



2024 ANNUAL REPORT

THE FRIENDS OF ROYAL CORNWALL HOSPITAL



As we approach our 80th year of celebration, it is good to look back over our achievements and successes during the past 12 months and share them with you - and take time to reflect on this 80 year milestone.

During 2024, we have received many generous donations and utilised Gift Aid to bring in a good income – thanks to all who also contribute to our collection boxes, leaving legacies, memory funds, raising funds by buying online through Easy Fundraising or knitting squares for palliative care patient blankets and twiddle muffs. Thank you. We held several fundraising activities - hosting a Sunday Lunch, a Bingo Evening and selling Cream Tea and Mince Pie boxes. However, our main income comes from the drinks and goods served in our Friends Coffee Bar in the Tower block, as well as the Mobile Trolley shop which serves the wards. Our income increased significantly when the RCH Royal Café closed for refurbishment - we introduced new lines of warm pastries as well as selling as many sandwiches as possible that could fit into the chiller cabinet!

However, with the services of the Friends Coffee Bar and Mobile Shop, we desperately need more volunteers so, if you could spend a little time on a regular basis, we would love to hear from you. By recruiting you, it would enable us to take the Mobile Shop every day onto the Wards where it is warmly welcomed by patients. It would also relieve some of our volunteers who often do more than one shift in the Friends Coffee Bar. We thank the Voluntary Service Staff who try to ensure these services are run by our volunteers and a big thank you to all our volunteers for the priceless time they give.

Our donation of Christmas gifts (625) which were wrapped and placed on the bedside table of all adult patients in hospital on Christmas Day and to those who needed Cancer treatment on Boxing Day, cheered many patients. We donated financial grants to the Therapies Dept, General Surgery and Cancer SDSA, Audiology Dept, Eye Unit Specialist Services, Clinical Support Services Therapy, Headland Unit, The Hub, Neonatal Unit and Trelawny Theatres. We also again worked with the Vaccination Team who utilised part of the Friends Coffee Bar seating area to give vaccinations to staff – we thank them for giving us new banners in appreciation of our support.

We thanked Mr Michael Galsworthy, CVO CBE DL who stood down as our President at our AGM in April, for his loyal work and interest in us over the past 18 years and welcomed Mrs Daphne Skinnard DL as our new President - we look forward to working with her. Our Trustee Committee has been energised with new trustees being co-opted - some are involved in volunteering and some have recently retired from the RCHT and have lots of contacts. We welcome others who would like to help us make a difference to the life of RCH and become involved – we are a friendly group who meet on the second Monday of every month and, with tasks shared, it does not become an onerous task for any one individual. Please do get in touch for more information. My personal thanks to the whole committee for supporting me through what has been a challenging year with my health and looking after my husband.

As Friends of RCH, we pay an annual subscription to ATTEND - a national organisation which covers all League of Friends who subscribe. It is also somewhere for Trustees to seek advice. It has been good to renew my friendships with David Wood CEO and Stephen Moreton, who have been such a support when we have had to write a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) to comply with new governance at RCHT – discussions are ongoing as I write this report, but I am hoping we can get it signed off within the coming months. However, we will need to contact all volunteers working at RCH and seek their support in confirming that they will be a Friend of RCH to enable us to compile a database that can be worked alongside the RCHT database of volunteers - this is not an easy task given GDPR rules and regulations. We also want to ensure that Friends Volunteers are distinguishable onsite by wearing our own corporate wear, as we previously supplied to all volunteers pre-Covid. We believe, with goodwill on both sides, that these issues can be resolved quickly.

We thank everyone involved - RCHT staff, volunteers and the public for their support. We believe that it is an honour to be part of a charity that is run entirely by volunteers to serve Cornwall's only Acute Hospital for the benefit of the people of Cornwall.

Beatrice J Dyer, Chairman - February 2025

Friends of the Royal Cornwall Hospital

Statement of financial activities For the year ended 31st December 2024

	Note	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
		£	£
Total			Total
Income and Expenditure			
Incoming Resources			
Donations	2	125,465	67,191
Investment Income		1,471	549
Grants receivable		-	-
Activities to generate funds	3	<u>4,408</u>	<u>2,462</u>
Total Incoming resources		<u>131,344</u>	<u>70,202</u>
		-	
Less <u>Costs of Generating Funds</u>			
Fundraising expenses	4	840	847
Charitable Donation in Furtherance of the			
Charity's objectives	5	93,375	54,966
Other Expenditure			
Management and administration	6	<u>8,335</u>	<u>8,233</u>
		-	
Total Resources expended		<u>102,550</u>	<u>64,046</u>
Net Incoming Resources		28,794	6,156
Fund at 1 st January 2024		<u>165,345</u>	<u>159,189</u>
Fund carried forward		<u>194,139</u>	<u>165,345</u>
		-	-

The charity has no recognized gains or losses in the year ended 31st December 2024 other than those passing through the statement of financial activities.

Balance Sheet

As at 31 st December 2024	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Current Assets		
Short Term deposits	95,219	93,845
Cash at Bank and in hand	97,052	70,547
Stock of Souvenirs	1,040	370
Debtors	<u>1,003</u>	<u>758</u>
	<u>194,314</u>	<u>165,520</u>
Creditors	7	<u>(175)</u>
	-	-
Net assets	<u>194, 139</u>	<u>165,345</u>
Represented by:-		
Unrestricted Fund	<u>194,139</u>	<u>165,345</u>

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

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.

2 Donations	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Donations include the following	£	£
Gift Aid & Easy fundraising	6,787	4,806
Legacies & Donations	34,304	9,032
 In Memorium	 1,812	 2,924
Collecting Boxes	8,482	5,101
Coffee Bar	<u>74,080</u>	<u>45,328</u>
	<u>125,465</u>	<u>67,191</u>
 3 Activities to generate funds		
Chacewater Bakery Fundraising	202	36
Bingo & Film Night	406	1,589
Christmas Cards	360	209
Cream Tea Day	2,005	-
Coffee Mornings & Cream Teas	-	518
Griggs 2023	-	110
Sunday Lunch	1,140	-
Mince Pies & Other Fundraising	<u>295</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>4,408</u>	<u>2,462</u>
 4. Fundraising expenses		
Reindeer Dust , Jumpers , Stockings & Cards	563	463
Cream Teas	277	-
Bingo & Film Night	-	233
Contactless Donation Point	<u>-</u>	<u>151</u>
	<u>840</u>	<u>847</u>
 5 Charitable Activities		
Treliske Hospital - Donations	88,239	50,319
Travel Expenses - Volunteers	2,131	2,379
 Treliske Hospital – Provisions	 <u>3,005</u>	 <u>2,268</u>
	<u>93,375</u>	<u>54,966</u>
 6 Management and administration of the Charity		
Bank & Card Machine Charges	3,154	2,772
Catering Expenses	-	-
Repairs & Renewals	-	178
Advertising	491	691
Printing, Telephone, Stationery and Insurance	1,486	1,301
Lottery Licence, AGM & Misc Expenses	29	86
Accountancy	175	205
Honorarium	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>

8,335

8,233

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Creditors	-	-
Accrued Expenses	<u>175</u>	<u>175</u>
	<u>175</u>	<u>175</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 £ 51,561.61

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 2024.

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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