



# THE FRIENDS OF BLANDFORD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Charity No. 800482

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## SUMMER UPDATE 2018

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

## Friends of Blandford Hospital *on the Catwalk...*

The Friends of Blandford Hospital held their third "New to You" Fashion show in The Exchange, Sturminster Newton on Friday 16th March. The event, organised by a team of volunteers led by Linda Prior, was very well supported with record ticket sales and proved to be a most entertaining evening. Previous volunteer models were joined by some very entertaining debutants to the catwalk to show a wide selection of clothing. Everything on display had been donated to our very successful shops in Barnack Walk, Blandford and Innes Court, Sturminster Newton. The clothing and accessories, and much more, was on sale after the show and also on the Saturday morning.

Not only was the event a great opportunity to showcase just what the hospital charity shops have on offer every day, it was a very profitable weekend raising in the region of £1750 for the charity. As with all of the Friends of Blandford Hospital events, it would not be possible without the support of a great number of volunteers working as a team and the charity would like to thank everybody that was involved in so many ways.





# Charity Golf Day

Supporting Projects and Facilities at the Local Hospital

**Ashley Wood Golf Club**  
**Friday 22nd June 2018**

Wimborne Road, Blandford, Dorset DT11 9HN Tel: 01258 452253

## 18 Hole Team Texas Scramble

Full Handicap

**9.00am Shotgun Start**

(Holes allocated prior to start time).

Entry Fee £160.00 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 18th Hole Challenge (Not included in Entry fee)

Further details from The Friends' Office Telephone 01258 451456

The Friends of Blandford Community Hospital is a Registered Charity Number 800482

# PRIZE BINGO



Summer Bingo – 7th June

Autumn Bingo – 13th September

Christmas Bingo – 29th November

**Hospital Dining Room**

Doors Open 6.45pm

Eyes Down 7.30pm

# Autumn Fair

**Sat 20th 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 4th July 2018**  
**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.

**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 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.

## 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)

Email: [dhc.friends.blandford@nhs.net](mailto:dhc.friends.blandford@nhs.net)

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

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)

# THE FRIENDS OF BLANDFORD COMMUN



## From the Chairman

We have supported the hospital this year with the purchase of a Tovertafel (a magic table) for patient use on the ward, and improved the door access to the courtyard from Tarrant Ward. We have continued to provide within the hospital, entertainment, music and drum therapy for inpatients. We also continue to provide services such as newspapers, staff training 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 again – a service visiting local schools to educate children on various health needs including the safe facts of life, drug and alcohol awareness.

We are continuing to support the Blandford Youth Trust with the funding of a counsellor at the Blandford School, a valuable service helping children at times of difficulty. 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. In addition to supporting our hospital and community financially, we also have our marvellous volunteers, who provide assistance on the ward and also drive for our voluntary transport scheme. 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. Our achievements this year are as always the result of our volunteer's efforts to serve their community. In recognition of this, the Community Hospitals Association awarded us a Best Practice and Innovation Award for Community Services and this is displayed in the main reception for all to see.

## 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. Over the last year the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) have reviewed clinical services across Dorset and plan to make Blandford Community Hospital a hub for Health care for Blandford and the surrounding area. This supports and expands the vision document the Friends developed a few years ago. The development of a family room for the relatives of patients on Tarrant Ward for overnight stays has been completed and opened by Lord and Lady Fellowes and we continue to look at the upgrading of the day treatment centre (Theatre). The Hydrotherapy Pool has been out of order for three years and the Friends have been discussing its future with the Trust, and have come to the conclusion that the best way forward would be to develop a one stop musculoskeletal service with the space and revenue available, rather than repairing the pool. Currently our membership stands at 1041 an increase on last year and we have plans to increase the numbers further. We are about to launch our new website to enable people to join online. 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. **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 W McLaughlin F.R.I.C.S.
Secretary	Mrs D Sale
Treasurer	Mr T Bridle A.I.B.
<b>Working Group Chairman</b>	
Community Services	Mr P Richell
Fundraising	Mr M Wood
Shop Support	Mrs L Prior
<b>Trustees</b>	
Mrs A Brown	Mrs D Stenner

## 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 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 2018. 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) 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.

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## Financial Review

In the year ended 31st March 2018 we see income increased by £26,572 with all income streams showing improvement on last year. Our spend on Charitable Activities this year amounts to £140,762 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 £36,372. However total funds now held by The Friends still stands at a very healthy £1,733,354.

	2017	2018
	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>		
Subscriptions & Donations	46,773	62,483
Legacies	6,103	23,000
Fundraising Events (Gross)	22,258	22,504
Shop Income (Gross)	137,587	133,938
Investment Income	69,812	67,180
	<u>282,533</u>	<u>309,105</u>
Net Gains (Losses) on Investments	116,161	(31,695)
Total	<u>398,694</u>	<u>277,410</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Raising Funds	67,936	65,183
Charitable Activities	127,748	140,762
Other Costs	39,482	35,093
Retained Funds	163,528	36,372
	<u>398,694</u>	<u>277,410</u>
Excess of Income	163,528	36,372
<b>BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY</b>		
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Tangible Assets	310,984	301,518
Investments	1,292,988	1,261,293
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<u>1,603,972</u>	<u>1,562,811</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Debtors	8,778	6,302
Cash at Bank and in Hand	<u>108,436</u>	<u>220,000</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	117,214	226,302
<b>Creditors</b>	24,204	55,759
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<u>93,010</u>	<u>170,543</u>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>	<u>1,696,982</u>	<u>1,733,354</u>
Reserves brought forward	1,533,454	1,696,982
Excess of Income	163,528	36,372
Reserves carried forward	<u>1,696,982</u>	<u>1,733,354</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.