



Annual Report

August 2021 - July 2022

It's been a relatively quiet year for Friends, with less income than previous years. There were several factors. Firstly, there were unspent grants due to covid restrictions. The community space at school remained unfinished until mid-September and activities were limited by this. A higher proportion of grant applications were unsuccessful - this pressure on funding has been reported across the charity sector. However, we maintained partnerships and attracted several significant donations which came direct to school - this amounted to just under £20,000. We also had further contributions of laptops from businesses, support from Bouygues to create a new fenced-in chicken area, and an agreement from Woodenspoon Children's Charity to renovate the outdoor ball court at school. We also worked in partnership with organisations who provided activities directly. You can read more about projects with the SS Great Britain and Bristol Sport Foundation in this report. Take a Part also ran an after-school art group with funding from Trinity Centre. We also applied successfully for the Community Learning Fund, for just under £10,000, to run parents activities from January. These funds can be claimed on completion of adult learning courses.

Ongoing support for families...

Targeted children were offered places at More 4 Kids club with the majority of these being funded by a grant from John James (received June 2021). Children also attended forest school sessions at Trinity, Circomedia after-school groups and the family art group. We supported families with individual requests for welfare and travel, and continued to link with Greggs, who provided extra vouchers for food in January plus a further 20 individual grants in September. School also now has a small welfare pot of money.



We registered as a charity this year. Currently there are five trustees who are...

Ruth Cochrane

David Fairclough

Iwona Salamon

Vivienne Bignell

Fatoumata Ba

... plus our committee members

Hannah Pepper

Salwa Mahmoud

Helen Barbour

We always welcome new members and are actively looking for trustees as well. Please send us an email for further information!

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Wider impact ...

As for last year, we try to evaluate the wider impact of our activities, particularly when an activity develops into new opportunities, either for the group or for individuals. Great examples of this are the SS Great Britain project, Mums' Keep Fit and the Take a Part art club.



Display boards outside the SS Great Britain site - and a replica display in the school hall.

Significant grants ...

We were delighted to support many 'extras' this year. Visits to the Van Gogh experience, family swims, cooking classes, craft and fitness for mums, subsidies for camps and school trips, after-school clubs, discos, bonfires, playdays, lots of new books, training for lunchtime staff, bike fixing sessions, school uniform and much more!



Key targets for 22-23 ... create a Friends of Hannah More website, recruit new committee members, maintain funding levels, successfully draw down money for commissioned courses, secure funding to continue cooking courses and fund swim sessions ...

Finally!

Family Swim sessions - postponed for two years - ran between April to July. We have reserved a further six swims for next year, though funding is not yet secured. We collected feedback from attendees particularly about older siblings attending. Some families felt this should be limited, but opinion was split. We will review this again. Family swims in 2023 will cost a total of £1200, this will be offset by ticket sales of £480.

