



# THE FRIENDS OF BLANDFORD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

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## SUMMER UPDATE

Welcome to our new look summary of the Charity's Annual Report and Accounts which we have combined with our Fundraising Update. Should you wish to see a full copy of the Annual Report then it is available on our website, [www.friendsblandford.org](http://www.friendsblandford.org) or you are welcome to contact the office and request a copy.

The charity continues to be active in all aspects of the services it provides, together with the financial

support given for projects within the hospital and throughout the local community. These activities could not proceed without the huge team of volunteers, who carry out a wide range of duties, giving a huge amount of their time, which continues to be the charity's most valued asset. To all of them we are extremely grateful and, of course, also to our loyal membership who give their ongoing support.



## Annual Auction

**22nd June 2013**

**Child Okeford Village Hall**

**Viewing from 7.45am**

**Sale starts 9.45 am**

**Over 200 varied and  
interesting lots**

**Refreshments available**

Catalogues on sale from 7th June at our charity shops and hospital reception, or can be downloaded from our website:

[www.friendsblandford.org](http://www.friendsblandford.org)

## PRIZE BINGOs



**Summer Bingo**

**Thurs 13th June**

**Autumn Bingo**

**Thurs 3rd Oct**

**Christmas Bingo**

**Thurs 5th Dec**

**Doors Open 6.45pm**

**Eyes Down 7.30pm**

**Join us for a chance to win fantastic prizes  
and enjoy a fun night out.**

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday 3rd July 2013  
at 6.30pm**

**To be held in the Day Hospital  
Blandford Community Hospital**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Refreshments will be available**

For further information about any of these events, joining the team of volunteers or the charity generally, please contact the Friends' Office at the Hospital, details as above.

# THE FRIENDS OF BLANDFORD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL - ANNUAL REPORT 2012/13



## From the Chairman

As reported in our Spring newsletter, the work of our Action Group of the Friends continues. Discussions with the Trust are still ongoing regarding the future of services available at Blandford Hospital. Whilst we are still very much regretting the shutting of Portman Ward we are now working positively towards using it in a number of ways that will benefit the health of the community. We hope to develop a day treatment centre; a unit for such treatments as chemotherapy; a day centre for the Weldmar Hospice; and it will also enable the day hospital to be moved there to allow office space to be offered to Social Services for the Community Services Team. Meanwhile, I have had personal experience of the excellent treatment offered to my wife by Tarrant Ward. They are a credit to the NHS and demonstrate the value of community hospitals as 'step down' facilities from acute hospitals. They are able to treat

patients as whole people in contrast to acute hospitals, who, of necessity, treat specific conditions. We are all very proud of the hospital and the real care it offers.

Our volunteers have an increasingly vital role to play both in the hospital and community. We have volunteers staffing our charity shops in Blandford and Sturminster Newton. Volunteers also provide transport for medical appointments, drive and escort on our minibus for shopping and social trips, provide support on Tarrant Ward and offer companionship. We are extremely grateful to all of our

<b>Patron</b>	The Viscount Portman
<b>President</b>	Dr D I T Wilson M.B.E.
<b>Life Vice Presidents</b>	Mrs B Greenleaves G Adam O.B.E.
<b>Management Board</b>	
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W McLaughlin F.R.I.C.S (Deputy Chairman/Project Manager)	
S Cole (Finance and Projects Working Group)	
T Bridle A.I.B. (Treasurer)	
G Adam O.B.E. (Fundraising Working Group)	
Mrs D Sale (Secretary)	
J C Addison M.B.E. (Shop Support Group)	
P Richell (Community Service Working Group)	
<b>Council</b>	
J C Addison M.B.E.	W McLaughlin F.R.I.C.S.
R H Billington	Mrs V Moore
T Bridle A.I.B.	Mrs B Pond
S Cole	Mrs L Prior
Mrs R J Davies	P Richell
P Fale M.A.	Mrs D Sale
A Haviland	M Wood

- Additional equipment that would extend or enhance work carried out by consultants in the hospital.
- Additional equipment to facilitate treatment given in the wards and outpatient clinics.
- Grants for further training of hospital staff, especially nursing staff.
- Improvements to the hospital environment.
- Equipment for improved care in the community.

It is expected that Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust will fund the provision and replacement of standard hospital equipment, and fixtures and fittings.

## Plans for Future Periods

While the Friends of Blandford Hospital have no authority to dictate how things should be developed, nevertheless, they are recognised as a responsible representative of both patient and staff opinions and needs. As such, they are being made party to the decision making process, which is very much welcomed. The work of the action group continues, with the Friends still very much involved. While it is no longer easy to donate equipment to the hospital without going through endless stages of scrutiny, the fact that the Friends' finances are healthy means that they are in a strong position to enable things to happen - such as the reconfiguration of the Portman Ward - as and when decisions are made as to the services that can be provided. In the meantime, we continue to operate our voluntary transport service and our dedicated volunteers continue to meet the ever increasing demand for this. The future of the hospital is secure and the Friends have an increasingly important role in shaping that future.

## Recent and Future Developments

The following new services have now started: Maxillary Facial, Day Surgery List, Diabetic Eye Screening and an Ophthalmology clinic run by Royal Bournemouth Hospital. Ongoing discussions for potential developments are Collocation of Health & Social Care Teams, Dermatology treatments, Pain Management, Community Dental Service, Ambulatory care, Orthopaedic clinic/ day surgery treatment and varicose veins treatment - day surgery.

## Staff and Volunteers

The Council has been well supported as usual by the three members of staff, Sarah Connors as office manager, Lisa Deverell as community services coordinator and Emma Sisson as fundraising coordinator, each, along with the many volunteers, contribute significantly to the efficiency of the Friends' organisation and activities.

The Trustees (Council) present their report along with the financial statement of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2013. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and reporting by Charities 2005. The Friends are a registered charity (No. 800482) and whose business is conducted and managed by its Officers and Trustees. This charity is governed by the rules of The Friends of Blandford Community Hospital Constitution, Objects and Rules, dated March 1994 (amended 2008).

## Objectives and Activities

The object of the Friends is to relieve patients and former patients of Blandford Community Hospital and other invalids in the community (defined as the area served by the Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust) who are sick, convalescent, disabled, handicapped, infirm or in need of financial assistance and, generally, to support the work of the hospital.

In considering applications for financial support the following priorities are adopted:

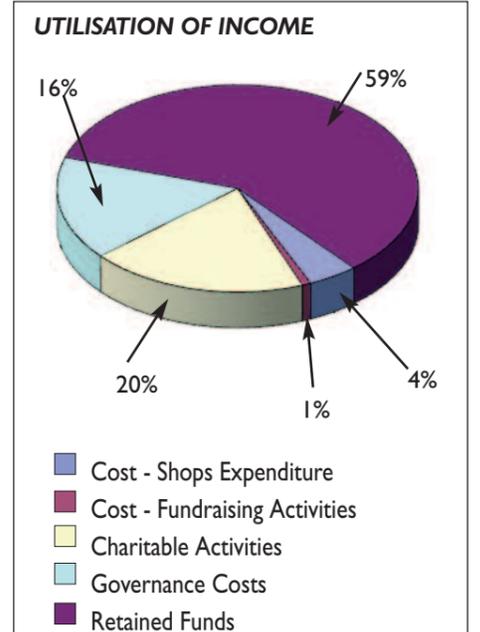
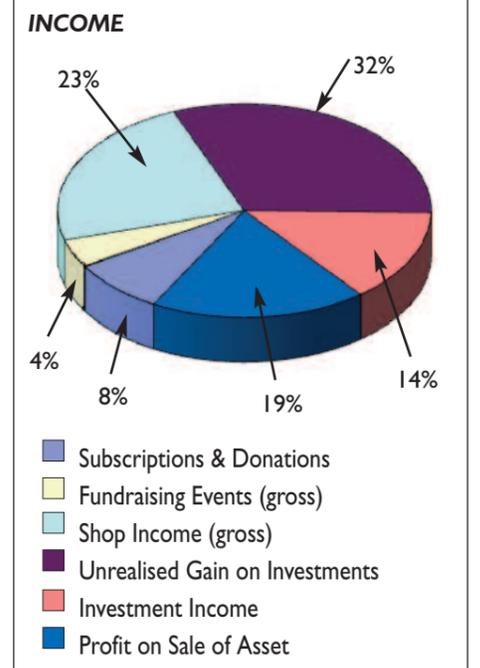
- Major projects that add to the well-being and/or treatment of patients and/or the working conditions of the staff.

## Financial Review

In the year ended 31 March 2013 we have seen a reduction in legacies received of £40,000 but the unrealised gain on our investments of £152,887 and the profit from the sale of an asset have meant that we see an increase in our income this year of £221,570. As there is still considerable uncertainty in respect of the future facilities to be provided at Blandford this continues to frustrate the efforts of the Friends to effectively contribute to the Hospital. However we do see an increase in our expenditure on Charitable Activities which includes spending in the Hospital, covering our Mini Bus and Community Volunteers Scheme as well as several contributions to health related projects within the wider Community. Total funds held by the Friends are however increased by £287,039 to £1,906,921.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

	2012 £	2013 £
<b>INCOME</b>		
Subscriptions & Donations	40,398	39,598
Legacies	42,750	600
Fundraising Events (Gross)	21,738	20,298
Shop Income (gross)	117,118	113,391
Unrealised Loss/Gain on Investments	(18,537)	152,887
Investment Income	61,035	68,197
Profit on Sale of Asset		91,101
<b>Total</b>	<b>264,502</b>	<b>486,072</b>
<b>UTILISATION OF INCOME</b>		
Cost - Shops Expenditure	17,595	21,847
Cost - Fundraising Activities	5,664	3,758
Charitable Activities	14,698	94,996
Governance Costs	76,735	78,432
Retained Funds	149,810	287,039
<b>Total</b>	<b>264,502</b>	<b>486,072</b>
<b>Excess of income</b>	<b>149,810</b>	<b>287,039</b>
<b>Balance Sheet Summary at 31 March 2013</b>		
<b>Fixed assets</b>	<b>1,360,039</b>	<b>1,599,114</b>
<b>Current assets:</b>		
Stock - Christmas cards	666	354
Debtors & prepaid expenses	7,898	9,782
	8,564	10,136
Bank and cash balances	279,708	339,002
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>288,272</b>	<b>349,138</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Creditors	28,429	41,331
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>1,619,882</b>	<b>1,906,921</b>
<b>Reserves brought forward</b>	<b>1,470,072</b>	<b>1,619,882</b>
<b>Excess of income</b>	<b>149,810</b>	<b>287,039</b>
<b>Reserves carried forward</b>	<b>1,619,882</b>	<b>1,906,921</b>



## Independent Examiner

The Charities Act 2006 introduced an increased income threshold amending the previous audit requirements. At the Friends' present income level an independent examination can be undertaken instead of an audit and advantage has been taken of this provision. Mr J N Butt A.C.A. who holds the necessary professional accountancy qualification and who has been independent of the Friends' activities and decisions during the past year was accordingly appointed in this respect.

# Autumn Fair

Sat 19th October

The Corn Exchange, Blandford

9.30am- 2pm



There will be a wonderful selection of goods on sale, our grand raffle, tombolas and refreshments

# Charity Ball

in aid of

Friends of Blandford  
Community Hospital

Two-course dinner, raffle and music by  
**Moonlight Swing Band**

Saturday 9th November 2013

7.00pm for 7.30pm

Athelhampton House

£30.00 per person

For tickets and more information, please contact  
Jane Robbins 01258 880048 or  
Claire Harrison 01258 459721

# Race Night



BAR  
TOTE  
RAFFLE



Friday 22nd November at  
7.30pm

Bryanston Estate Club

Full details in our September Newsletter



We are delighted to announce that  
we will once again be hosting a festive concert by  
**The Band of the Royal Corps of Signals**

Friday 20th December, 7.30pm  
The Coade Hall, Bryanston



This will be a joint fundraiser for the Friends of Blandford Hospital  
and the military charity of the Band's choice.

Pop the date in your diary and we will give you full details in our  
September Newsletter

The charity has lots of volunteering opportunities available such as driving clients to medical appointments, driving and escorting on our minibus, offering support in many ways to local residents, working in our charity shops and at our fundraising events and delivering publications to our membership in the local area. If you have a few hours to give each week and would like to get involved then please call either Lisa or Emma at the Friends' Office on 01258 450095 who will be able to find the ideal volunteering role to suit you and the time you would like to give.



## SHOP NEWS...

Our shops are always in need of good quality goods to sell. Please consider donating your unwanted items and if you require a collection then give the office a call for us to arrange a convenient time. We particularly need: Good Quality clothing for men, women and children, shoes, handbags, household linens, DVDs, unwanted gifts and toiletries, jewellery, toys and quality bric a brac. We regret we are unable to accept videos, records, microwaves, computers, tube style televisions and furniture (except small items of antique furniture).

**Of course, don't forget to pay us a visit for some bargain hunting each time you are in town!**

We look forward to seeing you there.

Barnack Walk, Blandford. Tel: 01258 458390  
Opening Hours:  
Monday - Saturday 10am - 4pm

Innes Court, Station Road,  
Sturminster Newton. Tel: 01258 471245  
Opening hours:  
Monday 9am - 4pm  
Tuesday - Friday 10am - 4pm  
Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm



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