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Charity registration number: 1164214

Friends of Sevenoaks School

Trustees' Annual Report

for the Year Ended 31 July 2026

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Charity Registration

The Friends of Sevenoaks School was registered as a charity by the Charity Commission on 2 November 2015.

Charity Details

Registered Charity Name: Friends of Sevenoaks School.

The charity also operates using the name Friends of Sevenoaks School, "FoS".

The registered charity number is 1164214.

FoS is an unincorporated association.

The public address of the charity is:

Sevenoaks School
High Street
Sevenoaks
Kent
TN13 1HU

The trustees who served during the year were:

Bee Willis (Chair) (appointed 2 October 2024)
Tanu Shukla (Co-Chair) (appointed 2 October 2024)
Annemarie Greenwood (Secretary) (appointed 2 October 2024)
Caroline Cummings (Treasurer) (appointed 2 October 2024)
Elizabeth Wells (trustee) (appointed 1 October 2025)

Trustees are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of members of the association. Nominations for election may be made by any member of the association and seconded by another.

The charity has a group of social co-ordinators who organise events for specific year groups.

Objectives of the charity

The constitution of FoS was adopted on 18 May 2015 and states that the object of the association is to advance the education of the pupils of the school in particular by:
(i) developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school; and
(ii) engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.

Background

FoS organizes a range of school-wide events each year that serve to foster strong and meaningful relationships between staff, parents, carers, and other individuals associated with the school. These events play a pivotal role in facilitating the initial integration of new members into the school community, while also nurturing ongoing connections. Central to FoS' mission is the creation and cultivation of a supportive community that unites parents, carers, staff, and alumni, reinforcing a sense of collaboration and engagement.

Additionally, FoS manages a social coordinator network, which oversees events tailored to specific year groups, further strengthening the ties between families and the school. FoS also operates an on-site shop that provides second-hand uniforms and maintains a lost property service, both of which are essential resources for the school community. The trustees are pleased to report that FoS has had another successful year in achieving its objectives. They would like to express their gratitude to all those who have generously contributed their time and expertise for the benefit of the Charity.

At the October 2025 AGM, it was reiterated that FoS had shifted its focus from fundraising to fostering social interaction among local, international, and boarding parents, prioritizing community building. This renewed focus has led to significant achievements and strengthened our mission to enhance the school community experience. We sincerely thank all members, volunteers, and stakeholders for their continued support.

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements

The team of Trustees has continued its stewardship of FoS, maintaining a clear focus on its mission and operational oversight. Throughout the year, FoS has flourished under their continued guidance, preserving cherished traditions while also introducing new initiatives that align with the evolving needs of the school community. Long-standing events, such as the much-loved Quiz Night and Summer Soiree, were once again successful in fostering engagement and camaraderie between parents, staff, and carers. Additionally, cultural activities like Lunar New Year celebrated the diverse backgrounds that enrich the school community, reinforcing inclusivity and connection among all stakeholders.

There was a continued focus this year on year-group-specific social interactions, facilitated through coffee mornings, which provided opportunities for parents to connect in both their Year Groups and within the broader Lower, Middle, and Upper School communities. These gatherings have played a vital role in strengthening relationships and building a cohesive support network across the school.

FoS continued to plan a range of social events spread throughout the year, including wine tasting, wreath making, cookery classes plus many garden/museum visits both locally and in London. FOS also kicked off its sponsorshop of a series of speaker events, topics included The Teenage Brain, Sleep and Nutrition.

The ever popular Striders walking group continued this year; 3 different country walks planned each term, free for parents to join with well deserved coffee and cake at the end. The termly Friday evening gatherings for a "Dad's Social Evening", organised by a parent at the school continued.

The second-hand uniform shop continued its upward trajectory, contributing significantly to the financial health of FoS and further strengthening its overall balance sheet.

Financial Review

The main school-wide events this year were the Quiz Night and the Summer Soiree. The Quiz Night was funded by ticket sales; the Summer Soiree was wholly sponsored by member contributions as were whole school coffee mornings, Speaker Series events and providing refreshments at various events/talks held at school.

In 2025-26, the second-hand uniform shop contributed £16.4k to funds after costs, compared to £11.4k in 2024-25, the increase due to the change in policy to accept clothes as donations with no reimbursement policy once they are sold. This shop remains popular among parents, students, and new additions to the school community.

Subscriptions from the members for the year were £16,200 (2024: £15,855). The current subscription amount is £15 per family per annum, collected by the school, on behalf of FoS, in the Michaelmas term billing period.

During the year, as agreed, FoS made charitable donations to school totalling £12,580 in respect of the athletics hut (£10,682) and outdoor table tennis table (£1,898). FoS also paid a donation of £52,745 for the outdoor biology classroom in Aug 2026 (shown as a creditor in these statements).

As FoS' primary purpose is no longer fundraising, there will now be a short transitional period during which it will need to be agreed how best to allocate the funds that have accumulated across previous years. Once this is complete, FoS will run as a community focussed charity, using subscriptions from members to support the fostering of social connections between parents, students, teachers and alumni.

As at 31 July 2026, FoS held funds totalling £50,419, representing a decrease from the previous year's total of £95,066, largely due to the significant donation towards the outdoor classroom.

The Board of Trustees engages in continuous dialogue with the school administration, with the primary objective of utilizing these funds to align with the mission of FoS.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Dee Willis
Chair

Caroline Cummings
Treasurer

3 October 2026

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of Sevenoaks School (Charity Number 1164214)

I report on the accounts of Friends of Sevenoaks School for the year ended 31 July 2026, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with 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 130 of the Charities Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

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.

Matthew Couch
Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 3AF
3 October 2026

Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 July 2026

	Notes	Year Ended 31 July 2026	Year Ended 31 July 2025
Incoming Resources			
Income from:			
Subscriptions	2	16,200	15,855
Activities for Raising Funds	3	38,513	78,303
Bank Interest Income		1,452	1,364
Total Incoming Resources		56,165	95,522
Resources Expended			
Expenditure on:			
Activities for Raising Funds	3	(33,531)	(71,973)

Administrative Costs		(1,957)	(1,021)
Total Resources Expended (before donations)		(35,488)	(72,994)
Donations	5	(65,325)	(252)
Total Resources Expended		(100,812)	(73,246)
Net Movement of Funds		(44,648)	22,277
Total Funds Brought Forward		95,066	72,790
Total Funds Carried Forward		50,419	95,066

The charity has no recognised gains or losses for the year other than the results above.

Balance Sheet As At 31 July 2026

	Notes	31 July 2026 £	31 July 2025 £
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		103,554	81,139
Debtors	6	-	15,855
		103,554	96,994
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7	(53,132)	(1,928)
Net current assets		50,422	95,067
Net assets		50,422	95,067
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted Funds		50,422	95,067

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 1 October 2026 and signed on their behalf:

Bee Willis
Chair

Caroline Cummings
Treasurer

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2026

Note 1: Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these financial statements. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Income

Recognition of Income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources; it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are only included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the general income recognition criteria are met.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Creditors

Creditors are measured at the settlement amount.

Assets

Debtors

Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Stock

Stock of items purchased for use at fund raising and other events are carried at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Items donated to the second hand shop for resale are not included in the financial statements until they are sold.

Note 2: Subscriptions

	Year Ended 31 July 2026 £	Year Ended 31 July 2025 £
Subscriptions from members	16,200	15,855

Note 3: Activities for Raising Funds

For the year ended 31 July 2026	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Net Movement £
School Second Hand Uniform Shop	17,032	(602)	16,429
Other Events generating funds:			
Quiz Night	5,794	(6,760)	(966)
Christmas Events	9,689	(9,226)	463
Year 11 & 13 Leavers Events	1,158	(3,015)	(1,857)
Arts/Cultural/Dance/Garden events	4,441	(6,234)	(1,793)
Other Events	399	(46)	354
			0
Events subsidised from subscriptions:			
Subsidised Events at School	0	(2,178)	(2,178)
Summer Soiree	0	(2,969)	(2,969)
Parent Talks	0	(2,500)	(2,500)
	38,513	**(33,531)**	**4,982**

For the year ended 31 July 2025	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Net Movement in Resources £
School Second Hand Uniform Shop	14,984	(3,602)	11,382
Other Events generating funds:			
Summer Soiree	38,498	(44,082)	(5,584)
Quiz Night	7,960	(7,870)	90
Christmas Events	12,019	(11,015)	1,004
Social Coordinators' Events	0	0	0
Year Group Socials	896	(1,097)	(201)
Arts/Cultural/Dance/Garden events	3,401	(3,029)	372
Other Events: Ski Sale, Parent Talks, SLF	545	(401)	144
Events subsidised from subscriptions:			
Coffee mornings and other events	0	(878)	(878)
	78,303	**(71,973)**	**6,331**

Note 4: Trustees' Remuneration

No trustees received any remuneration during the year.

Note 5: Donations

	Year Ended 31 July 2026 £	Year Ended 31 July 2025 £
Project 1 : Athletics Hut	10,682	0
Project 2 : Table Tennis Tables	1,898	0
Project 3 : Flags - additional for the Dining Hall	0	252
	12,580	**252**

Note 6: Debtors

	31 July 2026 £	31 July 2025 £
FoS Subscription Payments (from School)	0	15,855
	0	**15,855**

Note 7: Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	31 July 2026 £	31 July 2025 £
Payable relating to School Second Hand Uniform Shop	0	(1,166)
Payable to Parents' Choir	(387)	(642)
Donation for Outdoor Classroom	(52,745)	(120)
	(53,132)	(1,928)