

**Registered Charity No. 1181156**

**THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS HOSPITAL**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**31 DECEMBER 2023**

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## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

The trustees of the League have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

### **PRINCIPAL OBJECTS**

The League was set up and registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, on 13 December 2018.

The League's principal objects as set out in its Foundation Constitution are to mobilise, encourage, foster and maintain the interest of the public in the patients and the support of the work of the Tunbridge Wells Hospital by means of fundraising.

### **REVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

The League receives subscription income from members and friends, legacies and donations from the general public. Members and friends also undertake various fundraising activities including table sales, raffles, coffee mornings and organised events.

Although total income has decreased this year, if a legacy received of over £36,000 received in 2022 is adjusted for, other sources of income have increased, especially the income from fundraising activities.

During the year the trustees were able to approve substantial donations for equipment at the Tunbridge Wells Hospital. The trustees will continue to support similar projects which clearly deliver a public benefit in the future.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty set out in the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

### **RESULTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

The League generated a surplus of £28,110 before donating £24,135 to the Tunbridge Wells Hospital during the year.

### **RESERVES**

At the balance sheet date the League's reserves amounted to £141,121. These reserves were and continue to be, unrestricted. It is not the trustees' policy to build up large amounts of unused reserves.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
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PATRON:  
The Viscountess De L'Isle

PRESIDENT:  
Lady Mills

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

Mrs D E Barber MBE  
Mr P J Raymond  
Mrs F C Challis  
Mrs J Wright  
Mrs L Sergeant

TRUSTEES:

Mr G G Purdy	(Chairman)
Mrs N Poore	(Treasurer)
Miss S Crouch	(Hon. Secretary)

OTHER TRUSTEES:

Mrs D E Barber MBE	Mrs J Johnston
Mrs J Cook	Mrs D A Lamberton-Kerr
Mrs M Craven	Mrs S E Marsh
Mrs A Gibb	Mrs G McDonald MBE
Mrs F Grimes (resigned 1.10.23)	Mr N J Stanford (Died 10.12.23)

Apart from the trustees who were appointed on incorporation, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. Any person retiring as a charity trustee is eligible for reappointment.

There must be at least three trustees at all times.

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**RISK MANAGEMENT**

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the League is exposed. The principal risk is the ability of the League to attract donations and legacies to continue its support for projects at the Tunbridge Wells Hospital. This is mitigated by the efforts of the trustees to publicise the activities of the League and by our fundraising activities.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Copies of the financial statements can be obtained from and all correspondence should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, 15 Herons Way, Pembury, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. TN2 4DW.

By Order and on behalf of the Trustees

Miss S Crouch  
(Hon.Secretary)

6 March 2024

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS HOSPITAL**

I report on the accounts of The League of Friends of Tunbridge Wells Hospital for the period ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

**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 2011 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 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

**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 reasonable 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 2011 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.

Mr R Cottington  
On behalf of Sandison Lang & Co  
2 St Mary's Road  
Tonbridge  
Kent TN9 2LB

6 March 2024

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Donations and legacies	14,848	43,370
Fundraising activities	13,543	9,795
Investment income	1,512	330
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<b>Total Receipts</b>	29,903	53,495
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<b>Payments</b>		
Expenses	1,097	738
Fundraising activities	445	420
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	1,542	1,158
<b>Hospital donations</b>	24,135	3,535
<b>Governance costs</b>	251	310
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<b>Total Payments</b>	25,928	5,003
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NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	3,975	48,492
Balances brought forward	137,146	88,654
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Balances carried forward	141,121	137,146
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All funds are unrestricted.

The notes on pages 7 to 8 form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	<b>2023</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2022</b> <b>£</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Short-term deposits	74,835	73,456
Cash at bank and in hand	66,286	63,690
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<b>NET ASSETS</b>	141,121	137,146
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<b>FUNDS</b>		
Unrestricted - General Fund	141,121	137,146
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The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 6 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr G G Purdy  
(Chairman)

Mrs N Poore  
(Treasurer)

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**1. Accounting Policies**

(a) Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on a receipts and payments basis.

(b) Donations, legacies, events and similar income

Donations, legacies, events and similar income represent the actual amount received in the period.

(c) Hospital donations

Hospital donations represents the amounts paid during the period to the Tunbridge Wells Hospital for equipment and special projects.

(d) Restricted and unrestricted funds

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions imposed by the donor which are binding on the trustees. Unrestricted funds have no restrictions on their use.

(e) Governance costs

Governance costs include the costs of legal advice on governance or constitutional matters.

**2. Staff Costs**

No amounts were paid to any person for services or reimbursed expenses as a trustee during the period.

The League relied on its many voluntary helpers and there were no employees during the period.



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**3. Taxation**

The League is not registered for VAT and the accounts disclose expenditure inclusive of VAT, where applicable.

The League is a registered charity and as such its income and gains falling within Sections 518 to 564 of the Income Taxes Act 2007 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 are exempt from income tax and capital gains tax to the extent that they are applied to charitable objectives.