

Friends of Forthview

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

Registered charity number: SC048261

For the year ended 31 March 2024

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Year ended 31 March 2024

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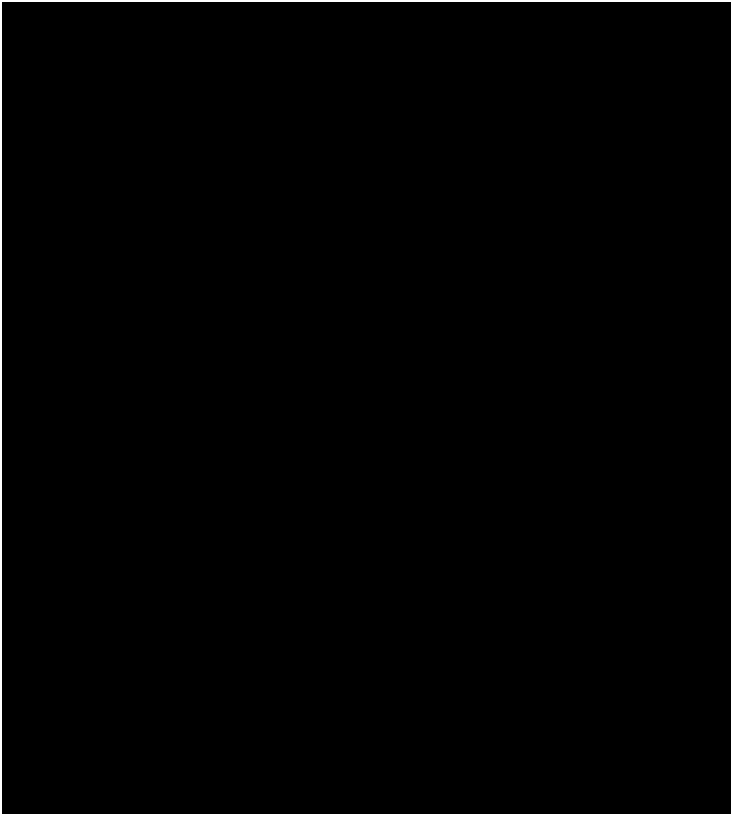
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Legal and administrative information


Charity Name Friends of Forthview (known as “FOF”)

Registered Charity Number SC048261

Trustees



Registered Address Forthview Primary School
West Pilton Place
Edinburgh
EH4 4DF

Independent Examiner 
MHA
Chartered Accountants
6 St Colme Street
Edinburgh
EH3 6AD

Bankers Royal Bank of Scotland
Edinburgh Corstorphine (D) Branch
239 St John’s Road
Edinburgh
EH12 7XA

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Trustees' Report

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO). It was previously an unincorporated association but changed its legal form and was granted charitable status by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) on 29 March 2018. The assets of the unincorporated association were transferred to the SCIO on this date. These financial statements set out the results of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024

Appointment of Trustees

The charity has a single tier structure and as such the trustees are also the members of the charity. The day-to-day administration of the charity is conducted by a voluntary management committee. Membership of the committee is open to all parents at Forthview Primary and any person who wishes to become a member must sign a written application for membership; the application will then be considered by the board at its next board meeting. Trustees are elected at the annual general meeting held in the last quarter of each year. There must be a minimum of 5 trustees and a maximum of 20 trustees.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Objectives

The charity was created to relieve poverty within the Forthview community and to provide recreational activities to improve conditions for life of the Forthview community.

Activities

In order to relieve poverty within the Forthview community, the charity has set up different groups to look at topics such as budgeting, healthy eating, financial advice, uniform and book swaps. It provides an opportunity fund, open to all school pupils, which provides funding towards children's residential camps, school trips, fuel bills and other emergency requirements. The charity also organises recreational activities, allowing parents and children to attend events in a safe, friendly and familiar environment.

On an annual basis we will have a variety of activities: Summer fair, Christmas fair, Christmas parties, movie nights, family fun nights, and a Ceilidh. We have made these events into a warm space event to help our families with fuel poverty.

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Achievements and performance

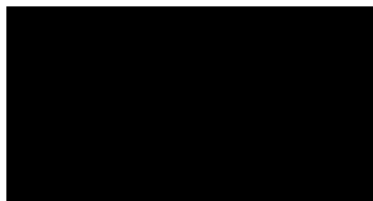
Throughout the year we have received donations from charities, friends and supporters. This has been used to purchase food, clothing, toys and essentials for families living in poverty. We have also purchased furniture and resources for our new Nurture Room. We are continuing with together time and provide breakfast for every child in the school. We still organise Halloween parties; however they are in the individual classrooms. As an organisation we purchase extra treats for the children. We still provide Christmas Parties for the children in the evening. We also donated money so that the school could provide a panto for the children.

We also help parents with our opportunities fund (hardship money). This is given to parents who are in dire need: if they have no food and cannot attend the food bank again during the month, if they have no electricity or gas, if children require beds, washing machines, winter coats, clothes for camp, alarm clocks, mobile phone. The need for this has increased majorly in the last year due to rising living costs.

Plans for the future

The Trustees will continue to seek to fulfil the charity's objectives and will consider ways in which to develop the charity's offering to best meet the needs of the Forthview community.

On behalf of the Trustees,



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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Friends of Forthview

I report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 set out on pages 5 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) 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.

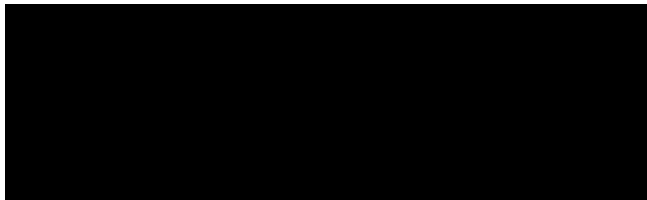
Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations;
 - and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations;have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Date: 23 December 2024

MHA
Chartered Accountants
6 St Colme Street
Edinburgh
EH3 6AD

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2024

		Unrestricted 2024 Total £	Unrestricted 2023 Total £
	Notes		
Receipts			
Donations	3	4,476	2,830
Fundraising receipts		2,056	1,419
Bank interest		28	15
Total receipts		<u>6,560</u>	<u>4,264</u>
Payments			
Donations		4,461	3,702
Events		1,943	1,426
Bank Charges		144	-
Trips		<u>33</u>	<u>-</u>
Total payments		<u>6,581</u>	<u>5,128</u>
(Deficit) in the year		<u>(21)</u>	<u>(864)</u>

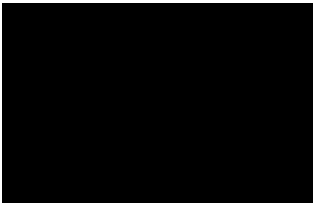
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Statement of Balances
As at 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted 2024 Total £	Unrestricted 2023 Total £
Opening cash at bank and in hand	3,483	4,347
(Deficit) in the year	(21)	(864)
Closing cash at bank and in hand	3,462	3,483
Bank and Cash Balances		
Bank deposit account	3,462	3,483
	<u>3,462</u>	<u>3,483</u>

The notes on page 7 are an integral part of these financial statements.

The statement was approved by trustees at their meeting on 23 December 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:



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Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2. Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the charity.

Restricted funds may only be used for restricted purposes as specified by the donor. No receipts or payments were restricted during the current period.

3. Donations	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations received	<u>4,476</u>	<u>2,830</u>

4. Trustees’ remuneration and expenses

No trustees received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the period.

5. Related party transactions

During the period, £2,163 (2023: £1,998) was reimbursed to two trustees (2023: two trustees) for expenses of the charity.