



THE FRIENDS OF BLANDFORD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Charity No. 800482

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SUMMER UPDATE 2015

Welcome to our 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 or you are welcome to contact the office and request a copy.

“Friends’ Fabulous Feasts”

The fundraising team are intending to compile a book of favourite recipes from our members, volunteers and supporters which will go on sale in 2016. We would love you to share your family recipes with us to include in the book and make this a real community project of which we can all be proud. The book will include all types of home cooking such as...



- Starters/snacks and light bites
- Main courses
- Desserts
- Home baking
- Preserving
- Festive food for special occasions
- One pot meals
- Drinks and cocktails
- Kitchen tips and household hints



Please send any recipes that you would be happy for us to consider for the book to the Friends’ Office at the Hospital, drop them in to one of our shops or perhaps email them to us. We would love to include your name with the recipe in the book, perhaps any special tips you have for success or the story behind the recipe that makes it special to you. If you have a picture of the finished product then that would be a bonus. Please let us have your name and contact details with the recipe so we can let you know when the book is to be launched and where to get your copy. We can’t wait to receive and try your recipes soon!

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

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From the Chairman

The redevelopment of the old Portman Ward is now complete and was officially opened in November 2014 by our patron Lord Portman. We now have a modern new unit (the Portman Unit), consisting of two dental suites, associated offices, a multi-functional clinic with consultation and examination rooms with a small waiting area. Also, an ambulatory care and rehab area, an O.T. treatment and splint suite, a four bed day surgery ward with a step down adjoining lounge, a reception area for the new day clinic and a refurbished MIU.

Our charity performance during the year has continued to go from strength to strength and this is down to the never ending support of our enthusiastic team of volunteers. Our fund raising events have again, continued to raise much needed income. Our two hospital charity shops in Blandford and Sturminster Newton continue to be well supported and this year have recorded their highest ever revenue. In addition to supporting our hospital and community financially, our equally energetic community volunteers provide assistance on the ward, be-friending those in their own homes and providing drivers for our voluntary transport scheme. Our minibus is busier than ever and with both of our vehicles wheelchair adapted; we are able to continue to provide our minibus shopping trips and social trips. This enables us to help those referred to our service by their GP.

Our achievements and performance for the year are the result of our volunteers' efforts to serve their community and this is driven by the personal fulfilment each and every one gets from helping others and the friendships generated as we all work together.

Recent and Future Developments

Our fund raising committee have planned another exciting year of events for the coming year and we look forward to the local community supporting us. Unfortunately, we will have to drop our annual auction in the coming year, but are selling our donated items in different ways. Two years ago, a vision document was produced identifying the health needs of the local community and the services that could be delivered, either in the community hospital or in the patient's home. This document needs to be reviewed in partnership with local GPs and the Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust. We will be exploring the development of a family room for the relatives of patients on Tarrant Ward for overnight stays and also looking at the upgrading of the hydrotherapy pool and the day theatre. We will continue our role as representative of patient needs whether within the hospital or the community, and we are grateful to the Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust for accepting us as a responsible participant in the future of our hospital and community care.

President:

Dr D I T Wilson M.B.E

Life Vice Presidents:

Mr G Adam O.B.E.

Trustees Officers:

Chairman	Mr S Cole
Deputy Chairman	Mr W McLaughlin F.R.I.C.S.
Secretary	Mrs D Sale
Treasurer	Mr T Bridle A.I.B.

Working Group Chairman:

Community Services	Mr P Richell
Fundraising	Mr M Wood
Shop Support	Mrs L Prior

Trustees:

Mr R H Billington
Mrs R J Davies
Mrs B Pond

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Friends are 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 pursuance of these objects the Council continued to raise funds and to invite and receive contributions from individuals and organisations by way of subscriptions, donations or otherwise. Efforts are made to enlist the support of a broadly based substantial membership in order to keep in touch with the actual needs of the population, and existing members are encouraged to assist in this respect. The Friends continued to supplement the service provided by the hospital management for the health, welfare and comfort of patients and other invalids in the community, and also provided amenities in the hospital and community for patients and staff.

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.
- Additional equipment that would extend or enhance work carried out by consultants in the hospital.
- Additional equipment to facilitate treatment given in the ward 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.

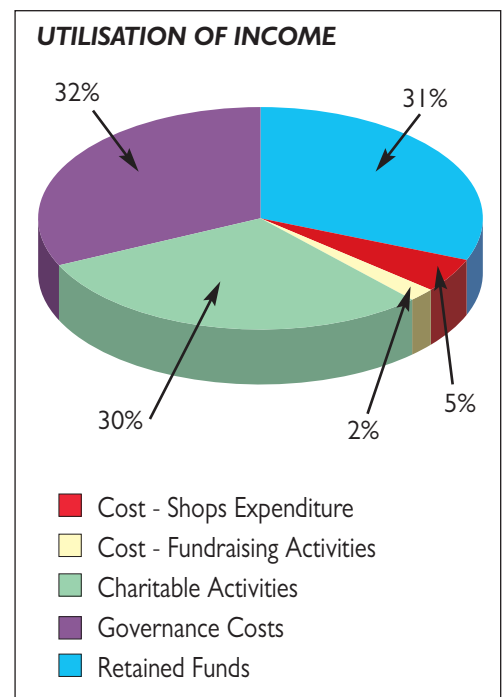
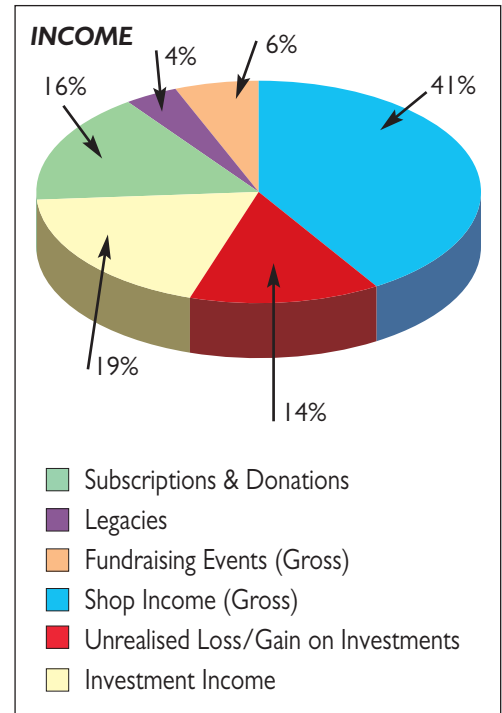
The Trustees present their report along with the financial statement of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2015. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and reporting by Charities 2006. The Friends are a registered charity (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).

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Financial Review

In the year ended 31st March 2015 we have seen a decrease in income from legacies of some £120,000 and although there has been a further unrealised gain on our investments we see an overall decrease in our income for this year of £220,773 compared with last year. Having funded £750,000 last year towards the new Portman Suite our spend on Charitable Activities this year amounts to £92,931 which includes spending in the Hospital and covers our Mini Bus and Community Volunteers Scheme as well as several contributions to health related projects within the Community. We therefore see this year an excess of income of £99,189. Total funds now held by the The Friends still stand at a very healthy £1,582,769.

	2014 £	2015 £
INCOME		
Subscriptions & Donations	40,636	50,340
Legacies	132,750	12,908
Fundraising Events (Gross)	25,815	19,027
Shop Income (gross)	114,726	129,201
Unrealised Gain on Investments	146,908	44,378
Investment Income	73,005	57,213
Total	533,840	313,067
UTILISATION OF INCOME		
Cost - Shops Expenditure	19,387	16,196
Cost - Fundraising Activities	5,319	5,454
Charitable Activities	826,580	92,931
Governance Costs	105,895	99,297
Retained Funds	(423,341)	99,189
	533,840	313,067
Excess of (expenditure)/Income	(423,341)	99,189
BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY		
Fixed assets	1,553,164	1,482,630
Current assets:		
Stock - Christmas cards	22	-
Debtors & prepaid expenses	8,539	8,289
	8,561	8,289
Bank and cash balances	91,926	125,580
	100,487	133,869
Total assets	1,653,651	1,616,499
Liabilities		
Creditors	170,071	33,730
	170,071	33,730
Net assets	1,483,580	1,582,769
Reserves brought forward	1,906,921	1,483,580
Excess of income/expenditure	(423,341)	99,189
Reserves carried forward	1,483,580	1,582,769



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 17th October

The Corn Exchange, Blandford

9.30am – 2.00pm



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

PRIZE BINGOs



Summer Bingo

18th June

Autumn Bingo

24th September

Christmas Bingo

3rd December

Hospital Dining Room

Doors Open 6.45pm Eyes Down 7.30pm

Charity Golf Day

Ashley Wood Golf Club

Friday 26th June 2015

MAIN SPONSORS

Wimborne Road
Blandford
Dorset DT11 9HN
Tel: 01258 452253



The Friends of Blandford Community Hospital are pleased to announce we will be holding a Charity Golf Day at The Ashley Wood Golf Club on 26th June. It is a great opportunity to have a fun day on the Golf Course with food, drinks, prizes and a Charity Auction supporting a very local good cause £160 for a team of 4 playing a Shotgun Texas start Scramble

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday 8th July 2015
at 6.30pm**

To be held at

Blandford Community Hospital

ALL ARE WELCOME

Refreshments will be available

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, and tube style televisions.

Any goods you donate to our charity shops will benefit our Community Hospital and local projects, not the case with many of the charity shops operated by national charities.

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.

Visit us at...

**Barnack Walk,
Blandford**

Tel: 01258 458390

Opening Hours:

Monday – Saturday

10am – 4pm

**Innes Court,
Station Rd,
Sturminster
Newton**

Tel: 01258 471245

Opening Hours:

Monday 9am – 4pm

Tuesday – Friday

10am – 4pm

Saturday

9.30am – 12.30pm

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.

