

**THE FRIENDS OF  
BLANDFORD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**

**Founded 1948**

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**2026**

**MEMBER GROUP OF “ATTEND”  
(Formerly THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
OF HOSPITAL AND COMMUNITY FRIENDS)**

**Registered Charity No. 800482**

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**Notice of Meeting**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 69th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of THE FRIENDS OF BLANDFORD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL will be held at The Hospital, Milldown Road, Blandford Forum, Dorset on 1st July 2026 at 6.30pm for the following purposes:

(1) To receive and adopt the Report of the Council on the Association's activities and the examined Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026.

(2) Elections to Council:

Under the provisions of rule 11(B) of the Constitution the following members of the Council retire at the end of this meeting.

Mr S Cole  
Mrs L Prior  
Ms N Brown  
Mr J Hickish

Being eligible Mr S Cole, Mrs L Prior, Ms N Brown, and Mr J Hickish offer themselves for re-election.

Mr M McLaughlin and Mrs A Brown have offered their resignation from the Council.

Under the provisions of rule 11(C) a public notice was advertised on 22 May 2026 calling for any nominations for the Council to be delivered to the Secretary by 20 June 2026. No nominations have been received.

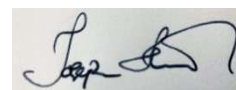
The following will be duly elected:

Mr S Cole  
Mrs L Prior  
Ms N Brown  
Mr J Hickish

(3) To appoint an Independent Examiner of the Accounts and to authorise the Council to determine their remuneration.

(4) To transact any other ordinary business of the Association.

**Light refreshments will be served after the meeting**



By order of the Trustees  
4 June 2026

Mr J Hickish  
Secretary

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Patron	The Viscount Portman
President	Mr W McLaughlin FRICS
Council	Mr R Bradshaw (Co-opted 02/10/25) Mr W McLaughlin Mr T Bridle Mrs K Pluck Mrs A Brown Mrs L Prior Ms N Brown Mr P Richell Mr S Cole Mrs Y Thorne Mr J Hickish (Secretary)
	Mr C Majoram (Retired 18/11/2025) Mr M Wood (Retired 18/11/2025)
Management Board	Mr S Cole (Chairman) Mrs K Pluck (Treasurer) Mr Joe Hickish (Secretary) Mr P Richell (Chair of Community Service Working Group) Mr W McLaughlin (President & Project Manager/ Chair of Finance and Projects Working Group) Mrs L Prior (Chair of Shops Support Group)
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc  National Westminster Bank plc  Virgin Money
Independent Examiner	Jenifer Richardson FCA FCCA DChA 32 Award Road, Wimborne, BH21 7NT
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## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

The Trustees (who are known as the members of the Council) present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026.

### **Reference and Administrative information**

Details under this heading are contained on Page 2 and should be read as part of this report.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The charity's governing document is "The Friends of Blandford Community Hospital Constitution, Objects and Rules" (as amended 2008 & 2019).

The Trustees are elected by members at the Annual General Meeting. Council may appoint additional or replacement Trustees to fill vacancies until the next AGM. Officers are appointed by Council from those elected by members. New trustees meet with officers and are made fully aware of their legal obligations under charity law, the content of the Constitution and all relevant aspects of the Friends' operations.

The full Council consists of a maximum of 20 members from whom the Management Board, as shown on page 2, is drawn. All members of Council are expected to serve on at least one of the working groups specialising in a specific aspect of our work. The Management Board decide on how to allocate the funds raised by the Charity at their committee meetings, with the staff only being involved with clerical roles. The Management Board are the charity's key management personnel and are not remunerated for their services

### **Objectives and Activities**

It is expected that Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust will fund the provision and replacement of standard hospital equipment, fixtures and fittings. 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 pursuing these activities the Council confirms that it has complied with its duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance

In pursuance of these objectives 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 also provided amenities and support in the hospital and the community for patients, staff and others, including increases of funding for the Blandford Opportunities Group, who provides a day facility for disabled children and Blandford School for their Counselling Facilitator. We have also funded health and wellbeing monthly disco afternoons in partnership with the local council. Along the same health and wellbeing theme, we have also funded Longmead Community Farm which allows many adults and young people who are experiencing low level mental health challenges that significantly affects daily life but fall below clinical thresholds.

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

1. Major projects that add to the well-being and/or treatment of patients and/or the working conditions of the staff.
2. Additional equipment that would extend or enhance work carried out by consultants in the hospital.
3. Additional equipment to facilitate treatment given in the wards and outpatient clinics.
4. Grants for further training of hospital staff, especially nursing staff.
5. Improvements to the hospital environment.
6. Equipment for improved care in the community and health related community projects.

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**Achievements and Performance**

The key performance indicators used to assess the performance of the Charity are a comparison of income generated from all sources compared with prior years. In addition all expenditure is closely monitored in comparison with prior years and previous similar activities. At each Committee/ Board meeting detailed reports and analysis are prepared on the performance of the investments held.

Our shops continue to be very successful, with a group of dedicated volunteers, managed by our new Charity Shop Manager. The Warehouse has been reorganised and streamlined to make it more efficient. We are planning to reintroduce our Spring and Autumn Fayres in the recently refurbished Corn Exchange.

The Community Transport Services remains extremely busy and patients are very grateful for our services. The new wheelchair has been greatly assisting people who find it difficult to leave their home and help them participate in stroke groups, shopping and outing trips. These trips are supported by an escort and the drivers.

The Friends' volunteers continued to man a stall at the Sturminster Newton Cheese Festival and helped to raise the Friends' profile and generated income for the charity.

The Friends have reviewed the success of the Christmas Lunch and Cream Teas and have decided that a Picnic Lunch is appreciated more where everyone can get together rather than the meeting of smaller groups.

In the community we have again continued to fund a Counsellor at Blandford School, a valuable service helping children who are experiencing difficulties or facing exclusion. It provides a structured school based, student support service. It provides extra support for children in the care of the Local Authority. So far this year 178 students have benefitted from the one to one support. The feedback from the students has been very positive.

We also supported the Blandford Opportunities Group who provide day facilities for disabled children and their parents, and increased funding to incorporate specific equipment as well as their running costs.

We continue to employ a hospital gardener and supply hanging baskets where appropriate. The hospital ward is supplied with daily newspapers by the Friends.

An Ultra Scanner which was requested by the MSK department is now up and running and saves Blandford patients the need to travel to other hospitals for this scan.

We have supported Tarrant Ward with the registration to enable them to apply for the Gold Standards Framework. Their aim is to enable a gold standard of care for everyone with any condition in any setting given by a care provider at any time during a person's last years of life.

We have expanded our provision to include mental health in a wider concept, including regular monthly music afternoons in conjunction with the local council. After 4 sessions, the feedback has been very positive, with regular attenders bringing along more friends. An afternoon with friends, music and tea/coffee. This has helped people who live alone to overcome loneliness and couples who want to get out and dance again to meet up with friends in a friendly social atmosphere. It encourages wellbeing both mentally and physically, with eg, people walking in with frames and walking sticks getting up on the floor and participating.

We have funded Longmead Community Farm, a well-established Dorset Charity with a strong track record of delivering inclusive high quality wellbeing programmes for children, young people, adults and families who work closely with local professionals to provide safe preventative support that reduces escalation, strengthens resilience and improves community wellbeing.

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**Future Plans**

We are looking forward to being involved with the Integrated Neighbourhood Teams which will be focussing on prevention of frailness and long term conditioned complications. This is a new way of working with community based care and ties in with the NHS ten year plan to reduce acute hospital admissions further down the line.

Blandford Friends will be registering its charity as a CIO (Charitable Integrated Organisation) which will bring us up in line with best practice as we employ staff and own property.  
We will be looking to recruit more trustees with specialist skills and experience.

We will be looking to update and establish policies that will meet the charity's needs.

Volunteers are key to the success of our organisation, and we will be looking to promote ways of bringing in more volunteers to help in our shops and transport services.

We will be looking to include volunteer input into the seasonal newsletters to enable the public to hear first-hand how volunteers help the charity and what it means to them.

Working alongside the Town Council with our monthly dances we would like to look at other agencies/organisations where we can accomplish the same outcome for people's health and wellbeing.

We are in a good position to be able to help the hospital with future.

**The Friends of Blandford Community Hospital**  
**Risk Assessment Policy**

**1. Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all activities, processes, and environments are assessed for potential risks to the health, safety, and wellbeing of Trustees, employees, volunteers, contractors, visitors, and the public. This includes financial risk.

**2. Scope**

This policy applies to all Trustees, staff and volunteers engaged in the charity's work whether onsite in the hospital or off site which will include drivers, warehouse volunteers and shops activity and other off-site events.

**3. Policy Statement**

We are committed to:

- Identifying hazards that could cause harm.
- Evaluating the likelihood and severity of risks. (See Risk Assessment Register)
- Implementing effective control measures to eliminate or reduce risks.
- Reviewing assessments regularly and after significant national or local changes.

**4. Responsibilities**

**Trustees/Management:**

- The Charity's Trustees will:
  - Have the overall responsibility, statutory and operational, for managing health and safety and financial risks when dealing with the Charity's money.
  - They are also responsible for ensuring risk assessments are completed, documented, and reviewed.

**Charity Manager:**

- The Charity Manager will:
  - Ensure that an assessment of risks for the areas under their control is performed.
  - Actions are identified and implemented.
  - The results of the risk assessment are documented stored and presented to the Board of Trustees annually or when there has been a significant change.
  - Put in place sound financial procedures to ensure best practice when handling money.
  - Provide guidance, training, and oversight of staff and volunteers.

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**Shop Manager:**

- The Shop Manager will
  - Ensure all areas of the shops and warehouse are assessed for risks to help keep the health and wellbeing of all volunteers, staff and the public safe.
  - Put in place sound financial procedures to ensure best practice when handling money.
  - Notify and record any incidents, in the appropriate manner, to the Charity Manager

**Transport Manager:**

- The Transport Manager will
  - Assess all risks involving volunteer drivers and passengers.
  - Put in place sound financial procedures to ensure best practice when collecting donations from the public
  - Notify and record any incidents to the Charity Manager

**Employees/Volunteers:**

- All employees and volunteers will:
  - Undertake appropriate training.
  - Follow safety procedures and report hazards promptly.

**All staff, Trustees and volunteers/drivers** will ensure that they participate as requested in the risk assessment process and use and maintain any control measures identified as being necessary to minimise risks.

## **5. Risk Assessment Process**

1. **Identify hazards** – physical, chemical, biological, ergonomic, and psychosocial.
2. **Assess risks** – consider likelihood and potential impact. (See Risk Assessment Register)
3. **Control risks** – apply the hierarchy of control (eliminate, substitute, engineer, administrate, PPE).
4. **Record findings** – keep clear, accessible documentation.
5. **Review and update** – Reported risks are reported to and reviewed by the Board of Trustees on an annual basis or after incidents or changes.

## **6. Training & Communication**

All staff and volunteers will receive training on hazard awareness, safe working practices, and the risk assessment process.

## **7. Monitoring & Review**

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure compliance with current legislation and best practice.

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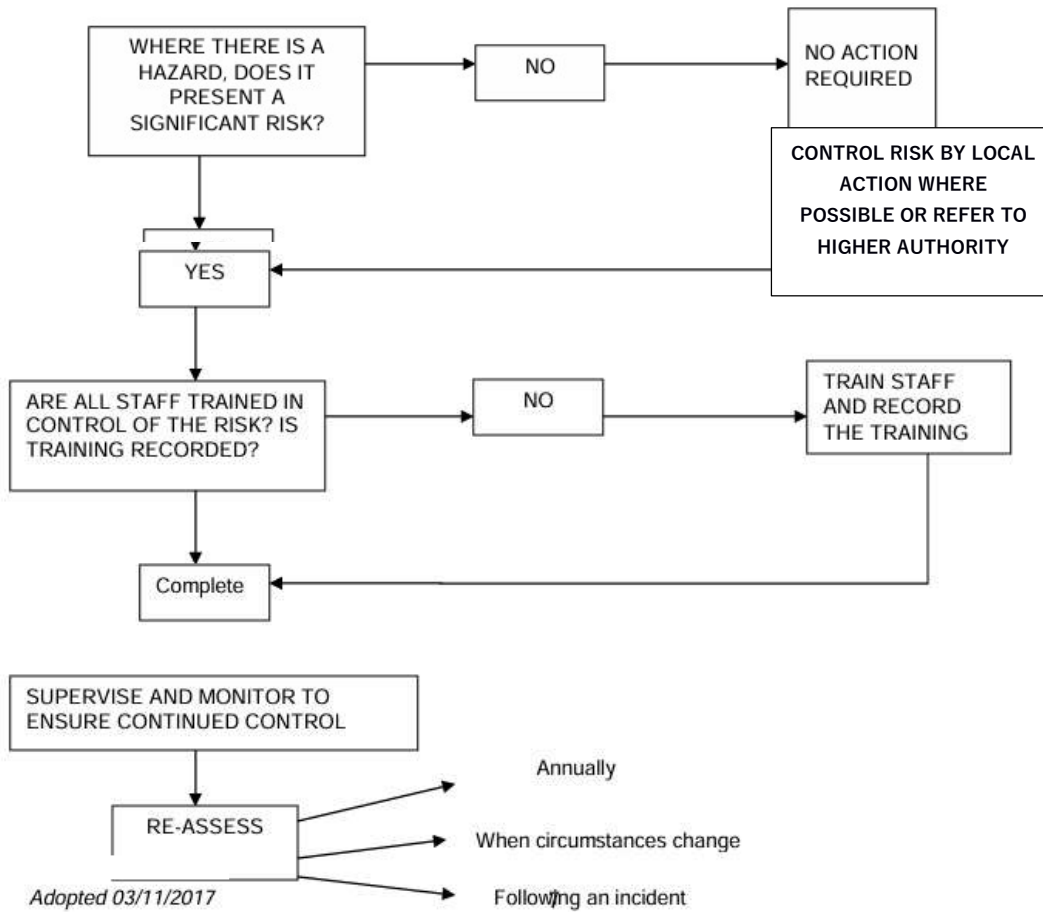
**8. Acceptable Levels of Risk**

- It is accepted that it is neither realistic nor possible to totally eliminate all areas of risk. It is however feasible to develop a systematic approach to the management of risk so that adverse consequences are minimised or, in some cases, eliminated.
- The quality and content of risk assessments will be observing the workplace overall and then include individual areas including processes and equipment. Decide who is likely to be harmed and how and then evaluate the risks arising from the hazards and decide whether existing precautions are adequate or not. If there is a need for action, it is then necessary to address the question of controlling the hazard or eliminate it completely.
- The quality and content of risk assessments will be monitored on receipt by The Manager. All incidents related to slips trips and falls will be monitored as part of the annual report to the Board of Trustees.
- Question whether the level of exposure to the hazard be lessened, or can a less hazardous substitute be used, or can the staff/volunteers be isolated from the hazard.
- Review Methods of work/Procedures and Review the assessments regularly especially when new staff, new equipment or processes are introduced.

The Friends of Blandford Hospital expect all staff, volunteers and trustees to be vigilant with health and safety in aspects of the charity's work and report any incidents or near misses to enable a risk assessment to be completed in order to minimise any future risk.

Appendix 1

**Risk Assessment Process**



Appendix 2: Risk Assessment form

Workplace:		Date of Assessment:		
Assessment completed by:		Due for review:		
Hazard/Risk Eg, slip/trip hazards, electricity, equipment/activity related hazards	Who is at risk?	Current controls in place Are they adequate? Is the risk reduced as far as possible?	Level of residual risk Low, medium, high or very high?	Additional measures to control the risks.

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## **Financial Review**

The Council is aware of its responsibility to invest funds prudently to achieve both income and capital growth and this aspect is reviewed regularly by the Management Board. It is Council policy to maintain in normal circumstances, a core reserve of liquid funds, which, with the income generated, will provide sufficient funding to meet requests for support without undue delay.

The core reserve is based on the funding needed to cover staff salaries, charitable activities, and reasonable project costs for a period of one year. The Management Board has authority to spend £100,000 on any one project within a total of £200,000 for a six-monthly-period without reference to Council.

On 31st March 2026, the total value of Unrestricted Reserves stood at £3,629,273 and Free Reserves at £3,321,784. In 2025, Unrestricted Reserves were £3,067,810 and Free Reserves £2,746,073. As of 31 March 2026, the charity's unrestricted reserves exceed the targeted core reserves, and the surplus will be used to support charitable projects in future periods.

Incoming resources for the year to 31 March 2026 was £186,101 against expenditure totalling £243,974 resulting in an operating loss of £57,873. This, together with Investment gains of £619,336 generated a net income figure of £561,463.

Shop income remained at the same level as last year. There was no legacy income this year, the resulting £19K deficit was partially offset by a £7K increase in donations.

Total Expenditure remained broadly in line with last year. The major differences were an increase of £14K in expenditure on charitable activities (detailed below) and a £12k decrease in staff costs as the shop manager's position was vacant for 6 months.

Support for the community included a £15k grant to Longmead Community Farm for the relaunch of their therapeutic services for families in crisis. In collaboration with Blandford Town Council, activities such as daytime discos and evening events were held to promote health and social interaction within the community. £70 per week was donated to CMHT for their kitchen activities, along with £15K for Blandford School and £7K for Blandford Opportunity Group.

As in previous years expenditure in the hospital included staff training, garden maintenance and the supply of newspaper to the ward. The £35K for an Ultrasound Scanner for the MSK department, committed last year, was paid in the year. A further £4K has been approved for an additional probe. Expenditure on hospital amenities included various items for Tarrant Ward and Air conditioning and electrics for the Treatment Room.

Expenditure on fixed assets amounted to £19K relating to the refurbishment of the shops which commenced last year.

In June, M & G closed the Charibond fund, so the amount of £615,752 held in this fund was transferred to Charifund. In September, £100K was repurchased from M&G. During the year, the decision was taken to employ the services of Charles Stanley, a discretionary investment management company, to manage our funds. In January, the total investment with M&G was transferred to Charles Stanley, the transfer value being £3,075,901.

On 31 March 2026 the value of investments held amounted to £3,188,309. The bank balance was £169,242. The combined sum of the cash in our bank accounts and our investments gives £3,357,551 of rapidly realisable funds, which is £539K higher than last year.

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**Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the situation of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
2. Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP.
3. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
4. State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
5. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

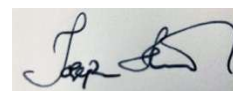
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity, taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities and for the maintenance and the integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website.

**Staff and Volunteers**

The Trustees have been well supported as usual by the four members of staff, Becca Norris – Charity Team Manager, Lisa Deverell – Community Transport Manager, Malcolm Scott – Charity Shops Manager and Lucy Collin, Charity Admin Support.

All officers and members of the Council are honorary and did not receive any remuneration during the year or other sums except by way of reimbursement of expenditure incurred on behalf of the charity.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:



4 June 2026

Mr J Hickish

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**THE FRIENDS OF BLANDFORD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Friends of Blandford Community Hospital for the year ended 31 March 2026.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Miss J A Richardson  
FCA FCCA DChA  
32 Award Road  
Wimborne  
BH21 7NT

Date ...6 June 2026.....

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

		2026	2025
		£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			
Donations and legacies	3	51,071	63,858
Other trading activities	3	118,221	116,382
Investments	3	16,809	15,812
		<u>186,101</u>	<u>196,052</u>
<b>Resources expended</b>			
Raising funds	4	57,583	69,896
Charitable activities	4	112,111	93,454
Other	4	74,280	80,958
		<u>243,974</u>	<u>244,308</u>
<b>Net Income before investment Gains/(Losses)</b>		(57,873)	(48,256)
Net Gains/(Losses) on Investments	9	<u>619,336</u>	<u>207,894</u>
<b>Net Income</b>		<u>561,463</u>	<u>159,638</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>561,463</u>	<u>159,638</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		3,067,810	2,908,172
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>		<u>3,629,273</u>	<u>3,067,810</u>

**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2026**

		2026	2025
		£	£
Tangible Assets	8	307,489	321,737
Investments	9	<u>3,188,309</u>	<u>2,668,973</u>
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<u>3,495,798</u>	<u>2,990,710</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	10	17,604	28,541
Cash at Bank and in hand		<u>169,242</u>	<u>150,055</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>186,846</u>	<u>178,596</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due</b>			
Within one year	11	53,371	79,496
<b>Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)</b>		<u>133,475</u>	<u>99,100</u>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>		<u>3,629,273</u>	<u>3,089,810</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due in more than one year</b>	12		22,000
Total net assets		<u>3,629,273</u>	<u>3,067,810</u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>			
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		<u>3,629,273</u>	<u>3,067,810</u>

The notes on pages 14 to 21 form part of these accounts. These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 4 June 2026. Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees.

*S Cole*

S COLE – Chairman

*K Pluck*

K PLUCK - Treasurer

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026**

**1. Basis of preparation**

**1.1. Basis of accounting**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The Financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the exception of Investments, which are included at market value.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional and presentational currency of the Charity. The financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**1.2 Changes to accounting estimates**

The most significant judgements affecting these financial statements relate to the timing of the recognition of legacy income in the accounts and the estimation of useful economic lives of the assets capitalised. The policy for legacy recognition is set out below. In the trustees' opinion there are no significant sources of estimation uncertainty affecting the financial statements. No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period.

**1.3 Material prior year errors**

No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period.

**Accounting policies**

**2.1 Income**

**Recognition of income**

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when

- The charity becomes entitled to the resources.
- It is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- The monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

**Offsetting**

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS102SORP.

**Grant and donations**

Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the general income recognition criteria are met. Government grants are recognised using the performance model and grants which have specified future performance-related conditions are initially recognised as a liability and are released to income only when the related conditions are met. Grants which have no performance-related conditions are recognised when the proceeds are received or receivable.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026**

**Legacies**

Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is when there has been a grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.

**Donated goods**

Donated goods are recognised as income upon sale.

**Volunteer help**

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

**Income from interest, royalties and dividends**

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable, and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

**Income from membership subscriptions**

Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies.

**Investment gains and losses**

This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year. All gains and losses are taken to the statement of financial activities as they arise.

**2.2 Expenditure and liabilities**

**Liability recognition**

Liabilities are recognised when it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

**Allocation of costs**

Governance and support costs have been allocated between raising funds, charitable activities and other costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, e.g. allocating staff costs by time spent and other costs by usage.

During the current and previous years all expenditure incurred by the Charity has related to the single activity of providing support and assistance to patients of the hospital and preserving and protecting the health of the community

**Grants payable without performance conditions**

Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation is recognised.

**Creditors**

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

**2.3 Assets**

**Investments**

Fixed asset investments are held in portfolio and managed by Charles Stanley. They are valued initially at cost and subsequently at their market value at the year end.

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Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity.

The charity owns a mixed-use property which comprises a shop used by the charity and a flat which is let out to provide investment income. This entire property is included within tangible fixed assets as the investment property component cannot be measured reliably.

The fixed assets are capitalised at cost if the amount is greater than £1,000 and they can be used for more than one year. The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 8.

Debtors

Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently that are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

**3. Analysis of income**

	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>
	£	£
<u>Donations and legacies</u>		
Donations and gifts	47,511	38,111
Gift Aid	1,500	3,491
Legacies	0	19,456
Membership subscriptions	2,060	2,800
	51,071	63,858
<u>Other trading activities</u>		
Shop income	116,720	115,530
Other events	1,501	852
	118,221	116,382
<u>Income from investments</u>		
Rental income	15,169	13,936
Bank Interest	1,640	1,876
	16,809	15,812

**4. Analysis of expenditure**

<b>Expenditure on raising funds</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>
	£	£
Shop expenditure	28,437	26,986
Events	310	0
Staff costs	12,590	28,373
Motor vehicle running costs	1,605	1,611
Storage Unit costs	14,641	12,926
<b>Total Expenditure on raising funds</b>	<b>57,583</b>	<b>69,896</b>

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<b>Note 4 Continued</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Expenditure on Charitable Activities</b>		
Hospital Equipment and Amenities	<u>46,340</u>	<u>32,206</u>
Hospital Equipment and Amenities include grants payable to third parties and details of these can be found in Note 7		
Community		
Community Volunteers Expenses	19,966	21,791
Minibus Running Costs	3,431	4,695
Staff costs	<u>42,374</u>	<u>34,762</u>
	<u>65,771</u>	<u>61,248</u>
<b>Total Expenditure on Charitable Activities</b>	<u>112,111</u>	<u>93,454</u>

	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Other Support costs</b>		
Office salaries	29,213	33,052
Professional Charges	717	
Independent Examiner's Fee	1,200	870
Attend Subscription	540	944
Liability Insurance	693	
Admin	2,259	5,792
Travelling, conference and meeting	1,470	2,135
Property costs	4,601	9,277
Depreciation of assets	<u>33,587</u>	<u>28,887</u>
<b>Total Other expenditure</b>	<u>74,280</u>	<u>80,958</u>

Governance costs, included in the above, totalled £1,972 (2025: £2,275)

<b>5. Details of certain items of expenditure</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fees for examination of accounts	1,200	960
Operating Lease expenses	12,023	11,369

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<b>6. Paid employees</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>
6.1 Average head count in this year	3.5	3
FTE of all staff in year	2.5	
 6.2 Staff Costs	 <b>2026</b>	 <b>2025</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Salaries	74,573	83,431
National Insurance	3,786	4,440
Pension costs	5,818	8,316
Total	<u>84,177</u>	<u>96,187</u>

No employees received employment benefits of more than £60,000 in either the current or previous year

<b>7. Analysis of grants committed</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
MSK – Ultrasound scanner		35,000
MSK – Ultrasound scanner additional probe	4,120	
Hospital – Air conditioning & electrics	2,399	
Blandford Town Council	13,000	
Blandford Opportunity Group		21,000
The Blandford School Pupil Support		30,000
Longmead Community Farm	15,000	
CMHT Kitchen	3,640	
Tarrant Ward – various	5,084	838
	<u>43,243</u>	<u>86,838</u>

Of the grants disclosed above, no grants were paid to individuals in FY 2026

<b>8. Tangible Fixed Assets</b>	<b>Freehold Land and Buildings</b>	<b>Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment</b>	<b>Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
At the beginning of the year	278,441	39,974	91,770	410,185
Additions	0	19,339	0	19,339
Disposals	0		0	
Balance carried forward	<u>278,441</u>	<u>59,313</u>	<u>91,770</u>	<u>429,524</u>

**Depreciation**

Basis	Straight line – buildings only	Straight Line	Straight Line	Total
Rate	2%	25%	25%	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
At the beginning of the year	14,027	19,910	54,511	88,448
Depreciation	1,569	13,388	18,630	33,587
Disposals	0			
At the end of the year	<u>15,596</u>	<u>33,298</u>	<u>73,141</u>	<u>122,035</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>				
At the beginning of the year	264,414	20,064	37,259	321,737
At the end of the year	262,845	26,015	18,629	307,489

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<b>9. Investments Assets</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Carrying (fair) value of Charifunds and Charibonds at 31st March	2,668,973	2,361,079
Value of Charifund Units at 31/03/2025	2,064,433	1,794,842
Add: Purchase of additional units		75,000
Sale	615,752	
Repurchase	(100,000)	
deduct: loss on Sale of Units		
Add: Re-investment of distributions	119,549	106,821
Add/(Deduct) net gain/(loss) on revaluation	488,575	87,770
Carrying (fair) value at 31/03/2026 held with Charles Stanley	3,188,309	2,064,433
 Charibond Income Shares		
Value of Charibond Shares at 31/03/2025	604,540	566,237
Add: Purchase of additional units		25,000
Add: Re-investment of distributions	6,528	25,878
Repurchase	(615,752)	
Add net gain on revaluation	4,684	(12,575)
Carrying (fair) value at 31/03/2026	0	604,540
	<b>3,188,309</b>	<b>2,668,973</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>10. Debtors and prepayments</b>		
Prepayments and accrued income	10,070	21,078
Accrued Income	3,534	4,963
Other debtors	4,000	2,500
	<b>17,604</b>	<b>28,541</b>
<b>11. Creditors and accruals falling due in one year</b>		
Grants payable	39,834	57,000
Accruals and deferred income	13,537	22,496
	<b>53,371</b>	<b>79,496</b>
<b>12. Creditors and accruals falling due in more than one year</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Grants payable		<u>22,000</u>
<b>Movement in recognised provision and funding commitments during the year</b>		
	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Commitments recognised at the start of the year	79,000	126,280
New grant commitments charged to SoFA in year	43,243	86,838
Grants paid in year or no longer required	(82,409)	(134,118)
Amount of grant commitments recognised as at 31 March 2026	<u>39,834</u>	<u>79,000</u>

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**13. Transactions with trustees and related parties**

Trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other benefits for the work that they undertake in relation to the Charity. However, they can claim expenses to reimburse them for costs that they incur in fulfilling their duties relating to the Charity-these include travelling specifically for charitable funds committee meetings and charity related business meetings.

Expenses were incurred by committee members, as detailed below. And these were wholly in fulfilment of charity business. There are no other related party transactions in the reporting period that require disclosure.

	<b>2026</b>
	<b>£</b>
Travel and subsistence	1326

A total of £1,326 was paid to three Trustees for reimbursement of out of pocket expenses. None of the expenditure was in relation to Trustee duties, £30 was in respect of out of pocket expenses for shop refreshments and the balance paid to two Trustees who are volunteer drivers for the charity and are reimbursed expenses in accordance with the volunteer expenses policy.

**14. Operating Lease Commitments**

	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
The following operating lease payments are committed to be paid Expiring:		
In less than one year	24,023	20,008
Between one and five years	57,792	19,037
Within more than five years	NIL	NIL

**15. Reconciliation of Net Movement in funds to net cash flow from Operating Activities**

	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Net Movement in funds	561,463	159,638
Add back depreciation charge and loss on sale of assets	33,587	28,887
Deduct Investment income shown in investing activities	(16,809)	(15,812)
Deduct/(Add) Investment revaluation gains	(619,336)	(207,894)
Deduct/ Add profit on sale of assets		
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors and Accrued income	10,937	33,496
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	<u>(48,125)</u>	<u>(28,457)</u>
<b>Net Cash used in Operating Activities</b>	<u>(78,283)</u>	<u>(30,142)</u>

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**16. Analysis of changes in net debt**

	At Start of Year	Cash Flows	At End of Year
Cash at Bank and In Hand	150,055	19,187	169,242

**17. Analysis of Charitable Funds**

<b>Analysis of Fund Movements</b>	<b>Fund b/f</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Investment Gains and (Losses)</b>	<b>Fund c/f</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	3,067,810	186,101	243,974	619,336	3,629,273

**Analysis of Charitable Funds – Prior Year**

Unrestricted Funds	2,908,172	196,052	244,308	207,894	3,067,810
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