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FRIENDS OF EWELL GROVE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY 7TH JULY 2026

The Studio | meet.google.com/gte-fqjk-ypf

Key: Action point

Present

In person: Lerryn Reynoldson, Paul Hilton, Gina Danaswamy, Lara Slater, Jo Dickson, Mandy Ritchie, Emily Murrell, Miss Rising, Ms Christie

Online: Corinna Whittle

Apologies

Lisa Powell, Kendall Todd, Mrs Hooper, Mrs Hamblin, Mrs Theobalds

Approval of Previous Minutes (8th July 2025)

The minutes were proposed to be accepted by Jo Dickson, seconded by Paul Hilton and passed *nem con*.

Election of Committee Members

We bid farewell to Jo who is leaving the Committee after three years serving as Chair and one year serving as a General Committee member. A huge thank you to Jo, for all her hard work and dedication to the charity and we wish her all the success in her new teaching role.

Anita Smith previously advised the Committee she was standing down from her role as General Committee member back in February (effective immediately) to concentrate on family life and work commitments. We also say thank you to Anita for all her help and enthusiasm during her time on the Committee.

The current officers have expressed interest in continuing in their roles for 2026-2027 and therefore wish to be re-elected; Lerryn Reynoldson as Chair, Lisa Powell as Vice Chair, Paul Hilton as Treasurer and Gina Danaswamy as Secretary. The notion was proposed by Jo Dickson, seconded by Corinna Whittle and there were no other candidates. The vote was unanimous and all four officers were duly re-elected in their respective roles.

A minimum of three additional members are required to complete the Committee (there is no maximum). Lara Slater and Corinna Whittle have expressed interest to be re-elected as General Members. Three new members have stepped forward to join the Committee for 2026-2027 – Mandy

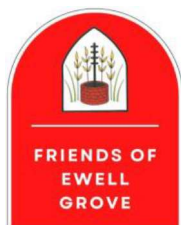


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Ritchie, Kendall Todd and Emily Murrell. Thank you for giving your time to the charity – we are delighted to have you all on-board. The notion was proposed by Jo Dickson, seconded by Lerryn Reynoldson and there were no other candidates. The vote was unanimous and all five candidates were duly elected and re-elected as General Committee members.

Constitution Amendments

No amendments were put forward. Jo will update the Charity Commission's listings with the 2026-2027 Committee name changes and Lerryn will replace Jo as the main contact for the Charity Commission.

Treasurer Report

Balances	01.06.2025	31.05.2026
Current Account	£1,852.18	£855.57
Deposit Account	£32,550.08	£19,542.77
Cash Held	£1,627.45	£1,097.07
TOTAL	£36,029.71	£21,495.41

- Gross income raised in reporting period: **£35,939.76**
- Donations made to school in reporting period: **£40,419.84**
- Expenses incurred in reporting period: **£10,054.22**
- Net income change in reporting period: **-£14,534.30**

Below are the key fundraising activities in reporting period with a net income over £400. Please note these do not necessarily represent the event totals as income and expenses can occur outside the reporting period.

Activities	Income	Expenses	Net Income
Summer Fair 2025	£4,986.81	-£489.30	£4,497.51
Match funding/Corporate donations	£4,131.10	£0.00	£4,131.10
Christmas Fair 2025	£5,278.00	-£1,319.87	£3,958.13
Parents Quiz Oct	£3,282.90	-£1,069.97	£2,212.93
Parents Quiz 2	£2,190.23	-£384.12	£1,806.11
Christmas Cards	£1,308.06	-£5.72	£1,302.34
Donations	£1,057.85	£0.00	£1,057.85
Xmas Raffle	£1,042.55	£0.00	£1,042.55
School Disco - juniors	£1,153.58	-£354.00	£799.58
Summer Fair 2026	£1,424.66	-£695.91	£728.75
Your Schools Lottery	£685.45	£0.00	£685.45
The Little Recyclers	£662.85	£0.00	£662.85
Council Grants	£640.00	£0.00	£640.00

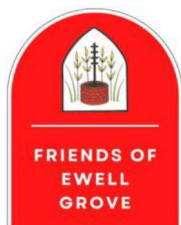


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Tea towels	£639.26	£0.00	£639.26
Grand Draw 2025	£583.94	£0.00	£583.94
Easyfundraising	£503.62	£0.00	£503.62
Paint and Sip	£1,046.39	-£593.08	£453.31
Uniforms sales	£419.76	£0.00	£419.76

Below are all the donations made to Ewell Grove School in reporting period.

Purpose	Total
Audio cables (Mic and Speakers)	£26.55
2 Crepe Machines	£44.19
Ingredients for Pancake Day	£69.54
Christmas Tree	£320.00
GoPak Tables (x2)	£338.02
Garden Supplies (Compost, Plants)	£345.89
Studio Room Painting	£459.29
Replacement BBQs and covers	£461.42
Storage Boxes (Viking Direct)	£463.72
Role Play Supplies - TTS	£1,216.22
Plastecowood Ltd - Mud Kitchen, 4 Bench Planters, Delivery	£2,775.00
Nursery & Reception RolePlay Equipment	£5,900.00
Contribution to Patio Works	£28,000.00
TOTAL	£40,419.84

Below are all the corporate and charity sponsors of our events, who made payment through the reporting period. This does not show sponsors for Summer Fair 2025 or Summer Fair 2026 due to payments being made outside of the reporting period.

Event	Total	Sponsors
Summer Fair 2025	£350.00	Mi-Handyman Ltd, Carillion Guitars, Rotary Club Epsom & Ewell
Quiz Night Oct 2025	£350.00	Greenfield & Company
Garden Project	£250.00	Rotary Club Epsom & Ewell
Christmas Fair 2025	£1,300.00	Bordelaise, TLC Window & Doors, SpecSavers Epsom, Nicholls Residential, Pauline Quirke Academy, Maven Veterinary Care, Star-Tastic Gymnastics, Powerhouse, First Class Learning Ewell, Ewell Tennis Club, The Personal Agent, Sonder Bakery, HW Accountancy, The Ewell Tap
Wreath Making 2025	£150.00	Northwood
Paint & Sip 2025	£150.00	Nicholls Residential

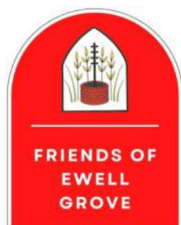


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Quiz Night Apr 2026	£350.00	Bayfields Opticians
Summer Fair 2026	£850.00	James Bailey Property, SpecSavers Epsom, Vfit, Barracudas, TechyTots
Total Sponsorship	£3,750.00	

In addition to our Corporate and Charity sponsorships and donations, we have been grateful to several of our school community who have applied for corporate matched funding to support our fundraising efforts. This is across multiple events, including the Summer Fair 2025, Quiz Nights, Christmas Fair 2025. The total raised during the reporting period is £4,131.10, and we thank all parents and carers and their companies who helped facilitate these additional funds.

The accounts will be examined by Efkaristo Ltd and following approval of the accounts by the committee at this meeting, their report will be issued. The previous year accounts were examined with no findings.

Paul proposed Efkaristo Ltd to audit the accounts, seconded by Lerryn and passed *nem con*. Paul to drop off the accounts folder to Mike from Efkaristo Ltd.

Paul Hilton
FOEG Treasurer

Lerryn thanked Paul for all his hard work over the year and for providing the 2025-2026 accounts. Thank you also to Kellea York (previous Treasurer) for a thorough handover. Jo proposed that the accounts be accepted, seconded by Lerryn and passed *nem con*.

Report from the Chair

What a year it has been! It feels a little surreal to think it's already been a year since the last AGM and that I've completed my first year as Chair of FOEG. I've thoroughly enjoyed the role so far, and am already looking forward to year two! I would be lying if I said it wasn't a steep learning curve at times, but with such a fantastic team supporting me, Friends of Ewell Grove continues to be a strong PTFA, working in partnership with the school to make our children's time here the very best it can be.

We began the year by welcoming our new Nursery and Reception families with First Day Survival Packs, followed by our Welcome Picnic on the playground. Families had the chance to meet one another over free refreshments while the children played, and Paul and I became well acquainted with the FOEG badge machine!

Our Christmas card project returned for 2025, giving families the opportunity to purchase cards and gifts featuring their child's artwork while raising funds for the charity. A huge thank you to the staff for persuading the children to create festive artwork in September, which must feel very odd!

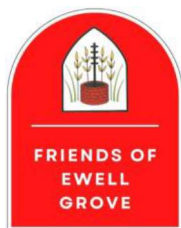


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This fundraising year we held two Quiz Nights for the grown-ups, one in October and the other in April. A huge thank you to our volunteers, and to Paul for once again being an excellent Quiz Master, with Lara diligently keeping the scores. These evenings continue to be popular fundraisers while also giving parents and carers a chance to get together socially.

We then threw ourselves into the festive season with our Wreath Making Workshop, Santa's Post box, Christmas Fair, Grotto and online Raffle. The first term was certainly busy as we all settled into our new committee roles, but the teamwork throughout was outstanding, and we reached Christmas with plenty to celebrate.

We sprang into the Spring term with the return of the Junior Disco, FOEG funded Pancake Day for every class using our new crepe machines, and we celebrated World Book Day with a free book giveaway. Thanks to generous donations from across the borough, every child was able to choose a new book, and we're so grateful to everyone who donated books, volunteered their time and embraced the spirit of the day.

The Paint and Sip evening fundraiser returned as well, giving the grown-ups another opportunity to enjoy a relaxed creative evening while raising money for FOEG.

As Spring came to an end, we funded a range of in-school activities including Spring Bingo, playground bubble fun and a chocolate egg for every child. Reception and Year 6 families also had the opportunity to purchase commemorative tea towels, with thanks to Lisa, Jo, Paul and the Ewell Grove staff for all their hard work.

The Summer term brought our free-to-enter Summer Fair poster competition, along with refreshments at Ewell Grove Games. To allow the FOEG committee to watch their own children compete, former Ewell Grove parent and FOEG Chair Farah Shah kindly returned to run the stall, for which we were all incredibly grateful. We have had three successful Little Recyclers collections this year as well - Thank you to Irene Chana for coordinating the TLR collections over the past year, and to former parent and FOEG treasurer Kellea York for returning to help with the evening collections. As Irene steps down due to work commitments, I'd like to thank Silvie for taking on the coordinator role alongside me so the collections can continue.

This year also saw some changes to our traditional fundraising activities. Cake Sales ended in November 2025, and Nearly New Uniform sales are now being managed by the school. Thank you to Charlotte Quinlan and Silvie V for their sterling efforts in the NNU coordinator roles and to all the volunteers who have supported both the cake and uniform sales over the years.

Finally, I come to the Summer Fair and Raffle – what a day! After months of planning, it was wonderful to see our school community come together in such numbers even with a heatwave trying its best to scupper our plans. Together we raised a record-breaking £6,150. This fantastic result was made possible through the generosity of our families, the support of our business sponsors, and the

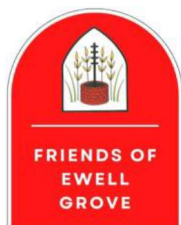


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incredible efforts of our volunteers. I couldn't be prouder of what we achieved together. More importantly, it was a day filled with friends catching up, children playing together and families enjoying time together around the school. Thank you to every volunteer, member of staff and supporter who helped make the day such a success. It really showed what we can achieve when we work together.

Of course, fundraising is only worthwhile if we can see the difference it makes. This year FOEG has been delighted to fund a wide range of projects across the school.

During the Autumn term we completed the patio refurbishment and access ramp, purchased new role play equipment and accessories for Nursery and Reception classes, funded new audio cables for the sound system, provided the school Christmas tree, helped Santa with his writing supplies, and purchased new BBQs and covers for future fairs.

In the Spring term we funded Spring Activities Week, Pancake Day, new Go-Pak tables, four new planter benches for the patio, plus plants and soil, a mud kitchen for the EYFS courtyard, and 30 large Really Useful storage boxes. Thanks to a fantastic team of volunteers, all the new furniture found its new home, and it's lovely to hear the benches are already being enjoyed by the children. During the Easter holidays, students from the University of the Creative Arts also created two fantastic murals for the school, with FOEG funding the materials and project costs. We look forward to further potential collaborations with the UCA!

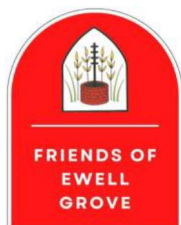
Alongside our traditional fundraising, we've continued to explore new ways to maximise our income. This year we've secured sponsorship from local businesses for our larger events, and we've also benefited from an incredible amount of employer match funding. Both initiatives have significantly increased the amount we can raise without placing additional pressure on our families. Thank you to the parents who have organised match funding through their workplaces and to our business sponsors for their generosity – your support has made a real difference.

None of this would be possible without the incredible support of our committee, volunteers, parents, carers, school staff, governors, and of course, the children. Whether you've organised an event, flipped a pancake, hunted for raffle prizes, stood on a stall, donated or simply attended our events, every contribution has helped make a difference.

Finally, I'd like to thank the entire FOEG committee - to Lisa, Paul, Gina, Lara, Corinna, Anita and Jo. It has been a privilege to work alongside such a dedicated, hardworking and supportive group of people this year. Your enthusiasm, generosity and willingness to give up your time for our school never goes unnoticed and is always appreciated - I could not have achieved this without you, nor would the experience have been anywhere near as enjoyable. I'd like to thank Anita for her time on the committee; Although her time on the committee was cut short due to work commitments, her calm approach, enthusiasm and ever-present smile were hugely appreciated. Before I finish, I'd like to take a moment to recognise someone who has given so much to FOEG over many years. As many of you



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know, Jo Dickson will be returning to full-time teaching from September at Epsom College. On behalf of everyone at FOEG, I'd like to thank Jo for her years of dedication, leadership and commitment to our school community. Personally, I'm incredibly grateful for the guidance and support she has given me over the past year as I settled into the role of Chair. We wish Jo every success in her new position—we know she'll be a tremendous asset to Epsom College, although she will be greatly missed here.

Thank you all for another fantastic year of supporting Friends of Ewell Grove. I look forward to everything we can achieve together in the year ahead.

Lerryn Reynoldson
FOEG Chair

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Ms Christie raised that new Committee members will need to undertake a DBS check and complete online safeguarding training. **Mandy, Kendall and Emily** to liaise with the school office to get set up.

Miss Rising expressed her appreciation of FOEG and how lucky as a Head she felt to have such a supportive community. The positivity makes a difference for the children, starting from their first day. Thanks to Lerryn for all her dedication and hard work. Thank you also to Jo, for the many years of leading the Committee and who will be greatly missed. An exciting year ahead with new team members, working in partnership with the school, doing our best for the children and bringing the community together.

Paul asked Miss Rising what would we be raising money for in the year ahead? Miss Rising responded that she had some things in mind. Lerryn added that it would be good to share the goals with the community, as a driver for raising money. Miss Rising added it was great to visibly see the items in action being used - such as the ramp, patio and outside area. The role play equipment supporting communication and language. The Chrome books are more non-visible items. Lerryn suggested mentioning in the newsletter to advertise where the funds have been used.

Paul asked Miss Rising if she had a breakdown of what the Lumen Trust are liable to fund. Since we have been part of the Academy for two years, it would be helpful to clarify where their responsibility lies in terms of funding infrastructure, or should FOEG be fundraising for it? Would our funds be subsidising the Lumen Trust budget? Which is a question Paul often gets asked by parents. **Miss Rising** to check with the Lumen Trust and will confirm.

Lerryn expressed a very warm welcome to the new Committee members and for joining their first meeting!

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