

**SOMERSHAM WARD (CANCER UNIT) SUPPORT GROUP**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

Registered Charity No 299050 with the Charity Commission.  
President Mary Whelan.

The Charity is administered by a Management Committee comprising: -

Vice President	Mrs Barbara Barker
Chairperson	Mrs Jennifer Haynes
Vice Chairperson	Mrs Fiona Steward
Treasurer	Mrs Susan Chainey
Secretary	Mrs Kirsty Wright

There are 6 other members.

The object of the Charity is to receive donations, support patients who are in or convalescent from Woolverstone Wing or Somersham Ward in particular and assist in the provision of equipment.

The Charity does not have any paid employees.

The Charity holds no assets and the Trustees believe there are no risks involved in this Charity.

The accounts for the year 2024 show that total receipts were £42,535.93 with total payments of £33,001.63. This provides a net receipt of £9,534.30. Net receipts are up compared with the previous year.

**Receipts**

Donations totalled £37,668.65 compared with the previous year of £19,003.47. This shows an increase of £18,665.18. Net receipts from 'Just Giving' which are included in the donations figure totalled £10,556.24 with the cost of £18 per month totalling £216.00. 'Just Giving' also takes 5% of some donations. There were a total 266 donations compared with 110 in the previous year.

Event receipts were down by £381.25 compared with the previous year.

Gift Aid provided £504.93. This item varies a great deal.

Many donations are made as a result of a family bereavement and in this regard the numbers could, of course, vary considerably from year to year. It must be recognised that our Charity is comparatively small with a limited geographical area of operation but the reason for the existence of the Group remains as strong as ever as it provides a way for the bereaved to do something in memory of a loved one and over the years has provided invaluable support to the Cancer Unit at Ipswich Hospital.

We must also, again, recognise the huge contribution to the success of our venture made by all the staff with whom the Group has contact. Their unfailing dedication to care and attention of the patients on the Ward and in the various Clinics from the Hostess upwards is evident from the letters received by the Group.

Total receipts for the year at £42,535.93 show a marked increase of £18,752.88 against last year.

### Payments

Total payments at £33,001.63 also show a slight increase of £1,476.82 when compared with last year.

Hospital equipment purchases at £22,671.63 also show an increase of 10,518.13 compared with last year. Some of the items purchased this year include a Blood Fridge at £7,254.50, a Patient Raiser at £3,997.00 and 4 x Chair/Beds at £6,600.00 for relatives who may need to stay overnight.

Other Hospital purchases show a decrease compared to the previous year of £10,146.78.

Group expenses are £1,027.15 this year. This is an increase on the previous year due mainly to the increase in insurance prices.

Our meetings this year have been held in a local club room at a small cost.

Bank Balance.

Our final bank balances for this year are £108,629.59.

Since the inception of the Support Group in 1986 the total expenditure on the Ward, its Clinics and Patients now stands at £1,926,717.55. This has been provided by the Group events and many hundreds of generous donations from the families and friends of cancer sufferers and others and to whom we owe an unquantifiable debt of gratitude.

This has been a more settled year for the Group. We must, however, again express our thanks for the excellent support given to us by staff at all levels.

The Management Committee, October 2024

## SOMERSHAM WARD SUPPORT GROUP

### ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

<b>INCOME RECEIPTS</b>	2024	2023
DONATIONS	£ 37,668.65	£ 19,003.47
EVENT	£ 3,594.58	£ 3,975.83
GIFT AID	£ 504.93	£ 803.75
COOLA	£ 174.12	£ -
BANK INTEREST	£ 593.65	£ -
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£ 42,535.93</b>	<b>£ 23,783.05</b>

<b>EXPENSE PAYMENTS</b>		
HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT	£ 22,671.63	£ 12,153.50
PATIENTS COMESTIBLES	£ 3,242.22	£ 2,369.04
OTHER HOSPITAL PURCHASES	£ 6,060.63	£ 16,207.41
GROUP EXPENSES	£ 1,027.15	£ 794.86
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£ 33,001.63</b>	<b>£ 31,524.81</b>

<b>NET RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>£ 9,534.30</b>	<b>-£ 7,741.76</b>
<b>CASH/BANK BALANCES AT 30/09/23</b>	<b>£ 99,095.29</b>	<b>£ 106,837.05</b>
<b>CASH/BANK BALANCES AT 30/09/24</b>	<b>£ 108,629.59</b>	<b>£ 99,095.29</b>

<b>MONETARY ASSETS</b>		
BARCLAYS CURRENT	£ 14,985.08	£ 21,925.00
BARCLAYS No 2 ACCOUNT	£ 13,530.01	£ 77,170.29
BARCLAYS SAVINGS ACCOUNT	£ 80,114.50	£ -
<b>TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS</b>	<b>£ 108,629.59</b>	<b>£ 99,095.29</b>



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the  
trustees/directors/  
members of

Charity Name

Somersham Ward (Cancer Unit) Support Group

On accounts for the year  
ended

30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Charity no.:  
**299050**

Company no.:

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30/09/2024

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:** J M Rendle

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**Name:** JOHN MICHAEL RENDLE

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## Section B

## Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

None.