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## Lydbrook School Association annual Chairpersons Report 2018.

This year has been very successful for the LSA and has enabled the children at Lydbrook School to continue having a broadened experience of school life and education.

A new official Committee was formed at the AGM in 2017, which released Mr Lusted from having generously stepped in as 'holding' Chair in 2016 in order to stop an LSA committee from completely folding. The current committee has worked enthusiastically to generate not just the funds to continue supporting the school children but also to create enjoyable events to enrich the whole school community.

Since September 2017 the LSA generated funds through a Star Wars themed disco, the Christmas and Summer Fairs, an Easter Disco, The Rags to Riches collection, a very successful sponsored walk by the school children and from the second hand uniform sales that have become an appreciated school resource as well as being a source of income. The fundraising events over the last two years have made it possible for the regular support to be maintained, such as subsidising school trips, the Easter egg hunt, children's Christmas presents and year 6 leavers gifts. The funds also supported the new school mural and transport for the Young Voices participants. It has also be able to completely fund the purchase of a digital school camera, Forest Schools equipment across Key stage 1 and 2 and to complete the school stage lighting in the hall. The Wildlife Area is also currently being rejuvenated and last year the garden area had a new raised bed installed.

In May 2018 the new General Data Protection Regulations became legally binding and the committee aligned its systems accordingly.

This year an LSA email address was set up to widen communication access between the school parent/carers and the committee. The LSA information page on the school website is also being updated more regularly with the aim that it generates greater transparency and engagement.

A new system for requesting LSA funds has been set up to create a clear historical picture of how and where the funds have been distributed across the school.

A much needed resources shed was erected in the school grounds to house and make easily accessible LSA resources. We are grateful for the support Mr Lusted gave to make this possible.

The committee has created a new system with the specific aim to generate more helpers and to evenly distribute the tasks that make running an event possible. The aim was also to make the committee roles more manageable and less intimidating to take on, and hopefully to prevent a future collapse of fundraising activities.

The positions of Secretary and Chair will be available at this years AGM and new ideas, new leadership and the refreshment of new people will be good for the LSA going forward. It is counter productive to expect anyone to undertake any of these voluntary roles for longer than a year. As a community let's make this more fun and less demanding to achieve. I will continue to support the growth of the LSA and the enrichment it generates for the children. I hope all active members will be supported school wide to carry this good work forward.

So as current Chair, I wish to express my gratitude to other committee members and all those that have given their time, effort and practical support this year and to the school and wider community for continuing to give so generously.

Thank You.

Julie Lawrence  
LSA Chair.