



Annual Report & Statement of Accounts

For the year ended 30th June 2023

Friends of Ashfield Girls' High School

Registered Charity number: 100605

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The trustees of Friends of Ashfield Girls' High School are pleased to submit their report and accounts for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

Achievements and Performance

- Easter Fair held in March 2023 raising £471;
- Easy Fundraising and Amazon online was able to raise additional income;
- Donation from a local company – CTS, for school Dignity scheme at £2083.

Friends of Ashfield Girls' High School were accepted as a registered charity on the 1st September 2014.

Meeting Programme

The groups programme is to meet monthly and this contributes to the successful raising of funds. We have been meeting on either Tuesdays or Wednesday evenings to hopefully be accessible to as many parents as possible.

During these evenings, we discuss planned events and gather further ideas for future activities or needs for help within the school.

Our aim and purpose for our group is to raise funds.

The Friends of Ashfield team help at the schools' open nights and the year 8 induction afternoon. So, no matter how small the contribution seems, it is needed and greatly appreciated.

We have had difficulty in arranging meeting post-covid period and this has impacted on the activities we have been able to arrange from 2021 to date. Sadly, cancelling Christmas Fairs in 2022 and 2023 and the annual Year 8 event in June.

Membership

Membership has been falling and the team remains small, with around 7/8 members attending on meeting nights. Yet, we continue to strive to grow the number of members and the purpose remains as the advancement of education to all girls in the school.

We have previously had very successful Christmas and Easter Fair's held in the school, not only raising funds for ourselves but bringing many visitors into the school to see a variety of gift ideas, arts and crafts.

We are thankful to the teacher representatives on the committee.

Financial Review

Financial performance in the year to 30th June 2023 has been consistent with expectations of members.

The year ended with a general and sole fund balance of £752, compared to £320 for the same period last year.

Income

Income receipts for the year totaled £2655, including monies raised from the Easter Fair. It was also a boost to receive £100 from Easy Fundraising / Amazon. The donation from CTS was very welcome at £2083, which was completely out of the blue, and very generous.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind our members and supporters how easy it is to support our work when shopping on-line – from high street names to specialist shops – available on EasyFundraising or Amazon; and the best bit is your shopping doesn't cost you a penny more!

Expenditure

Expenditure for the year totaled £2223, including the donation to the school for the Dignity scheme of £2083; this is down on previous periods as we haven't had the likes of quiz nights to generate more income to then donate to the school.

It is important to note that all funds raised, goes back to the school, with the purchasing of additional equipment or donations. There are small costs for insurance (£140 annual cover for PTA).

Stock

As of 30th June 2023, no stock is held.

Funds materially in Deficit

As of 30th June 2023, there are no funds in material deficit.

Major Risks

No major risk is to be reported.

This report was approved and adopted by the committee and signed of their behalf.


Jonny Crooks
Treasurer

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