

**Friends of Abbey PTA**  
**Charity Registration Number NIC100978**  
**Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 1 October 2023**

The Trustees present their report of the charity for the year ended 1 October 2023.

**Reference and administrative details**

**Trustees**

The following individuals were the charity trustees on the date the report was approved:

J Manning  
V McClelland  
E Mearns  
J Thompson

The following individuals served as charity trustees during the year:

J Manning  
J Martin (resigned 18/10/2023)  
E Mearns  
J Thompson  
V McClelland

**Principal charity address**

C/O Friends of Abbey PTA  
Abbey Primary School  
90 Movilla Road  
Newtownards  
Co Down  
BT23 8RQ

**Governance**

**Governing Document**

The Charity was registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 9 October 2014. It is governed by a constitution adopted on 2 October 2014.

**Objectives and activities**

The purpose of the charity is to advance the education of pupils in the school in particular by:

- Developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school;
- Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.

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**Objectives and activities (continued)**

During the year the charity organised a number of events in order to achieve their charitable purposes. The committee organised a 'Colour Hamper' for the Christmas ballot this year, with donations from the parents, 17 Hampers were included with a number of prizes donated by local businesses, this was a great success and well received by all. To help parents out while the cost of living is rising, we gathered pre-loved Christmas jumpers before Christmas Jumper Day and made these available with an optional donations box, we felt this really helped parents out during an expensive time of the year. Our Spring Fair this year was a huge event within the school and the committee put in every effort to ensure a good time for all, this was a very successful event and is always well received.

**Achievements and Performance**

Usually the school have a 'wish list' of items that they would like to purchase. The PTA were able to provide additional funding of over £11,500 towards these extra resources not provided for by the school budget. These resources are used to compliment the curriculum and make our children's learning experience more fulfilling and exciting,

PTA events not only raise funds, but also promote a positive presence within the community and bring a feeling of togetherness within the school.

**Public Benefit Statement**

In setting objectives and planning activities for the year the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit and are confident that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

**Financial Review**

In the financial year from 2 October 2022 to 1 October 2023, the charity had an income of £8,817, an expenditure of £14,508 and a closing reserves balance of £3,225.

**Reserves Policy**

The Charity does not have a reserves policy. It strives to annually fulfil its purposes by financially supporting the school with funds to purchase resources for the educational needs and advancement of all the pupils of the school whilst strategically retaining sufficient reserves to cover the initial expenses to future planned events.

**Signed on behalf of the trustees**



**J Thompson**

**Approved by the Trustees on 30 July 2024**