



Friends of Victoria Hospital

The newsletter of The Friends of Victoria Hospital, Wimborne, Dorset

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Chair's Corner

"Supporting Wimborne Hospital to provide excellent care".



Dear Members
Whilst the NHS faces many challenges, there is a lot to celebrate on the 5th July 2023 which is the 75 year anniversary of the National Health Service.

The Friends of Wimborne Hospital was founded in 1935 prior to the establishment of the NHS in 1948. Initially the hospital was supported by The Friends through small, low-key improvements but as NHS reforms took hold in the 1990's, projects became larger in scale with over 80% of capital investment into Outpatients, Ward and Theatre developments coming from The Friends.

Over the years, many thousands of pounds have been spent on equipment, often to support new services such as cardiology.

More recently the pandemic and the resultant impact on waiting times has by necessity strengthened the links between all of the major acute hospitals and community hospitals like Wimborne. Together we can make a difference. The continued enthusiasm and support from local people now and in the future will continue to play a central role in local NHS care. □



75 years NHS

5th July this year marks 75 years of the National Health Service.

Treating 1.3 million people a day in England, the NHS touches all our lives, and we cannot imagine life without it. As we mark 75 years of the NHS, we look back on the achievements of the NHS, as well as forward to opportunities to shape the future of a service which continues to enjoy huge public support.

The Friends have organised a **Drama Day** about the NHS for Year 6 pupils on 5th July. This workshop will be led by well-known actor and director Tony Horitz.

We have also initiated a **Poster Competition** on the NHS for pupils at eleven local schools. Entries will be collected by the end of June and will be judged by our Matron, Debbie Straw, and by Friends' trustees. An exhibition of the posters will be mounted at the Wimborne Community Centre on 13th July. Cream teas will be served and prizes and certificates will be presented to the winners. Please come and admire our youngsters' work.

Finally, we will hold a **Grand Quiz** in The Allendale Centre on 9th October - see details on the back page. □

Harry Redknapp unveils Wimborne's new-look X-ray Department

On 16th May Harry Redknapp re-opened the radiology department at our hospital, following a major revamp of the unit.

Thanks to a legacy donation from a local family of £350,000 and £255,000 of charitable funding from the Friends of Victoria Hospital, Dorset HealthCare has refurbished two x-ray rooms at the site to deliver improved imaging and increased capacity.

Dorset resident Harry was joined at the re-opening by the Mayor of Wimborne, staff and other Trust representatives, plus family members of the legacy donor and Friends of Victoria Hospital trustees to unveil the new state-of-the-art technology.

Brad Rootes, Dorset HealthCare's East Dorset and Purbeck Locality Manager, said:

"We would like to thank the local family for their generous legacy donation, which together with the support of the Friends of Victoria Hospital has enabled this substantial refurbishment for the benefit of local people and staff. We are always incredibly grateful for the support from the local community which allows us to continually update facilities



to enhance services and the experience of our patients."

Anne Salter, Friends of Victoria Hospital Chair, added:

"We are delighted to be supporting further refurbishments at Victoria Hospital which is at the heart of what we stand for - striving to improve, helping patients of the hospital and others in the community to get the care they need.

"If anyone would like to get involved by becoming a member or a simple one-off donation, we guarantee it will be spent on benefitting the hospital." □

The Friends of Victoria Hospital, Wimborne

The trustees present their report along with the financial statement of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. 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

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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 service of care 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 significantly. A membership of about 800 provided a dependable flow of income. We published two newsletters and maintained a presence in the locality by our Facebook page. A small number of promotional events took place.

Objectives for 2022-2023:

- * 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 and in person 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 somewhat limited, through the Phyllis Coombes Award five members of staff were funded for courses at a cost of £1,294.

Grants for Equipment and Services

The Friends paid or committed to fund £221,398 for hospital improvements and new equipment. This total includes £255,000 for the X-ray upgrade and £14,472 for a slave (secondary) monitor for laparoscopic operations. Some expenditure committed in 22-23 has not yet been paid and is credited against the total. During the year the Friends also funded regular therapy sessions provided by 'Elevate' at a cost of £13,410.

Charity Shop

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

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The trustees' policy is to keep funds to a minimum of £100,000 accessible for equipment purchase. Undesignated and unrestricted funds totalled £5,875,641 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 developments or initiatives which improve 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; our cash deposits are held with many different providers and most are within the £85,000 guarantee limit. During the year in view of our intention to support large hospital projects we sold our invested portfolio in order to avoid market volatility.

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 22-23 we met all demands on our resources and continue to budget in consultation with Dorset Healthcare for major projects. These include upgrades of X-ray, Minor Injuries and the Physiotherapy Departments and other enhancements of services in the Outpatients Department. The Friends are working in partnership with Dorset Healthcare over the acquisition 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, thus minimising risk as far as feasible. Our disposal of our investments removed our direct exposure to stockmarket volatility.

Consideration was given to reducing the risk around trustee roles and succession planning, and three new trustees were appointed during the year.

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, and is due to be updated. 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 ensure a high profile

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for our charity which enjoys **enduring local support**. This last 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 typical 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.

We followed a 5-year strategy for the charity's future. We appointed three new trustees. 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.

Reference and administrative details

The charity's name is Friends of Victoria Hospital Wimborne. Its charity registration number is 299230. Its office is at: Victoria Hospital, Victoria Road, Wimborne, Dorset. BH21 1ER. Three new trustees joined during the year: Mr Lee Hardy, Mr Jeff Hart and Mrs Christine Hawkins.

Plans for the Future

During 22-23 two very costly projects were in active development which have the potential to account for at least 80% of the funds held by the Friends. Both are mentioned above. One

relates to an upgrading project to include X-ray, Minor Injuries and 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.

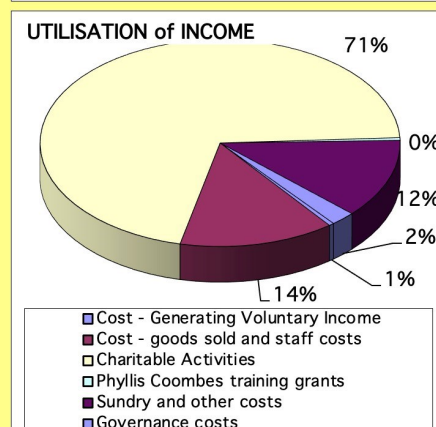
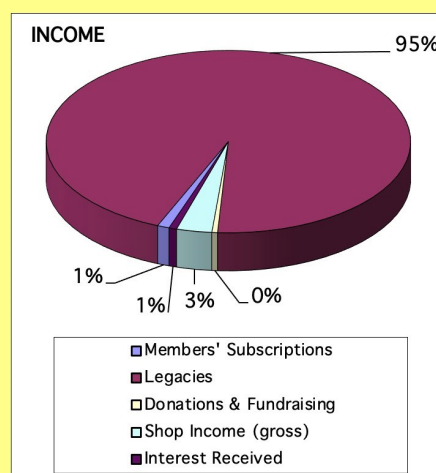
Our strategy identifies five aims

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. □

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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.

	2022	2023	
INCOME			
Members' Subscriptions	£ 12,392	£ 16,230	1%
Legacies	961,949	1,444,035	95%
Donations & Fundraising	11,374	7,621	0%
Shop Income (gross)	44,631	47,935	3%
Interest Received	10,467	10,538	1%
Total	1,040,813	1,526,359	
UTILISATION OF INCOME			
Cost - Generating Voluntary Income	1,102	1,468	0%
Cost - goods sold and staff costs	42,739	43,705	14%
Charitable Activities	40,955	221,398	71%
Phyllis Coombes training grants	850	1,294	0%
Sundry and other costs	10,501	38,791	12%
Governance costs	6,815	6,948	2%
Total	102,962	313,604	
Profit/(Loss) on investments	101,331	(286,031)	
Excess of income / expenditure	1,039,182	926,724	
Balance Sheet Summary - 31 March 2022			
Current assets:			
Stock of cards and trolley	709	227	
Debtors & prepaid expenses	6,282	1,392,452	
	6,991	1,392,679	
Bank & cash balances and investments	5,003,089	4,762,276	
	5,010,080	6,154,955	
Total assets	5,010,080	6,154,955	
Liabilities			
Expenses to be paid	61,163	279,314	
Net assets	4,948,917	5,875,641	
Reserves brought forward	3,909,735	4,948,917	
Excess of income/expenditure	1,039,182	926,724	
Reserves carried forward	4,948,917	5,875,641	



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 2023

July 5th

NHS Drama Day

St Michael's Middle School, Wimborne. Workshop on NHS for 100 Year 6 pupils led by actor & director Tony Horitz.

July 13th

NHS 75th Anniversary Celebration & AGM

Wimborne Community Centre, 41-44 King St, Wimborne.

2.30 — 7 pm Cream teas; NHS Poster Competition prizes awarded by Matthew Bryant, CEO of Dorset Healthcare.

7.00 pm AGM starts

October 9th

Grand Quiz

Allendale Centre, Wimborne 7 pm. £5 a head, tables of 6. Quizmaster John Billington, licensed bar, raffle. Prizes. See our website/Facebook page for details re tickets.

November 11th

Christmas Charity Fair

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 7pm on 13 July 2023

Wimborne Community Centre, 41-44 King St., Wimborne

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

Guest Speaker: Deborah Jones, Lead Radiographer

'Slave' monitor donated

<< Dear Friends,

I am writing on behalf of Mr Daniel Webster (consultant gynaecologist), Miss Louise Melson (consultant gynaecologist), and myself to pass our grateful thanks for the slave monitor which has been provided for the Operating Theatre at VHW. This will make laparoscopic surgery easier and safer for the women of Dorset.

Yours faithfully

Charlie Baker

Mr Charles R S Baker MBBS MRCOG DFRS, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Health Education England Training Programme Director, Assistant Professor of Obstetrics & Gynaecology. >>

Editor's note: a slave monitor is a 32" duplicate screen which enables the First Assistant and others to follow the course of the operation. It cost £14,472. □

Secretary

We invite applications for the post of Secretary for the Friends. Contact details below. □

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