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, Playgroup/after schools, Youth development

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-04-30	£19,913	£10,799	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Michael Hughes		
Mrs Carmel Diamond		
Mrs Claire Coleman		
Mrs Grainne Diamond		
Mrs Madeleine Gribbin		
Mrs Marianne Cushley		
Mrs Orlaith Heaney		
Ms Aisling McNicholl		
Ms Patricia Hanson		

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Accounts

Friends of New Row (c/o New Row Primary School) Castledawson PTA Account 2023-24
Santander Bank Account: 89345699

Reconciliation of Income and Expenditure

Opening Balance as at 9 September 2023	£11,346.71
Plus Income Lodged	£8,566.30
Plus Bank Interest	£0.00
Less Expenditure	(£2,257.78)
Less Bank Charges	£0.00
Closing Bank Balance as at 2 September 2024	£17,655.23

The Income and Expenditure account for Friends of New Row
(c/o New Row Primary School) Castledawson
PTA Account has been audited from the books of account, documents provided
and information received and I certify same to be correct and in accordance
therewith.

Ciara Shivers

Ciara Shivers
Accountant
November 2024

Income and Expenditure High Level Summary 09 September 2023 - 02 September 24

Income - Summary	£	Expenditure - Summary	£
Balance b/forward	11,346.71		
School Calendar - Sponsorship	2,500.00	Parentkind Membership	(163.00)
Calendar sales	380.00	Goodie bags for movie night, selection boxes, Easter prizes	(773.68)
Christmas movie night	324.50	Assistance with school printing costs	(562.50)
Neon Day - Fundraising	2,024.00	Y7 NRPS Leavers Hoodies	(758.60)
Easter Raffle	1,605.00	Assistance with school costs - school trips , uniform tokens, other misc costs (New Row PS Assistance)	(£8,541.61)
Bookathon - Sponsored walk	1,732.80		
Total	19,913.01	Total	(10,799.39)
Balance b/d	9,113.62		

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Opening Balance as at 9 September 2022	£8,319.99
Plus Income Lodged	£8,706.50
Plus Bank Interest	£0.00
Less Expenditure	(£7,054.03)
Less Bank Charges	£0.00
Closing Bank Balance as at 09 September 2023	£9,972.46

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September 2023

Income and Expenditure High Level Summary 09 September 2022 - 08 September 23

Income - Summary	£
Balance b/forward	8,319.99
School Calendar - Sponsorship	3,500.00
Calendar sales	304.00
Christmas movie night	300.21
Neon Day - Fundraising	1,569.31
Easter Raffle	1,534.97
DAERA	1,498.01
Bookathon - Sponsored walk	1,374.25
Total	18,400.74
Balance b/d	11,346.71

School) Castledawson PTA Account 2022-23

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Expenditure - Summary	£
Parentkind Membership	(145.00)
Goodie bags for movie night, selection boxes, Easter prizes, other misc costs (New Row PS Assistance)	(725.41)
Chair covers	(90.99)
Outside work - grant application	(2,539.00)
Sandpit, storage containers, chalkboards, tricycles	(£3,553.63)
Total	(7,054.03)

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Annual report

Our last AGM took place on Tuesday 4th October 2022, with the election of new officers for the incoming year – Claire Coleman as secretary, Pat Hanson as treasurer and myself, Grainne Diamond, as chairperson, all conducted and approved by Mrs Deirdre Graffin.

The past year has been an action packed year, with many successful fundraisers, donations to local charities and support given to our school community in different ways, not to mention the addition of St Patrick to the school and a new school crest to the uniform!

Quick review of the year

- We held a **Christmas Movie** night on Tuesday 20th December, which was a huge hit for both parents (who were getting a little free time!) and children. Very well supported by our helping hands within the committee and staff members from the school, this event proved valuable in the wellbeing and happiness of everyone within the school community.
- Our **annual calendar** was as successful as ever, and without the support of our loyal sponsors this would not have been so rewarding. Of course, we wouldn't have any sponsors without the dedication and hard work of our own team, specifically Madeline Gribbin and Carmel Diamond, ably assisted by, (and ready to take over from Carmel!), Natalie Erwin. We thank Carmel for all her work in getting this project off the ground and now 5 plus years later, we hope to continue her great work. Massive thanks to Madeline for all the photographs and organising of adverts that she does for the calendar – definitely the patience of a saint!
- Our first ever **Christmas jumper swap shop** took place, although smaller than the uniform swap, nonetheless just as successful! It was lovely to see every donated jumper / dress passed on to new homes!
- The annual **Easter Raffle** took place, with an abundance of prizes donated from local businesses. This event always creates a great buzz around the school and the visit from the Easter bunny always adds to the excitement! Many thanks to the Mid Ulster Clinic for covering the cost of the tickets for this, to the local businesses who supported it, to Christy's for the tickets and to our own FoNRStP members for collecting the donations, but our main thanks goes to the families and friends of the school who continue to buy and sell tickets, and help to make this a huge success every year.
- All these events, alongside our usual events such as **Neon Day** and the **Sponsored Walk** took place, enabling the committee to help support different occasions within the school - every class went on an end of year trip, the P7 children were presented with beautiful leavers hoodies, First Communicants and their families were welcomed back into the school hall for refreshments and a beautiful balloon photo wall, our new P1 children received their schoolbags, to name a few.
- We were in a lovely position last year to hold a '**Thank You**' raffle for the families within the school. Every child's name was put into a raffle where they could win some vouchers from local stores. FoNRStP were delighted to support the costs of this to say our thank you to them for their continued support throughout the year.
- 2022/2023 saw the addition of St. Patrick to the school name, and with this came a lot of hard work from the staff, children and wider community. A new school crest

was designed and after a few(!) different designs, the updated school uniform was chosen. Huge thanks to Sportique and Select Kids for helping with this, not to mention the staff and school council for their endless hours of work put into this. FoNRStP were delighted to be a part of this and were able to offer vouchers for every child to help to support families in the purchasing of new uniforms.

- **Donations** were also made to Marie Curie, Trocaire and Mellon Educate over the course of the year.

Development of the school's resources are ongoing, with particular focus on the Sensory Garden and the proposal of a Sensory room. FoNRStP continue to work closely alongside the staff and children within the school to help continue with the development of these very important areas.

Final thoughts.....

Thank you to the members of FoNRStP for their endless hours of planning and preparation for the different events throughout the year. The children and staff are extremely lucky to have such a dedicated group of volunteers.

Thank you to Mrs Graffin and the staff of New Row St. Patrick's for genuinely caring about every individual child in the school. The nurture and care shown by every member of staff is second to none, not to mention the high standards in teaching and learning, the sporting successes and musical talents – the opportunities given are endless - so a big thank you from us to you, for taking such good care of our little angels(!). A special thanks to Marie and the ladies in the canteen – nothing is ever a bother to help make our events that little bit more special, and delicious!

And finally, to our children, parents and families – thank you for making it all possible.

I look forward to a new school year and continued successful events, in terms of both fundraising and health and wellbeing needs.

Mrs Grainne Diamond
Chairperson

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Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Friends of New Row PTA

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 08 September 2023, which are set out in the attached pages.

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) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

1. Examine the accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act
2. Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.
3. State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiners 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 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 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 Charities Commission for Northern Ireland I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signed: *Ciara Shivers*

Name: Ciara Shivers

Position: Accountant

Date: 01 October 2023

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Accounts

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Santander Bank Account: xxxxx699

Reconciliation of Income and Expenditure

Opening Balance as at 2 September 2021	£9,040.00
Plus Income Lodged	£9,153.87
Plus Bank Interest	£0.00
Less Expenditure	(£9,898.23)
Less Bank Charges	£0.00
Closing Bank Balance as at 2 September 2022	£8,295.64

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September 2022

Income and Expenditure Detail for Friends of New Row for Year Ending 2021/22

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Income - Summary	£	Expenditure - Summary	£
Balance b/forward	9,040.00		
School Calendar - Sponsorship	3,100.00	Parentkind Membership	(121.00)
Calendar sales	433.50	Tables, calander print costs, panto bus costs (New Row PS Assistance)	(3,487.98)
Neon Day - Fundraising	2,199.37	First Holy Communion goody bags	(24.35)
Easter Raffle	1,530.45	First Holy Communion Rosaries	(43.80)
End of Year Disco	472.05	Leavers hoodies, panto costs, canteen break for Jan & Feb 22 (New Row PS Assistance)	(5,016.25)
Bookathon - Sponsored walk	1,418.50	Leavers gifts, hardship vouchers, contribution to school trips (New Row PS Assistance)	(1,204.85)
Total	18,193.87	Total	(9,898.23)
Balance b/d	8,295.64		

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AGM 2022 – Tuesday 4th October

Chairperson's Report for 2021/22

I'm delighted to present my Chairperson's report for the 2021/22 year, and to be doing so in person. It is wonderful to be able to come together again for a physical meeting.

Our last AGM took place on Thursday 7th October 2021, with the election of officers for all roles conducted by Mrs. Deirdre Graffin.

This past year, alongside the fundraising events that were held, much of our focus was on supporting our people and their families, many of whom have been struggling in the aftermath of Covid, and with the rising costs of living.

We are so privileged to have the unwavering support of staff, families and the wider community, allowing us to generate funds to do just that.

Year in review

The Covid-19 pandemic caused considerable pressures for many families in our communities. Last year, we committed to doing more to support our pupils and their families, and we were extremely grateful to the whole community for their support with our fundraising efforts, which allowed us the opportunity to do so.

Some examples of how Friends of New Row were able to support families in New Row throughout the last year include:

- Our hardship fund for help towards groceries and/or fuel
- Provision of break for students entitled to free school meals in December/January
- School Pantomime trip subsidized to reduce cost for families
- School trips transport subsidized
- Uniform 'grab and go'

Special mention needs to go to our second uniform 'grab and go', which was a huge success, with so many donations of all sizes to pass on. It is such a wonderful, beneficial event, and we were thrilled to see virtually everything taken away to benefit pupils coming back this year.

We were delighted to be in a position to hold some fundraising events this year, trying to be mindful of the demands these may place on families, whilst still providing enjoyable, memorable experiences for the pupils.

It was a New Row first this year, with a trip to the Panto in the Opera House last December, and what a memory those children will have. We were delighted to support the school with covering costs for this, to ensure all pupils who wanted to go would be able to. Seeing their faces returning that day was just unforgettable, and I felt privileged to be a part of our committee, and this school.

Alongside our old favourites, such as Neon Day and the sponsored walk, we were quick to mark the wonderful achievements of the Derry team with a few 'red and white' themed days, and a hugely successful guess the score competition.

Our Annual School Calendar was back for its fifth successful year. We could not do this without the hard work and commitment of two of our committee, Carmel and Madeleine. Massive thanks to Madeleine for all of the photographs taken for the calendar, and to Carmel for all of her work securing sponsors and working with the printer. We were privileged to benefit from the continued support of many of our local businesses. On behalf of the committee, thank you to all who sponsored and purchased the calendar.

We were brave enough to run an end-of year School Disco in June, where the children absolutely had a ball! It was heart-warming to see both big and small enjoying the evening, and the free goodie bags!

Development of the school's resources is an on-going commitment, and FoNR are so proud to have been able to contribute to some of the wonderful new facilities the school has introduced in recent years. The outdoor equipment in the playground is due to be replaced shortly.

Just to conclude, a few thank yous! Can I say a huge thank you to the committee of Friends of New Row – each and every one has played their part in helping over the past year, and this could not happen without you. The school and the pupils are so fortunate to have such a committed team behind them.

I would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Graffin and all of the staff at New Row. Our children are so, so blessed to have a team of staff here that truly care.

We have many, many others who have kindly given up their time to volunteer at our events over the year, thank you all.

Mrs. Marianne Cushley
Chairperson

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Name: __Ciara Shivers_____

Position: _Accountant_____

Date: __30 September 2022_____