Just Friends No 1196623 Trustees Annual Report Year Ending 30th June 2026

The objective of the charity is to provide to members of the general public who live alone, including carers, experiencing loneliness, feeling isolated and marginalised by society, the opportunity to re-engage with the community and combat this impact through social meetings in a safe and secure environment, making friendships and enjoying an annual programme of wellbeing presentations and social events.

Our 5 branches each meet weekly for social meetings, walking and lunch groups, in addition to the programme mentioned above.

There is no membership fee or age limit and numbers continue to grow through our awareness activities.

Some of the feedback from members and the benefits to both their physical and mental health can be seen as testimonials on our website, www.just-friends.uk.

Performance

The staff employed to implement the policies as formulated by the Trustees have worked so efficiently and tirelessly to achieve a standard that could be envied by so many organisations.

Our volunteers have contributed enormously to our continued success and our thanks go to those who serve, support and achieve, without financial reward.

Financial Review

Income for the 12 months was £59404

Including grants of £43500 whilst expenditure was £44943 thus showing a surplus on the year of £14461.

Our small team work continuously applying for funding in an ever reducing amount being available for the charity sector and expenditure is controlled through a Financial Discipline Policy.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have confirmed that sufficient funding should be retained as specific reserves and the amount should be sufficient to cover 3 months of activity in a dissolution period. The amount required is £15,000 and that is part of our liquid reserves.

Structure and Governance

Just Friends became a registered charity in November 2021. The Board of Trustees, currently 4, must have a minimum of 3, namely the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, with a maximum of 10 Trustees. Trustees meetings are held quarterly and new Trustees are always sought to add more lived and career experience to those in office.

Trustees are appointed for a term of 3 years and many offer to continue subject to approval at the AGM. Only those entitled to vote will be allowed to register their intention.

Trustees may not be remunerated for any service provided but may claim expenses necessary to fulfil their function, subject to receipts being provided and sanctioned by the Treasurer.

Paid staff fill Branch Management and Administrator positions, plus any additional positions deemed necessary.

The Trustees ensure:

a) All policies required by the Charity Commission are currently operational and reviewed annually.
b) Adequate insurance cover exists for the Governance and range of services available.

General

We have not opened any new branches this year due to lack of funding. This is a sad situation as new branches reach more people living alone who often say to us “I did not think anyone cared about us” after joining and making friends.

Our Collaboration Programme of working with other charities and organisations has started and we will soon be looking to recruit Charity Partners.

Despite the financial difficulties the UK is experiencing, especially with cost of living increases and squeezed personal budgets, we continue operating with hope and enthusiasm as our dedication is to help those living alone which is a national problem, not jut a local one.

Signed on behalf the Trustees



Frederick J Smith

Chair, Board of Trustees

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01-Jul-25	To	30-Jun-26

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	43,500	-	-	43,500	40,575
Donations	1,135	-	-	1,135	3,560
Events	11,027	-	-	11,027	6,533
Branches	3,113	-	-	3,113	3,198
Bank interest	629	-	-	629	362
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	59,404	-	-	59,404	54,228
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	59,404	-	-	59,404	54,228
A3 Payments					
Events	11,671	-	-	11,671	10,399
Admin costs	877	-	-	877	966
Audit fee	360	-	-	360	330
Insurance	234	-	-	234	96
Website/IT	1,163	-	-	1,163	1,367
Admin Salary	28,705	-	-	28,705	22,875
Branches costs	1,821	-	-	1,821	2,613
Professional fees	112	-	-	112	100
Sub total	44,943	-	-	44,943	38,746
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	44,943	-	-	44,943	38,746
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,461	-	-	14,461	15,482
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	106,203	-	-	106,203	90,721
Cash funds this year end	120,664	-	-	120,664	106,203

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Lloyds Account	34,673	-	-
	Metro Current Account	-	-	-
	Metro Deposit Account	85,991	-	-
	Total cash funds	120,664	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Prepaid event expense	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	FREDERICK SMITH	20/10/26
LStevens	LISA STREVENS	20/10/26

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	**Just Friends**		
On accounts for the year ended	**30 June 2026**	**Charity no (if any)**	1196623
Set out on pages	CC16a pages 1 -2 Trustees Report page 1-2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 June 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:		**Date:**	18/10/2026
Name:	George Dylan Message		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Chartered Accountant (FCA) Chartered Tax Adviser (CTA)		
Address:	Price & Company 30-32 Gildredge Road Eastbourne BN21 4SH		

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	No matters of concern.