Annual Report

Aims and purposes

Friends of Anstee Bridge (FAB) secure services and supplies for the education and physical and mental wellbeing of young people attending the Anstee Bridge project (run by the Achieving for Children CIC for young people with social, emotional and mental health issues in the London Boroughs of Kingston and Richmond).

Objectives and Activities

FAB applies for grants for specific projects or the general costs of providing resources and artists for Anstee Bridge. It also fundraises directly and encourages other supporters to raise money, such as sponsorship events, via an online fundraising platform. The grants for specific projects are ringfenced and monitored for expenditure directly on those projects. Anstee Bridge operates across the London Borough of Richmond and the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames and manages grants that have a requirement that they be spent in one of those specific geographical areas.

Over the financial year 1st December 2024 - 30 November 2025 the charity received a substantial grant from Richmond Parish Lands Charity. This is being spent over 3 years on projects for the Richmond students. We also received donations from Greggs Foundation, Bear Tavern, Boult Contracting, Sported and Forbes F Forbes. Individuals generously donated through payroll giving and online giving sites (we moved from Just Giving to Local Giving during this year) a total of £4,000. We are grateful to all the individuals who undertook sponsored events to raise this money.

The individual giving is particularly welcome as it is not ring-fenced to particular projects and therefore can be used for many of the reoccurring activities the young people undertake such as baking, music, robotic lego building, drawing, millinery, floristry, candle making, circus skills, local trips and many more. Music now plays a big part in the Anstee life of many and our resident musician for the year has taught a variety of instruments and singing. Of course, it is the confidence learning to make music gives that is the real benefit of these lessons.

The grants have covered some of the costs of major projects this year including £30,000 over 3 years from Richmond Foundation and £1,920 from Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames. These projects allow the young people to work with the same artists to build on a project over weeks and occasionally months. They also give an opportunity for the young people to showcase their work with an exhibition at the end of the project attended by family, friends and supporters of Anstee Bridge. FAB trustees try and attend all these events.

Achievements and Performance

FAB was able to support the provision of artists and materials for an average of 100 young people per week. Each of these young people have social, emotional or mental health issues, which make fully engaging with education difficult. Local schools make recommendations to Anstee Bridge of pupils they feel would benefit from the special support that Anstee Bridge can give. Working in small groups, the staff at Anstee Bridge are able to provide a safe and supportive environment to encourage all young people to flourish, helping them look forward to their futures. FAB trustees get regular updates on the work at Anstee Bridge that they are supporting through the provision of artists and materials.

This year Anstee Bridge opened a second location in Teddington, in response to growing demand for their services. Whilst rent and staffing costs are met by Achieving for Children, this has meant that Friends of Anstee Bridge have to work hard to ensure the funds are available for the artists and materials that actually make the project work across both locations.

The public benefit of FAB supplying funds for Anstee Bridge is that it enables successful workshops and projects for the young people, undertaken by professional artists, so helping the young people to start to regain control of their lives. By successful early intervention, it helps to keep many out of expensive mental health services, improves their physical health and wellbeing, enabling them to go on to lead productive, healthy and happy lives.

Financial report

Income for this financial year was £49,293 and total expenditure was £77,981. The charity has no staff or premises. Whilst there is low running expenditure, with more young people per session there is an increased need for general activities that are not specific grant funded. This year has seen an increase in the individual donations and fundraising, and we will be building on that next year. Grant applications are known to be becoming more and more difficult each year and FAB has also found this to be the situation. FAB reserves policy is to have a minimum of £2,000 in our accounts.

Whilst it is concerning that expenditure was considerably more than income in 24-25 financial year, the previous year had seen a surplus of over £25,000 which, coupled with previous years has allowed a considerable buffer in the bank account. However, the trustees are aware that this cannot continue and are taking steps to both reduce the expenditure and increase income.

Structure, Governance and management

Trustees meet approximately every other month - 6 times a year. Each meeting receives an update on finances and work at Anstee Bridge, discussion on fundraising activities, grants applied for and received, any necessary policy changes, communications including website and anything ad hoc requested by trustees. At the meetings we also consider the requests for spending the money raised by FAB by Anstee Bridge to ensure what is proposed meets our charitable objectives and meets grant conditions.

Occasional smaller working groups to discuss a particular project (such as new policies or fundraising events) will take place and report back to the full trustee meeting. Urgent requests for expenditure by Anstee Bridge may be agreed by email between meetings, according to the FAB scheme of delegation.

Administrative Information

Friends of Anstee Bridge is registered with the Charity commission (number 1201402) at Royal Borough of Kingston, Guildhall, High Street, Kingston KT1 1EU.

Trustees during the term of this report - 1st December 2024 - 30th November 2025

- Liz Green - Chair
- Katherine Greening - Vice Chair
- Derek Facer - Treasurer
- Maria Netley
- Laure Thevenon
- Julia Robert
    - Amy Foster – from March 2025
    - Susan Ansari – from July 2025
- Susan Hill - resigned March 2025
- Laura Couchman – resigned November 2025
- Helen Langton – resigned November 2025

Signed by Chair



Liz Green

Annual Accounts for Friends of Anstee Bridge

Period to 1/12/2024-30/11/2025

	£	£
Income		
Grants		37,019
Just/Local Giving (Note 1)		2,640
Bear Tavern		1,379
Lodge Donations		1,522
Rowan Bentall		1,000
Fiona Forbes		1,000
Other Income		4,733
Total Income		**49,293**
Expenditure		
Music Project		22,219
Building Bridges	2,170	
Creative Minds		1,279
River Thames Boat		520
Creative Magic Minds		1,250
Creative Spectrum		15,555
Magical Creative Minds		2,084
Greggs Small Community (Project name?)		1,774
RPL		25,203
Equals Card Transfers (Note 2)		2,314
Other Expenditure		3,613
Total Expenditure		**77,981**
Total Income *less* Total Expenditure (A)		**(28,688)**
Cash at Bank @ 30/11/2024		**57,848**
Add Net Expense (A)		(28,688)
Cash at Bank @ 30/11/2025 (Note 3)		29,160

Note 1

Total of all donations made through the Just Giving/Local Giving Websites.

Note 2

Payment on account to Equals. Expenses accounted for on a cash basis so not shown as a sundry debtor.

Note 3

Includes £20,000 on 32 Day notice deposit

Gmail

Derek Facer <derek.facer@gmail.com>

FAB Independent Examination of Financial Statements

1 message

Tom Sylvie <tomsylvie27@gmail.com> 2 September 2026 at 10:53
To: lizgreentrainer@gmail.com
Cc: Derek Facer <derek.facer@gmail.com>

To: Liz Green ,
Chair,
Friends of Anstee Bridge (1201402)

Independent Examiners Report
I have reviewed the Financial Statements and Annual report supplied to me as well as the back up accounting records and bank statements for the year to 30 November 2025.
Based on what has been supplied , back up evidence provided and discussions with the Treasurer, and I am satisfied that proper accounting records have been kept, the Financial statements agree with those accounting records supplied and are in the correct format.

Best regards
Mark Whittaker ACA