



THE FRIENDS OF BLANDFORD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Charity No. 800482

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SUMMER UPDATE 2016

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.

Make a friend a Friend!

As valued Friends of Blandford Community Hospital we would like to make an appeal for your help.

For a variety of reasons over the last few years the number of members has dropped as low as the 750 mark and we are keen to increase this to give us a wider representation of the views of the people of Blandford and its surrounding villages. This will enable us to continue to support the hospital and wider community with the valuable work we are able to do with the support of you, our members.

Our aim for 2016 is to try and increase our membership base and we are hoping to do this by challenging each of our existing 'Friends' to recruit a new member, or 'Friend' by 31 July 2016. You do not have to limit yourself to just one though - this is a real case of the more the merrier! Annual membership can start from £1.00 per year and for this each member receives our newsletter three times per year outlining all of the wonderful fundraising events and news we have to share and the opportunity for you to see for yourself that your membership really does make a difference! We



appreciate we are setting ourselves a big challenge but feel confident that with the support of you, our dedicated members, it is one we can achieve.

For the 'Friend' who recruits the most 'Friends' during this period we have a fantastic prize of £30.00 of Marks & Spencer vouchers. The winner will be announced in the Autumn Newsletter.

Enclosed is a membership application form and envelope to get you started and if you require any more, please call the office on 01258 450095.

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.

Charity Golf Day Ashley Wood Golf Club

Friday 24th June 2016

Wimborne Road
Blandford
Dorset DT11 9HN
Tel: 01258 452253

The Friends of Blandford Community Hospital for the second year running are holding a Charity Golf Day at The Ashley Wood Golf Club on Friday 24th June 2016.

It is a great opportunity to have fun day of Golf with food, drinks, prizes and a raffle.

Support a very good cause. Entry is £160.00 for a team of 4 playing in a Shotgun start Texas Scramble

PRIZE BINGOS



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| Summer Bingo | 9th June |
| Autumn Bingo | 22nd September |
| Christmas Bingo | 1st December |

Hospital Dining Room

Doors Open 6.45pm Eyes Down 7.30pm

Autumn Fair

Sat 15th 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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 6th July 2016
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 (For Hospital and Community Volunteering) on 01258 450095 or Emma (For Shops and Fundraising Volunteering) on 01258 451456 who will be able to find the ideal volunteering role to suit you and the time you would like to give.



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Financial Review

In the year ended 31st March 2016 we have seen a decrease in income from legacies of £12,408 and there has been an unrealised loss on our investments of £76,111 which has resulted in an overall decrease in our income for this year of £132,270. Our spend on Charitable Activities this year amounts to £104,177 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 expenditure of £49,315. However total funds now held by The Friends still stand at a very healthy £1,533,454.

| | 2015 £ | 2016 £ |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| INCOME | | |
| Subscriptions & Donations | 50,340 | 45,225 |
| Legacies | 12,908 | 500 |
| Fundraising Events (Gross) | 19,027 | 18,047 |
| Shop Income (gross) | 129,201 | 129,716 |
| Unrealised Gain/Loss on Investments | 44,378 | (76,111) |
| Investment Income | 57,213 | 63,420 |
| Total | <u>313,067</u> | <u>180,797</u> |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Cost - Shops Expenditure | 16,196 | 19,542 |
| Cost - Fundraising Activities | 5,454 | 8,118 |
| Charitable Activities | 92,931 | 104,177 |
| Governance Costs | 99,297 | 98,275 |
| Retained Funds | 99,189 | (49,315) |
| | <u>313,067</u> | <u>180,797</u> |
| Excess of Income/Expenditure | <u>99,189</u> | <u>(49,315)</u> |
| BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY | | |
| Fixed assets | <u>1,482,630</u> | <u>1,448,246</u> |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors & prepaid expenses | 8,289 | 8,421 |
| Bank and cash balances | <u>125,580</u> | <u>118,656</u> |
| | <u>133,869</u> | <u>127,077</u> |
| Total assets | 1,616,499 | 1,575,323 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Creditors | <u>33,730</u> | <u>41,869</u> |
| Net assets | <u>1,582,769</u> | <u>1,533,454</u> |
| Reserves brought forward | 1,483,580 | 1,582,769 |
| Excess of income/expenditure | 99,189 | (49,315) |
| Reserves carried forward | <u>1,582,769</u> | <u>1,533,454</u> |

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.

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From the Chairman

I am pleased to report that during the year we have 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. A Charity Golf Day was organised and was very successful. Our two hospital charity shops in Blandford and Sturminster Newton continue to be well supported. In addition to supporting our hospital and community financially, we also have our marvellous volunteer team, who work in our shops, provide assistance on the ward and also drive for our voluntary transport scheme. This being a much valued community service, for people in need of transport help in our rural community. With over

3000 journeys a year, none of this would be possible without the ongoing support of our volunteers. We have also supported the hospital this year with the purchase of a new patient entertainment system. This provides a television to each patient's bedside on Tarrant Ward. To complement this, we funded an electronic tablet device that connects to the television in the Day Room, which provides various activities, such as Bingo, Play Your Cards Right and a three minute video to stimulate the brain to relieve any boredom. We have also provided a new wheelchair adapted vehicle for the OT team to allow them to undertake home visits with their patients. We continue within the hospital, to provide newspapers, staff training, musical ward activities and a gardener to look after the Millennium garden and Portman Unit courtyard. In the community we have been able to support Life Education Wessex who teach local children the safe facts of life. We are continuing to support the Blandford Youth Trust with the funding of a councillor at the Blandford School, a valuable service helping children at times of difficulty. We have also supported the Willow Tree group, and the Be Positive group, both who support patients with mental health issues.

Plans for the future

Our fund raising committee have again planned another exciting year of events for the coming year and we look forward to the community supporting us. Our membership is slowly decreasing and in a bid to increase it, this year we are holding a competition to "Make a friend a Friend" and we hope you will support us. Three 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 is in the process of review in partnership with local GPs and the Dorset HealthCare University Foundation Trust. We will continue to explore the development of a family room for the relatives of patients on Tarrant Ward for overnight stays and continue looking at the upgrading of the hydrotherapy pool and the day theatre. **Steve Cole, Chairman**

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| President | Dr D I T Wilson M.B.E |
| Life Vice President | 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 D Stenner |
| Mr R J Davies | Mr M Woods |

The trustees present their report along with the financial statement of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2016. 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 (as listed above). This charity is governed by the rules of The Friends of Blandford Community Hospital Constitution, Objects and Rules, dated March 1994 (amended 2008). The trustees all give freely of their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind. Mrs D Sale is also a Vice President for Life Education Wessex, which was in receipt of a grant of £6,200 given to help fund the shortfall of the annual running costs for the service it provides – namely a health, well-being and drug prevention education programme within the community for school aged children. Mrs Sale played no part in the application for funding and withdrew from both the Finance & Projects Working Group Sub Committee, when the assessment of the application was made and the Board of Management meeting, when the grant approval was given.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Friends are to relieve patients and former patients of Blandford Community Hospital and others in the community, who are convalescent, 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 others 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 Foundation Trust will fund the provision and replacement of standard hospital equipment, and fixtures and fittings.