

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE007158 (England and Wales)

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1168474

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024
FOR
THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF THE MAIDSTONE
HOSPITAL**

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for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

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for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charity is established to raise funding to improve patient outcomes and experience. All departments within the hospital are encouraged to submit funding requests to the League, and are able to acquire equipment or make improvements, which otherwise would not be possible due to budgetary constraints imposed by the NHS Trust. The League also funds programmes designed to benefit patients.

Significant activities

The League operates a retail outlet within the hospital selling a wide range of food products together with newspapers, magazines, confectionery, and a host of items deemed useful for both staff and patients. We provide a Ward Trolley service, a Tea Bar, and have a very busy Bookshop alongside a range of fundraising activities such as raffles, cake sales, outings, etc.

Volunteers

The League relies on a large number of volunteers, who give a great deal of time and effort to running these services. The main shop is managed by Jacqui Featherstone, who also provides valuable support and guidance to all volunteers. Other outlets and services are managed by Committee members who are all volunteers as are the Trustees.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The sole purpose of the charity is to support the running of the hospital and improve patient experiences and outcomes. This is mainly achieved by the funding of equipment and programmes which are not able to be provided within the budgets of the NHS Trust.

In this financial year the League has funded the Open Eyes programme, purchased an ECG Machine, 4 Defibrillators, Vital Signs Monitor, and funded an End Of Life Co-ordinator, along with a number of more modestly priced items. The total sum donated in the year was £86,948.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

During this year the League generated a total of £622,533 in income. Of this, £598,134 was generated by sales in the League shop, whilst £6,800 was from fund raising events. Legacies of £10,000 were received from several sources.

Expenditure totalled £542,262 which resulted in a net surplus from charitable activities of £80,271.

These funds were held in the general unrestricted fund, with a healthy cash balance of £516,511 at the year end.

Reserves policy

The reserve policy for the charity is that they should hold sufficient reserves to meet all the capital purchases they have contracted with the hospital, plus £50,000.

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FUTURE PLANS

The trustees intend to continue to promote and progress The League's objectives. Investments will be kept under review and changes may be effected if judged beneficial. The level of reserves is decided by the trustees taking account of demands made upon The League's resources.

The restrictions imposed as a result of the pandemic led to a marked reduction in numbers of visitors to the hospital with an obvious impact on custom in The League's retail outlets. In addition many volunteers are in age or health categories which make it inadvisable for them to continue in their roles. Measures, both physical and operational, have been introduced to comply with medical advice on the control of the virus.

As Covid restrictions have largely been lifted footfall has increased and is now ahead of the pre pandemic level. Revenues have recovered sufficiently for surpluses to be generated again and barring serious Covid outbreaks leading to restrictions the trustees are satisfied that a satisfactory surplus will continue to be earned.

Active consideration is being given as to how The League might expand the scope of its operations and agreement in principle has been reached to open an outlet selling beverages and snacks in the new Diagnostic Centre. Discussions are ongoing regarding possible openings in other departments of the hospital. The trustees will consider the level of reserves in the context of anticipated funding required for any additional retail activity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

CE007158 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1168474

Registered office

Maidstone Hospital
Hermitage Lane
Barming
Maidstone
Kent
ME16 9QQ

Trustees

Mrs M Tunbridge
J White
Mrs G Watson (resigned 18.7.23)
G Owen
Mrs S Sullivan (appointed 4.9.23)

Independent Examiner

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for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20.01.2025 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
J White - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF THE MAIDSTONE
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The League of Friends of the Maidstone Hospital ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 April 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



Nicholas Hume FCA

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Date: 29/1/25

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

		30.4.24 Unrestricted fund £	30.4.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	14,712	6,044
Other trading activities	3	600,223	460,490
Other income		7,598	2,154
Total		<u>622,533</u>	<u>468,688</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	4	438,146	359,066
Charitable activities	5		
Hospital Support & Administration		102,939	104,484
Other		1,177	1,249
Total		<u>542,262</u>	<u>464,799</u>
NET INCOME		80,271	3,889
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		415,220	411,331
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>495,491</u>	<u>415,220</u>

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BALANCE SHEET
30 April 2024

	Notes	30.4.24 Unrestricted fund £	30.4.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	10	4,191	5,574
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	11	12,628	15,485
Cash at bank and in hand		516,512	417,310
		<u>529,140</u>	<u>432,795</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(37,840)	(23,149)
		<u>491,300</u>	<u>409,646</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>491,300</u>	<u>409,646</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>495,491</u>	<u>415,220</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>495,491</u>	<u>415,220</u>
FUNDS	13		
Unrestricted funds:			
General fund		495,491	415,220
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>495,491</u>	<u>415,220</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 April 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

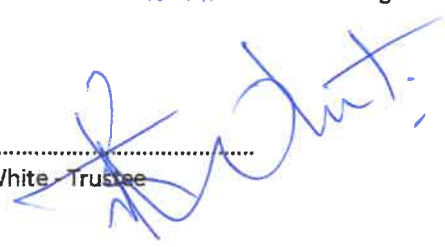
- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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BALANCE SHEET - continued
30 April 2024

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on*22.01.2025*..... and were signed on its behalf by:

..........
J White - Trustee

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT
for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

	Notes	30.4.24 £	30.4.23 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	99,202	48,915
Net cash provided by operating activities		99,202	48,915
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		99,202	48,915
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		417,310	368,395
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		516,512	417,310

The notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	30.4.24	30.4.23
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	80,271	3,889
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	1,383	3,982
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	2,857	(2,214)
Decrease in debtors	-	36,436
Increase in creditors	14,691	6,822
Net cash provided by operations	99,202	48,915

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.5.23	Cash flow	At 30.4.24
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	417,310	99,202	516,512
	<u>417,310</u>	<u>99,202</u>	<u>516,512</u>
Total	<u>417,310</u>	<u>99,202</u>	<u>516,512</u>

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 50% on cost

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	30.4.24	30.4.23
	£	£
Donations	3,706	1,520
Legacies	10,000	3,500
Subscriptions	1,006	1,024
	<u>14,712</u>	<u>6,044</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	30.4.24	30.4.23
	£	£
Fundraising events	2,088	5,060
Shop income	598,135	455,430
	<u>600,223</u>	<u>460,490</u>

4. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	30.4.24	30.4.23
	£	£
Opening stock	15,485	13,271
Purchases	389,634	306,717
Closing stock	(12,628)	(15,485)
Staff costs	42,387	49,432
Fundraising expenses	1,885	1,149
Depreciation	1,383	3,982
	<u>438,146</u>	<u>359,066</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Hospital Support & Administration	<u>86,948</u>	<u>15,991</u>	<u>102,939</u>

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6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Finance	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Hospital Support & Administration	<u>3,626</u>	<u>10,361</u>	<u>2,004</u>	<u>15,991</u>

7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	30.4.24	30.4.23
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>1,383</u>	<u>3,982</u>

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 April 2024 nor for the year ended 30 April 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 April 2024 nor for the year ended 30 April 2023.

9. STAFF COSTS

	30.4.24	30.4.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	40,160	48,356
Other pension costs	<u>2,227</u>	<u>1,076</u>
	<u>42,387</u>	<u>49,432</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	30.4.24	30.4.23
	2	2
Average number of employees	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 May 2023 and 30 April 2024	14,470	5,320	19,790
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 May 2023	9,071	5,145	14,216
Charge for year	1,208	175	1,383
At 30 April 2024	10,279	5,320	15,599
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 30 April 2024	4,191	-	4,191
At 30 April 2023	5,399	175	5,574

11. STOCKS

	30.4.24	30.4.23
	£	£
Stocks	12,628	15,485

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.4.24	30.4.23
	£	£
Trade creditors	30,660	14,636
Social security and other taxes	595	1,904
VAT	5,212	5,018
Other creditors	1,373	1,591
	37,840	23,149

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.5.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.4.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	415,220	80,271	495,491
TOTAL FUNDS	415,220	80,271	495,491

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	622,533	(542,262)	80,271
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>622,533</u>	<u>(542,262)</u>	<u>80,271</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.5.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.4.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	411,331	3,889	415,220
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>411,331</u>	<u>3,889</u>	<u>415,220</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	468,688	(464,799)	3,889
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>468,688</u>	<u>(464,799)</u>	<u>3,889</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.5.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.4.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	411,331	84,160	495,491
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>411,331</u>	<u>84,160</u>	<u>495,491</u>

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,091,221	(1,007,061)	84,160
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,091,221</u>	<u>(1,007,061)</u>	<u>84,160</u>

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 April 2024.

15. OUTSTANDING PLEDGES

As of 30.04.24, the charity had pledged £20,478 towards new hospital equipment. These pledges become contractually binding on purchase of said equipment whereupon the League reimburses these costs.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

	30.4.24 £	30.4.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	3,706	1,520
Legacies	10,000	3,500
Subscriptions	1,006	1,024
	<u>14,712</u>	<u>6,044</u>
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	2,088	5,060
Shop income	598,135	455,430
	<u>600,223</u>	<u>460,490</u>
Other income		
Bank interest received	7,598	2,154
	<u>622,533</u>	<u>468,688</u>
Total incoming resources		
	622,533	468,688
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Opening stock	15,485	13,271
Shop goods	389,634	306,717
Wages	40,160	48,356
Pensions	2,227	1,076
Fundraising expenses	1,885	1,149
Plant and machinery	1,208	1,799
Computer equipment	175	2,183
Closing stock	(12,628)	(15,485)
	<u>438,146</u>	<u>359,066</u>
Charitable activities		
Purchase of Hospital Equipment	86,948	84,721
Other		
Computer and Software	1,177	1,249
Support costs		
Management		
Rates and water	176	756
Carried forward	176	756

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

	30.4.24 £	30.4.23 £
Management		
Brought forward	176	756
Postage and stationery	716	1,348
Sundries	-	181
Travel	479	606
Repairs and Renewals	2,255	2,838
	<u>3,626</u>	<u>5,729</u>
Finance		
Bank charges	10,361	11,311
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>2,004</u>	<u>2,723</u>
<i>Total resources expended</i>	<u>542,262</u>	<u>464,799</u>
Net income	<u><u>80,271</u></u>	<u><u>3,889</u></u>