

Charity registration number 217182 (England and Wales)

FRIENDS OF LEDBURY & DISTRICT HEALTHCARE
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

FRIENDS OF LEDBURY & DISTRICT HEALTHCARE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Dr R D Scholefield
Mr L E Davies
Mr M Blandford
Mrs S M Roig
Dr D M Lloyd
Dr B Herriot
Dr N P Meyer
Mr J D Huggins

(Appointed 8 October 2024)

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Independent examiner

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FRIENDS OF LEDBURY & DISTRICT HEALTHCARE

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FRIENDS OF LEDBURY & DISTRICT HEALTHCARE

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the financial statements and comply with the Charity's governing document, a deed of trust, the Charities Act 2011 and "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 2019)".

Objectives and activities

To apply the income, and at the discretion of the Trustees, the capital of the trust fund to support Healthcare work in Ledbury and District by:-

- a) The relief of patients who are sick, convalescent, disabled, handicapped, infirm or in the need of financial assistance
- b) The relief of sickness in the locality by promoting the efficient performance of their duties by Healthcare workers

Public benefit

Friends of Ledbury and District Healthcare are a public benefit entity.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

The main achievements during the year:

Providing water cooler supplies to Ledbury Health and Care Centre.

Supporting voluntary groups providing help and welfare to local residents

Awarding grants to Healthcare workers to help fund professional development.

Donating medical equipment to G P surgeries and other groups in the district.

Financial review

The reserves currently held are £1,731,978. These are considered sufficient to generate adequate income to meet the objectives of the charity.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Major risks

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is unincorporated.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Dr R D Scholefield

Mr L E Davies

Mr M Blandford

Mrs S M Roig

Dr D M Lloyd

Mr C Masefield

(Resigned 8 October 2024)

Dr B Herriot

Dr N P Meyer

Mr J D Huggins

(Appointed 8 October 2024)

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Appointments are made on the recommendation of Trustees approved at the Annual General Meeting.

Principal address

C/o Masefield Solicitors LLP

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The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Dr R D Scholefield

Trustee

12 August 2025

FRIENDS OF LEDBURY & DISTRICT HEALTHCARE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF FRIENDS OF LEDBURY & DISTRICT HEALTHCARE

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Friends of Ledbury & District Healthcare (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Leadon Valley Accountancy Ltd

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12 August 2025

FRIENDS OF LEDBURY & DISTRICT HEALTHCARE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income from:			
Investments	2	48,485	46,034
Total income		48,485	46,034
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	3	23,582	39,482
Total expenditure		23,582	39,482
Net gains/(losses) on investments	8	35,784	135,354
Net income and movement in funds		60,687	141,906
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		1,671,291	1,529,385
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		1,731,978	1,671,291

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

FRIENDS OF LEDBURY & DISTRICT HEALTHCARE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	10		1,619,844		1,584,060
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand			112,393		87,429
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11		(259)		(198)
Net current assets			112,134		87,231
Total assets less current liabilities			1,731,978		1,671,291
The funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds	12		1,731,978		1,671,291
			1,731,978		1,671,291

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 12 August 2025

Dr R D Scholefield
Trustee

FRIENDS OF LEDBURY & DISTRICT HEALTHCARE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Friends of Ledbury & District Healthcare is an Unincorporated charity

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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 2019)". The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.8 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	48,485	46,034

3 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable Activities 2024 £	Charitable Activities 2023 £
Direct costs		
Water cooler supplies	1,286	993
Equipment purchases	10,000	29,905
Hospital staff course fees	10,402	466
Health and welfare	533	7,000
	22,221	38,364
Share of support and governance costs (see note 4)		
Support	1,145	920
Governance	216	198
	23,582	39,482
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	23,582	39,482

4 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Insurance	365	350
Accounting software	360	150
Website costs	420	420
Independent examiners fees	216	198
	1,361	1,118
Analysed between:		
Charitable activities	1,361	1,118

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

5 Net movement in funds

2024	2023
£	£

The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):

Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements

198	180
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6 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

7 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2024	2023
Number	Number

Total

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There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

8 Net gains/(losses) on investments

Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £
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Gain/(loss) on Fixed Asset investments

35,784	135,354
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9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

10 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2024	1,584,060
Valuation changes	35,784
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At 31 December 2024	1,619,844
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Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2024	1,619,844
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At 31 December 2023	1,584,060
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11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	43	-
Accruals and deferred income	216	198
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	259	198
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12 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 31 December 2024 £
General funds	1,671,291	48,485	(23,582)	35,784	1,731,978
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Previous year:	At 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 31 December 2023 £
General funds	1,529,385	46,034	(39,482)	135,354	1,671,291
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13 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).