



Friends of RCH Chairman's 2025 Annual Report



Firstly, on behalf of us all, I would like to sincerely thank Beatrice for all the years of devotion and hard work that she gave to The Friends as she was our Chair for 20% of the time that The Friends have existed as a charity. We had a wonderful celebration for her in November, with a meal at Trevaskis Farm, where we presented her with a cake, a beaded bee, a rose named Queen Bee, and a voucher for the Hall for Cornwall. Beatrice was also presented with a beautiful piece of glass by the Board of RCH as thanks for her contribution to, and support for, the Voluntary Services at the Trust over the years.

It was very fitting that we celebrated 80 years of the Friends Charity at the end of July with a cream tea, more cake, and entertainment by a talented local duo, Twin Harmony. I must thank various Trustees for their hard work in organising it all, and to Beatrice and other trustees for putting together a potted 80-year history of the charity, which was on display with a number of photographs. Even our President helped to serve everyone on the day! The Trust had a camellia planted on the RCH site in our honour, which has recently been in bloom.

During 2025 we received many generous donations, which are always Gift Aided. This year these donations included a lot of wool; some has been handed over to the volunteers who knit or crochet squares for palliative care patient blankets, and for making twiddle muffs - and we thank everyone for their generosity of time in creating these. The excess has been sold, making £500 to date. We also thank all those who contribute to our collection boxes, leave legacies, or raise funds by buying online through Easy Fundraising.

Our fund-raising activities last year included Sales of Cream Teas and Mince Pie boxes, and an evening with comedian Johnny Cowling. However, our main income still comes from the Friends Coffee Bar, as well as the Mobile Trolley Shop which now serves the majority of wards and is going out twice daily on most week days.

However these, and our other services, including various refreshment areas and Trelawny Reception, desperately need more volunteers so if you, or a friend or relative, could spend a little time on a regular basis to help out, then we would love to hear from you. By recruiting more volunteers it would also enable us to take our reinstated Mobile Library, and a second Mobile Shop, to the wards, where they are being warmly welcomed by patients. We thank the Voluntary Service Office (VSO) staff, our Coffee Bar Management Team and our Mobile Shop Co-ordinator, who ensure that the rotas are covered, and a huge thank you to all our volunteers for the priceless time that they give.

There have been changes in the VSO this year too, with Mark Richards, the Lead Chaplain, retiring in March, and being replaced by Dom Whitting, who was the previous Deputy Lead Chaplain. Then in September the VSO Manager, Verity Barker, retired and Ele Buckley is currently the interim VSO Manager. It has been a real pleasure to work alongside Dom and Ele in their new roles, holding regular meetings with them and their line managers.

Once again, the Friends ensured that a gift wrapped Christmas present gift was delivered to around 560 inpatients on Christmas Day, which was cheerfully received by many. We donated over £77,700 of financial grants to Gwithian Unit; the Critical Care Unit; Palliative and End of Life Care; the Audiology Department; Polkerris Ward; and provided smart new refreshment trolleys for every ward at RCHT. We are looking forward to hearing the impact of these very shortly.

We have worked on bringing the Charity's Governance aspects up to date, finalising a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ourselves and the Trust in November, writing our own Volunteer Policy and updating our Constitution. We would like to thank David Wood, CEO, and Stephen Moreton, Training and Development Lead, at ATTEND, who were a great support whilst writing these documents. ATTEND are the national organisation to which all League of Friends subscribe. We also participate in the Trust's Volunteers Steering Group.

We now need to offer all of our volunteers the chance to become Members of the Charity and, to this end, have produced an official Membership Form. Following GDPR regulations, and having a Data Sharing Agreement in place with the Trust, we will be setting up our own database, which will run alongside that held by the VSO. By being a member you will be officially entitled to come to our AGMs and any Extraordinary General Meetings in the future. It also means that we will be able to send you emails, or letters, about future events and ask if you are willing to lend a hand with these.

Our Trustees serve three-year renewable tenures and we would really welcome others who would like to become involved - we are a friendly group, meeting on the second Monday of every month, and tasks are shared so that it doesn't become an onerous job for any one individual; please get in touch if you would like more information.

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 and we definitely do "Make A Difference".

Angela Mallard, Chairman, for the year 2025

Friends of the Royal Cornwall Hospital

Statement of financial activities For the year ended 31st December 2025

	Note	<u>2025</u> £ Total	<u>2024</u> £ Total
Income and Expenditure			
Incoming Resources			
Donations	2	105,160	125,465
Investment Income		1,562	1,471
Grants receivable		-	-
Activities to generate funds	3	<u>2,343</u>	<u>4,408</u>
Total Incoming resources		<u>109,065</u>	<u>131,344</u>
 Less Costs of Generating Funds			
Fundraising expenses	4	373	840
Charitable Donation in Furtherance of the Charity's objectives	5	76,673	93,375
Other Expenditure			
Management and administration	6	<u>10,864</u>	<u>8,335</u>
Total Resources expended		<u>87,910</u>	<u>102,550</u>
 Net Incoming Resources			
		21,155	28,794
Fund at 1 st January 2024 <i>25 Jan</i>		<u>194,139</u>	<u>165,345</u>
Fund carried forward		<u>215,294</u>	<u>194,139</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>2025</u> £	<u>2024</u> £
Current Assets		
Short Term deposits	96,686	95,219
Cash at Bank and in hand	117,905	97,052
Stock of Souvenirs	888	1,040
Debtors	<u>-</u>	<u>1,003</u>
	<u>215,479</u>	<u>194,314</u>
Creditors	7 <u>(185)</u>	<u>(175)</u>
Net assets	<u>215,294</u>	<u>194,139</u>
Represented by:-		
Unrestricted Fund	<u>215,294</u>	<u>194,139</u>

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

Chairman of Trustees

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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>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Donations include the following	£	£
Gift Aid & Easy fundraising	1,740	6,787
Legacies & Donations	11,703	34,304
In Memorium	2,515	1,812
Collecting Boxes	10,181	8,482
Coffee Bar	<u>79,021</u>	<u>74,080</u>
	<u>105,160</u>	<u>125,465</u>
 3 Activities to generate funds		
Chacewater Bakery Fundraising	36	202
Bingo & Film Night	-	406
Christmas Cards	368	360
Cream Tea Day	767	2,005
Coffee Mornings & Cream Teas	-	-
Griggs 2023	1,008	-
Sunday Lunch	-	1,140
Mince Pies & Other Fundraising	<u>164</u>	<u>295</u>
	<u>2,343</u>	<u>4,408</u>
 4 Fundraising expenses		
Reindeer Dust , Jumpers , Stockings & Cards	373	563
Cream Teas	-	277
Bingo & Film Night	-	-
Contactless Donation Point	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>373</u>	<u>840</u>
 5 Charitable Activities		
Treliske Hospital - Donations	69,828	88,239
Travel Expenses - Volunteers	2,693	2,131
Treliske Hospital – Provisions	<u>4,152</u>	<u>3,005</u>
	<u>76,673</u>	<u>93,375</u>
 6 Management and administration of the Charity		
Bank & Card Machine Charges	2,562	3,154
Catering Expenses	759	-
Repairs & Renewals	295	-
Advertising	917	491
Printing, Telephone, Stationery and Insurance	1,804	1,486
Lottery Licence, AGM & Misc Expenses	592	29
Accountancy	185	175
Honorarium	<u>3,750</u>	<u>3,000</u>
	<u>10,864</u>	<u>8,335</u>

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Creditors	-	-
Accrued Expenses	<u>185</u>	<u>175</u>
	<u>185</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 £ 44,588.71

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 2025.

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 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (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 145(5) (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 130 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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