

Friends of the Fin

Northern Ireland · Charity number 109150

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2023-03-15
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: The aims of the Association are to advance the education and wellbeing of the pupils of the school by providing or assisting in the provision of facilities for education at the school (not normally provided by the Local Authority). This includes: a) Promoting close co-operation and communication between parents and teachers. b) Studying and discussing matters of mutual interest relating to the education and welfare of pupils. c) Engaging in activities which support and advance the education of the pupils including fundraising and after-school activities. d) To apply for formal grants to aid in the development of the school and future operations.

What the charity does: The advancement of education

How the charity works: Community development, Cross-border/cross-community, Education/training, Environment/sustainable development/conservation, Playgroup/after schools, Rural development, Youth development

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Learning disabilities, Parents, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Sensory disabilities

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees	
2025-03-31		£145	£0	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mrs Emma Louise O'hare		
Mrs Sandra Rice		
Ms Denise Mcardel		

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Within this time period, Friends of the Fin have had limited fundraising activities. During a period of transition within both the school and Friends of the Fin it was not viable to raise extra funds of their own. Therefore, there has been little financial activity during this period.

However, although financial gain has been limited the trustees and PTA have continued to work closely with the school to aid them with their own fund-raising efforts including smarties tubes, Christmas raffle and bring and buy sales. The trustees have also volunteered at school events to support staff and pupils with events like grandparent coffee mornings, projects to maintain the sensory garden with the hope it will enhance the education and development of the pupils attending St Mary's Primary School Aughlisnafin.

Friends of the Fin are optimistic that this period of working closely with the school will continue to be built upon and that the next financial year will see an increase in fundraising that will benefit the children of St Mary's Primary



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Income and Expenditure Account

1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025

Opening Balance			01/04/25	£15.69	
Income			Expenditure		
Date	Description	Value	Date	Description	Value
04/03/25	Asda cash pot	£145.30			
Total Income		£145.30	Total Expenditure		0
Closing Balance			31/03/25	£160.99	

Signed

Name:

Office Position: Treasurer

Date:



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Within this period, Friends of the Fin PTA have reduced fundraising activities. The school has been very active in its own fundraising campaign and the PTA are conscious of the pressure on the same families within the community to support the school's own campaign along with other community causes such as the local football club who have stepped up fundraising for pitch improvements this year. Therefore, there has been little financial gain in this period.

Whilst the charities financial progress has been greatly limited within this financial period due to other community efforts, the groups trustees have been very active in supporting the school's own fundraising campaign. The trustees have assisted with organising and running events including Christmas raffle, bring and buy sale, smarties challenge and break the rules day which raised approximately £2,500 for the school. The trustees have also carried out projects to improve the sensory garden, volunteering at school events and supporting the book fair in an effort to advance education and development of children attending St. Mary's, Aughlishnafin.

Friends of the Fin are positive that the community relations and experience gained in this year assisting the school can be built upon and that the new financial year will see more income generated through funding for the benefit of local children.



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Transactions

Account type: **Business Current**

Account number: **12783390**

Sort code: **980420**

Account name: **FRIENDS OF THE FIN**

Your transactions

Date: **21 Jan 2025**

Showing: **01 Apr 2023 to 31 Mar 2024, All Transactions**

Date	Type	Description	Paid in	Paid out	Balance
21 Sep 2023	CHQ	000003		£4,200.00	£15.69
08 Sep 2023	CHG	UNPAID ITEM FEE , 18AUG A/C 12783390		£10.00	£4,215.69
16 Jun 2023	POS	1419 15JUN23 , PODIUM 4 SPORT , BELFAST GB		£4,337.92	£4,225.69
15 May 2023	BAC	CROWDFUNDER LTD , CROWDFUNDER LTD , FP 15/05/23 1634 , 04163426406480000J, FPOO FPID.PH737VHG, 0DUN6O0N0010202305, 15826203253	£5,000.00		£8,563.61
09 May 2023	BAC	CROWDFUNDER LTD , CROWDFUNDER UK /PA, FP 09/05/23 0849 , PH737VT11HMM8BYU00, YER ACC/AMJQAFFAYR, JR8UI	£3,562.66		£3,563.61
18 Apr 2023	POS	1419 17APR23 , CROWDFUND* , CROWDFUNDER , NEWQUAY GB		£1,018.00	£0.95
18 Apr 2023	POS	1419 17APR23 , CROWDFUND* , CROWDFUNDER , NEWQUAY GB		£688.00	£1,018.95
17 Apr 2023	POS	1419 17APR23 , PAYPAL*BRENNAN LAU, LUXEMBOURG LU, CREDIT , GBP 1018.00, VRATE 1.000	£1,018.00		£1,706.95

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MRS LAURA BRENNAN
FRIENDS OF THE FIN
5 AGHLISNAFIN ROAD
CASTLEWELLAN
COUNTY DOWN
BT31 9JP

Current Account

Summary	
Statement Date	24 APR 2023
Period Covered	25 MAR 2023 to 24 APR 2023
Previous Balance	£688.95
Paid In	£1,018.00
Withdrawn	£1,706.00
New Balance	£0.95
BIC	ULSBGB2B
IBAN	GB26ULSB98042012783390

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Date	Description	Paid In(£)	Withdrawn(£)	Balance(£)
25 MAR 2023	BROUGHT FORWARD			688.95
17 APR	Card Transaction 1419 17APR23 PAYPAL*BRENNAN LAU LUXEMBOURG LU CREDIT GBP 1018.00 VRATE 1.000	1,018.00		1,706.95
18 APR	Card Transaction 1419 17APR23 CROWDFUND* CROWDFUNDER NEWQUAY GB		688.00	1,018.95
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Summary	
Statement Date	24 MAY 2023
Period Covered	25 APR 2023 to 24 MAY 2023
Previous Balance	£0.95
Paid In	£8,562.66
Withdrawn	£0.00
New Balance	£8,563.61
BIC	ULSBGB2B
IBAN	GB26ULSB98042012783390

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Date	Description	Paid In(£)	Withdrawn(£)	Balance(£)
25 APR 2023	BROUGHT FORWARD			0.95
09 MAY	Automated Credit CROWDFUNDER LTD CROWDFUNDER UK /PA FP 09/05/23 0849 PH737VT11HMM8BYU00 YER ACC/AMJQAFFAYR JR8UI	3,562.66		3,563.61
15 MAY	Automated Credit CROWDFUNDER LTD CROWDFUNDER LTD FP 15/05/23 1634 04163426406480000J FPOO FPID.PH737VHG 0DUN6O0N0010202305 15826203253	5,000.00		8,563.61

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Summary	
Statement Date	23 JUN 2023
Period Covered	25 MAY 2023 to 23 JUN 2023
Previous Balance	£8,563.61
Paid In	£0.00
Withdrawn	£4,337.92
New Balance	£4,225.69
BIC	ULSBGB2B
IBAN	GB26ULSB98042012783390

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Date	Description	Paid In(£)	Withdrawn(£)	Balance(£)
25 MAY 2023	BROUGHT FORWARD			8,563.61
16 JUN	Card Transaction 1419 15JUN23 PODIUM 4 SPORT BELFAST GB		4,337.92	4,225.69

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Current Account

Summary	
Statement Date	22 SEP 2023
Period Covered	25 AUG 2023 to 22 SEP 2023
Previous Balance	£4,225.69
Paid In	£0.00
Withdrawn	£4,210.00
New Balance	£15.69
BIC	ULSBGB2B
IBAN	GB26ULSB98042012783390

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Date	Description	Paid In(£)	Withdrawn(£)	Balance(£)
25 AUG 2023	BROUGHT FORWARD			4,225.69
08 SEP	Charges UNPAID ITEM FEE 18AUG A/C 12783390		10.00	4,215.69
21 SEP	Cheque 000003		4,200.00	15.69

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Annual report

Trustees Annual Report

For the Charity Commission of Northern Ireland

Year: April 2023 – March 2024

I am pleased to present the annual report for the Friends of the Fin charity for the year April 2023 to March 2024. This has been an incredibly busy and rewarding year, during which we have made significant strides in our mission to support St. Mary's Primary School, Aughlisnafin, and contribute to the advancement of education and development for the children.

Activities and Achievements

Over the past year, the charity has carried out numerous initiatives that have had a direct and positive impact on the school and its students:

1. Fundraising Initiatives

- Through our **crowdfunding campaign**, we successfully met our fundraising target, which was further boosted by additional contributions from the crowdfunding platform itself. This was a remarkable achievement, thanks to the generosity of our supporters and the collaborative effort of the community.
- Other fundraising events, including **charity walks, the Smarties Challenge, raffles**, and other school-based activities, provided much-needed financial support to the school.

2. Support for Sporting Activities

- We supplied the school with essential **sporting equipment** and organised **sporting activities**, enriching the physical education experience for the students and encouraging an active lifestyle.

3. Ongoing Engagement with the School

- Our charity has maintained continuous engagement with St. Mary's Primary School, Aughlisnafin by volunteering for various school activities and events, including assisting with **graduations, special occasions**, and other celebrations throughout the year.
- The support we've provided has helped to enhance the school environment, creating memorable experiences for students and staff alike.

Impact and Difference Made

The work carried out by Friends of a Friend has made a tangible difference to the school community:

- **Enhanced Resources:** The sporting equipment and financial contributions have enabled the school to offer more opportunities for student participation in physical activities, fostering teamwork and confidence.

- **Strengthened Community:** By organising and participating in fundraising events, we have fostered a greater sense of collaboration among parents, staff, and the wider community.
- **Memorable Experiences:** Our involvement in school events, such as graduations and celebrations, has helped to create special moments that students will cherish for years to come.
- **Financial Relief:** The funds raised have supported essential school projects and activities, easing the financial burden on the school and ensuring that resources are directed to where they are most needed.

Looking Ahead

This year, our focus is to continue fundraising through the Friends of the Fin charity and to strengthen our partnership with the trustees. We aim to build on the success of this year's activities by exploring new and innovative ways to support the school, ensuring that we remain aligned with our mission to advance the education and development of its students.

Acknowledgments

On behalf of the trustees, I extend our thanks to everyone who contributed to our efforts this year. From those who participated in events to those who donated their time, energy, and resources, the support has been invaluable.

We are proud of the progress we have made together and are committed to continuing this vital work in the years to come.

Signed:

Laura Brennan

Chairperson

Friends of the Fin

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Friends of the Fin.

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2024

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:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- 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 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.

Name: Heather Holland

Relevant professional qualification or body: County Down Rural Community Network

Address: Ballymote Centre, 40 Killough Road, Downpatrick, BT30 6PY

Date: 29th January 2025