Charity registration number 1143885

FRIENDS OF GODSTOWE

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2026

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Independent examiner	Sunny Li

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2026

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2026.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

The objective of the Charity is to advance the education of pupils in the school, in particular by: developing effective relationships between staff, parents and others associated with the school; and engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.

Achievements and performance — financial review

Total income for the year was £25,029 (2025: £34,161). Income was lower than in the prior year, reflecting a reduced programme of events as the school transitioned to new ownership under the Alpha Schools group. The Second Hand Uniform Shop (SHUS) was the largest single income source at £9,168, followed by the Christmas Fair and the continuing programme of discos, wreathmaking, a quiz dinner and bake sales.

Expenditure for the year was £40,874 (2025: £15,764). Of this, £35,868 was applied directly to charitable activities for the benefit of the school, including a major grant of £32,930 towards a new playground, £1,888 for lacrosse equipment, and £1,050 for a lodge den frame, outdoor games and Maths Numicon sets. This represents the deployment of funds accumulated over prior years, fulfilling the Charity's core purpose of supporting the pupils' education and wellbeing.

As a result, the Charity recorded a net decrease in funds of £15,845 (2025: net increase of £18,397), and funds carried forward at 31 August 2026 were £40,943 (2025: £56,787).

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to them.

Reserves policy

The Trustees' aim is to retain no more than a working balance sufficient to manage future events, applying as much income as possible to donations for the benefit of the pupils. The level of funds held at the year-end reflects the significant grants made during the year.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of these financial statements were:

Miss M Grainger
Mrs L Ambler
Mrs L Grant
Mrs C Wiseman-Clarke
Mrs S North

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

FRIENDS OF GODSTOWE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF FRIENDS OF GODSTOWE

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Friends of Godstowe (the Charity) for the year ended 31 August 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or

2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Sunny Li
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Dated: 7th September 2026

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2026

	Notes	2025	2026
		£	£
Income from:			
Donations and legacies (note 3)		34,161	25,029
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds (note 4)		11,972	5,006
Charitable activities (note 5)		3,792	35,868
Total expenditure		**15,764**	**40,874**
Net movement in funds		**18,397**	**(15,845)**
Fund balances at 1 September		38,391	56,787
Fund balances at 31 August		**56,787**	**40,943**

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

All funds are unrestricted.

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2026

	Notes	2025	2026
		£	£
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		56,787	40,985
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (note 8)		0	(42)
Net current assets		**56,787**	**40,943**
Income funds			
Unrestricted funds		56,787	40,943

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 7th of September 2026.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2026

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Friends of Godstowe is a registered charity with the Charity Commission of England and Wales. It is an unincorporated charity governed by a deed of trust. The principal address is Godstowe Preparatory School, Shrubbery Road, High Wycombe, HP13 6PR.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, rounded to the nearest £, under the historical cost convention.

The Charity operates on a cash basis of accounting; income and expenditure are recognised when received into or paid from the Charity's bank account.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives. The Charity held no restricted or endowment funds during the year.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

3 Donations and legacies (income)

Income for the year comprised receipts into the Charity's bank account together with £200 of event cash held at the year end:

	2025	2026
SHUS uniform shop (Square + bank transfers)		9,168
Stripe / Wix online event tickets		5,254
Square takings (events, fairs, drinks, merch)		5,329
Christmas Fair (hampers, stalls, raffle, tickets)		3,340
Cash banked (Christmas and bake sales takings)		984
K Bailey donations		500
Sponsorship and donations		151
Bake sales and other		103
Cash in hand at year end (unbanked event takings)		200
Total income	**34,161**	**25,029**

The SHUS uniform total comprises Square card takings allocated to uniform categories (Winter, Summer, Sports, Bags, Outerwear) plus direct bank transfers for uniform purchases. The remaining Square takings relate to event sales, drinks and merchandise. A detailed itemisation is available from the Square items report.

4 Raising funds

	2025	2026
Costs of fundraising events		4,601

Card processing fees and subscriptions		364
TEN licences (note 8)		42
Total	**11,972**	**5,006**

Costs of fundraising events include the bird of prey (summer fair), Christmas Fair, wreathmaking, quiz dinner, quiz night drinks and disco costs, and K Bailey donation disbursement.

5 Charitable activities

	2025	2026
Playground (grant to Godstowe Prep)		32,930
Lacrosse equipment (grant to Godstowe Prep)		1,888
Lodge den frame & outdoor games; Maths Numicon sets		1,050
Total	**3,792**	**35,868**

The playground grant of £32,930 represents a major capital donation to Godstowe Preparatory School, funded from the Charity's accumulated reserves. During the year the school's ownership structure changed, with Godstowe Preparatory School Company Limited becoming part of the Alpha Schools group alongside Wellow House School. The Trustees took legal advice to confirm that donations applied to pupil-facing educational purposes at Godstowe continue to satisfy the Charity's objects.

6 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

7 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within the relevant provisions of the Taxes Acts to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2026
TEN licences (owed to Mrs L Grant)	–	42

Mrs L Grant paid for two Temporary Event Notice (TEN) licences at £21 each on behalf of the Charity during the year. The amount of £42 had not been reimbursed at the balance sheet date.

9 Post balance sheet events

After the balance sheet date, two trustees (Mrs L Ambler and Mrs L Grant) stood down from the board. New trustees have since been appointed. These are non-adjusting events that do not affect the financial statements for the year under review.

End of report