

The League of Friends of the Newton Abbot Hospitals

Annual Report
Year Ended 30 April 2024

The League of Friends of the Newton Abbot Hospitals

Annual Report

Year ended 30 April 2024

Contents	Page
Reference and Administrative Details	1
Committee's Report	2
Independent Examiner's Report to the Committee	4
Statement of Financial Activities	5
Balance Sheet	6
Notes and Accounting Policies	7-11

The League of Friends of the Newton Abbot Hospitals

Reference and Administrative Details

Year ended 30 April 2024

Status

The League of Friends of the Newton Abbot Hospitals is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under reference number 284014. It is governed by a set of Rules and managed by a committee - appointed under those rules.

Trustees:

Committee Officials

President Mr M Ryan

Treasurer / Mrs R Robinson
Chairman

Other Trustees

Minutes Secretary Mrs L Leaman

Press Officer Mrs H Long
Sales table organiser Mrs C Hewett
 Mrs J Larcombe
 Mrs J Harris
 Mrs D Kennedy
 Mrs P Gibbs
 Miss J Geake
 Mrs A Honeywill Appointed 13
 November
 2023

Principal Address

Newton Abbot Community Hospital
West Golds Road
NEWTON ABBOT
TQ12 2TS

Professional Advisers

Bankers:

Lloyds Bank
41 Courtenay Street
NEWTON ABBOT

Investments Advisers:

Brooks MacDonald
TAUNTON

Independent Examiner:

Michael Denoon Young FCA
Peplows Limited
Moorgate House
King Street
NEWTON ABBOT

The League of Friends of the Newton Abbot Hospitals

Report of the Committee of the Trustees for the year ended 30 April 2024

The Trustees present their annual report for the year ended 30 April 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 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 and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Structure Governance and Management

This league was formed 74 years ago and is a member League of Devon County Association of Leagues of Friends and was registered with the Charity Commission under reference number 284014 in January 1982. It is governed by Objects and Rules adopted in March 2004 amended on 17 November 2014, 21 September 2015 and 14 November 2022.

The charity is administered and managed by the Executive Committee who are listed on page 1. The committee has met 10 times in the year. The main subjects discussed were requests passed to us by hospital departments, sharing updated information on the current changes within the hospital and the way forward for the league within the hospital, the role of volunteers in the hospital, and requests for funding from other organisations and people.

At the Annual General Meeting of the League, one third of the committee shall retire from office but shall be eligible for re-election. The committee may elect any member of the League to fill a vacancy on the committee until the next Annual General Meeting.

Existing trustees discuss with all new trustees the objectives of the Charity and the role it plays in the local community. New trustees are informed about trustee responsibilities and handed copies of the appropriate Charity Commission paperwork.

The trustees have reviewed any major risks to the charity and systems and procedures have been established to manage any of these risks.

Objectives and Activities

The principal purpose of this charity is to provide equipment for use in the hospital and hospital-based Community Services for which, we are informed, funding is not available. To enhance these services and to aid new projects. Also, to assist and support patients and staff to provide a link between hospital and public.

The League does not fund training or anything that it knows to be a statutory duty of the Trust.

When planning activities and funding for the hospital and other organisations the league keeps in mind the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit.

Investment Policy

The investment objective is to maximise the total investment return within a controlled risk framework, so as to make specified funds available from accumulated income and capital for distribution each year.

Achievements and Performance

Since our last AGM things are continuing to return to normal and as mentioned below, volunteers are in the hospital. There have also been meetings with the hospital staff and a number of donations have been made or approved to the hospital. The hospital has a new infusion unit and the league has contributed approximately £27,000 towards reclining chairs, overtables and equipment to be used in it. Going forward, further donations will be made to the infusion unit. We have also provided swallow devices costing approximately £3,000 and an interactive gaming machine for patient use costing approximately £10,000 for the stroke unit. Exercise bikes costing £3,598 were provided to the physiotherapy department. As in previous years when requested we provided funding for mattresses, chairs and equipment for the wards, which this year was approximately £6,000. There was also a donation of £24,250 to Rowcroft Hospice for high low beds and cooling blankets, a charity many residents and patients of Newton Abbot benefit from. Finally, as previous years we have assisted with purchases for our local GP surgeries.

The League continues to enjoy great and interested support from volunteers, local public, local businesses and the hospital staff, patients and visitors. Once again volunteers are in the hospital including a very helpful meet and greet service. Volunteers are also on the wards providing a buddy service to patients who have few visitors. The sales table is in operation, bringing the league to the public's attention and also raising funds for the league. It is often the first thing people see when they visit the hospital.

Committee meetings are now held monthly (except for August and December). These are now held at Newton Abbot Museum due to a lack of space at the hospital. We are very grateful to the museum for giving us free use of a room for this purpose. These meetings are an opportunity to discuss the work carried out in the hospital and any requests for donations.

As members are getting older, the league is actively looking for new members, both to assist with volunteering in the hospital and being involved with the committee. There are a wide range of volunteer roles, including those mentioned above and we would love to recommence the tea trolley on the hospital wards.

The League of Friends of the Newton Abbot Hospitals

Report of the Committee of the Trustees for the year ended 30 April 2024

Procedures and Policy for Grant Making

The Trustees respond to applications as they receive them, and where necessary, prior approval is obtained from the Matron in accordance with NHS guidelines. Certain other charitable requests are considered by trustees as appropriate. All applications for grants are considered by the Committee who decide if they meet the objectives of the charity. If they are considered to be in line with the charity objectives, they are normally paid.

Financial Review

The league has continued to benefit from generous legacies this year. Due to increased interest rates, investment income has increased in the year. Also our hard working sales table ladies are back in the hospital and income from the sales table has increased. It has continued to make grants to organisations connected to the hospital and potential patients of the hospital. The net deficit for the year was £50,817, reflecting the continuing level of grants made in the year. Investments have increased in value this year by £76,030. This gives a total increase in reserves for the year of £25,213.

Reserves Policy

The charity has reserves amounting to £1,207,760. These have built up over a number of years due to generous donations. The charity is continually looking for ways to spend it in accordance with its objects, their aim being to reduce the amount of reserves. All funds are unrestricted and can be used for any purpose covered by the objects of the League.

The level of reserves will run at a higher level while the charity identifies applicable equipment and projects to fund in accordance with its stated aims and the donor's wishes.

Plans for Future Periods

The Trustees will continue to encourage the hospital and hospital-based community services to apply for grants. In particular the league will remind organisations that funds are available, as based on previous experience, not every organisation is aware they can apply for funding. Information is posted on the leagues noticeboard at the hospital of activities carried out and donations made.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP (FRS102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Report) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Compliance with the Charity's Governing Document and Current Statutory Requirements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's Trust Deed, applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP FRS102) issued in October 2019.

Approved by the Trustees on 9.9 2024 and signed on their behalf by: R. A. Robinson

Mrs R Robinson
Chairman

The League of Friends of the Newton Abbot Hospitals

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The League of Friends of the Newton Abbot Hospitals

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity 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.

I 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.

M D Young FCA
Peplows Limited
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
Moorgate House
King Street
Newton Abbot



9/12/24

The League of Friends of the Newton Abbot Hospitals

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 30 April 2024

	Notes	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Income from:			
Voluntary income:			
Subscriptions and donations	3	916	952
Legacies		10,500	17,994
Fund raising including Trolley income	5	2,725	845
Investments	4	21,646	17,732
Total		35,787	37,523
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	6	77,272	104,430
Raising funds	7	172	252
Investment management costs		9,160	9,102
Total		86,604	113,784
Net (expenditure) before gains and losses on investments		(50,817)	(76,261)
Realised and unrealised gains (losses) on investments		76,030	(38,881)
Net income/(expenditure) and Net movement in funds for the year		25,213	(115,142)
Reconciliation of funds			
Balances at 1 May 2023		1,182,547	1,297,689
Balances at 30 April 2024		1,207,760	1,182,547
Represented by:			
Fixed assets		-	-
Investments		1,022,907	1,030,772
Current assets		212,649	193,427
Current liabilities		(27,796)	(41,652)
		1,207,760	1,182,547

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

All funds are unrestricted except as detailed in note 15 to the accounts.

The League of Friends of the Newton Abbot Hospitals

Balance Sheet

30 April 2024

	Notes	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Fixed assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	10	-	-
Investments	11	1,022,907	1,030,772
		<u>1,022,907</u>	<u>1,030,772</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	12	10,500	-
COIF Charities Deposit Fund		68,485	65,239
Cash at bank and in hand		133,664	128,188
		<u>212,649</u>	<u>193,427</u>
Liabilities - amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors	13	(27,796)	(41,652)
Net current assets		<u>184,853</u>	<u>151,775</u>
Total Net assets		<u>1,207,760</u>	<u>1,182,547</u>
Income funds and Total charity funds			
Unrestricted funds			
General fund		1,207,714	1,182,501
Restricted Fund		46	46
Total Net assets		<u>1,207,760</u>	<u>1,182,547</u>

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the Committee on 9.9.2024

.....C. A. Hewett.....

Carole Hewett
Committee Member

The League of Friends of the Newton Abbot Hospitals

Notes and Accounting Policies

Year ended 30 April 2024

1. General Information

The League of Friends of the Newton Abbot Hospitals is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under reference number 284014. It is governed by a set of Rules and managed by a Committee – appointed under those rules.

The address of its principal place of business is
Newton Abbot Hospital
Newton Abbot
TQ12 2TS

2. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

The accounts have been presented in sterling and rounded to the nearest £.

The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied.

(b) Income Recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty of receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

(i) Donations and legacies. These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when:

- the charity is notified to the donation, legacy or similar income and any conditions for receipt are met;
- the trustees consider that it is probable that they will receive it;
- the value can be reliably measured and;
- donated goods for sale are recognised when they are sold and included within fundraising income.

(ii) Subscriptions - These are included in the accounts when there is sufficient certainty that they will be received.

(iii) Fundraising - The income from this is included when received, as it is carried out by volunteers and it is only at this point it can be reliably measured.

(iv) Investment income - Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis, when notified by the Financial Advisor.

The League of Friends of the Newton Abbot Hospitals

Notes and Accounting Policies

Year ended 30 April 2024

Accounting Policies (continued)

(c) **Expenditure recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses, including support and governance costs except for direct fundraising costs are allocated to charitable activities

Grants to organisations are included when they are approved by the committee for payment and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Equipment purchased for Newton Abbot Hospital, surgeries and clinics is treated as donated to these bodies as it is insured by them. Such equipment cannot be removed or disposed of without permission from the League of Friends.

(d) **Charitable activities**

The expenditure on charitable activities includes grants made, governance costs and support costs as shown in note 6.

(e) **Costs of raising funds**

Fund raising costs are the direct costs of fundraising.

(f) **Costs of generating funds**

The costs of generating funds consist of investment management fees.

(g) **Voluntary help**

The charity is run entirely by unpaid voluntary help. For the purpose of these accounts, no value has been placed on this help.

(h) **Fixed Assets**

Equipment purchased for use by the charity is capitalised and depreciated by equal annual instalments over its estimated useful life of ten years.

(i) **Investments**

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are originally recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value at the balance sheet date using the quoted market price.

Realised and unrealised gains and losses on the investments are credited/charged directly to the Statement of Financial Activities.

(j) **Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash held in current and savings accounts in UK banking institutions. It does not include cash held by the stock brokers.

(k) **Debtors**

Debtors are included when the charity knows that the funds are due to them and the amounts can be measured or estimated reliably.

(l) **Creditors**

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

The League of Friends of the Newton Abbot Hospitals

Notes and Accounting Policies

Year ended 30 April 2024

Accounting Policies (continued)

(m) Funds structure

- (i) Restricted funds – these are funds that are subject to specific trusts that must be applied for specific purposes.
- (ii) Other funds held by the charity are unrestricted general funds which the Charity may use for its charitable purposes at its discretion.

3. Donations

There are no restricted donations included in donations.

4. Investment income

	2024 £	2023 £
Income received from:		
Listed investments income	18,400	16,333
Deposit interest received	3,246	1,399
	<u>21,646</u>	<u>17,732</u>

In 2024 and 2023 all investment income was unrestricted.

5. Fund raising income includes sales of donated goods

	2024 £	2023 £
Table top sales	2,371	582
Other	354	263
	<u>2,725</u>	<u>845</u>

6. Cost of charitable activities

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Grants paid - organisation	8	75,452	102,552
Independent examiners fee (governance)		1,288	1,234
Sundry		135	269
Depreciation		-	5
Insurance		397	370
		<u>77,272</u>	<u>104,403</u>

7. Cost of raising funds

	2024 £	2023 £
Other	<u>172</u>	<u>252</u>

No value is placed on goods donated for sale at hospital table sales or market sales.

The League of Friends of the Newton Abbot Hospitals

Notes and Accounting Policies

Year ended 30 April 2024

8. Grants Payable

	2024 £	2023 £
The amounts payable in the year comprise:		
To Institutions		
Newton Abbot Hospital		
Various grants to purchase medical equipment for use in the hospital and by connected parties	49,900	46,621
Other		
Newton Abbot community transport	-	25,000
Rowcroft Hospice grant for PPE	-	20,000
Dartmoor search and rescue	24,250	2,150
Basics Devon	-	2,300
Donation to Devon Square Surgery for equipment	(162)	3,900
Jays Aim defibrillators for Buckland area	-	-
Buckland Surgery chairs	1,464	81
Albany street surgery Hyfreator	-	2,500
Kingscare contribution new vehicle	-	-
	<u>75,452</u>	<u>102,552</u>

9. Staff costs

The charity did not employ any staff during the year.

10. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment £
Cost at 1 May 2023 and 30 April 2024	<u>3,180</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 May 2023	3,180
Charge for year	-
At 30 April 2024	<u>3,180</u>
Net Book Value	
At 30 April 2024	<u>0</u>
At 30 April 2023	<u>0</u>

The League of Friends of the Newton Abbot Hospitals

Notes and Accounting Policies

Year ended 30 April 2024

11. Investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Investment assets in the UK:		
Listed on a recognised stock exchange:		
Market value at 1 May 2023	996,904	1,038,375
Net (sales) purchases in the year	(68,903)	(2,590)
Realised and Unrealised gains (losses) in year	76,030	(38,881)
Market value at 30 April 2024	1,004,031	996,904
Cash	£	£
Brought Forward	33,868	39,498
Net sales /(purchases)	68,903	2,590
Fees paid	(9,160)	(9,102)
Funds (transferred)/retained	(74,735)	882
Carried Forward	18,876	33,868
Total	1,022,907	1,030,772
The cost of the listed investments (including cash) held at 30 April 2024 was:	748,969	751,980
The investments are held in listed investments or cash as shown above.		

12. Debtors

	£	£
Legacies		
	10,500	-
The league has been informed it is entitled to a 40% share of an estate, however the amount cannot be quantified and is therefore not included in these accounts.		

13. Creditors

	£	£
Independent Examination	1,400	1,300
Grants	26,396	40,273
Fundraising	-	79
	27,796	41,652

14. Committee Members and Other Related Parties

No Committee Member (Trustee) or connected persons have received any remuneration either directly or indirectly. A total of £88 for sundry expenses was reimbursed to three Committee Members, £172 for fundraising to one member and £397 to one committee member for insurance during the year (2023 £422 for sundry expenses and £370 insurance to seven Committee Members). At the balance sheet date nil (2023 nil) was due to trustees for expenses incurred.

15. Charitable Funds

At the year end, there was a £46 (2022 £46) restricted fund for the purchase of a voice amplifier. This arose because of a one-off donation.

All other funds are unrestricted and are available to be spent for any of the purposes of the charity.