<u>Friends of Stowmarket High</u> <u>Finance Report for AGM 2023-2024</u>



Friends of Stowmarket High was recommenced in November 2022 after a break enforced by Covid-19. As a relatively newly formed Committee we started our 2023-2024 financial year on 1st September 2023 with only £437.59 accessible funds, as previous bank and SumUp funds (totalling £641.68) were locked in holding accounts due to bank account inactivity during the pandemic. We have worked hard this year not only to fundraise to benefit the school, but also to gain access to these historical funds and to engage with the school students, staff and the local community.

Our most successful events were:

-	Refreshment and games stalls at the Annie Production evenings	£596.73
	(with the support of the FoSH ambassadors)	
-	Painting event supported by Sarah from Sunflower Artistry	£320.00
-	Refreshments stall at the Year 6 open evening	£203.32
-	Halloween quiz night	£149.76

We also supported the school with refreshments at the "Night at the Musicals" shows, hosted a summer quiz night, participated in the Christmas tree festival and had a float at the Stowmarket Carnival.

The Committee has very much enjoyed supporting the school this year. We were pleased to pay for the mural in Lilies Restaurant, which was designed by the Food Champions and FoSH Ambassadors at a dedicated art workshop hosted by a local artist who then painted the finished piece.

The main expenses incurred were:

-	Purchasing of refreshments for our stalls	£327.40
-	Expenses for painting event	£240-00
-	Parentkind (PTA support and insurance)	£163.00
-	Year 7 Disco Deposit	£100.00
-	FoSH Ambassador badges	£ 55.62
-	Lotteries Licence	£ 40.00

We ended our financial period, 31st August 2024, with access to all of our funds and a balance of £1,659.38. We look forward to continuing to support and fundraise for the school and already have lots of upcoming events including a Secret Postcard Exhibition/Charity Sale and a Wreath Making Workshop.

Thank you to the Student FoSH Ambassadors for their invaluable help this year and to the school community for your ongoing support.