

Aim and Purpose

Arvalee School is for children and young people aged 3 – 19 years who have severe to moderate learning difficulties. The pupils have a range of complex difficulties which can lead to them having considerable challenges learning. Music and Sensory experiences give the pupils opportunities to enhance their confidence, communication and enjoyment of life. Experiences in this area cannot always be provided as part of the curriculum and the school believes that the enhanced alternative curriculum makes a big difference to the lives of the children. Friends of Arvalee School and Resource Centre aim to finance the cost of providing such opportunities to the children by raising funds from the public.

Objectives and Activities

The objective of the Friends of Arvalee School and Resource Centre Project is to ensure that pupils of the school have a breath of experience that will support their development. Our aim is to enhance provisions within the school.

We currently run the following projects to raise funds to finance such projects:-

- Arvalee Inspiration Project – This Annual Event did not run in 2020 due to COVID 19 restrictions and is unlikely to run in 2021
- Smaller Fund Raising Projects – Carol Service, Draw

Achievements and Performance

In this year the Arvalee Inspiration Project raised a net amount of £1,442. This was the income from donations to the fund raising project less associated costs of the project.

Income from other sources including, Christmas Draw, Fintona Choir Carol Service and Other Donations raised a net amount of £1,923.

Financial Review

Total receipts of unrestricted funds were £1,923 and net receipt of restricted funds was £1,442.

There was £1,448 spent from non-restricted funds, leaving a reserve carried forward of £8,618.

There was £15,153 spent from the restricted funds, leaving a reserve of restricted funds carried forward of £9,603.

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Reserves Policy

The charity does not currently have a reserves policy. The balance of unrestricted funds at the 31 August 2020 was £8,618.

The balance of £9,603 from our restricted funds is being retained towards the cost of providing external advanced music and sensory therapies.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all volunteers who worked so hard for our purpose.

Structure, governance and management

General meetings are held as required and all committee members are invited to attend.

The Annual General Meeting which is normally held in October of each year was cancelled in 2020 due to the COVID 19 restrictions. At the time of reporting it is uncertain as to whether this meeting will take place in October 2021.

Decisions are made by the trustee subject to being approved by the principle of the school.

Administrative Information

Friends of Arvalee is part of the Arvalee School, situated at 17 Deverney Road, Omagh, Co.Tyrone. BT79 0ND.

Friends of Arvalee is a non incorporated charity registered with the charity commission. The charity number is 100362.

Trustees:

Chair Person Jason Sawyers

Secretary Marin O'Hare

Treasurer Karen Connolly

Committee Members:

Jason Sawyers

Karen Connolly

Martin O'Hare

Eimear Keys

Kathleen Gallagher