

**THE RISING MERCURY SOCIETY
(SUPPORTERS OF BENENDEN HOSPITAL)**

Charity Registration Number - 1115715

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021.**

A MEMBER OF ATTEND

The Rising Mercury Society (Supporters of Benenden Hospital)
Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2021

1. Reference and administrative details of the charity and its trustees

The name of the charity is The Rising Mercury Society (Supporters of Benenden Hospital), otherwise known as The RM Society.

The charity registration number is 1115715.

The registered contact for the charity is the Secretary Mrs S Tilbury, 116 Wykeham Road, Reading, Berkshire RG6 1PL.

President: Mr N S Norfolk

Vice President: Mr J Weston-Underwood MBBB, FRCS

Vice President: Mrs J Abbott MSc, BA(Hons), RGN

NOTE: President and Vice Presidents are not Trustees of the charity.

Trustees:

Mrs E E M Godwin (Chairman)

Mrs S D Pamphlett (Vice-Chairman, Editor & Acting Membership Secretary from June to Oct 2021)

Mr A Riddle

Mrs M J Smith

Mr M C Solly (Membership Secretary from 27th Oct 2021)

Dr M I Suleman

Mrs S P Tilbury (Secretary)

Mr J D Tinsley (Membership Secretary & Treasurer) – RESIGNED FROM 15th June 2021.

2. Structure, governance and management

The RM Society is an unincorporated association which was founded in 1950. It was registered as a charity in 2006 and is governed by its Object and Rules. The Trustees comprise of the Officers and other members of the Committee and are elected by the members of the RM Society at a General Meeting. The Trustees have the power under the Object and Rules to elect any member of the RM Society to fill any vacancy on the Committee. Trustees are subject to re-election every two years.

The RM Society is a member of ATTEND (formerly the NAHCF).

The Trustees have no formal induction process but several of the Trustees have undertaken training in respect of trustee roles and responsibilities and GDPR.

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3. Review of the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. A balance sheet has been prepared at 31st December 2021 showing the financial position of the charity at that date.

The Trustees endeavour to keep the administrative costs of the charity to the minimum necessary. No material funds have been designated in any way.

There is no formal reserves policy, surplus funds being donated to the Benenden Hospital Trust from time to time in accordance with the prime purpose of the RM Society under its Object and Rules. During the year ended 31st December 2021 a donation of £40,000 was made to the Benenden Hospital Trust.

No remuneration is paid to the Trustees but they are entitled to claim reimbursement of travel costs and other out of pocket expenses as approved by the Committee from time to time.

4. Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

Neither the charity nor its Trustees act as custodian trustee on behalf of others.

5. Public benefit statement

By supporting the work of the Benenden Hospital Trust (charity registration number 1065995), the Trustees consider that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

The Benenden Hospital Trust ("the Hospital") is the main provider of surgical and medical treatment to members and nominees of The Benenden Healthcare Society Limited ("the Society"), an incorporated friendly society which provides low cost discretionary healthcare services to its members and nominees. The Hospital also accepts private self-paying patients and NHS patient referrals in a range of specialities, having achieved accreditation through the "NHS Qualified Provider" process.

6. Objectives and activities

The object of the RM Society is the relief of sickness and the preservation of good health of the public, by generally supporting the charitable work of the Benenden Hospital Trust and its patients and by the provision of equipment, facilities and services not provided for from statutory funds.

7. Achievements and performance

During the year, 2 newsletters were issued to RM Society members, in February and July 2021.

An AGM was held in October 2021 when RM members had the opportunity to learn more about the service developments at the Benenden Hospital Trust.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Rising Mercury Society

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 6 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act, have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *Helen Chamberlain*

Name: Helen Chamberlain BSc ACA
Chief Financial Officer of the Benenden Healthcare Society Limited

Address: Benenden Health
Holgate Park Drive
York
YO26 4GG

Date: 11th April 2022

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Due to the Covid Pandemic during 2020 and 2021, it was not possible for the Trustees to undertake any of the usual fundraising activities. Mrs E Godwin was able to do some fundraising within her local community by selling cakes and preserves. Mrs D Flower also raised funds within her local community by holding gift stalls.

The 2021 Benenden Society Conference was held online therefore no fundraising could take place at that event as done in previous years. Further information about the RM Society is made available to the general public by inclusion in the websites of both the Society and the Benenden Hospital Trust.

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations and confirm that they have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

We hereby certify that the Annual Report and Financial Statements were approved by the Trustees at the Annual General Meeting held on 11th April 2022.



Mrs E E M Godwin
Chairman



Mrs S Pamphlett
Vice-Chairman



Mrs SP Tilbury
Secretary

Date 11/4/2022

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	<u>2021</u>			<u>2020</u>	
INCOME	£	£		£	£
Subscriptions	588		Subscriptions	1293	
Members	5520		Members	4365	
donations			donations		
Legacy	20157		Sundries	20	
AGM lunch	50		AGM Lunch	5	
Cakes and	2452		Cakes and	2365	
Preserves			Preserves		
Gift Stalls	650		Gift Stalls	200	
HMRC Gift Aid	1271		HMRC Gift	2497	
refund			Aid refund		
Easy	56		Easy	25	
Fundraising			Fundraising		
Bank	40		Waitrose	333	
Compensation			Donation		
Sale of stamp	622		Kent and SU	850	
albums			branch		
Total Income		£31,406			£11,953
EXPENDITURE			EXPENDITURE		
AGM	348		Unpaid	16	
Expenses			cheques		
			Committee	156	
			Travel Costs		
			Stationery/	45	
			admin		
ATTEND	614		ATTEND	585	
subscription			subscription		
Donation to	40,000		Donation To	0	
hospital trust			Hospital Trust		
Total		<u>£40,962</u>			<u>£802</u>
Expenditure					
DEFICIT (-)/		<u>-£9556</u>			<u>£11,151</u>
SURPLUS					

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021		2020
ASSETS	£	£	£
Bank current account at 31 December		10047	19603
 ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Balance at 1 January	19603		8452
Deficit (-)/ surplus for year	-9556		11151
		10047	19603