

LTSDA Chairmans Report 2024

Good evening everyone.

As you know this is my last report as Chair of the LSTDA. I have held this position for six years! I have very much enjoyed my time helping to raise funds for the school and have always had a great team throughout the years to help me. Therefore, as always, I must say a huge thank you to all the committee members and helpers for supporting all the fundraising events during the last six years. A special thanks to Hana for taking on the position of joint Chair this last year.

The first event in the LTSDA calendar was the annual Quiz night in November. Andy and Sarah Maddock were excellent hosts and made the evening great fun. We had a fantastic turnout of approx. 70 people and raised £690. Thank you again to Andy and Sarah and Hana on the bar!

The next event we hosted was the Christmas Fair! We had over 30 external stalls offering a great range of Christmas gifts, decorations, food items and cards etc. We also had 9 internal school stalls. It was very well supported with lots of footfall on the day and some very happy stall holders. With thanks to the raffle, café, Grotto, tombola and fees, we raised an incredible amount of £1,829.

The LTSDA hosted its first Christmas wreath making night in the Stobo building. We asked Ginger House Garden to host the event. Only 10 people were allowed to participate due to the nature of the event and tickets sold out fast!

In May we decided to run a silent auction to raise funds towards a new cricket strip. We selected Jumblebee to host the event on-line. This was a first for the LTSDA. There were over 15 different items that people could bid for, ranging from hand crafted hunting knives to a VIP nightclub experience for 6 people with Champagne! We thank all parents/grandparents and friends of the school for their kind donations and generosity. We raised a fantastic amount of £4,695 after fees.

In June we had both the junior and senior sports day events. Fortunately, the weather stayed dry for both days and we raised £456.

Easy fundraising provided us with a total of £80 – this is from parents/friends of the school using the Easy fundraising web page when buying items from the internet.

The sales of ‘second hand’ uniform have been very successful this last year and raised £2,030 which is amazing! A huge thank you to the school for helping to co-ordinate.

Throughout the year the LTSDA offer a clothing ‘bank’ facility via Ragbag. This has been a great addition and seems to be constantly full! Over the last year it has brought in £44. A huge thank you to all parents, friends, staff and children for cleaning out their drawers on a more regular basis and donating to a worthy cause.

After a very successful year due to increased numbers, the 100 club was able to transfer £2000 into the main LTSDA account. Again, a huge thank you to parents/grandparents/friends of the school in supporting the 100 club.

Our biggest spend during the year was towards Mabel the bus. This came to £15,208. Mabel is now finished and will be a huge asset to the junior school.

At last year’s AGM the following we re-elected:

Chairman – Lucy Armstrong/Hana Hearn

Treasurer – Vicki Bryson

Secretary – Jane Lindsay

100 Club Secretary – Caroline Tempest

We welcome new committee member Kate Foster. And we also said a very sad farewell to Julie Gilmore as her daughter Finty has left the school. Julie has been a huge help to me over the past 6 years and a very active member of the committee. We thank her for all the help and support she has provided to the committee.

Thank you again for all your help and ongoing support. Vicki, our Treasurer will now discuss last year’s expenditure, in the Treasurers Report.

Lucy Armstrong & Hana Hearn
Chair