

MALMESBURY LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

Registered Charity No. 261801

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

Year Ending 31st December 2022

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The Malmesbury League of Friends is a charity registered with the Charity Commissioners (No, 261801).

The Governing Instrument is the present Constitution, which complies with the requirements of the Charity Commissioners and was adopted on the 17th May 2007.

The registered address is that of the Treasurer.

Mr D.A. Rutherford, 23 Cowley Way, Sutton Benger,
Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 4SD.

The Charity Trustees during the year to 31st December 2022 were as follows:

Mr D. Hide	Chairman	Re-elected 3rd May 2022
Mrs A. Lewis	Vice-Chairman	Re-elected 3rd May 2022
Mr D. Hide.	Hon. Secretary.	Elected. 3rd May 2022
Mr D.A. Rutherford	Hon. Treasurer	Re-elected 3rd May 2022
Mrs S. La Fontaine	Minutes Secretary	Re-elected 3rd May 2022
Mr K. Maslin	Applications Co-ordinator	Re-elected 3rd May 2022
Mrs P. Jones		Elected 12th July 2022
Mr H. Walmsley		Re-elected 9th May 2019
Mr P. Hewson		Re-elected 11th May 2021
Ms. H. Webb		Re-elected 11th May 2021
Mrs D. Halsey		Elected 9th January 2019
Ms. H Webb		Elected 9th January 2019

The object of the Charity is to relieve patients and former patients of local Hospitals, Care Homes, Care Centres, other Welfare Agencies, Societies and other invalids in the community who are sick, convalescent, disabled, handicapped, infirm or in need of financial assistance. New Trustees are appointed on a renewable term of three years.

The Trustees policy is generally to make grants to the NHS Trusts for the provision of extra comforts, initiatives and extra facilities for use in the local area by patients served by the above agencies. The Charity's income is made up of member's subscriptions, donations, legacies and interest from investments. Major fundraising has only ever been undertaken, in the past, for large building projects.

Finances

Accounts for this year have been prepared in the usual format. Income, in the main, has been from investments and totalled £53,031.50. Our donations for the year totalled £90,457.62, a major donation of £30,000 was given to Dorothy House and a further donation of £5,500 was given to the Malmesbury Boxing Club. A complete list of donations are on Page 5 of this report.

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT. JANUARY – DECEMBER 2022

This has been another busy year for Malmesbury League of Friends (MLOF), mercifully without the continuing impact of coronavirus. So we were able to hold our usual six bi-monthly meetings, in our usual meeting place, the top floor of the MPCC, for which we are very grateful. We made donations totalling over £74,000 during the year, rather less than in 2021, a full list of which is in the Treasurer's report.

Trustees

Following the resignation of Lucy Hay as our secretary, we were fortunate to welcome Philippa Jones as a new trustee, with the chairman doubling as secretary. There were no further changes during the year to the composition of the trustees, but there are likely to be a number of retirements at the AGM in May 2023.

MPCC/Athelstan House/Tolsey, Sherston

We continue to enjoy excellent relations with both the Malmesbury Primary Care Centre (MPCC), Athelstan House (AH), and the Tolsey surgery in Sherston, all of which we have supported during the year. Donations for items of medical equipment to the MPCC totalled nearly £6,000, with £7,800 to AH and £2,500 to the Tolsey surgery.

Our AH contact, Fiona Hocken, has continued to work well with our MLOF liaison Paul Hewson. And we continue to enjoy an excellent relationship with our two GPs, Tom Estcourt and James Hanslip, and Charlotte Gorman, the MPCC's Practice Manager, who has been extremely supportive.

Defibrillators

We provided funds to purchase a further three defibrillators, in Cowbridge, Burnham House and Chelworth, the latter situated in the wall of local company Alvan Blanch, with whom the cost was shared. This brings the total number in the local area paid, or partly paid, by MLOF, to 21. Further installations are planned for 2023, under the management of fellow trustee Paul Hewson, working with local expert Ray Sanderson.

Dorothy House

We continue to enjoy close relations with Dorothy House Hospice Care (DH) in Winsley, near Bradford-on-Avon. DH launched a major £500,000 Always Here fund raising campaign in November, which was hugely successful. MLOF contributed to this with a donation of £30,000, presented outside their Malmesbury outlet.

Wiltshire Air Ambulance (WAA)

In 2020, we donated £25,000 to WAA, but had been unable to hand this over formally due to Covid. But, on a hot sunny Saturday in August, we were delighted to do so at last when their Chief Executive flew in their helicopter to the Malmesbury Victoria Football ground, which also provided a major attraction for the town's Carnival Blast Off event.

Brighter Futures – GWH, Swindon

We continue to maintain close contact with Brighter Futures, the fund-raising arm of Great Western Hospital (GWH) in Swindon. The new radiotherapy unit, for which we have donated £75,000, is now up and running, with its CT scanner, easing the journey, previously to Oxford, for the vital treatment provided there

Local organisations

We continue to support local organisations that need our support and, during the year, we have helped the following:

- Seagry Primary School – Playground equipment - £5,000
- A counsellor for Malmesbury School, for one year Sept 22 – July 23 - £5,500
- HEALS – Christmas Appeal £1,000
- Alzheimer's Society, Swindon - £500
- Doorway, Chippenham - £5,000
- Malmesbury Boxing Club - £10,000 – towards a new minibus
- Citizens Advice Wiltshire - £3,000
- Stay Safe Initiative - £750

Needy Individuals

We remain committed to helping needy individuals and, during the year we helped:

- A disabled Malmesbury resident with an off road scooter
- A Malmesbury resident – repairs to her car to enable her to start work at GWH as a mental health nurse

Following a strategic review in early 2022, we decided to expand our help for needy individuals, following the huge increase in energy costs. This involved delivering leaflets for all the GPs at MPCC, writing to all local parish councils and Citizens Advice Wiltshire.

Malmesbury Area Community Trust (MACT)

MACT is another, well endowed, local charity with whom we continue to work closely. During 2021, we shared the request for a Malmesbury School counsellor. MACT paid for this specialist for one year from 2021 whilst MLOF have paid a similar sum for the following year 2022-23.

Publicity/Communications

I continue to believe that we should maintain a strong local profile. We always publicise our donations, subject to individual circumstances, on social media, local press and radio. Through the excellent work by Keith Maslin, we have ensured that the local community, via social media, are aware of the important work we undertake.

Conclusion

All the donations made during the year have only been possible from the income derived from a substantial investment portfolio. This is largely due to the magnificent efforts of our long standing treasurer, David Rutherford who, after over 20 years, will be retiring at the next AGM. I pay tribute to him for his tireless work over very many years.

Finally, I thank all our trustees for their support, advice and time, which is much appreciated.

David Hide, Chairman – May 2023

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Statement of Account for the Year Ending 31st December 2022

<u>Receipts.</u>	£.	£	<u>Payments.</u>	£.	£
Subscriptions.	190.00.		ATTEND Subscription.	645.00	
Donations.	4,960.00		Website Maintenance.	35.99	
Refund	399.00		Examiner.	108.86	
Legacy.	499.23		Postage & Stationery.	222.01	
Interest.	<u>46,983.27</u>	53,031.50	Retirement Gift.	42.00	
			Trustee Expenses.	<u>285.06.</u>	1,338.92

Donations

See Attached List. 90,457.62

Add Lloyds Bank as at 31 December 21	<u>61,872.68</u>	Add Lloyds Bank as at 31 December 2022	<u>23,107.64</u>
Total	<u>114,904.18.</u>		<u>114,904.18</u>

Asset Valuation as at 31 December 2022.

COIF Investment Fund	1,137,142.98
M & G Optimal Income Fd.	110,358.57.
Schroeders Multi-Asset Fd,	<u>230,707.14.</u>

Total: 1,478,208.69.

Total Assets as at 31 December 2022

Lloyds Bank	23,107.64
Investments	<u>1,478,208.69</u>

1,501,316.33

Examined and found correct with books and vouchers produced.



**T. Brown
Independent Examiner**

Date 30/3/2023



**D. Rutherford
Hon, Treasurer**

Date 30 MARCH 23

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Purchases & Donations 2022

Athelstan House

Healthcare Equipment	1,177.48	
Examination Couch	2,332.72	
Recliner Wheelchairs	<u>4,320.00</u>	7,830.20

Malmesbury Primary Care Centre

Medical Equipment	2,422.04	
PosiPerle Support Cushions	1,195.54	
FeNo Testing Machine	<u>3,478.80</u>	7,096.38

Donations

Friends of Malmesbury School	5,000.00	
Futon Co	423.00	
Stay Safe Initiative	750.00	
Doorway	5,000.00	
Disability Scooter	6,104.00	
Platinum Cleaning Co.	130.80	
Alzheimer's Big Band	500.00	
Beamer Ltd	1,247.00	
Brandon Defib.	1,452.00	
Wiltshire Citizen Advice	3,000.00	
Malmesbury Amateur Boxing Club.	10,000.00	
Athelstan Trust	5,500.00	
Cowbridge Defib.	1,500.00	
Mr. Skelhorn	214.20	
St John's Ambulance	1,475.64	
Dorothy House	30,000.00	
Tolsey Surgery	2,234.40	
HEALS	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>75,531.04</u>

<u>Total</u>		<u>90,457.62</u>
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MALMESBURY LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

I report on the Accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 4 and 5

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the Charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts:
You consider that the Audit requirement of Section 43 (2) of the Charity Act 1993 (The Act) does not apply.

It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General directions by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43 (7) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissions. Examination includes a review of 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 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.

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 the accounting requirements of the Act, have not been met.
2. 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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