

Charity Registration number 1139970

FRIENDS OF DORSET COUNTY HOSPITAL
(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024



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Honorary Treasurer

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS	
Charity Name	Friends of Dorset County Hospital
Charity Registration Number	1139970
Period of Financial Year	1 January 2024 - 31 December 2024
Principal Address	Dorset County Hospital Williams Avenue Dorchester Dorset DT1 2JY
Governing Document	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Dated 22 April 2020
Trustees	Mrs Barbara Purnell - Chairperson Mrs Annette-Marie Kent - Vice-Chairperson Mrs Jane Pearson - Secretary Mr Paul Kent - Treasurer Mrs Sharon Merritt Mrs Karen Holt Mr Keith Russell
Independent Examiner	Spirare Ltd. Mey House Bridport Road Poundbury Dorchester DT1 3QY
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malting Kent ME19 4TA

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Objectives and Activities

Objects and Aims

The objective of the Charity is to relieve sickness and to preserve the health of the patients of Dorset County Hospital and any other Hospital in West Dorset by providing or assisting in the provision of equipment, facilities and services.

Public Benefit

The Friends ran a shop and ward trolley service until COVID-19 restrictions led to suspension of the trolley service in March 2020. The restrictions eventually led to closure of the shop as of 30 September 2022. In October 2023, at the request of the hospital, the Friends re-instated the ward trolley service run wholly on a voluntary basis during weekdays.

Other means of fundraising takes the form of donations, craft sales, pop-up shops and occasional legacies. In 2023, the Friends were successful in applying for grant funding in the sum of £5,000 from the Valentine Charitable Trust. These sources of funding have enabled the Charity to continue to donate gifts to the hospital. A summary of grants made in 2024 is set out in Note 6 to the Financial Statements.

The Charity is extremely grateful to the volunteers who continue to manage and operate its services.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Financial Review

During the year, the Charity received income and endowments totalling £46,517 (2023 £22,331). This included donations and legacies amounting to £19,777 (2023 £12,984), trading activities amounting to £23,240 (2023 £6,934) and investment income amounting to £3,500 (2023 £2,413).

Total expenditure amounted to £45,750 (2023 £43,762), including expenditure of £12,347 (2023 £2,878) on raising funds, £31,690 (2023 £39,416) on charitable activities and £1,713 (2023 £1,468) on other expenditure.

This resulted in a net surplus for the year of £767 (2023 deficit of £21,431) leaving net charity funds of £144,200 of which £2,033 are held in restricted funds.

Policy on Reserves

The trustees consider it appropriate to hold sufficient free reserves to cover at least six months expenditure on trading activities and running costs, excluding donations to the hospital.

Whilst the total unrestricted funds at the year end exceed those required for this purpose, the trustees do not consider this level of unrestricted funds as excessive as they continue to invite requests for grant funding of hospital projects from the available surplus reserves.

Going Concern

The trustees are confident that it has sufficient reserves to continue for the foreseeable future.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (Cont'd)

Reinstatement of the ward trolley services has provided additional funds from trading activity and this together with other fundraising should enable the Charity to achieve its objectives.

Activities During the Year

In 2024 the Friends received donations totalling £19,777. It was also the first full year of running the Ward Trolley Service on weekdays only, since its reinstatement in October 2023. Profits from the trolley service together with fundraising from cakes sales, craft sales and a quiz night enabled the charity to approve a further £61,188 in requests for equipment or facilities from wards within Dorset County Hospital. These were:

Date Approved	Department/Ward	Details	Estimated Cost
Feb 24	Healthcare Technology	20 x Memaflex Seat Cushion from NHSSC	£1,080
Feb 24	Radiology, Outpatients, South Walks	Simple Up Patient Lift for standing x-rays	£11,405
Feb 24	Pulmonary Rehabilitation Service. Therapy Dept.	Assorted Dumbell Weights	£101.75
May 24	Emergency Department	Furnishing of relative rooms for intensive care unit and ED	£40,000
May 24	Maternity	60 Drawstring Jute bags	£35.64
Jun 24	Elderly Care/Dementia	Activity resources	£1,830
Jun 24	Mary Anning Unit	10 x Radio CD Players	£400
Jun 24	Children's Centre	Therapy equipment etc.	£1,255.65
Aug 24	MSK Physiotherapy	Exercise Bike	£399
Aug 24	ENT Outpatients	Table Top Handheld Welch Allyn Otoscope	£400
Nov 24	Cardiac Care Ward & CCU	Hairdryer	£34.77
Nov 24	Stroke & Neuro Therapy Dept	Tilt Table Straps	£166.20
Nov 24	Hospital Charity	Christmas Gifts for patients in hospital over Christmas	£838.78
Dec 24	Outpatient Dept	Keeper Pachpen Handheld Pachymeter	£3,241.68
	TOTAL		£61,188.47

In addition, the Charity continued to provide Comfort Bags to patients who, after attending the Emergency Department, had been admitted unexpectedly to hospital. Around 800 Bags were delivered to patients free of charge during 2024 at a cost of £6,579 to the Charity. In July 2024, the Charity celebrated having delivered its 1,000th comfort bag.



The Friends regularly receive thanks from grateful patients as well as the occasional donation to express their gratitude.

“The emergency pack was very much needed. Thank you” (AV)

“Thank you for the timely comfort bag when I was in A & E overnight” (AD)

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (Cont'd)

In October 2024, the Charity held a tea party for all volunteers to recognise the anniversary of reinstatement of the Ward Trolley Service and to thank them for their sterling work during the year.

Structure, Governance and Management

Nature of Governing Document

The Friends of Dorset County Hospital was established originally under a constitution dated 29 May 1957 and registered with the Charity Commission (reg. no. 283089) on 17 September 1981. On 28 May 2009, the name of the Charity was changed from 'The League of Friends of the Dorchester Hospital' to the Friends of Dorset County Hospital. A charitable company (no. CE021611) was established under articles of association and incorporated on 2 November 2010. On 1 January 2012, the activities of the original unincorporated charity and its net assets were transferred to the charitable company. On 22 April 2020, the Charity converted from a limited company to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and the company was removed from the Companies House register.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

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 governance document. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 17 April 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Mrs Barbara Purnell
Chairperson, Friends of Dorset County Hospital

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FRIENDS OF DORSET COUNTY HOSPITAL

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Friends of Dorset County Hospital for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the 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

Signed:

L.C. Tattershall
22/9/2025

- LOUISE TATTERSHALL FCCA (0680473)

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:					
- Donations and Legacies (Including Gift Aid)	2	19,777	0	19,777	12,984
- Other Trading Activities		23,240	0	23,240	6,934
- Investments	3	3,500	0	3,500	2,413
- Other Income		0	0	0	0
Total Income		46,517	0	46,517	22,331
Expenditure on:					
- Raising Funds	4	12,347	0	12,347	2,878
- Charitable Activities	5	31,690		31,690	39,416
- Other Expenditure	6	1,713		1,713	1,468
Total Expenditure		45,750	0	45,750	43,762
Net Income/(Expenditure) before transfers		767	0	767	(21,431)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds		0	0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds		767	0	767	(21,431)
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds brought forward		141,420	2,033	143,453	164,884
Total Funds carried forward	16	142,187	2,033	144,220	143,453

All income and expenditure in 2024 derive from continuing activities.

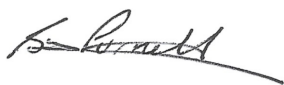
The charity has no recognised gains or losses for the year other than the results shown above.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

			2024		2023
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
- Tangible Assets	10		308		185
Current Assets					
- Stocks		1,353		619	
- Debtors	11	1,986		809	
- Cash at Bank/In Hand	13	143,034	146,373	142,797	144,225
Current Liabilities					
- Creditors	14		(2,461)		(957)
Net Current Assets			143,912		143,268
Net Assets			144,220		143,453
Funds of the Charity (adjusted for debtors and creditors)					
- Restricted Funds	16		2,033		2,033
- Unrestricted Funds	16		142,187		141,420
Total Charity Funds			144,220		143,453

The financial statements on pages 7 to 8 were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 17 April 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Mrs Barbara Purnell
Chair, Friends of Dorset County Hospital

1. Accounting policies

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Key Accounting Estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been applied consistently to all the years presented unless otherwise stated.

Statement of Compliance

The financial statements 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of Preparation

Friends of Dorset County Hospital meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The accounts are presented in £ sterling.

Income and Endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature, is recognised when the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and Legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reasonably measured.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement is required, and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure headings that aggregate all similar costs related to that category.

Raising Funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities.

Charitable Activities

Charitable Activities comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grant Provisions

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Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Governance Costs

Governance costs include the costs of preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, strategic management, the costs of trustee meetings and the costs of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Individual fixed assets costing £100 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation and Amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over the expected useful economic life as follows:

<i>Asset Class</i>	<i>Depreciation method and rate</i>
Computer equipment	5 years straight line
Other equipment, fixtures and fittings	20% reducing balance

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell, after due regard for obsolete and slow moving stocks. Cost is determined using the first in first out (FIFO) method.

Going Concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's long term ability to continue as a going concern, nor any significant areas of uncertainty that materially affect the carrying value of assets held by the Charity.

Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1, Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable body for UK tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Fund Structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are restricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees, in furtherance of the Charity's objectives.

Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

2. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations and Legacies				
Companies, clubs and individuals (including Gift Aid)	19,777	0	19,777	7,984
Grants Receivable				
Trusts and Foundations	0	0	0	5,000
Total Voluntary Income	19,777	0	19,777	12,984

3. Investment Income

Account	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Interest Receivable on Bank Deposits:				
CAF Bank Ltd	3,500	0	3,500	2,413
Total Int. Earned on Cash Deposits	3,500	0	3,500	2,413

4. Expenditure on Raising Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
a) Costs of Generating Donations and Legacies	419	419	421
b) Costs of Trading Activities;		0	
- Cost of Goods Sold	11,851	11,851	2,403
- Wages And salaries - see note below	0	0	0
- Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs - see note 7	77	77	54
Total Costs of Trading Activities	11,928	11,928	2,457
Total Expenditure on Raising Funds	12,347	12,347	2,878

Note: No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

5. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted General Funds £	Unrestricted Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Grant Funding of Activities	0	31,182	0	31,182	37,216
Governance Costs - see Note 8	0	508	0	508	2,200
Total Expenditure on Charitable Activities	0	31,690	0	31,690	39,416

6. Other Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Other Resources Expended	1,713	1,713	1,468
Total Other Expenditure	1,713	1,713	1,468

7. Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	0	0	0
Depreciation of fixed assets	77	77	54
Total Incoming/Outgoing Resources	77	77	54

8. Independent Examiner's Remuneration

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Examination of Financial Statements	508	508	1,900
Other Fees to Examiners	0	0	300
Total Independent Examiner's Fees	508	508	2,200

9. Trustees' Remuneration and Expenses

No trustees received any remuneration or were reimbursed any expenses during the year.

10. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost:		
As at 1 January 2024	2,101	2,101
Additions - iPhone	200	200
Disposals		0
As at 31 December 2024	2,301	2,301
Depreciation:		
As at 1 January 2024	(1,916)	(1,916)
Charge for the year	(77)	(77)
Eliminated on disposals		0
As at 31 December 2024	(1,993)	(1,993)
Net book value:		
As at 31 December 2024	308	308
As at 31 December 2023	185	185

11. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
HMRC - Gift Aid claims	243	620
Events - Quiz Night	1,523	0
Prepayments	220	189
Total Debtors	1,986	809

12. Taxation

The Charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

13. Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash on Hand	300	300
Cash at bank	6,592	9,837
Short-term deposits	136,142	132,660
Total Cash as at 31 December 2024	143,034	142,797

14. Creditors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade Creditors	0	0
Accruals	2,461	957
Total Creditors	2,461	957

15. Related Parties**Controlling Entity**

The charity is controlled by the Trustees.
There were no related party transactions during the year.

16. Analysis of Funds

2024	At 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2024 £
General Funds					
Unrestricted	130,839	46,517	(14,060)	(67,779)	95,517
Designated	10,581	0	(31,690)	67,779	46,670
Total Unrestricted Funds	141,420	46,517	(45,750)	0	142,187
Restricted Funds	2,033	0	0		2,033
Total Funds 2023	143,453	46,517	(45,750)	0	144,220
2023	At 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2023 £
General Funds					
Unrestricted	125,128	22,331	(6,546)	(10,074)	130,839
Designated	27,929	0	(27,422)	10,074	10,581
Total Unrestricted Funds	153,057	22,331	(33,968)	0	141,420
Restricted Funds	11,827	0	(9,794)	0	2,033
Total Funds	164,884	22,331	(43,762)	0	143,453

Purposes of Restricted Funds

A legacy from Mrs Hall was received in 2012 and is to be used for, or to contribute towards one specific project of permanent benefit to Dorset County Hospital. It was agreed by the trustees that that should be used to improve the dementia environment on the Barnes Ward.

Designated Funds

These represent grant applications that the trustees have already authorised but remain unspent as at the balance sheet date.