

Registered Charity number
265721

League of Friends of the
South Hams Hospital

Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 December 2024

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Report and accounts for the year to 31 December 2024
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Annual report for the year to 31 December 2024

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, 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 published on 16 July 2014.

The Charity's principal banker is Lloyds Bank, with Quilter Cheviot handling investments and Flagstone cash deposits.

The Charity's principal address is that of its Treasurer at Lower Brownston Farm, Brownston, Ivybridge, PL21 0SQ

Structure governance and management

The League of Friends of the South Hams Hospital is a registered charity, No 265721 and is constituted by Deed of Trust.

The Committee of Trustees should be not less than 5 or more than 12 other persons. A Trustee will serve for a period of three years but is eligible for re-election. A Trustee is appointed by the Committee and ratified at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee appoints its Chairman from amongst its members and appoints the Secretary and Treasurer who may, but need not, be a member of the Committee.

The Committee meet at regular intervals, currently at least 6 times a year. Minutes are approved and Agendas circulated ahead of each meeting. The Trustees are reminded annually of the terms of the Trust for which they are responsible. New Trustees are given a verbal induction explaining their responsibilities, a copy of the Constitution and "The Essential Trustee - What we need to know" booklet. New Trustees are introduced by recommendation.

The Committee assesses risk as appropriate and ensures that it always has adequate insurance covering public liability, the activities of the Trustees, and volunteers. It mitigates investment risk by employing professional asset managers.

Trustees and Committee members

The Charity's trustees and committee members during the year were:

	Position held	Date of original appointment	Date of retirement (but eligible for re-election)
Mr T Andrew	President		
Trustees			
Dr P M Hughes	Chairman	March 2021	February 2027
Mrs J Laphorn	Secretary	October 2011	September 2026
Mr R Gingell	Treasurer	September 2012	August 2027
Mrs D Jefferson	Committee member	June 2020	December 2024
Mrs L A Paschalides	Committee member	November 2021	October 2027
Mr M Court	Committee member	June 2022	May 2025
Mrs D Ward	Committee member	January 2023	December 2025
Mrs R Murray	Committee member	March 2023	February 2026

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Objectives and powers

The object of the League is to support patients at the hospital and other invalids in the community who are sick, convalescent, disabled, handicapped, or infirm. To support the charitable work of the hospital and to support related organisations in the NHS in discharging their responsibilities. The League achieves this object by raising funds, which are then used to supplement the services provided by the hospital or other similar services provided within the South Hams, which will bring benefit to all within the community. Regular discussions are held with the management and staff of the Hospital as to how the League can best achieve its aims and to ascertain both current and long-term projects in which it might assist.

Achievements and performance

During the year the League has continued to provide equipment and fund improvements to the hospital grounds.

Financial review

The charity was once again fortunate to receive bequests as reported in the accounts note 2. Quilter Cheviot Limited (QC) remains responsible for the League's investments and maintains regular contact with the LOF Treasurer. As discretionary fund managers with a history dealing with charities, they provide a bespoke investment management service combining a range of asset classes to meet the objectives set by the trustees. Currently these are set at a lower to medium risk tolerance and recognize the importance of integrating environmental, social and governance factors when making investment decisions. Through QC the League hold an account with Flagstone Investment Management Limited who provide a platform to place deposits at competitive market rates whilst providing the protection of the FSCS guarantee up to £85,000 for individual bank deposits.

Plans for the future

The League continues to enjoy a good relationship with the Hospital management holding regular meetings to discuss how the League can assist with various projects under consideration. This can only be achieved by the continued loyal support of the local community.

Finally

We once again thank those people who give their time to help either at our fund raising events or at the hospital and to all the hardworking Committee members for their commitment to the League.

The Charity is a member of the Devon County Association of the Leagues of Hospital Friends.

We show annually the amount spent by the League on charitable activities from its inception in 1974 to date and as at 31 December 2024 that is £2,508,469.

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Dr P M Hughes
Chairman

Dated.....

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Accountants' Report for the year to 31 December 2024

Independent examiners report on the unaudited accounts to the trustees of League of Friends of the South Hams Hospital

We report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on the following pages.

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 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) does not apply and that an independent examination is required.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

We 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 accounts to be reached.

Morgan Accountants Ltd
Duke Court
Bridge Street
Kingsbridge
Devon
TQ7 1HX

Dated.....

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Statement of financial activities
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds General Fund £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies				
Donations from individuals		233	233	690
Donations "In memory of"		1,987	1,987	1,293
Donations from local organisations		450	450	1,004
Bequests		-	-	197,757
		2,670	2,670	200,744
Other trading activities				
Kingsbridge show		360	360	637
Collections, cards and donations		1,004	1,004	363
Car parking		40	40	-
		1,404	1,404	1,000
Investment income				
Dividends received		29,948	29,948	23,963
Interest receivable - gross		18,668	18,668	7,912
Interest accrued		15,164	15,164	13,503
		63,780	63,780	45,378
Total income		67,854	67,854	247,122
Expenditure on:				
Kingsbridge show costs		284	284	410
Stock and card purchases		648	648	390
Licences		20	20	20
Fund managers fees		6,853	6,853	6,582
		7,805	7,805	7,402
Charitable activities				
Direct purchases for hospital		965	965	1,130
Outdoor furniture		2,549	2,549	2,194
Provision of newspapers for patients		1,161	1,161	740
Provision of fruit baskets for hospital staff		1,262	1,262	1,113
Physio tools and equipment		633	633	3,000
Hospital signs		2,250	2,250	-
Refurbishment of reception		32,367	32,367	-
Utility mapping		1,637	1,637	-
Kingsbridge area food bank		1,000	1,000	1,000
Garden design and landscaping		38,273	38,273	596
TVs		965	965	-
		83,062	83,062	9,773
Governance costs				
Software		120	120	-
Website costs		336	336	336
Affiliation fees		20	20	20
AGM costs		66	66	126
Insurance		607	607	439
Independent examiners fees		1,708	1,708	1,698
		2,857	2,857	2,619
Total expenditure		93,724	93,724	19,794
Net income/expenditure		(25,870)	(25,870)	227,328

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	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Net income/expenditure brought forward		(25,870)	(25,870)	227,328
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
Net income before revaluations and investment asset disposal		(25,870)	(25,870)	227,328
Realised gains/(losses) on disposals of investment assets		32,759	32,759	4,256
Unrealised gains on listed investments		(8,576)	(8,576)	23,395
Net movement in funds		(1,687)	(1,687)	254,979
Total funds brought forward		1,652,941	1,652,941	1,397,962
Total funds carried forward		1,651,254	1,651,254	1,652,941

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Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		General Fund £	£	£
Current assets				
Sundry debtors and prepayments	2	482	482	412
Investments held as current assets	4	1,079,357	1,079,357	1,028,350
Cash at bank and in hand	3	572,715	572,715	625,469
		<u>1,652,554</u>	<u>1,652,554</u>	<u>1,654,231</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	(1,300)	(1,300)	(1,290)
Net current assets		<u>1,651,254</u>	<u>1,651,254</u>	<u>1,652,941</u>
Net assets		<u>1,651,254</u>	<u>1,651,254</u>	<u>1,652,941</u>
Charity Funds	6			
Restricted		-	-	-
Designated		-	-	-
Unrestricted funds		1,651,254	1,651,254	1,652,941
Total Funds		<u>1,651,254</u>	<u>1,651,254</u>	<u>1,652,941</u>

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Mr R Gingell
Treasurer

Approved on

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Notes to the Accounts
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1 Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Income

Donations, legacies, investment income and fundraising income are all included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) in the year in which they are receivable.

Expenditure

All expenditure is included on an accrual basis. All costs have been attributed to one of the categories of resources expended in the SOFA.

Fund accounting

Details and the nature and purpose of each fund is set out in notes to the accounts.

2 Debtors	2024	2023
	£	£
Sundry debtors and prepayments	482	412
3 Cash at bank and in hand	2024	2023
	£	£
Lloyds current account	10,631	43,488
Flagstone deposit accounts	562,083	581,980
Cash in hand	1	1
	572,715	625,469
4 Investments held as current assets	2024	2023
	£	£
Listed investments at market value	1,018,318	969,323
Unlisted investments	61,039	59,027
	1,079,357	1,028,350
Net book cost of listed investments	989,256	931,685
5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Creditors	1,300	1,290

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6 Funds

All funds are unrestricted funds which comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objectives.

7 Related parties

The Trustees received no remuneration or expenses during the year other than reimbursements for costs incurred on behalf of the Charity.

8 Controlling party

The charity is controlled by the Trustees shown on the Trustees report.

9 Reserve policy

The Charity does not operate in a way that a reserve policy is required, but would normally look to retain at least £10,000 in reserve and to spend each year such funds as are received from its normal annual fundraising activities and general donations. Where however large donations or bequests are received these are generally retained within the Charity awaiting a large project within the hospital, which from experience will arise from time to time, and where such funds can sensibly be used or utilised in support of projects (within our constitution) which could not otherwise proceed.