

# **FRIDAY FRIENDS**



**Charity Registration Number  
SC041325**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

**Held at N&HCC 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025**



**Reaching out to a hurting community.**

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**17 May, 2025**

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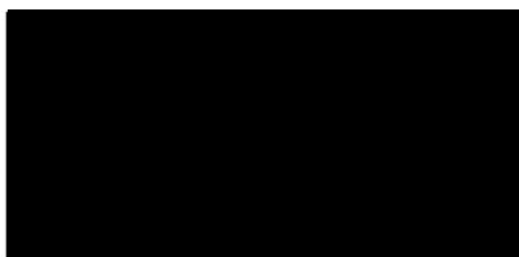
# **FRIDAY FRIENDS, HADDINGTON**

## **Trustees' Report**

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

The Charity Trustees of Friday Friends hereby present the report and accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024. Friday Friends is a registered Charity with the office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) and our report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with their requirements.

### **Charity Trustees**



### **Structure, Governance & Management**

Friday Friends is an unincorporated association, governed by Constitution dated 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010. The Trustees hold office for three years and thereafter can stand again for re-election at an Annual General Meeting in accordance with the Constitution, or further Trustees can be nominated and voted in at an Annual General meeting.

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Trustees met as usual in February, June and October. At the October meeting, in response to a request from OSCR, we reviewed the Constitution of Friday Friends and all pertinent policies, and it was agreed that no changes were required.

2024 was a year of challenges. Funding was reduced from some of our regular sources, and more accountability meant more forms to be filled in. However, [REDACTED] continued to apply to various Funds, including St Paul's and St George's Church Micah Fund which financed New Hope Counselling for the whole year. This followed from [REDACTED] addressing the congregation in March.

The group dynamic on Tuesdays changed from mainly women to men, and there were only two Team Leads, covering alternate weeks. [REDACTED] had to reduce their commitment to once per month as from August, which meant that [REDACTED] were Team Leads three weeks out of every four, in addition to leading the Wellbeing meeting every Friday – an onerous task. We are encouraged by the numbers attending each week, but we desperately need more volunteers to do the shopping, preparation and serving.

Throughout the year, we were blessed with the wide variety of speakers at the Sunday afternoon F4 gathering. God has been good to us throughout 2024, and we continue to trust Him to provide for our every need in this work.



## PROJECT LEADER'S REPORT

This annual report will include the charitable purposes, the objectives and activities of the charity and a summary of the charity's achievements and performance for the year 2024. As a charity, recognised by OSCR, we operate under the guidelines of our Constitution and adhere to the purposes and objectives defined therein.

The purposes of Friday Friends are to offer the unconditional love and friendship of God and his people to those experiencing issues of drug and/or alcohol misuse and/or related mental health issues (and their families); enable people with drug and/or alcohol misuse issues to overcome them and live healthy and crime free lives; and help individuals resist drug and alcohol misuse in order to achieve their full potential in society. In furtherance of these purposes and objectives, the charity strives to offer service users of the group a sense of social acceptance, ownership, purpose and accountability; offer service users access to services; offer assistance with confidence, self-esteem and communication/social skills; and offer assistance to improve service users' physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

In conjunction with the above purposes, the Friday Friends outreach is comprised of the following: bi-weekly sessions (Tuesdays – Recovery Café Lunch) and (Fridays – Well-being focus and activities) all held in the Nungate & Haddington Community Centre, Haddington, where it provides support, friendship, counselling (when requested), and access to other network agencies to those who experience some degree of exclusion, usually from drug and/or alcohol abuse and/or the related mental health issues associated with such misuse; a Saturday evening outreach known as The Jericho Café, as a prevention project targeted at reaching young people aged 12-16 (currently meeting once a month). In addition, a Sunday afternoon gathering and encouragement opportunity known as F4 (Friday Friends Faith Focus) is held and includes music, prayer, short devotionals and a time of teas/coffees and socialising following.

Monies received over the past year have enabled the project to continue to provide services and engage in the outcomes and targets projected for 2024-2025. We have once again been recipients of monies from One Council Partnership Funding, H&LAP (Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership), DAAT, Benefact Trust, Micah Fund, Rotary, the Common Good Fund and donations from individuals and service users' contributions made from time to time or on a monthly basis. Also included in what FF receives over and above grants, is the encouragement and support from many of the businesses in Haddington who acknowledge the importance of the work of Friday Friends and contribute generously at Christmas with items for gifts.

2024 now represents 22 years of outreach to the local community, and 14 years of having the Nungate & Haddington Community Centre as the venue for all our sessions. We want to acknowledge with thanks the hard work and commitment of all



those who help FF over the weeks and months. It is not always an easy task to work with those coming with drug/alcohol/related mental health scenarios, who when they do come, bring their 'stuff, attitudes and behaviours' with them. Nevertheless, they come! And in their coming, they know that they are accepted, valued, loved and supported. The core manifesto of our charity is to offer the unconditional love and friendship of God to those who come through the doors. This can be very challenging at times, but it is essential and foundational to the work of FF. But also included in the format of all FF sessions are the rules and guidelines for acceptable conduct and actions—which from time to time service users need reminding!

As is the usual custom of Friday Friends to have a break from services during July and a shorter break in December, we look forward to welcoming service users back when sessions resume in the New Year. Whilst these breaks are an opportunity for leadership and volunteers to have a wee rest, it can also provide challenges for service users who often experience dips and troughs and find themselves in difficulty.

The year began with a trip to The Fort to secure craft materials for Tuesday sessions. Thank you cards were sent to all the businesses who had contributed gifts for our annual Christmas do. Posters and cards providing information about Friday Friends sessions were distributed to businesses, including local chemists, surgeries and the library. It was encouraging to have the first session of the new year attended by returning service users as well as new faces. Some of the new attendees were due to the input from our weekly MELD support worker.

Numbers attending Tuesday Recovery Café sessions average 14-16 on a weekly basis, with some weeks having more and some weeks less. Attendance usually is dependent on the places in which service users find themselves. The Friday Well-being focused sessions have been going for over a year now and attendance can vary between 5-12. The format of these sessions is completely different from Tuesday Recovery Café sessions. The well-being sessions endeavour to address specific topics aimed at improving and supporting mental health, i.e. good nutrition, exercise, creating stable and healthy routines, digital well-being (the use of mobiles, computers, laptops to maintain peer support and/or connect with networking agencies). Sunday afternoon F4 has continued to provide opportunities for those attending to consider the spiritual aspect of life, which actually is the most important! We again are very thankful for all those who offer their time and commitment to come and speak—each in their own way, in their own words but always with the emphasis on the message of the invitation given by Jesus himself to 'whosoever may come'. The Jericho met once a month during 2024 with the sessions being staffed by folks from Elim Church. There continues to be the need of locating and engaging with a new base of youngsters. [\(See Pictures\)](#)

The remit of the management of the N&HCC by Friday Friends continues to be a full-time commitment. This is not a complaint, but the reality of being able to use the Centre for all of Friday Friends sessions without cost. The Centre is basically at full capacity. Numerous groups, organisations and community-based activities, benefit from the facility. ELC continues to benefit from the receipt of monies for lets which



they had not received prior to FF's management as well as having a 'caretaker role' being generally available at all times. More and more administrative details are being required because of the Council's review of its buildings and their use. And the majority of these management responsibilities are handled by our Project Administrator. The Monday mornings counselling service has had a full year with between 14-16 individuals coming from several areas across East Lothian and for varied lengths of time. Alongside the Monday counselling, service users continue to use the opportunity for counselling available during FF sessions.

The Tuesday craft sessions have continued to prove very successful and productive. One service user who never participated in crafts assisted Rosina in planting outside tubs with bulbs. And Friday well-being attendees put their hand to preparing and planting seeds in the raised beds. Crafts have provided opportunities for folks to be creative and build self-confidence. The other activities, i.e. X-Box, pool table, etc. get used on a regular basis. Conversations can be had around the craft table which are entirely different from those around the table when eating. The acquisition of new chairs (thanks to funding from Area Partnership) has provided a comfortable and relaxing area for service users to sit and chat. ([See Pictures](#))

Because of the installation of the new kitchen facilities in late 2023, we were able to have the Friday Friends Annual Christmas luncheon and festivities in the Centre for the first time since 2019. And in addition, two ladies from community businesses, as well as ELC personnel, volunteered their time and resources to provide, prepare and serve an absolutely delicious Christmas meal. Two comments were made during the Christmas meal which in some small way validate the work Friday Friends attempts to do. One service user said that "FF was his family and he felt accepted." The second comment was "there is nothing like Friday Friends anywhere else." ([See pictures](#))

A barbeque was again held at the Centre for the closing session before the July summer break. And one Tuesday during the break was designated as a 'workday' for service users to help clean cupboards, wash surfaces, paint, clean windows, wash tables and generally make the inside of the centre as neat and presentable as possible.

FF continued to afford varying measures of support for some 'friends' as follows:

- ✓ Counselling when requested
- ✓ Social work and housing re 'friends' issues
- ✓ On-going involvement with practical issues
- ✓ Referrals to agencies offering access to food/groceries sources
- ✓ Referrals to the local advocacy worker assisting with benefit issues
- ✓ Intervening in crisis situations
- ✓ Texts, coffees, meet up with 'friends' who have had difficult issues
- ✓ Follow-up and follow-through contact to locate 'friends' who don't appear for a few sessions to ensure where they are and how they are doing

The MELD support workers who began with us last year have proved to be a positive addition to sessions during 2024. Good relationships and support have grown. And

██████ the volunteer sent to us via MELD, has shown real commitment to helping with the weekly kitchen wash-up duties. He is very appreciative and thankful for our support; and we are very grateful for him.

It is a known fact that charities and organizations are experiencing increasing difficulty to find volunteers. We remain very thankful for the volunteers we have and for the time and effort they are able to give.

As previously mentioned in this report, the monies received for the work of Friday Friends come from a variety of sources. And several of those sources have been the recipient of applications researched and completed by ██████, our Volunteer Fundraiser. The application process is becoming increasingly complex and frustrating. ██████ spent over 20 hours on the 2025/26 application to ELC which included innumerable IT glitches in his attempt to submit the application. The monies received from this application are used towards the remuneration for the Project Administrator. He also has produced and distributed the Friday Friends quarterly newsletter which is an essential component to the outreach.

2024 has been a year of ups and downs, challenges and some difficulties. The difficulties being in having to address and deal with behaviours that were sometimes disrupting. The challenges being in having reduced volunteers, due to varying reasons. The ups have included several service users telling us that they are in much better places than they have been in years; the downs being that some are no longer with us because of substance misuse or suicide. The encouragement comes when our 'friends' trust us to confide their fears and difficulties. Encouragement comes when our 'friends' take even small steps into better places. The Word of God says God is the God of all encouragement and because of that we continue to keep on keeping on! And as we do our wee bit, He will do the greater bit that only HE can do.

We look forward to moving into another year of service. The need for an outreach such as FF has not diminished in the slightest. Statistics show that Scotland has the highest figures in drug/alcohol issues and deaths. I close again with the words in Jeremiah 31:16-17 where the Lord says, "your work will be rewarded...there is hope for your future."



# FRIDAY FRIENDS 2024

**NEW FF STORAGE CUPBOARD**



**Crafts  
2024**



**NEW CENTRE KITCHEN**



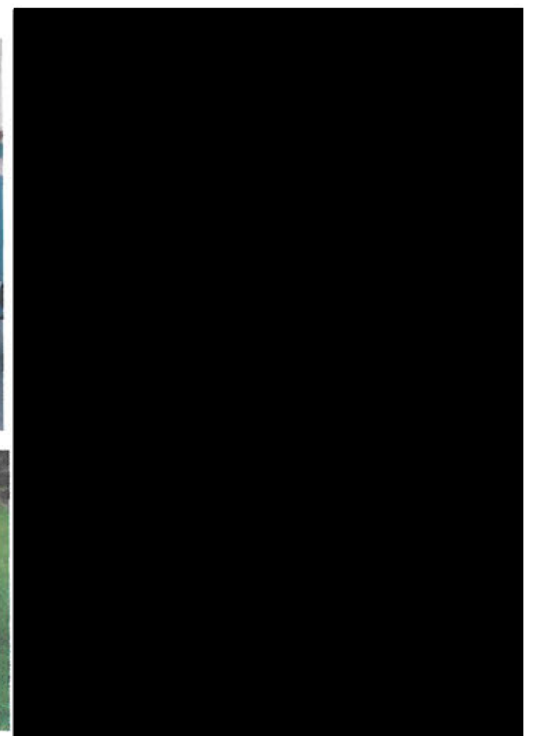
**NEW EASY CHAIRS**



**CHRISTMAS 24**



**SUMMER 24 RAISED BED  
& PRODUCE**



## PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer's report for Friday Friends

The report is for the financial period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

The opening bank balance at the beginning of the year amounted to £39,997.

Grants received for the year totalled £28,782, Donations received from Individuals and Service users totalled £1,810.

Total income to Friday Friends of £30,592 for the year.

Total expenses for the year amounted to £34,327 giving a deficit of £3,735.

See Statement of Financial Activities for more detailed figures

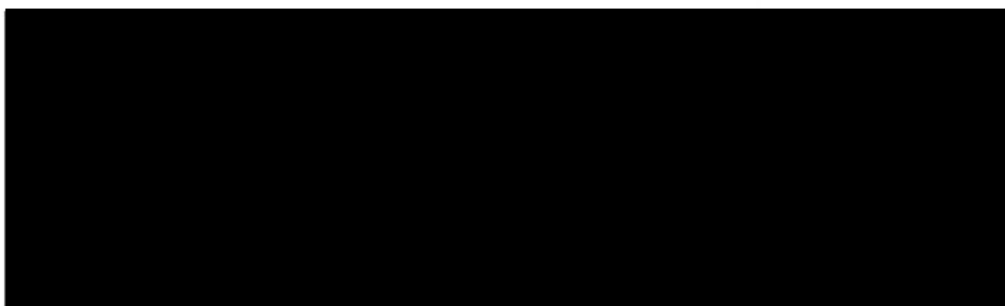
The closing bank balance on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 amounted to £36,262, made up in the funds as follows.

E L DAAT Grant	£4,668
Jericho Cafe	£3,268
Nchemiah Project	£9,172
New Hope Counselling + Benefact Funding	£1,193
Admin Remuneration Funding	£3,471
Micah Fund	£2,370
Area Partnership Funding	£4,199
General - Unrestricted	£7,921

All financial documentation has been independently reviewed and approved by Simon Cunningham.

### Reserves Policy

The charity's reserves policy is to maintain reserves so that cash and investment income is sufficient to meet at least two months' normal operating costs and any other committed expenditure. The unrestricted bank and cash balances held on 31 December 2024 were £7921. The charity is satisfied that the reserves are sufficient to meet at least two months' operating costs (approximately £4,000).





Receipts and payments accounts						
For the period from				to		
	01	January	2024		31	December
						2024

## Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>						
Donations	1,810				1,810	5,776
Legacies					-	
Grants		28,782			28,782	31,883
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
<b>A1 Sub total</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>28,782</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,592</b>	<b>37,659</b>
<b>A2 Receipts from asset &amp; investment sales</b>						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>28,782</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,592</b>	<b>37,659</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities		34,327			34,327	31,856
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,327</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,327</b>	<b>31,856</b>
<b>A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b>						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,327</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,327</b>	<b>31,856</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>(5,545)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(3,735)</b>	<b>5,803</b>
<b>A5 Transfers to / (from) funds</b>						
					-	
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>(5,545)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(3,735)</b>	<b>5,803</b>

## Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	22,764	17,233			39,997	34,194
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	1,810	(5,545)			(3,735)	5,803
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year (Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	24,574	11,688	-	-	36,262	39,997

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total		

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets					
		Total			

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total		

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total		

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of  
approval7/2/25  
7/2/25



## Section C Notes to the Accounts

**C1 Nature and purpose of funds** (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

DAAT funding used only for the running of the Tuesday club and the Sunday F4 group.  
 One Council funding is used only for the Project Administrator's remuneration.  
 East Lothian Area Partnership Funding is used for Friday wellbeing group, crafts, internet, new furniture, recycle items and printing costs.  
 Michah funding is used only for New Hope Counselling Service. East Lothian Council – Nehemiah Project from the Common Good Fund East Lothian Council used towards the electrics needed to install new kitchen facilities at the Nungate & Haddington Community Centre.  
 Various other cash donations are used for New Hope Counselling and for all Friday Friends related groups.

**C2 Grants**

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
East Lothian Council - DAAT		3	9,001
East Lothian Council - Nehemiah Project		1	1,000
East Lothian Council - Administration Funding		1	7,125
East Lothian Council - Area Partnership		1	6,676
Benefact Trust		1	4,980
Total			28,782

**C3a Trustee remuneration**

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	
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**C3b Trustee remuneration - details**

Authority under which paid	£
AS per C1	21,048

**C4a Trustee expenses**

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	
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**C4b Trustee expenses - details**

	Number of trustees	£
As per C6	3	1,183

**C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons**

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

**C6 Other information**

Monthly shopping is acquired in the running of the organisation. Trustees purchase the shopping from their own funds and the charity reimburses them based on receipts from the Trustees as proof they have purchased necessary items for the running of the Charity.





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## Additional analysis (2)

## 5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Various - cash Donations				Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations	1,810				1,810	5,776
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>5,776</b>
<b>Receipts from asset &amp; investment sales</b>						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>5,776</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	1,215
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
					-	
					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,215</b>
<b>Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b>						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,215</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>4,561</b>
<b>Transfers to / (from) funds</b>						
					-	
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>4,561</b>

## Nature and purpose of funds

Cash donations received various sources to help with the running of the charity

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## Additional analysis (3)

## 6 Breakdown of restricted funds

	East Lothian Council - DAAT	East Lothian Council - Nehemiah Project	East Lothian Council - Administration Funding	East Lothian Council - Area Partnership	Micah Fund	Community Counselling	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
<b>Receipts</b>								
Donations							-	
Legacies							-	
Grants	9,001	1,000	7,125	6,676	4,980		28,782	31,883
Receipts from fundraising activities							-	
Gross trading receipts							-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings							-	
Rents from land & buildings							-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities							-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>9,001</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>7,125</b>	<b>6,676</b>	<b>4,980</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,782</b>	<b>31,883</b>
<b>Receipts from asset &amp; investment sales</b>								
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets							-	
Proceeds from sale of investments							-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>9,001</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>7,125</b>	<b>6,676</b>	<b>4,980</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,782</b>	<b>31,883</b>
<b>Payments</b>								
Expenses for fundraising activities							-	
Gross trading payments							-	
Investment management costs							-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	10,819	3,760	10,368	5,300	2,610	1,470	34,327	30,641
Grants and donations							-	
Governance costs:							-	
Audit / independent examination							-	
Preparation of annual accounts							-	
Legal costs							-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>10,819</b>	<b>3,760</b>	<b>10,368</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>2,610</b>	<b>1,470</b>	<b>34,327</b>	<b>30,641</b>
<b>Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b>								
Purchases of fixed assets							-	
Purchase of investments							-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>10,819</b>	<b>3,760</b>	<b>10,368</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>2,610</b>	<b>1,470</b>	<b>34,327</b>	<b>30,641</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>(1,818)</b>	<b>(2,760)</b>	<b>(3,243)</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>2,370</b>	<b>(1,470)</b>	<b>(5,545)</b>	<b>1,242</b>
<b>Transfers to / (from) funds</b>								
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	<b>(1,818)</b>	<b>(2,760)</b>	<b>(3,243)</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>2,370</b>	<b>(1,470)</b>	<b>(5,545)</b>	<b>1,242</b>

Nature and purpose of funds  
See C6 notes of Accounts



## APPENDIX 3



## Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2

<b>Report to the trustees/members of</b>	Charity name		Friday Friends					
<b>Registered charity number</b>	SC041325							
<b>On the accounts of the charity for the period</b>	Period start date					Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year	to	Day	Month	Year	
	01	January	2024		31	December	2024	
<b>Set out on pages</b>								(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)
<b>Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner</b>	The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.							
<b>Basis of independent examiner's statement</b>	My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.							
<b>Independent examiner's statement</b>	In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention							
	1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and</li> <li>• to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations</li> </ul> have not been met, or							
	2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.							
<b>Signed:</b>				<b>Date:</b> 14 April 2025				
<b>Name:</b>	[Redacted Signature]							
<b>Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):</b>								
<b>Address:</b>								

\*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.



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