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AGM Chair Report
Benita Hexter & Nessa Parkinson
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We are reaching the end of our first year as Chairs of Friends of Bowes. Tonight is the final FoB event which we are doing for the first time. We would like to offer grateful thanks for the support and help we have received over the year. Thank you for bearing with us while we have learned the ropes and pulling together with us when we have dropped balls.

We hope it is no secret that we are all about the community of this school. We are immensely proud of the opportunities we have provided for people to be together and create and reinforce their bonds.

Our other goal has been in the making of money. This has also gone surprisingly well, as Jenni will tell us.

Communication has been our area of development this year. The establishment of the Reps network with WhatsApp groups has enabled rapid two way engagement with the FoB members in the school. Upgrading the Website has provided a platform for income generation, information sharing and ease of access to events. Thanks to the Media team for all their efforts.

The formation of groups to share the workload has been our other innovation. Our Design and Promotion team have brought together cohesive approaches to the marketing and delivery of events. The efforts in Sponsorship and procurement have grown our income and we know there are plans to develop this further in the coming year. We could not do this on our own, even if we wanted to. The combined efforts of the committee are so much better than those of any one of us.

Our strategy remains to make money while people enjoy themselves, fulfilling both our objectives. We have also wanted to find a focus for fundraising, leading to the Clean and Green at Bowes project. We hope this year, before we step down, to reach a point where the committee has been able to sign off on the project plan for improving air quality in school to add to the existing strings of Terracycle, pollution plants and the expansion of the Green Screen.

Thank-you for your time, money and ideas.

[The purpose of your Friends of Bowes is to support and develop a vibrant community for our children and provide financial assistance to our school through fundraising please help us with your time, money and contacts - as each is able](#)