

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	04	2023	To	31	03	2024

## Reference and administration details

**Charity name**  
**Other names charity is known by**  
**Registered charity number**  
**Charity's principal address**

The Digestive Diseases Federation Suffolk
<b>1195252</b>
14 Blandford Road
Ipswich
Postcode IP3 8SL

### Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Hemant Laxaman	Chair		
2	Yin Miao	Co-Chair		
3	Judith Steward	Treasurer		
4	Marjorie Thompson	Secretary		
5	Abdul Mohsen	Trustee		
6	Wendy Webb	Trustee		

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**Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)**

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

## Structure, governance and management

**Type of governing document**

There have been no changes to structure. President remains Lady Tollemarche, Chair is Dr Hemant Laxaman, Co-chair is Dr Yin Miao, Treasurer is Judith Steward, and Secretary is Marjorie Thompson.

The charity has an annual AGM held in December as well as addition 2-3 meetings to plan charitable activities.

**Trustee recruitment and appointment**

Dr John Wyke was removed as trustee and Wendy Webb was appointed. All other current trustees were re-appointed at separate trustees meeting after AGM.

## Objectives and activities

**Charitable purposes**

The Digestive Disorders Foundation (Suffolk) raise money in Suffolk to help Suffolk hospitals in the research, treatment, cure and prevention of digestive disorders.

**Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects**

We give grants to relevant medical staff to help them keep abreast of developments in their specialised field such as by attending conferences/educational activities as well as funding any research or equipment which would assist in the management of patients, mainly at Ipswich hospital.

We have virtually no administrative expenses; all our fundraising work is done by dedicated volunteers and we have no premises to maintain.

We organise local fundraising activities in the form of an annual quiz, annual draw, hampers around Christmas and easter as well as a charity dinner. In addition we have a dedicated website and produce a regular newsletter reporting on past events and highlighting future events and activities.

## Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period**

2 Quizzes were held in June and Nov 2023. These were well received and very popular with good fundraising (initial plan was for one but due to success of initial quiz, second one was arranged)

An annual grand draw was also conducted with excellent fundraising

In addition, 2 hampers were donated by endoscopy staff as part of fundraising activities (Christmas and Easter)

The charity was selected as nominated charity for Inner wheel and Orwell Singers with significant donations from both organisations to the charity, for which we were very grateful

The charity funded for an endoscopy nurse to attend an educational course undertaken at St Marks Hospital – a national and international centre renowned for Gastroenterology and GI surgery.

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The charity has been fortunate to have money in reserve with aim this will be used to fund a larger project relating to digestive disorder care in future (long term aim has been to fund a dedicated endoscopy training room)

For current financial year:

Income amounted to £12032.69 of which, £5132.29 were from donations, £3374.80 were from charity activities and £3525.60 from other activities

Expenditure amounted to £2614.78 in total

The charity has funds mainly in an instant access savings account as well as a proportion in a current account with Natwest Bank

**Details of any deficit**

No deficit

**Donated facilities and services (if any)**

The charity relies on volunteers alongside the trustees to enable us to undertake the above outlined fundraising activities, as well as attending meetings planning for ongoing and future activities. These volunteers are not paid by the charity.

**Other optional information****Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>	<i>H Laxaman</i>	
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Dr Hemant Laxaman	
<b>Position (e.g. Chair)</b>	Chair	
<b>Date</b>	6/04/2025	