



Annual Report

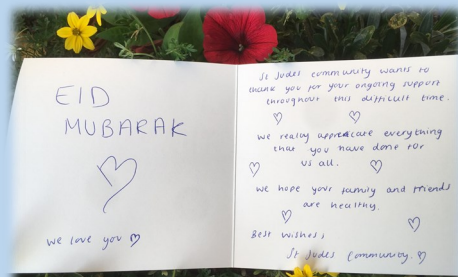
August 2019 - July 2020

Friends of Hannah More has had another busy year securing funding and support for the community. Recent months have been overshadowed by Covid-19 and we have tried hard to offer help at this very difficult time. Plans had to change, projects and courses were postponed or cancelled. However, we had amazing funding support for food boxes, books, art materials, IT support and uniform grants. This felt like a practical and useful response. We look forward to planning some more direct work with families as soon as we can.

Support during Covid-19 crisis

- 17 weeks of food boxes
- Books, art, IT and uniform for families

Friends funded an average of 40 food boxes each week, from the moment schools closed in March until the start of the summer break. School staff and other partners were closely involved - without them this would not have been possible. We had almost instantaneous financial support from Quartet's Coronavirus Response fund, as well as fantastic help from the wonderful FareShare team, Bristol Muslim Cultural Society and Bristol Sport. Linda, a community volunteer at the school, organised a funding appeal which went out to Quaker groups - this meant we could buy felt-pens, paper and other craft materials for families during lockdown. This led to a donation from Sovereign and also introduced us to a generous donor who contributed an amazing £3K to establish a welfare fund. To date this has provided 72 children with new uniform to start the school year. These pictures and thank you cards probably sum up the spirit of this support better than words can ...



Thankyou so very much for the food boxes (and the Art kits)! The food is so yummy! The Art Kits are good in am really happy!



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Coronavirus fund reaches local people in need

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One of the many projects to receive funding thanks to the Coronavirus 2020 Response Fund appeal is the Friends of Hannah More Primary School in



Significant grants ...

- £10,000 from Bristol CityFunds 'No Child Goes Hungry' grant programme, for family cooking activities and the establishment of a lunchclub
- £6,998 from Sport England - we are now in the second year of this grant which widens access to sport by setting up netball, cycling and other sporting opportunities for local women
- £4,800 from Quartet's Coronavirus response fund followed by £6,280 from the Lottery
- £3,000 from John James; £2,000 from the Society of Merchant Venturers



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Postponed...

After discussions with Children in Need, we postponed the third year of funding for holiday playdays. All Family Swim sessions were rescheduled for 2021 as well. The Windrush 2020 plan to run a 'Family Cookout' and barbecue was put on hold. We were asked to consider making this an on-line event, but the success of last year's party stemmed from people getting together to celebrate, and we didn't feel a virtual event could replace this. Other courses supported by Friends but currently postponed include our Conversation Club, a Mindful Parenting course, plus all partnerships with WEA and community education. Funds were also diverted, for example from a Wessex Water grant, in order to support our emergency response. The extension to the community room would also have impacted on some of these activities - we hope that this building work will be finished soon!

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Individual support...

We've continued to apply to Bristol Charities on behalf of individual families for camp subsidies, despite these trips being postponed. We will be so pleased to be able to support families once new dates are set. This year we also received 8 Amazon tablets directly from Bristol Children's Charity to help families with learning during lockdown and supported several individual applications for uniform, after-school places and other essentials.

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Helping local children in need

Salvaging some summer fun ...

Despite some challenges we set up some summer fun days thanks to prompt funding from Quartet. This meant we could offer outdoor activities over the summer holidays.

Numbers were limited and booking arrangements / risk assessments were tedious! However, for some families this was a hugely valuable opportunity to be active and be outside - and also to visit the school site for the first time in many months. Working with Travelling Kitchen, getting active with ball games and hula-hooping and continuing some lockdown gardening were all popular. We also used this opportunity to build new links with families, many of whom we hope will come to new activities in due course.



Many thanks to Nawal Ahmed for design ideas for our new logo, which we hope the Committee will formally endorse at our AGM.



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