



Friends of  
Harpenden Academy

# 2020-21 CHAIRS REPORT

## PURPOSE

To develop effective relationships between staff, parents, others associated with the School and wider community in order to engage with activities, and provide facilities/equipment which support the School and advance the education of the pupils.

The FoHA Core Committee comprises 6 roles:

- Chair(s): Jackie Clode-Dickens & Shavalyea Gilbert
- Secretary: Rebecca Cracknell
- Sub-Secretary: Kirsty Hollywood
- Treasurer: Emma Hawke
- Sub-Treasurer: Aubrey Caufield
- Event Managers: Katharine Haines, Becci Madole & Paul Molloy

The trustees registered with the Charity Commission are Kirsty Hollywood, Jackie Clode-Dickens, Shavalyea Gilbert, Paul Molloy and Angus Halkett. Rebecca Cracknell will review and update the list accordingly.

At the AGM, all positions are open for election/re-election - anyone in the school community can put themselves forward for a committee role.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Worked with the School to complete the new ICT Suite
- Raised over £10k for the school during a pandemic
- Successfully organised several fundraising events during a year throughout a constantly changing situation
- Introduced 2 new events, Harpenden Pumpkin Trail & Jingle Bell Walk, which engaged the community and raised approximately £1500 cumulatively
- Not allowing COVID to put a stop to annual events like Comedy Night & Easter Egg Hunt
- Built upon the working relationship between FoHA and the School
- Supported the school's requests by purchasing playground equipment (basketball, foam rugby balls, coloured playground chalk, dominoes for each class & water tray), New Netball Posts & Nets, Welcome Gifts for New Ladybirds, Welcome back balloons & treats
- Provided financial support so that the school can continue utilising Empiribox & Bug Club, both are valuable educational programmes
- The shed has been built and now stores all FoHA event items
- Held six well-attended Summer Picnics between July & August for the entire HA community.

## LOWLIGHTS

- Due to pandemic, there was a lack of face-to-face social events
- Challenging to build a community with the limitations on events
- Losing some money at the last minute cancellation of day 2 of the Jingle Bell Walk
- Cancellation of the Summer Social Event



# 2020-21 EVENTS RECAP

In spite of the obvious restrictions due to Covid, FoHA managed to run a robust events programme across the year. Although some events had to be cancelled, we were able to adapt others and add new, Covid-friendly events to fill in the gaps. Overall, we had a successful year, with a mix of both fundraising and community-building events. We were proud to have been able to raise funds and resources for other charities. We didn't allow the pandemic to stop us and were fortunate to have the support of both the school & parents/carers.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

FoHA helped to ensure that our school continued to support the King's Pantry with donations offering a COVID-secure Harvest Festival collection.

## PUMPKIN TRAIL

We successfully created a way for Harpenden children to celebrate Halloween, in a COVID-secure way.

Children located pumpkins along a trail and once all were found returned to HA to receive a bag of treats!



## SPENDING

Empiribox	£5100
ICT Suite	£6672
Bug Club	£894.92
Playground Equipment	£527.69
Ladybird Welcome Bags & Gifts	£278
Netball Posts & Nets	£329.87

## Additional Funding

Whitakers	£250
Papa Johns	£200 (£100 via gift cards)

We also received funds from easyfundraising and Amazon.

## COMMUNITY LINKS

We continued to forge links across both the HA & Harpenden communities, particularly with the Pumpkin Trail, Jingle Bell Walk, Takeaway Magic Show & Easter Egg Trail. We included Threads, Beat School Uniform, Silver Palate, Suckerpunch St Albans, Oui, Simmons Bakery, Thorn's, Red, Creature Comforts & Oddfellows. in these events. Each business was very grateful to be included in the events.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS & CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

Along with Kathryn Jackson, we helped organise this year's Christmas Card sale. Thanks to Geraldine Archbald-Shore for leading this effort. We were also very pleased to offer Christmas Trees to the local community. The sales from it raised the most funds of all of our events. Special thanks to the Christmas Tree Crew spearheaded by Susan Leggott.



## JINGLE BELL WALK

This year COVID guidelines prevented kids from visiting Santa so we created an event that captured the holiday spirit. Children walked the trail to complete a special word then returned to our Grotto to receive a gift from Santa.

## TAKEAWAY MAGIC SHOW

Thanks to HA's own magician, Gareth Kalyan, and the organisational skills of Katharine Haines we provided a virtual magic show that was fun for the entire family!



## IT'S JUST NOT FUNNY ANYMORE

To lighten the mood and provide a way to celebrate Mother's Day, we hosted a virtual Comedy Show offering food & drinks from two local businesses, Silver Palate & Suckerpunch!

## EASTER EGG TRAIL & ART COMPETITION

COVID restrictions provided some barriers to our annual Easter event; however, the committee led by Paul Molloy, persevered! We offered an Easter Egg Trail with a brilliant quiz, golden eggs & of course, the Easter Bunny! The event was a huge success and raised significant funds for the school.



## SUMMER PICNICS

This last of our events this year saw the return of the Summer Picnics which aimed to bring together the entire HA community. They were well intended and a great way to meet other families.

## **MEMBERS**

Everyone in the school community is automatically a member of the FoHA. Our general meetings are open to all. The meeting schedule for 2021-22 will be added as events on Classlist and will be listed on each FoHA agenda. We do really encourage you to join the meetings so you can hear all about the latest projects. We value input from our entire community to assist us in ensuring that FoHA activities and communications represent and are accessible to everyone.

## **PLANS FOR FORTHCOMING YEAR**

As in previous years, our largest two fundraising events will be the Comedy Night & Easter Egg Hunt, which should hopefully look a little more familiar this year as Covid restrictions have eased. We will also continue to raise money from Christmas Tree sales, Christmas gifts, easyfundraising and Amazon. We will also continue to working with Mrs Davies to create clear fundraising goals for the year. We look forward to completing the Elmer Garden over the coming weeks, adding an additional uniform supplier and introducing a Garden Club for the school. We are also formalising the process for teachers & staff who request FoHA funds support. As the school will celebrate its 10th year in 2022, we will be introducing a new fundraising project that we believe will be life changing for our children and the school. As always, plans and results will be shared at our Open FoHA meetings.

## **IN SUMMARY**

It has been an incredibly challenging year but we are proud of the opportunities we were able to find to bring the school and wider community together and the community's support in raising precious funds for our school.

As a result of the generous contributions of both time and money, we have been able to make some significant purchases, which will enrich our children's experiences for years to come.

The financial challenges facing schools across the UK continue to put pressure on school budgets. This makes the work FoHA does, and the support of the community, even more important. We are so proud of our school's unique community spirit and our ability to support one another through the most challenging times. It is a strength built from every individual act of kindness. compassion and generosity shown by our entire community.

We would like to thank all our Core Committee members, volunteers and the amazing Harpenden Academy staff for all their tireless work and support.

We look forward to serving another year and building upon what we've started.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Clode-Dickens & Shavalyea Gilbert  
2020-21 FoHA Co-Chairs



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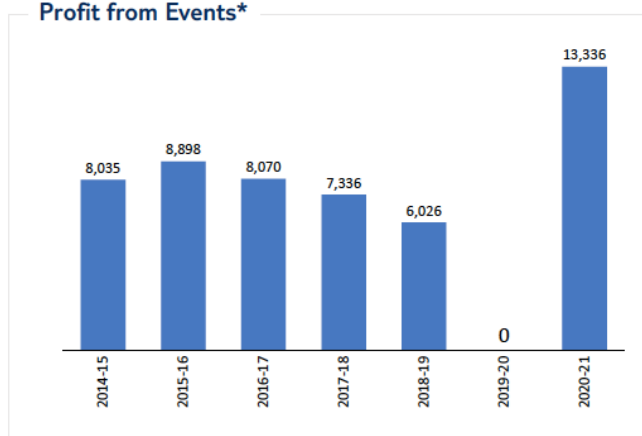
# 2020-21 TREASURERS REPORT

Submitted by: Emma Hawke

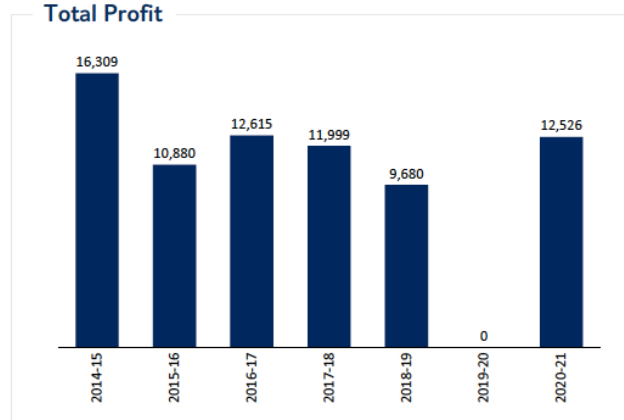
The accounting year for 2020/21 ended on 30th September 2021. Although the figures included are preliminary, the overall numbers should not materially change. FoHA's operations netted a loss of £3,490 in 2020/21 due to a high level of donations vs revenue. In total £15,215 was donated to the school, of which £7k was for the ICT suite. Even though the pandemic proved difficult for face-to-face events, total profit from events was £12,526 which was a brilliant result for FoHA. As annual revenues were below £25k the accounts don't need to go via the Charity Commission. This was a difficult year for events and raising funds with majority having to take place virtually, however despite the challenges FoHA have managed to rival prior year event profits.

**There is currently £7,700 in the account.**

Profit from Events\*



Total Profit



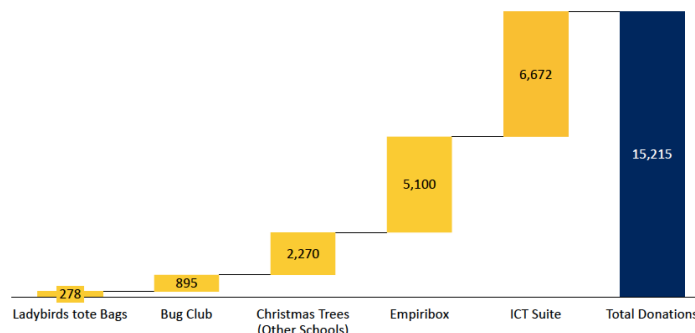
## Comments

- \*Profit from events may include some revenue from Christmas Trees (TBC)
- Total Profit includes events and other fundraising activities (Christmas Trees, Christmas gifts, uniforms)

Income	Amount
Events*	£18,600
Other Fundraising*	£5,378
Grants^	£2,652
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£26,630</b>

Expenditure	Amount
Event Expenses	£5,264
Other Fundraising Expenses	£9,242
Donations	£15,215
Admin Expenses	£399
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£30,120</b>

## Donations Breakdown 2020-21



## Balances as @ 10.10.21

Business Banking Account	£1,230
Treasurer Account	£6,142
Paypal	£341
<b>Total</b>	<b>£7,713</b>