

FRIENDS OF THE MARY HEWETSON HOSPITAL, KESWICK

England & Wales · Charity number 232708

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1965-05-03

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE AMENITIES FOR PATIENTS AND STAFF OF THE MARY HEWETSON HOSPITAL, KESWICK

Activities: To provide amenities for patients and staff of "The Mary Hewetson Hospital, Keswick".

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** KESWICK
- Cumbria

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£42,432	£10,547	-	-
2024-09-30	£28,939	£6,074	-	-
2023-09-30	£183,866	£105,501	-	-
2022-09-30	£11,475	£5,714	-	-
2021-09-30	£10,218	£1,339	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Shelagh Lambert	Chair	2023-08-09
CAROLE HARRISON		
Carrie Anne Wilson		2022-11-15
DOROTHY ANNE SAVAGE		
Dr David John Brigham		2023-08-09
Dr Eugene Patrick Lambert		2021-02-17
Dr PETER EDWIN HEMINGWAY		
Gail Miller		2019-01-04
Gillian Mary Montgomery		2023-11-08
Janice Mary Smith		2012-02-03
SUSAN ROBINSON		
Sylvia Jane Darigala		2023-08-09

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT



The trustees of the Friends of the Mary Hewetson Hospital, Keswick charity
present their annual report and the audited financial statements
for the year ended

30th SEPTEMBER 2025

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1. OBJECTIVES and ACTIVITIES

Our charity's objective is "to provide amenities for the Patients and Staff of the Mary Hewetson Hospital, Keswick." Keswick Community Hospital is a vital asset in this rural area, its medical facilities used both by the residents of the area as well as the many thousands of visitors to the World Heritage Site that is the Lake District National Park.

In the preparation of this report, the trustees have paid due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission. The public benefits that flow from our charity purpose are (a) the preservation and enhancement of the local medical facilities provided to the public by the Keswick Hospital; (b) providing the public the means by which they can directly support their local Keswick Hospital. No harm arises from our charity's purpose, the sole beneficiaries are the public, whether local residents or visiting tourists. No private benefit arises.

'The Friends' raise funds from the public by way of legacies, gifts in memory of deceased relatives, general donations and grant applications. We then manage those funds, actively liaising with the hospital administration to pass on the money raised through the funding of various projects e.g. facility refurbishment, the funding of purchases such as new medical equipment, the funding of miscellaneous maintenance services, etc.

2. ACHIEVEMENTS and PERFORMANCE

General donations¹ were up on the preceding 2023/24 financial year, in consequence of receiving one reasonably significant legacy of £20,000. This, combined with ongoing higher investment returns on previously donated funds, resulted in receipts for 2024/24 also being higher, a total of £42,432. However, excluding legacies, general *in-memoriam* donations continued their steady year-on-year decline, totaling less than half the amount donated in 2023/24. This is probably due to the ongoing cost-of-living crisis affecting charitable giving generally, together with a recent change in NCIC admission policy meaning fewer local patients being treated at our hospital. The number of *in-memoriam* donations made via modern digital platforms, such as [MuchLoved](#) and [JustGiving](#) continued to increase.

¹ Donations such as grants, legacies, fundraises, not specifically in memory of the deceased.

Given our strong financial position, our trustee working party continued to work with hospital and NCIC staff with the goal of identifying one or more significant Keswick hospital items/projects to fund. We are also liaising with other local hospital Friends' groups to explore potential joint funding opportunities. This initiative has yet to bear fruit, the primary difficulty being to identify funding opportunities that can also be NHS staffed. In the meanwhile, throughout the 24/25 financial year the Friends continued to fund a series of minor but very useful items of equipment, such as occupational therapy walking and standing aids, sign language training so that nurses can communicate with deaf patients, a smartphone for patient use, and a very popular staff sandwich toaster! The most significant items funded were two specialist therapy chairs for patients with limited mobility at over £2,500 each.

Operationally, our work to modernise the charity bore further fruit in 2024/25, as we did all the groundwork to migrate in 2026 from our current Unincorporated legal structure to a more modern Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) legal structure. The new charity will be called 'The Friends of Keswick Hospital' and will continue the work of our existing charity. All existing assets will be transferred over, before the existing charity is retired.

3. FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the twelve months to 30th September 2025, The Friends continued to offer financial support to the facilities at Keswick Hospital to a total of £10,119. Our largest funding items were £5,040 for two occupational therapy patient chairs and £3,499 for a specialist standing aid, with this equipment offering significant benefit for patients with limited mobility.

Our overall financial position remains very strong, as noted in Section 2 of this report. Total income for 2024/25 remains healthy at £42,432, comparable to previous years if one excludes the larger legacies. Income tax refunds under the Gift Aid Scheme totalled a humble £1.72, as very few gift aid declarations were received with donations. Investment income totalled £17,621, up on the previous year due to the ongoing higher interest rates and having switched deposits from expiring low interest rate fixed-rate bonds into our higher yielding NSI account. Net of disbursements made our assets grew by £31,885 to a total of £496,735.

With such significant financial assets at our disposal, the emphasis for 2025/26 thus continues to be ongoing support for the hospital various requests, but also the identification and funding of a more significant item or project on which to disburse our donated funds.

The principal funding sources for our charity continue to be gifts in memory of deceased relatives, legacies, general donations, HMRC gift aid refunds, and grants.

3.1 Administrative Costs

The trustees discharge their duties without remuneration and employ no staff.

Administrative expenses totalled £428, down on the previous year because that included the one-off £450 capital cost of setting up our website. Our Unity Trust bank account charges a monthly £6.00 fee. The total administrative costs constitute about 1.0% of income received during the twelve month period.

3.2 Investments

The bulk of our assets are held in National Savings Income Bonds and fixed-term Building Society accounts, with balances reported regularly to the Trustees. To minimise risk each Building Society balance is below £120,000, thus falling within the UK FSCS Government Guarantee Policy. National Savings Income Bonds are government-protected up to £1 million. For further details see the accompanying accounts, audited by W J Pridmore.

The Treasurer's investment policy is to preserve the value of the donated funds, to grow the value risk-free, and ensure funds are readily available when Keswick Hospital funding opportunities are identified. To facilitate the latter, our largest investment is in instant-access National Savings Income Bonds. Our Building Society fixed-term account can also be called upon if required, albeit with interest penalties.

Longer term, we look to maintain a contingency reserve of £20,000 in order to always be able to react to and fund any unanticipated Keswick Hospital requests.

4. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE and MANAGEMENT

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Trustees are appointed by invitation of the existing trustees and generally drawn from interested members of the local community. No formal training is given. Trustees shall include

the Hospital Manager (or nominee), and the town's Senior GP (or nominated Deputy). Trustees have the power to co-opt. The current quorum for voting at meetings is ten (10) Trustees. The business of 'The Friends' is conducted and managed by a committee, who meet a minimum of four (4) times annually. The Officers are the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

TRUSTEES 2025

Dr. David Bringham²
Sylvia Darigala - *Secretary*
Carole Harrison
Dr. Peter Edwin Hemingway³ - *Vice-Chair*
Dr. Eugene Lambert - *Treasurer*
Shelagh Lambert - *Chair*
Gail Miller
Gillian Montgomery
Susan Robinson
Dorothy Anne Savage
Janice Mary Smith
Carrie Wilson⁴

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (GENERAL PURPOSES FUND)

	30 September 2025		30 September 2024	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Sources				
Donations - General	23,127		11,801	
- In Remembrance	1,682		3,524	
Income Tax Refunds	<u>2</u>		<u>113</u>	
		24,811		15,438
Income from Assets				
National Savings Bond Interest	13,493		12,896	
Building Society Interest	<u>4,128</u>		<u>605</u>	
		17,621		13,501
		<u>42,432</u>		<u>28,939</u>
PAYMENTS				
Direct Charitable Expenditure				
Christmas Gifts per Ward Manager	500		500	
Gifts to Hospital and Donations to N Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust	<u>9,619</u>		<u>4,740</u>	
		10,119		5,240
Other Expenditure				
Miscellaneous		428		834
Total Payments for the Year		<u>10,547</u>		<u>6,074</u>
NET RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		31,885		22,865
CASH FUNDS AT LAST YEAR END		15,850		32,985
TRANSFER TO INVESTMENTS		(33,759)		(40,000)
		<u>13,976</u>		<u>15,850</u>
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES				
		£		£
Cash Funds at this Year End (as above)		13,976		15,850
Non-Monetary Assets:				
- Held for Investment Purposes				
National Savings Income Bonds		447,759		364,000
Building Society Term Deposits		35,000		85,000
		<u>496,735</u>		<u>464,850</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FRIENDS OF THE MARY HEWETSON HOSPITAL

I report on the unaudited accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30 September 2025 which are set out on page 1.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As this charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - * to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

W J Pridmore
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19 February 2026

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'The Friends' raise funds from the public by way of legacies, gifts in memory of deceased relatives, general donations and grant applications. We then manage those funds, actively liaising with the hospital administration to pass on the money raised through the funding of various projects e.g. facility refurbishment, the funding of purchases such as new medical equipment, the funding of miscellaneous maintenance services, etc.

2. ACHIEVEMENTS and PERFORMANCE

General donations¹ are significantly down, but this simply reflects that in 2022/23 we were the beneficiary of two very significant legacies totalling over £160,000, compared to only one this past year for £10,500. Such large legacies are rare and infrequent. Excluding legacies, general donations correspond closely to the previous two years. *In-memoriam* donations from the public of £3,524 recovered a little compared to the previous year (£2,356), but continue to be down on previous years. This is probably a combination of the ongoing cost-of-living crisis affecting charitable giving generally, together with a recent change in NCIC admission policy meaning fewer local patients are treated at our hospital. Note that some of the *in-memoriam* donations were made via more modern digital platforms, such as [MuchLoved.com](https://www.muchloved.com).

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Given our strong financial position, a trustee working party has been set up to work with hospital and NCIC staff with the goal of identifying one or more significant Keswick hospital items/projects to fund. We are also liaising with other local hospital Friends' groups to explore potential joint funding opportunities. This initiative is in its early stages and has yet to bear fruit. In the meanwhile, throughout the 23/24 financial year the Friends continued to fund a series of minor but very useful items of equipment, such as dementia therapy equipment, patient hairdryers, and a staff microwave. The most significant items funded were a specialist shower chair for patients with limited mobility and two specialist walking aids.

Operationally, our work to modernise the charity bore further fruit in 2023/24, as we completed the modernisation of our charity's banking facilities by switching from Barclays to a new charity-friendly provider called Unity Trust bank. Their online banking service provides dual (at least) authorisation, 'faster' and CHAPS payments, online statements, card donation terminals, etc. Apart from reducing the Treasurer's workload, it also makes receiving donations and receipts easier and far more secure.

Another key operational project begun in 2022/23 and completed in 2023/24 is the modernisation of our communications. We now have a dedicated charity website (<http://www.friendsofkeswickhospital.org>) a formal email address (admin@friendsofkeswickhospital.org) and a new Friends logo, which may be seen in the header of this document.

In terms of fundraising, another trustee working group was set up in 2023/24 to lay the foundations for fundraising in the modern world. One immediate achievement was the design, procurement and local deployment of 'branded' Friends' collection boxes. These boxes not only raise cash donations, but also are a valuable marketing tool, raising public awareness of our work. A QR code on the boxes links to the donation page on our Friends' website.

3. FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the twelve months to 30th September 2024, The Friends continued to offer financial support to the facilities at Keswick Hospital to a total of £5,240. Our two largest funding items were £2,343.82 for a specialist shower chair and £1,717.10 for two (2) specialist walking aids, both items of equipment offering significant benefit for patients with limited mobility.

Our overall financial position remains very strong, as noted in Section 2 of this report. Total income for 2023/24 remains healthy at £28,939, comparable to previous years if one excludes the larger legacies. Income tax refunds under the Gift Aid Scheme were £112.50, as we finally

managed a reclaim via HMRC's new digital platform. Investment income totalled £13,501, almost equalling our donation income. This was significantly up on the previous year due to the ongoing higher interest rates and having switched deposits from expiring low interest rate fixed-rate bonds into our higher yielding NSI account. Net of disbursements made our assets grew by £22,865 to a total of £464,851.

With such significant financial assets now at our disposal, the emphasis for 2024/25 thus continues to be ongoing support for the hospital various requests, but also the identification and funding of a more significant item or project on which to disburse our donated funds.

The principal funding sources for our charity continue to be gifts in memory of deceased relatives, legacies, general donations, HMRC gift aid refunds, and grants.

3.1 Administrative Costs

The trustees discharge their duties without remuneration and employ no staff.

Administrative expenses totalled £834, considerably up on previous years. However, this simply reflects that the modernisation of our communications and fundraising comes at a small additional cost. Completing our website cost £440, but that also includes the first annual support payment of £75pa. A one-off fundraising and marketing expense of £160 was for collection boxes, business cards, stickers, etc. Our Unity Trust bank account also charges a monthly £6.00 fee. The total administrative costs constitute less than 3.0% of income received during the twelve month period.

It is also worth noting that donations amounting to at least £99 were already received in this financial year directly via our new website, evidence that the additional admin and marketing expenses will soon be recouped in increased donations.

3.2 Investments

The bulk of our assets are held in National Savings Income Bonds and fixed-term Building Society accounts, with balances reported regularly to the Trustees. To minimise risk each Building Society balance is below £85,000, thus falling within the Government Guarantee Policy. National Savings Income Bonds are government-protected up to £1 million. For further details see the accompanying accounts, audited by W J Pridmore.

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During the course of 2023/24 trustees Susan Reid and Margaret Bragg stood down. The trustees would like to put on record their gratitude and profound thanks to Susan and Margaret for all their support over many years of service to our charity. We welcomed no new trustees, but will be looking for suitable candidates.

TRUSTEES 2024

Dr. David Brigham²
Dr. Jim Cox - *Vice-Chair*
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Carole Harrison
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	30 September 2024		30 September 2023	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Sources				
Donations - General	11,801		174,278	
- In Remembrance	3,524		2,356	
Income Tax Refunds	<u>113</u>		-	
		15,438		176,634
Income from Assets				
National Savings Bond Interest	12,896		6,484	
Building Society Interest	<u>605</u>		<u>748</u>	
		13,501		7,232
		<u>28,939</u>		<u>183,866</u>
PAYMENTS				
Direct Charitable Expenditure				
Christmas Gifts per Ward Manager	500		400	
Gifts to Hospital and Donations to N Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust	<u>4,740</u>		<u>104,687</u>	
		5,240		105,087
Other Expenditure				
Miscellaneous		834		414
Total Payments for the Year		<u>6,074</u>		<u>105,501</u>
NET RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		22,865		78,365
CASH FUNDS AT LAST YEAR END		32,985		39,620
TRANSFER TO INVESTMENTS		(40,000)		(85,000)
		<u>15,850</u>		<u>32,985</u>
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES				
		£		£
Cash Funds at this Year End (as above)		15,850		32,985
Non-Monetary Assets:				
- Held for Investment Purposes				
National Savings Income Bonds		364,000		324,000
Building Society Term Deposits		85,000		85,000
		<u>464,850</u>		<u>441,985</u>

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'The Friends' raise funds from the public by way of legacies, gifts in memory of deceased relatives, general donations and grant applications. We then manage those funds, actively liaising with the hospital administration to pass on the money raised through the funding of various projects e.g. facility refurbishment, the funding of purchases such as new medical equipment, the funding of miscellaneous maintenance services, etc.

2. ACHIEVEMENTS and PERFORMANCE

General donations from the public of £2,356 were down significantly on the previous year (£8,257). This is probably due to the ongoing cost-of-living crisis, which will have affected charitable giving generally, but could also be the result of a recent change in NCIC admission policy meaning fewer local patients being treated at our hospital. Nonetheless, our already strong financial position has been further strengthened by some remarkably generous legacies and grants amounting to £174,278.

Our highlight achievement for this financial year was an additional payment of £100,000 to North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust (NCIC) that helped finance the costs of a significant recent hospital ward extension¹. The public benefits of this extension are four (4) new and modern ward beds, a 33% increase in inpatient capacity.

¹ The extension was finalised and opened in 2019.

In terms of our operations, and given the recent demise of our local Barclays branch, we are looking into modernising our charity's banking facilities either by upgrading our existing Barclays account or by opening an account with a new charity-friendly provider. We are looking for online banking that provides dual (at least) authorisation, faster and CHAPS payments, online statements, card donation terminals, etc. and hope to be online early in the forthcoming financial year. Apart from reducing the Treasurer's workload, it will also make donations and receipts easier and far more secure.

Another key operational project begun in 2022/23 is the modernisation of our communications, through a dedicated charity website and email address. The domain www.friendsofkeswickhospital.org has been secured, as has admin@friendsofkeswickhospital.org. The email is already in use, a website development company has been appointed and the website itself is close to completion². Our firm belief is that this modest but important investment in technology will facilitate and encourage donations, and will help us to raise awareness with potential (and existing) donors of our funding work with Keswick Hospital as well as within the hospital itself with both patients and staff. The eagle-eyed will already have noted one small but important part of this project: our new Friends logo adorning the header of this document, which will be used going forward on all our communications.

3. FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the twelve months to 30th September 2023, The Friends continued to offer financial support to the facilities at Keswick Hospital to a total of £104,687. Our single largest funding item was the payment of £100,000 to North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust (NCIC), which went towards the costs of a previous hospital extension. Other items funded included the purchase of a new lawn mower used by the Keswick Lions charity to mow the hospital grounds (£575), providing Christmas presents to the patients (£400), a hot trolley (£1,032) and bain marie (£216) for the hospital kitchen, and some frightening-sounding equipment for the hospital's physiotherapy department (£2,870).

Our overall financial position remains very strong, with total income for this financial year up significantly due to three very generous legacies, totalling £170,028. Other donations were down on the previous year, however, totaling only £2,356, probably due to the ongoing

² The website development costs are being wholly funded by a generous donation in memory of our late fellow trustee, Glenda Holme.

cost-of-living crisis and a change in patient admissions policy. Income tax refunds under the Gift Aid Scheme were £0, due to a lack of qualifying donations. Investment income totalled £7,232, significantly up on the previous year due to the higher interest rates now available. Net of disbursements made - the largest by far being the £100,000 payment to NCIC - our assets grew by £78,365 to a total of £441,986. With such significant funds now at our disposal, a key aim for the forthcoming financial year will be to work with the Keswick hospital authorities to identify a suitable purchase to fund, perhaps another ward extension or perhaps the provision of a feature item of medical equipment.

The principal funding sources for our charity continue to be gifts in memory of deceased relatives, legacies, general donations, HMRC gift aid refunds, and grants.

3.1 Administrative Costs

The trustees discharge their duties without remuneration and employ no staff. Administrative expenses totalled £49 including postage, advertising, stationery and an annual lottery licence paid to our Local Authority. This constitutes less than 0.5% of income received during the twelve month period.

3.2 Investments

The bulk of our assets are held in National Savings Income Bonds and fixed-term Building Society accounts, with balances reported regularly to the Trustees. To minimise risk each Building Society balance is below £85,000, thus falling within the Government Guarantee Policy. National Savings Income Bonds are government-protected up to £1 million. For further details see the accompanying accounts, audited by W J Pridmore.

The Treasurer's investment policy is to preserve the value of the donated funds, to grow the value risk-free, and ensure funds are readily available when Keswick Hospital funding opportunities are identified. To facilitate the latter, our largest investment is in instant-access National Savings Income Bonds. Our Building Society fixed-term accounts can also be called upon if required, albeit with interest penalties.

Longer term, we look to maintain a contingency reserve of £20,000 in order to always be able to react to and fund any unanticipated Keswick Hospital requests.

4. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE and MANAGEMENT

Our charity was originally formed in 1965 as a Trust with its objective, as stated in Objectives and Activities, being “*To provide amenities for the Patients and Staff of The Mary Hewetson Hospital, Keswick*”. The Constitution was adopted on 1st February 1993, amended on the 25th November 2015, and is registered with the Charity Commission.

See <https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-search/-/charity-details/232708>

Trustees are appointed by invitation of the existing trustees and generally drawn from interested members of the local community. No formal training is given. Trustees shall include the Hospital Manager (or nominee), and the town’s Senior GP (or nominated Deputy). Trustees have the power to co-opt. The current quorum for voting at meetings is ten (10) Trustees. The business of ‘The Friends’ is conducted and managed by a committee, who meet a minimum of four (4) times annually. The Officers are the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

During the course of 2022/23 trustees Julie Ousby and Judith Atack stood down and, sadly, we also lost Glenda Holme who passed away at Keswick Hospital in January. The trustees would like to put on record their gratitude and profound thanks to Julie, Judith and Glenda for all their support in previous years. We welcomed as new trustees Dr. David Brigham from the local Castlehead Medical Centre, Shelagh Lambert and Sylvia Darigala.

TRUSTEES 2023

Margaret Maud Bragg
Dr. David Brigham³
Mike Bulman
Dr. Jim Cox - *Vice-Chair (from Oct 2022)*
Sylvia Darigala
Carole Harrison
Dr. Peter Edwin Hemingway⁴
Dr. Eugene Lambert - *Treasurer (from Feb 2022)*
Shelagh Lambert
Gail Miller - *Secretary*
Susan Reid
Susan Robinson
Dorothy Anne Savage - *Chair*
Janice Mary Smith
Carrie Wilson⁵

BANKERS

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https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/870619/charities-sorp-frs102-2019a.pdf

³ Local GP

⁴ Local GP

⁵ Hospital Manager

FRIENDS OF THE MARY HEWETSON HOSPITAL

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (GENERAL PURPOSES FUND)

	30 September 2023		30 September 2022	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Sources				
Donations - General	174,278		1,596	
- In Remembrance	2,356		8,257	
Income Tax Refunds	-		<u>18</u>	
		176,634		9,871
Income from Assets				
National Savings Bond Interest	6,484		708	
Building Society Interest	<u>748</u>		<u>896</u>	
		7,232		1,604
		<u>183,866</u>		<u>11,475</u>
PAYMENTS				
Direct Charitable Expenditure				
Christmas Gifts per Ward Manager	400		200	
Gifts to Hospital and Donations to N Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust	<u>104,687</u>		<u>5,464</u>	
		105,087		5,664
Other Expenditure				
Postage & Sundries		414		50
Total Payments for the Year		<u>105,501</u>		<u>5,714</u>
NET RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		78,365		5,761
CASH FUNDS AT LAST YEAR END		39,620		33,859
TRANSFER TO INVESTMENTS		(85,000)		-
		<u>32,985</u>		<u>39,620</u>
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES				
		£		£
Cash Funds at this Year End (as above)		32,985		39,620
Non-Monetary Assets:				
- Held for Investment Purposes				
National Savings Income Bonds		324,000		164,000
Building Society Term Deposits		85,000		160,000
		<u>441,985</u>		<u>363,620</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FRIENDS OF THE MARY HEWETSON HOSPITAL

I report on the unaudited accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30 September 2023 which are set out on page 1.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As this charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - * to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

W J Pridmore
Chartered Accountant

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31 October 2023