



2023 ANNUAL REPORT

THE FRIENDS OF ROYAL CORNWALL HOSPITAL

On behalf of the Trustees of The Friends of Royal Cornwall Hospital, it is an honour to present our Annual Report.

Whilst we continue to have a presence at the hospital and support the work which is done by the hard working staff who are employed there, we have had to change our working practices since Covid and we continue to do so. We are sure that the whole hospital would be a very different place without our volunteers "making a difference".

Thank you so much to all the volunteers who work tirelessly in The Friends' Coffee Shop to provide a supply of food and beverages to staff and visitors, as well as funds for our charity, enabling us to apportion money to grants for vital equipment requested to us. We thanked Jean Parsons for her stoic work as leader of the Coffee Shop Team as she hung up her apron and to the others who have stepped into her role - thank you one and all. The Coffee Shop accommodated the RCH Autumn Vaccination Programme and whilst this limited seating for our visitors, it did draw more staff to our area and all were offered a free drink.

During Covid, many of our spaces were taken for other needs, but in September we were pleased to have been allocated our own storeroom. From here we run our new Mobile Shop Trolley to Wards service using the resurrected old library service trolley and this is growing and expanding week by week, fulfilling a need for patients who need toiletry and personal care items, books, magazines and puzzles and not forgetting the welcome confectionary treats. Thank you to RCHT and to all who have made this possible.

Fundraising is proving to be ever more challenging in these economic climes, but we held a successful Bingo evening, hosted a Film Night and sold boxed Cream Teas. A big Thank You must go to Chacewater Bakery and our other sponsors for their continued support for such events. This has meant that during 2023 we have been able to pay for items worth in excess of £51,500 for use on site, as well as a portable scanner to be used by the community Acute Care at Home Team to facilitate patient diagnoses quicker. Gifts were also provided, wrapped and handed out to every adult patient in a bed with a note "Thinking of you being in hospital on Christmas Morning - from the Friends of RCH".

There is also a band of willing helpers who knit squares for blankets which get placed on "end of life" patients' beds and who make twiddle muffs to support dementia patients - thank you.

Our profile has been greatly enhanced and expanded to a larger audience with our increased use of social media - thank you to the "technology whizz kids" who have been responsible.

Regrettably, we have had several Trustees resign due to ill health or other commitments and we thank them for their service over many years. We would welcome others to come forward to support our Charity - so please contact us if you are interested in supporting our work and have a few hours a month to spare. Also, if you have an interest, we are looking for more volunteers to expand our Mobile Trolley Shop to go on to the wards every weekday, to re-instate the Drinks Service in the Sunrise Centre and we are always in need of more volunteers in our Coffee Shop - please do come forward and apply. Your offer to help would be gratefully appreciated.

Beatrice Dyer
Chairman / February 2024

Friends of the Royal Cornwall Hospital

Statement of financial activities For the year ended 31st December 2023

	Note	2023 £ Total	2022 £ Total
Income and Expenditure			
Incoming Resources			
Donations	2	67,191	52,687
Investment Income		549	171
Grants receivable		-	-
Activities to generate funds	3	2,462	7,193
Total Incoming resources		70,202	60,051
 Less Costs of Generating Funds			
Fundraising expenses	4	847	302
Charitable Donation in Furtherance of the Charity's objectives	5	54,966	53,205
Other Expenditure		8,233	7,281
Management and administration	6	64,046	60,788
Total Resources expended		64,046	60,788
 Net Incoming Resources		 6,156	 (737)
Fund at 1 st January 2023		159,189	159,926
Fund carried forward		165,345	159,189

The charity has no recognized gains or losses in the year ended 31st December 2023 other than those passing through the statement of financial activities.


Balance Sheet

As at 31st December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Current Assets		
Short Term deposits	93,845	93,370
Cash at Bank and in hand	70,547	64,920
Stock of Souvenirs	370	1,044
Debtors	758	-
	165,520	159,334
Creditors	(175)	(145)
Net assets	165,345	159,189
Represented by:-		
Unrestricted Fund	165,345	159,189

These accounts were approved by the trustees on
And were signed on its behalf by

Chairman of Trustees

 12/4/2024

Friends of the Royal Cornwall Hospital

Notes (forming part of the accounts)

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and follow the recommendations in the Accounting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice.

Donations and Legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised in the accounts when they are received by the Treasurer.

Cash flow statement

No cash flow statement has been included on account of the size of the charity.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
2 Donations		
Donations include the following	£	£
Gift Aid & Easy fundraising	4,806	8,191
Legacies & Donations	9,032	8,210
In Memorium	2,924	909
Collecting Boxes	5,101	4,353
Coffee Bar	<u>45,328</u>	<u>31,024</u>
	<u>67,191</u>	<u>52,687</u>
3 Activities to generate funds		
Chacewater Bakery Fundraising	36	1,074
Bingo & Film Night	1,589	-
Reindeer Dust, Jumpers, Stockings & Cards	209	331
Easter Chicks	-	436
Coffee Mornings & Cream Teas	518	1,044
Johnny Cowling & End to End	-	4,278
Griggs 2023	110	-
Raffles, Quiz & Other Fundraising	<u>-</u>	<u>30</u>
	<u>2,462</u>	<u>7,193</u>
4 Fundraising expenses		
Reindeer Dust, Jumpers, Stockings & Cards	463	-
Easter Chicks	-	302
Bingo & Film Night	233	-
Contactless Donation Point	<u>151</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>847</u>	<u>302</u>
5 Charitable Activities		
Treliske Hospital - Donations	50,319	49,073
Travel Expenses - Volunteers	2,379	2,561
Treliske Hospital - Provisions	<u>2,268</u>	<u>1,571</u>
	<u>54,966</u>	<u>53,205</u>
6 Management and administration of the Charity		
Bank & Card Machine Charges	2,772	2,149
Catering Expenses	-	44
Repairs & Renewals	178	119
Advertising	691	515
Printing, Telephone, Stationery and Insurance	1,301	1,233
Lottery Licence, AGM & Misc Expenses	86	56
Accountancy	205	165
Honorarium	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
	<u>8,233</u>	<u>7,281</u>

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Creditors	-	-
Accrued Expenses	<u>175</u>	<u>145</u>
	<u>175</u>	<u>145</u>

8 Taxation

Corporation Tax

The trust is a registered charity and the results of its normal activities are not liable to Corporation Tax.

Value Added Tax

The charity is not registered for value added tax. In these accounts, where applicable, expenditure is shown inclusive of V.A.T.

9 Reserves

Because of increased growth of the Hospital there is continued demand on the reserves of the Charity. In light of this the Trustees consider the reserves to be adequate

10 Revenue Commitments

Expenditure approved and pledged but not yet paid totals £ 58,771.80

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
FRIENDS OF THE ROYAL CORNWALL HOSPITAL
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 252083

I report on the Accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2023.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND EXAMINERS

As the Charities Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, you consider that the audit requirements 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 EXAMINERS 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 of disclosure in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required by an audit and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT

In connection with my examination:-

No matter has come to my attention

1. Which gives me a reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirement
 - a. to keeping records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the 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.

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