

Friends of Derrymore

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107555

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2020-07-06
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: THE PURPOSES OF THE CHARITY ARE: 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 pupils.

What the charity does: The advancement of education

How the charity works: Education/training,General charitable purposes

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£30,465	£28,955	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mrs Avni Mccarron		
Mrs Caitriona Mcatarsney		
Mrs Grainne Mulholland		
Mrs Patricia Mccullagh		

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Accounts

**Friends of Derrymore
Income and Expenditure Account
Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	2025
	£
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Income	
Fundraising Activities (Cash for Kids)	28,503
Other Fundraising	1,837
Bank Interest	125
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	30,465
Expenditure	
Donation to School for purchase of IT Equipment	28,503
Pupil Christmas Dinner	289
Parentkind Insurance	163
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	28,955
Excess of Income over Expenditure	<hr/> <hr/>
	1,510
Assets Statement	
Reserves as at 01 April 2024	-
Increase in reserves	1,510
Reserves as at 31 March 2025	<hr/> <hr/>
	1,510
Represented by:	
Bank Account	125
Cash in Hand	1,385
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	1,510
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Income and Expenditure Account

Friends of Derrymore

Tax Year Ended 31st March 2024

2024

	£
Opening Balance	8,362
Income:	20'111
Bank interest:	30
Expenditure:	--
Assets Statement	
Balance as at 1 April 2023	8,362
Increase in Reserves (20,141)	
Balance as at 31 March 2024	28'503

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Annual report

Trustee Report for Friends of Derrymore

This report relates to 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Friends of Derrymore is a charity that is run by a committee elected annually at an Annual General Meeting. The committee currently consists of a Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. The three elected members are also Trustees of the charity. The other members help with the practical arrangements of the charity e.g volunteering at any events, creative activities, marketing & admin etc.

All trustees and volunteers give their time freely and no remuneration or other benefits are received. The committee works in very close connection with the Principal (also a Trustee) and staff.

Although we are a fundraising organisation, an important part of our role is strengthening and encouraging the home/school relationship, where teachers and parents work together to support and enhance the education of our children. Fostering community relations is also very important as the school has a rural location with no other amenities close by.

Summary of the charity's main achievements

*Cash For Kids NI schools campaign

*Light Up Derrymore – Christmas Tree Switch On & Santa Visit

In Autumn 2023, the school took part in the Cash For Kids NI schools competition to fundraise for an upgrade of I.T equipment. Friends of Derrymore pooled their skills together to assist the school with marketing duties including designing graphics & posters, leaflet drops in the local area to raise awareness and a social media campaign. The PTA also contributed ideas for events and volunteered at them. These included a quiz night, Pumpkin Patch event and Halloween costume recycling event.

Due to the success of these events, we decided not to plan any further fundraising until the next academic school year

A free Christmas Light switch on event with a candle-lit procession and Santa visit was organised as a thank you to the community for their support in 2023.

Future Plans

During the academic year 2024-2025, we hope to liaise with the school staff to devise plans to revamp the school's outdoor space e.g creating a new outdoor play area for the

pupils with play equipment, picnic benches and a flower garden/greenhouse for the children to learn basic gardening skills.

Acknowledgment

The Committee would like to express its thanks to all members of the PTA group for volunteering their time and the school staff, parents and wider community who continue to support us. It is very much appreciated.

The trustees have had regard to the Commission’s Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

Name of Charity: Friends of Derrymore

NIC: 107555

Address: 20a Derrymore Road Gawley’s Gate Craigavon BT670BW

Names of Trustees:

- Patricia McCullagh
- Gráinne Mulholland
- Avni McCarron
- Caitriona McAtarsney (Principal)

How the charity is constituted and its governing document

The charity was registered on 6/7/2020 and Its governing document is the Friends of Derrymore Constitution. It is revisited and adopted by the group each year at the AGM.

A summary description of the purposes of the charity

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.
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Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

Name: Gráinne Mulholland

Date 27/1/2024

Gráinne Mulholland

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Annual return

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 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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Mr Neil Campbell

Address: 2 Diamond Lane

Aghalee

County Antrim

BT67 0EE

Date: 29th January 2025

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Accounts

Income and Expenditure Account

Friends of Derrymore

Tax Year Ended 31st March 2023

2023

	£
Opening Balance	9,409
Income	--
Expenditure	
IPads	1,047
Excess of Expenditure over Income	(1,047)
Assets Statement	
Bank Balance as at 1 April 2022	9,409
Decrease in Reserves (1,047)	
Bank Balance as at 31 March 2023	8,362

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Overall, we are a fundraising organisation but an important part of our role is also strengthening and encouraging the home/school relationship, where teachers and parents work together to support and enhance the education of our children.

Summary of the charity's main activities/achievements

- *Leavers event June 2022*
- *The AGM on 8th November 2022.*
- *Christmas Disco*
- *Free Christmas Raffle for pupils*

Discussion and ideas for further events to help with the following were discussed:

- *Possibility of helping to buy licences for Reading Eggs, Maths Seeds and Athletics. We believe that access to these learning resources will greatly benefit all pupils both in school and at home.*
- *Possible fundraising to help offset the cost of weekly Bee Active sessions.*
- *C2K currently oversee and provide a secure network and hardware to our school. They have informed us that we will be losing a number of our PCs and laptops. The ICT room in school is a vital resource which provides pupils with the opportunity to develop essential skills. Fundraising ideas to raise money to replace these machines in the computer room.*

Due to unforeseen circumstances (a bereavement), in the period from December 2022 to March 23 no further events were arranged.

Future Plans

We would like to build on the success of the after schools activities and continue to try and fund a range of activities to suit the interests of all pupils, their families and the wider community.

The group would also like to contribute to enhancements to vital ICT equipment, ipads and PCs.

The school needs to update Literacy resources, it is the group's intention to assist with fundraising to help purchase these.

The Committee would like to express their thanks to all members of the group, all school staff and all parents who continue to contribute and support their fundraising attempts. It is very much appreciated.

The trustees have had regard to the Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

Name of Charity: Friends of Derrymore**NIC:** 107555**Address:**

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Craigavon
BT670BW

Names of Trustees:

- Caitriona McAtarsney
- Patricia McCullagh
- Avni McCarron

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Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

Name Caitriona McAtarsney

Date 24/1/2024

Signature of Trustee: *Caitriona McAtarsney*

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Name: Mr R MacDonald

Address:

1 Derryloiste Meadows

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Armagh

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Date: 29th January 2024