

Local MP visits Friends of Wimborne Hospital.

Mid Dorset and North Poole Member of Parliament, Vikki Slade, visited the Friends of Victoria Hospital Wimborne at the beginning of April to see first-hand the ongoing work and huge investment being made at the cherished community hospital. The Friends are celebrating their 90th anniversary this year and are investing over £2.5M of funding to improve services and facilities.

Ms Slade was shown the adjacent land, extending to one acre and formerly Wimborne Town Football Club, which was purchased by the Friends and gifted to the hospital to allow future expansion. In the interim the friends are paying for the land to be developed into a sustainable area to increase parking provision and accessibility.

A tour of the hospital encompassed all areas and allowed the MP to meet with patients, the hard-working, dedicated staff, to hear their views and to see how investment by the Friends is making a positive difference. The Ultra-Sound Room has been recently refurbished and is now able to accommodate hospital beds and wheelchairs, and plans to refurbish the physiotherapy suite and development of the Minor Injuries Unit were outlined. In a round table discussion the compelling case supporting community hospitals was made by Dr David Pope, President of the Friends. Ms Slade expressed her thanks for all that was being done by the Friends, and her appreciation to everyone at Wimborne Hospital for the great work they were doing at the heart of the community. The insight offered by the visit would be invaluable in contributing to the discussion of the governments 10-year health plan due to be delivered this year.



Photo 1: Vikki Slade and Dr David Pope, President of FVHW, viewing land acquired for the hospital to enable future development.

Photo 2: Visiting Hanham Ward with Senior Charge Nurse Adi Catalin Barnea.



Photo 3: Vikki Slade meeting FVHW trustees, Anne Salter (Chair), Dr David Pope (President) and Lee Hardy.