



Friends of Victoria Hospital

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Chair's Corner

"Supporting Wimborne Hospital to provide excellent care".



I have lived in Wimborne for 45 years and for all of my working life I have worked in the NHS (including Wimborne Hospital). I was delighted to be asked to chair the Friends of Victoria Hospital,

Wimborne and I value this, my first opportunity, to share the Trustees' plans for the future with you.

We now have a 5 year strategic plan in place (2022-2027) with 5 key aims to utilise the funding so kindly provided by you, the people of Wimborne and surrounding areas.

Capital Developments

These could include equipment, project refurbishment or land acquisition

Workforce
Supporting hospital staff to remain a highly engaged motivated workforce through training and development.

Volunteering

To enhance the Charity Shop value by increasing public awareness and interest and support for the hospital.

Partnership working

To focus on partnership working with Dorset HealthCare Trust and the local community to jointly improve hospital services.

Finance

To ensure the security of funds by providing well governed financial arrangements.

We welcome your views and thoughts about these aims as we seek to work together to further develop Wimborne Hospital. You can read the full strategy on the About page of our website. Its main points appear again in our Annual Report on page 3.

I look forward to welcoming new trustees soon and meeting as many of you as possible at the Annual General Meeting on Thurs July 14th [see back page for details].

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Recent Grants

Equipment

- * Ultrasound scanner for Rheumatology [£44,394]
- * Instruments for gynaecological surgery [£5,110]
- * Agfa DX D300 X-ray imager [£65,000]

Services

- * Activity sessions for inpatients: reminiscence, music, gardening [£13,410 p.a.]

Training

- * Endoscopy, 2 participants £1,930
- * Compassionate leadership, 2 participants £655
- * Micro suction update £195
- * Op Theatre 1st Assistant £595
- * Foundation Acupuncture £549 □

New disability vehicle

Anne Salter, chair of the Friends, is seen below handing the keys of the new disability adapted vehicle to Suzanne Ager, Senior Therapy Assistant. The vehicle was funded by the Friends at a cost of £28,015 and delivered in November. It is larger than its predecessor, and will enable staff to move patients to their homes when they are discharged from the hospital □



June Tripp retires

June Tripp's retirement from the Friends marks the end of an era.

Her early career included work as a District Nurse, and she was Manager of Victoria Hospital starting in 1990.



After retirement she became a trustee of the Friends, then vice-chair, and in 2004 she took over as Chair. Over many years her passionate engagement with Victoria Hospital has been reflected in the improvements made when she was involved, in one role or another. The two largest of these are of course the Leslie Adams Outpatients Department (2001) with its blue canopied entrance, and the Operating Theatre (2010), a less familiar feature of the hospital, unless you have been there for surgery.

June's calm demeanour and diplomatic style belie a steely determination to see things through, and the positive role played by the Friends in supporting the hospital over many recent years is a testament to her leadership. □

Minor Injuries

The Minor Injuries Unit at Wimborne continues to do sterling work supporting local people who need help.

However, **please do not just turn up unannounced.** You will find you need an appointment to be seen in most circumstances.

Please RING 111 first. The staff taking your call will assess your problem and advise you where you should go, and if the Minor Injuries Unit at Wimborne is the right place for you, an appointment can be made during the call.

Since the 111 changes have been introduced, our MIU has seen as many patients as before, but long waits to be seen have become a thing of the past. □

The Friends of Victoria Hospital, W

The trustees present their report along with the financial statement of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014.

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

<Supporting Wimborne Hospital to provide excellent care>

Our vision is to improve healthcare for local people by working in partnership with all health and associated services to achieve the very best care at Wimborne Hospital. Our purpose is that we fundraise and allocate resources to support the delivery of first class health services at Wimborne Hospital.

All our activities support this NHS hospital's work, a hospital available equally to all members of the local community. All this is demonstrably for the public benefit.

Grant making policy

Funding is considered for projects providing they meet the following criteria which are to

- * ensure continuity of current services
- * enable additional services to be provided locally
- * add to the well-being or treatment of patients, or working conditions of staff
- * enhance the hospital or community environment
- * improve care through staff training.

The hospital management initiates requests for grants. The Friends have a clear pathway for grant requests with the hospital management who provide a sound business case which confirms that the equipment will answer a need and be put to regular, beneficial use.

Achievements and performance

The Friends received contributions from individuals and organisations by way of subscriptions, donations and legacies. Funds increased helpfully. A membership of about 1,000 provided a dependable flow of income. We published one newsletter and maintained a presence in the locality by our Facebook page. No face-to-face promotional events took place.

Objectives for 2021-2022 [which were partially restricted by Covid-19 measures]:

- * Promote fund raising
- * Provide an information channel to our members and the public
- * Liaise with the Dorset HealthCare

NHS Trust over services and developments at the hospital

- * Act as an advocate for community opinion on local healthcare
- * Fund staff training through Phyllis Coombes Award grants
- * Fund the acquisition of equipment and capital ventures
- * Administer the Friends' charity Shop
- * Maintain and support hospital staff and our volunteers

Liaison with Dorset HealthCare NHS Trust

Meetings were held electronically with senior managers in the Trust at local and Dorset level to discuss the services provided at the hospital. The Locality Manager and Hospital Matron were in regular contact with the trustees' committee.

Hospital Staff Training

In a year when opportunities for staff training were limited, through the Phyllis Coombes Award five members of staff were funded for online courses at a cost of £3,166.

Grants for Equipment

The Friends paid or committed to fund £96,289 for hospital improvements and new equipment. Items included £44,394 for an ultrasound machine, £28,015 for a disability adapted vehicle and £5,110 for 3mm laparoscopic instruments.

Charity Shop

The shop was open for almost the whole financial year and made a modest surplus.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The Committee's policy is to keep funds to a minimum of £100,000 accessible for equipment purchase. Undesignated and unrestricted funds totalled £4,948,917 at the year end. (Please refer to the Plans for the Future.) We do not currently have any designated or restricted funds.

The charity reacts to the hospital's requests for funding, and these in turn respond to changing healthcare policies. The Friends remain poised to support any development or initiative which improves the care and facilities of the hospital, and our reserves are maintained to enable a response to a wide range of costs.

The security of our funds is the trustees' top priority. Alternative financial arrangements are kept under constant review and our cash deposits are all close to the £85,000 guarantee limit and with many different providers. During the year our invested portfolio grew handsomely before falling as the market fell in 2022.

Budgeting:

The Friends' expenditure on major items follows the hospital's requirements. This is outside the control of the Friends, so not susceptible to standard budgeting. In the year 21-22 we met all demands on our resources and continue to budget in consultation with Dorset Healthcare for major projects. These include an upgrade of the Physiotherapy Department and other enhancements of services in the Outpatients Department. The Friends are working actively with Dorset Healthcare over the ownership of the land adjacent to the hospital.

Risk Management

The charity trustees considered the risks to which the charity is exposed, reviewed those risks and established systems and procedures to manage them. They did not identify any major risks.

The most serious risk to the charity's objectives would be policy changes at various levels of healthcare organisation which led to the closure (or radical downgrading) of the hospital. We cannot influence decisions at governmental level, but do exert pressure where appropriate on the local healthcare trust.

Secondly the failure of financial institutions could threaten our capital funds. We diversify our deposits and investments, thus minimising risk as far as feasible. We held our investment positions throughout the year and they have retained their value through a volatile period.

Online presence, publicity and communications:

The Friends' website is used by members and visitors to communicate with the charity, inform themselves about it or make single or regular donations. The website is securely hosted and passworded. We publish a newsletter which is sent to all members and widely available locally and on the website. The Friends also have a Facebook page which invites public support, recruits new members and promotes our events, maximising our contact with local people.

Going Concern:

There is currently no uncertainty about the charity's quality as a going concern. The Friends function on minimal running costs and own no property nor have any ongoing commitments. The trustee officers are all volunteers and receive no remuneration. The two managers in the Charity Shop are paid from the Shop's operational funds. Lively fund-raising activities in normal times ensure a high profile for our charity which enjoys enduring local support. This last

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element most significantly ensures the future of the charity.

Sources of Income

Legacies have as usual proved the greatest source of income, and they are highly valued. The Shop surplus and members' subscriptions provide a regular and significant income which can be roughly predicted. Donations and legacies in particular are entirely unpredictable but are most gratefully received.

Volunteers

With the exception of the two part-time shop managers, all trustees and personnel who worked for the FVHW did so as volunteers. They contribute over 6,500 man-hours to the charity over a normal year. Their contribution is indispensable to both the daily running and special events of the Friends and is most warmly appreciated.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Trust is a Society which is a registered charity (Number 299230) and whose business is conducted and managed by its Committee of Trustees.

The charity is governed by rules adopted in 1950, as amended 20 June 1959, 27 June 1990 and 24 June 1992. A revised Constitution was approved at the Annual General Meeting in July 2009.

Anne Salter took over from June Tripp as chair, and we actively sought additional trustees. We developed a 5-year strategy for the charity's future.

New trustees are given an induction when they start undertaking their responsibilities. The committee has the power to appoint new trustees as vacancies arise and gives due regard to any specialist skills required at that time.

Plans for the Future

In early 2022 there were two very costly projects "on hold" which have the potential to account for 80% of the funds held by the Friends. Both are mentioned above. One relates to an upgrading project to include physiotherapy and other aspects of the Outpatients Department and the other relates to securing a piece of land reserved by the Core Strategy 2012 for hospital use. Our principal focus is on these projects.

Our strategy identifies five aims

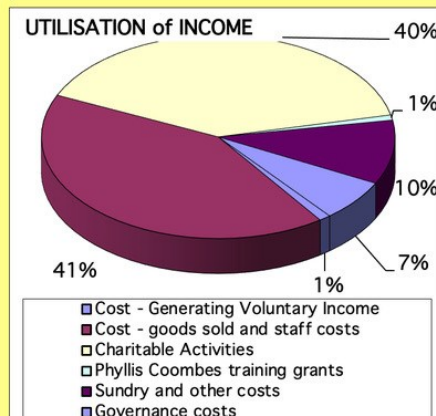
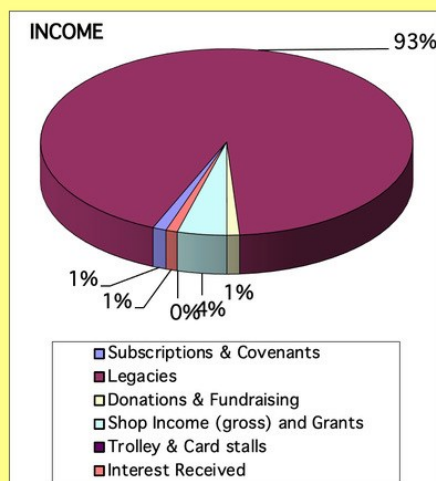
1. Capital Developments: work with Dorset Healthcare to enable upgrading of facilities whether with equipment, refurbishment or acquisition of land.
2. Workforce support: build on co-operative ventures, helping staff and nurturing strong relationships.
3. Volunteering: actively seek additional trustees with skill sets we need e.g. retail, IT.
4. Partnership working: liaise more closely with Dorset Healthcare, but also with the Primary Care Network, other Friends bodies and health trusts.
5. Finance and Risk: keep probity arrangements strong; more informal meetings for trustees. Succession planning.

The Trustees have monitored the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic on the charity's capital and income. The impact has been slight. The charity's investments have lost some value in the short term, but we are confident of the ability of the charity to fulfil its aims and commitments. □

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

These figures are extracted from the audited draft accounts which have not yet been approved, but are unlikely to change. After approval the accounts may be inspected on request to the Trustees.

	2021	2022	
INCOME	£	£	
Subscriptions & Covenants	13,434	12,392	1%
Legacies	211,497	961,949	92%
Donations & Fundraising	8,160	11,374	1%
Shop Income (gross) and Grants	49,357	44,631	4%
Trolley & Card stalls	-	-	0%
Interest Received	10,468	10,467	1%
Total	292,916	1,040,813	
UTILISATION OF INCOME			
Cost - Generating Voluntary Income	779	1,102	1%
Cost - goods sold and staff costs	38,592	42,739	42%
Charitable Activities	20,057	40,955	40%
Phyllis Coombes training grants	50	850	1%
Sundry and other costs	7,289	10,501	10%
Governance costs	6,512	6,815	7%
Total	73,279	102,962	
Profit/(Loss) on investments	429,349	101,331	
Excess of income / expenditure	648,986	1,039,182	
Balance Sheet Summary - 31 March 2022			
Current assets:			
Stock of cards and trolley	1,526	709	
Debtors & prepaid expenses	170,725	6,282	
	172,251	6,991	
Bank & cash balances and investments	3,802,552	5,003,089	
	3,974,803	5,010,080	
Total assets	3,974,803	5,010,080	
Liabilities			
Expenses to be paid	65,068	61,163	
Net assets	3,909,735	4,948,917	
Reserves brought forward	3,260,749	3,909,735	
Excess of income/expenditure	648,986	1,039,182	
Reserves carried forward	3,909,735	4,948,917	



RESPONSE FORM

I wish to become or I am a Member of the Friends of Victoria Hospital, Wimborne

[please ring correct words above & PRINT below]

Name: (surname)

..... (first name)

Title (Mr / Mrs etc)

Address:

.....

Postcode: Tel No.

I enclose a cheque payable to 'The Friends of Victoria Hospital, Wimborne' for £ (min £5)

We respect your privacy and wish to keep your name and address on our computer only in order to log your subscriptions, keep your details up-to-date, post you our newsletter and (where appropriate) claim Gift Aid. Your details are processed lawfully on our computer only, backed up securely and will be disclosed (as required) only to the Inland Revenue and to our mailsorting firm. We will not disclose any information to anyone else.

To find out more on how your details are used and kept secure, and about your rights in this connection, ring 01202 856484, or email dhc.fvhw@nhs.net or write to: Victoria Road, Wimborne, BH21 1ER. You may stop your membership at any time and we will delete your details.

If you agree to your details being processed as described, please tick to confirm and proceed:
I agree []

GIFT AID DECLARATION

If you currently pay tax the Friends of Victoria Hospital can claim back the tax from a subscription / donation of any amount, whether regular or one-off, provided you have given the authority. You can cancel this authority at any time. If you agree, please sign the declaration below.

I want the Friends of Victoria Hospital to reclaim tax on this donation and all future donations (delete as needed)

Signed:

Date: 20

Please complete and return to:

The Secretary

Friends of Victoria Hospital, Victoria Road, Wimborne
BH21 1ER

Registered Charity 299230

STANDING ORDER MANDATE

To: The Manager

..... plc (your bank)

..... (bank address)

..... (bank address)

..... (bank postcode)

Please pay to the account of the Friends of Victoria Hospital, Wimborne at Barclays Bank plc, Wimborne Branch, (sort code 20-96-96), A/c No. 33765237 the sum of

£ on / / next, and annually thereafter on the same date. This instruction cancels any previous order in favour of the Friends of Victoria Hospital, Wimborne.

Your bank a/c no.:

Your bank sort code:

Your name:

Your address:

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Your postcode:

Signed:

Date:

Dates for 2022

June 11th

Minster Fair

Minster Green, craft & gift stall, 10 to 4pm, weather permitting.

July 14th

Annual General Meeting

Community Learning and Resource Centre, 41-44 King Street, Wimborne. 7pm

Speaker: Dr Marco Massarotti, Rheumatologist. Please see the blue panel below.

September 10th and 11th

Cream Tea Weekend at the Old School, Sturminster Marshall, next to the Red Lion. Craft and gift stall. 2.30 to 5.30pm each day.

November 12th

Christmas Charity Fair

Allendale Centre, Wimborne. 10 to 3pm Christmas Craft and quality gift stall.

November 24th

Flower Demonstration

"Looking forward to Christmas" by Elizabeth Whitcomb at Community Learning & Resource Centre, 41-44 King Street, Wimborne. 7.00 for 7.30pm Tickets £8.50 to include wine and nibbles. Raffle of flowers demonstrated; flower sundries, Christmas craft and gift stall.

Tickets available from Rae or from our shop in Wimborne. Rae on our office number (see below) can give further details on any event. ☐

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 7pm on 14 July 2022

Venue:

Community Learning & Resource Centre, 41-44 King Street, Wimborne.

Guest speaker:

Dr Marco Massarotti, Rheumatologist.

Come and meet the trustees and find out how The Friends support your local hospital.

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