

Charity registration number 247890

**THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF ALDEBURGH AND DISTRICT  
COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**

**ANNUAL REPORT  
AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF ALDEBURGH AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY  
HOSPITAL  
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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<b>Trustees</b>	Mr A Bone (President)	
	Mrs M Dawson (Chairperson)	
	Mr M Marion (Treasurer)	
	Mr G Dawson (Secretary)	
	Mrs S Bard-Bodek	
	Mr R Bodek	
	Ms S Donald	
	Mrs C Marion	
	Ms E Scotchmer	
	Mrs R Trigg	
	Ms V Wallace	
	Ms N Parkinson	(Appointed 8 July 2024)

**Charity number** 247890

**Independent examiner**  
Mark Hewitson ICAEW  
Ensors Accountants LLP  
Blyth House  
Rendham Road  
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**Principal bankers** Barclays Bank Plc

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# THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF ALDEBURGH AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024***

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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 note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's Constitution, 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**

The objects of the Charity are: -

- To assist patients and former patients of Aldeburgh Hospital and other individuals in the community who are sick, convalescent, handicapped, disabled, infirm or in need of financial help, and generally to support the charitable work of the hospital.
  - Educate the public in the needs of the patients and former patients of the hospital and maintain the interest and support of the public.
  - Supplement the service provided by the hospital for the health, welfare and comfort of the patients.
  - Provide facilities, buildings and equipment required for the treatment of such patients or the efficient running of the hospital.
  - Recruit and assist in the recruitment of voluntary workers for and in the hospital.
  - Provide a link between the hospital and the community it serves. ·
- Raise funds for the work of the hospital.

#### **Achievements and performance**

##### *Significant activities and achievements against objectives*

2024 has been another busy year for the hospital which is continuing to have well over 20 beds open at peak times (sometimes up to 29) to lessen the pressure on Ipswich Hospital.

From the Charity's perspective, the new X-Ray machine opened in April 2024 and is working well. The images taken can be looked at in Ipswich Hospital as soon as they are taken, leading to increased efficiency. During 2024 we had the opening ceremony for the new machine and also a garden party in the summer for the members of the League of Friends where they could look around the upgraded X-Ray suite.

Again we have done what we can to provide support to the staff of the hospital to help them do their work and where possible provide equipment to improve efficiency.

We have been concerned about the move by the Trust (ESNEFT) to outsource cleaning and catering services and have campaigned to retain the on-premises catering services. These we feel are very beneficial to the patients.

We have also supported organisations in the area which improve the quality of healthcare in this part of rural Suffolk.

Our chairperson Mair Dawson is stepping down from the committee. She has done an excellent job including steering the Charity through the difficult times of Covid. She has our very grateful thanks and very best wishes for the future.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024*

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#### **Financial review**

The financial statements have been produced in accordance with current statutory requirements and the Charity's constitution document. The Charity continues to receive the majority of its income from legacies, donations, subscriptions and fundraising.

We have endeavoured to optimise the interest we receive from monies held on deposit whilst keeping each account within the limits covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

The Charity continued to make grants in the year and support the Hospital by providing funding for equipment.

Total income for the year was £106,252 (2023: £218,207) and expenditure for the year amounted to £54,394 (2023: £111,170), giving rise to surplus in the year of £51,858 (2023: £107,037).

Once the surplus is added to the opening reserves of £553,073, a resulting balance on reserves of £604,931 at 31 December 2024 is carried forward.

#### **Reserves policy**

The Charity maintains an unrestricted general reserve fund which in the opinion of the Trustees, includes sufficient funds to meet all foreseeable obligations and provide additional amounts to cover contingencies.

As at 31 December 2024, the Charity has unrestricted reserve funds of £604,931.

#### **Investment policy**

The trustees have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit. However, in practice the aim is to maximise the interest earning potential of the funds held by the Charity, whilst at the same time being cognisant of the likely timing of future expenditure and ensuring that, as far as possible, Charity funds are only deposited with recognised institutions and are also covered by the Financial Compensation Scheme.

#### **Risk management**

The Management Committee reviews the risks to which the Charity is subject and will seek to minimise these risks either by transferring the risk away or insuring where a transfer is not possible. Nevertheless, some level of risk has to be accepted.

#### **Plans for future periods**

During the next twelve months the Management Committee of the Charity will meet periodically to discuss plans and formulate policy. The Charity will work to fulfil its objectives by providing both tangible financial fabric and support to the hospital and improved medical services in the community. We will do all we can to improve the efficiency and support the team in the hospital. We will look to see how medical services in the community can be improved with our help.

# THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF ALDEBURGH AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

## Structure, governance and management

The League of Friends of Aldeburgh and District Community Hospital is a registered charity (registered number 247890), formed on 8 March 1966 under its Constitution document as amended on 18 March 1966. The Charity is

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managed by the Trustees, who are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

## 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:

Mr A Bone (President)

Mrs M Dawson (Chairperson)

Mr M Marion (Treasurer)

Mr G Dawson (Secretary)

Mrs S Bard-Bodek

Mr R Bodek

Ms S Donald

Mrs C Marion

Ms E Scotchmer

Mrs R Trigg

Ms V Wallace

Ms N Parkinson

(Appointed 8 July 2024)

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

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Mr A Bone (President)  
**Trustee**

Date: .....

# THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF ALDEBURGH AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF ALDEBURGH AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The League of Friends of Aldeburgh and District Community Hospital (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 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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.

**Mark Hewitson ICAEW**  
Ensors Accountants LLP  
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Saxmundham  
IP17 1WA

# THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF ALDEBURGH AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Date: .....

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
	Notes		
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	2	84,987	203,547
Charitable activities	3	873	1,807
Investments	4	20,392	12,853
<b>Total income</b>		106,252	218,207
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities	5	54,394	111,170
			111,170
<b>Total expenditure</b>		54,39	
<b>Net income and movement in funds</b>		4 51,858	107,037
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		553,073	446,036
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2024</b>		604,931	553,073



# THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF ALDEBURGH AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

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

## BALANCE SHEET

**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		605,903		554,153	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>9</b>				
		(972)		(1,080)	
		<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>		604,931		553,073	
		<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>	
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds	<b>10</b>	604,931		553,073	
		<u>604,931</u>		<u>553,073</u>	
		<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>	

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on .....

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Mr A Bone (President)

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Mr M Marion (Treasurer)

# **THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF ALDEBURGH AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**

Trustee

Trustee

# THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF ALDEBURGH AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Charity information

The League of Friends of Aldeburgh and District Community Hospital is a registered charity with The Charity Commission on 8 March 1966 and governed by its Constitution (registered number 247890).

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Constitution, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

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. 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.

#### 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 recovery of the Gift Aid.

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.

Donated facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Income is deferred only when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is expended in a future period.

#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Income from membership subscriptions is recognised on receipt.

#### 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 has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to each category. Where costs cannot be directly attributable to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Charitable costs include the direct running costs of hospital capital expenditure, the cost of hospital staff fund, patient day centre and patient facilities and the upkeep of hospital gardens.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and compliance with statutory requirements.

Resources expended include attributable VAT, which cannot be recovered.

#### 1.6 Taxation

As a registered charity, the organisation is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income and gains, to the extent that such income or gains are applied to exclusively charitable purposes.

#### 1.7 Related party transactions

Other than as disclosed at note 8 in the accounts, there are no related party transactions occurring during the accounting period under review.

#### 2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Donations and gifts	5,150	3,669
Legacies	75,000	195,000
Membership fees	4,837	4,878
	<u>84,987</u>	<u>203,547</u>
<b>Donations and gifts</b>		
Individuals	980	1,171
Organisations	1,434	900
Funerals	1,357	150
Gift aid recovery	1,379	1,448

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

		<u>5,150</u>	<u>3,669</u>
<b>3</b>	<b>Income from charitable activities</b>		
		<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>
		<b>funds</b>	<b>funds</b>
		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>Fund raising:</b>		
	Collecting boxes	593	1,087
	Fundraising income from events	<u>280</u>	<u>720</u>
		<u>873</u>	<u>1,807</u>
<b>4</b>	<b>Income from investments</b>		
		<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>
		<b>funds</b>	<b>funds</b>
		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Investment income	<u>20,392</u>	<u>12,853</u>
<b>5</b>	<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>		
		<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>Direct costs</b>		
	Hospital and medical equipment and other grants	39,943	99,633
	Garden maintenance	3,707	1,823
	Patient telephones	340	314
	Staff welfare	4,996	2,781
	Function and fundraising event costs	828	2,086
	Community nurse costs	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
		51,814	108,637
	<b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 6)</b>		

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

	Support	2,580	2,533
		<u>54,39</u>	<u>111,170</u>
		4	
	<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
	Unrestricted funds	54,394	111,170
		<u>54,394</u>	<u>111,170</u>
<b>6</b>	<b>Support costs allocated to activities</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Printing, postage and stationery	385	201
	Software costs	128	410
	Insurance	815	776
	Independent examiners & accountancy fees	972	1,080
	Sundry expenses	-	66
	Equipment (new printer)	280	-
		<u>2,580</u>	<u>2,533</u>
		<u>2,580</u>	<u>2,533</u>
	<b>Analysed between:</b>		
	Total Funds	<u>2,580</u>	<u>2,533</u>
<b>7</b>	<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	972	1,080
		<u>972</u>	<u>1,080</u>
<b>8</b>	<b>Trustees</b>		
	Friends of the Charity volunteer their services on an unpaid basis and thus there are no staff costs (2023 £Nil).		
	No remuneration was paid to any trustee during the year (2023: Nil).		
	Out of pocket expenses paid by trustees in respect of charitable expenses totalled £2,488 (2023: £3,121) and were reimbursed to them by the Charity. The number of claimants during the year was 5 (2023:5).		
<b>9</b>	<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Accruals and deferred income	972	1,080

# THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF ALDEBURGH AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

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

### 10 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	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>553,073</u>	<u>106,252</u>	<u>(54,394)</u>	<u>604,931</u>
<b>Previous year:</b>	<b>At 1 January 2023</b>	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Resources expended</b>	<b>At 31 December 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>446,036</u>	<u>218,207</u>	<u>(111,170)</u>	<u>553,073</u>