



# THE FRIENDS OF BLANDFORD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Charity No. 800482

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## SUMMER UPDATE 2019

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.friendsofblandford.org.uk](http://www.friendsofblandford.org.uk) or you are welcome to contact the office and request a copy.

## CAN YOU HELP?

### Are you a car driver with some spare time?

If the answer is "Yes" – would you like to know more about becoming a volunteer for us?

We operate an extensive medical appointment transport scheme and are always looking for more drivers to cope with the demand.



We are also in need of minibus drivers and escorts for our social and shopping trips

**Remember - you might need us one day!**

Interested? - Please make contact with Lisa Deverell 01258 450095 to learn more or pop into the office at Blandford Hospital

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# THE FRIENDS OF BLANDFORD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL



## From the Chairman

During this year we have supported the hospital by financing a urine flow meter for the Out Patient clinic and furniture for the dining room. We have continued to provide, entertainment, music and drum therapy for inpatients along with other things in the hospital, such as newspapers, staff training and a gardener to look after the hospital Millennium Garden. In the community we have been able to support Life Education Wessex again – a service visiting local schools to educate children on various health needs including the safe facts of life, and drug and alcohol awareness. We are continuing to support the funding of a councillor at the Blandford School, helping children during their times of difficulty.

In addition to supporting our hospital and community financially, we also have our marvellous volunteers, who provide assistance for our befriending scheme, drive for our voluntary transport scheme and work in our charity shops. A much valued community service, for people in need of transport help to get to medical appointments - especially helpful for those living in rural areas. With over 1800 journeys a year, our drivers are kept busy. None of this would be possible without the ongoing support of our volunteers. The Royal Voluntary Service delivered a befriending service to the local community, but the funding for this service was withdrawn nationally. The Friends agreed to help administer this service for the local population and the first year has been a great success. During the year we 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 and have recorded excellent takings again this year - a credit to all involved. The Autumn Fair held in the local Corn Exchange also broke all records - with our highest ever takings recorded.

## Plans for the future

Our fund raising committee have again planned another exciting year of events for the coming year. We continue to look at the upgrading of the day treatment centre (Theatre). We are involved with the planning of a one stop musculoskeletal service and plans are at an early stage but we are optimistic that this will be completed within the next 12 months.

Currently our membership stands at 875. We are developing plans to increase the numbers further with the launching of our new website which gives the general public an in-depth view of the Friends and what they do, which should encourage more people to join our Friends. There is a link within the website in order for them to do this. We will continue our role, representing patient needs, 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.

**Steve Cole, Chairman**

<b>President</b>	Mr W McLaughlin F.R.I.C.S.
<b>Life Vice President</b>	G Adam O.B.E.
<b>Trustees and Officers</b>	
Chairman	Mr S Cole
Deputy Chairman	Mr P Richell
Secretary	Mrs D Sale
Treasurer	Mr T Bridle A.I.B.
<b>Working Group Chairman</b>	
Community Services	Mr P Richell
Fundraising	Mrs Y Thorne
Shop Support	Mrs L Prior
<b>Trustees</b>	
Mrs A Brown	Mrs D Stenner
Mr S Hayward	Mrs J Thompson
Mr C Marjoram	Mr M Wood

## Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Friends shall be to provide support and assistance to patients of the hospital and preserve and protect the health of the community by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities, support services and equipment not normally provided by the NHS or statutory authorities. 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 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 2019. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and reporting by Charities 2011. 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 & 2019). The trustees all give freely of their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind.

# ITY HOSPITAL - ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

## Financial Review

In the year ended 31 March 2019 we see income decreased by £55,439 mostly down to us no longer receiving investment income. Our spend on Charitable Activities this year amounts to £129,230 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 wider community. We therefore see this year an excess of income of £62,640. However total funds now held by The Friends still stands at a very healthy £1,795,994.

<b>INCOME</b>		
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Subscriptions & Donations	62,483	55,141
Legacies	23,000	24,967
Sale/Trade in of Van and Mini Bus		2,760
Fundraising Events (Gross)	22,504	20,712
Shop Income (Gross)	133,938	127,516
Investment Income	<u>67,180</u>	<u>22,570</u>
	309,105	253,666
Net Gains (Losses) on Investments	(31,695)	41,726
Total	<u>277,410</u>	<u>295,392</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Raising Funds	65,183	64,962
Charitable Activities	140,762	129,230
Other Costs	35,093	38,560
Retained Funds	36,372	62,640
	<u>277,410</u>	<u>295,392</u>
Excess of Income	36,372	62,640
<b>BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY</b>		
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Tangible Assets	301,518	300,733
Investments	<u>1,261,293</u>	<u>1,303,019</u>
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<u>1,562,811</u>	<u>1,603,752</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Debtors	6,302	8,574
Cash at Bank and in Hand	220,000	205,903
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>226,302</u>	<u>214,477</u>
<b>Creditors</b>	<u>55,759</u>	<u>22,235</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<u>170,543</u>	<u>192,242</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	<u>1,733,354</u>	<u>1,795,994</u>
<b>Reserves brought forward</b>	1,696,982	1,733,354
<b>Excess of Income</b>	<u>36,372</u>	<u>62,640</u>
<b>Reserves carried forward</b>	<u>1,733,354</u>	<u>1,795,994</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.



## The Friends of Blandford Community Hospital

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# Charity Golf Day

Supporting Projects and Facilities at the Local Hospital

**Friday 14th June 2019**  
**18 Hole Team Texas Scramble**

Full Handicap

**9.00am Shotgun Start**

**Entry Fee £180:00 Team of 4**

Entry Fee Includes;

Coffee & Bacon Roll on Arrival

2 Course Lunch after Round followed by Prize Ceremony

On course challenges both Male & Female

Take on the 18<sup>th</sup> Hole Challenge (Not included in the entry fee)

Further details from The Friends' Office Telephone 01258 451456

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## PRIZE BINGO



**Summer Bingo – 6th June**

**Autumn Bingo – 12th September**

**Christmas Bingo – 28th November**

**Hospital Dining Room**

**Doors Open 6.45pm Eyes Down 7.30pm**

## Autumn Fair

**Sat 19th 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 3rd July 2019**  
**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 us a call on 01258 451456 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, 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.**



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 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.

## 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**

## How to contact us...

The Friends' Office at the Hospital is usually open from 10am until 4pm, from Monday to Friday.

**Tel: 01258 450095 (General Enquiries)**  
**01258 451456 (Shops and Fundraising)**

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**Website: [www.friendsofblandford.org.uk](http://www.friendsofblandford.org.uk)**

If you do use email to contact us, please note that our email address changed and all email should now be sent to [dhc.friends.blandford@nhs.net](mailto:dhc.friends.blandford@nhs.net)