

THE FRIENDS OF DARLINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

England & Wales · Charity number 511290

Details

Other names	THE FRIENDS OF THE DARLINGTON HOSPITALS, THE FRIENDS OF THE DARLINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1981-04-01
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address Friends Of Darlington
Memorial Hospital
Hollyhurst Road
Darlington
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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE PATIENTS AND FORMER PATIENTS OF DARLINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WHO ARE SICK, CONVALESCENT, DISABLED, HANDICAPPED, INFIRM OR IN NEED OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND, GENERALLY, TO SUPPORT THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE SAID HOSPITAL. (FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE CONSTITUTION).

Activities: To bring comfort to patients and brighten their lives; To Help and encourage staff and enhance the good reputation of the Hospital.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Darlington

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£65,805	£70,305	-	-
2024-04-30	£72,343	£76,435	-	-
2023-04-30	£53,813	£74,416	-	-
2022-04-30	£59,786	£57,586	-	-
2021-04-30	£61,241	£45,857	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID LISTER	Chair	2025-06-19
JEANETTE SMITH		
John Gibson		2025-06-19
Joy Mc Culloch MBE		2025-06-19
MOLLY ANN DAVISON		
MR ALAN CHARLTON		
Simon Rossinelli		

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76TH AGM
Formed 1948



The Friends of Darlington Memorial Hospital

(Affiliated to Attend)

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Registered Charity No. 511290

THE FRIENDS OF DARLINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 19TH JUNE 2025 AT 6.00PM

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to present this my 29th Annual Report which is for year ending 30th April 2025.

Following 29 very happy years as your committee chairman and now at the age of 89 I am taking the opportunity to retire. This has only been made possible due to David Lister our very experienced committee member agreeing to succeed me. I am very grateful to David and wish him well in taking a job which I have found so very enjoyable. Thank you to all of our members and volunteers for the support you have given me. This has enabled us to purchase circa £2 million of medical equipment for Darlington Memorial Hospital and to provide volunteer driver transport to some 5,000 patients each year for the past 28 years. I have had the pleasure of working with Chairmen, Chief Executives, Medical staff and administrators of what was Darlington Memorial Hospital and now County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust without their support I would not have been able to achieve so much.

Over the years of very happy times I have also experienced great sadness of reporting on wonderful volunteers whose life had ended but as I am writing this report no words can express the sorrow I am experiencing at the death of our President for 35 years Mr. Alasdair MacConachie OBE DL. Alasdair was a very special man who created and managed Sherwood's a very successful motor dealership but still found time to be active in his role as Vice Lieutenant of County Durham. He worked closely with Darlington Borough Council charring committees with various responsibilities. But his greatest interest was in the various charities that he supported none more so than this The Friends of Darlington Memorial Hospital. He was always available to lend a helping hand or give advice if we were faced with a difficulty. Alasdair will be very much missed by so many people and charitable groups in Darlington.

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Once again I am so very sorry to have to advise you of the death of two of our very hard working volunteers. Pat Telfer had for a number of years managed our Baby Shop. Despite being unwell herself she was so committed to her job and was one of the best known faces in Darlington Hospital. Geoff Dauber was our jack of all trades. Jobs ranging from refurbishing benches in the hospital grounds, rebuilding a dolls house to wrapping patients Christmas Presents were all within his compass. Both Pat and Geoff are missed by all of us.

Our oldest working volunteer Lewis Stockill joined our committee 14 years ago as the representative of the Heartbeat Group. He then took a great interest in our baby shop and worked in there for 6 years. During this time he developed a relationship with our volunteer knitters delivering wool to them and collecting the new baby clothes. Although a most active and valuable member of our committee Lewis has not been able to attend recent meetings and has decided to stand down. Lewis will be 94 years old this year and on behalf of our members I thank him for his valued contribution to our work.

Our volunteer car service continues to provide a great service to patients. Sadly we are still having to limit our daily work to a maximum of 700 miles at a cost of £245 which means that on many days we are not able to meet demand. We have 16 volunteer drivers and the service is controlled on a daily basis by Joy McCulloch, Anne Robinson, Colin Weeks and Jeff Simpson with David Lister the main administrator. These can be difficult jobs but very rewarding knowing they are helping so many patients. Our thanks for all that they do.

The Baby Shop at the main entrance of the hospital is now open most week days due to the efforts of Margaret Weeks and Sam Nicholson. Many thanks to them. The profit it makes goes to help fund the Volunteer Car service. Jeanette Smith continues to be involved in much of our work and now has a new assistant in Opeyeme Duntoye. Ope deals with our daily cash flow and banking. Thank you Jeanette and welcome to our team Ope.

Molly Davison who was the Volunteer Organiser for Darlington Memorial Hospital when I became Chairman 29 years ago continues to give her invaluable support as our meeting secretary and this is very much appreciated.

The remarkable Simon Rossinelli continues as our Treasurer for a 37th year. The work he has done for so many years and the support he provides for everyone is so essential to the smooth running of our charity. Once again our sincere thanks.

For the last time as Chairman I thank all of our volunteers and members for the work that you do and for the support you have given me for the past 29 years.

W. Alan Charlton MBE
Chairman

MASTER

The Friends of the Darlington Memorial Hospital

Financial Statement Year Ended 30th April 2025

Registered Charity no. 511290

Please find enclosed the financial statement for the year ending 30th April 2025.

Income levels for the period £65,805.28 and expenditure of £70,305.00. The administration costs of running the Charity have been kept to a minimum. Available resources remain healthy with funds held of £87,265.04

The records are yet to be Audited and once this is complete a final set of Accounts will be submitted to the Charity Commission and put on file with the minutes of the AGM.

Should anyone have any queries regarding the information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Simon Rossinelli

Honorary Treasurer

12th June 2025

The Friends of the Darlington Memorial Hospital Financial Year Ending 30th April 2025

Opening Bank Position	£ 91,764.76
Income	65805.28

Expenditure	£ 70,305.00
	<u>£ 87,265.04</u>

Closing Bank Postion

Closing petty cash	£ 41.65 ✓
Cheque Account	£ 4,511.63 ✓
Active Saver Account	£ 0.10 ✓
BPAAccount	£ 82,711.66 ✓
	<u>£ 87,265.04</u>

I certify that these accounts give a true
and fair view of the financial position as at
30th April 2025

CPB
Mr Chris Butler FMAAT
17/2/26

Friends of the Darlington Memorial Hospital

Income - Year Ending 30th April 2025

Shop	£ 9,980.17	✓
Volunteer Dri	£ 39,977.29	✓
Collection Bo	£ 16.02	✓
Membership	£ 2,020.00	✓
Donations	£ 9,681.80	✓
Bank Interest	£ 1,209.37	✓
Tables	£ 2,064.39	✓
Sundries	£ 856.24	✓
Total	<u>£ 65,805.28</u>	

Friends of the Darlington Memorial Hospital

Expenditure - Year ending 30th April 2025

Voluntary Drivers	£ 61,518.60	✓
Shop Purchases	£ 1,954.49	✓
Stationery/Postage	£ 1,518.22	✓
Xmas Presents	£ 1,993.39	✓
Natl Ass Memb & Ins	£ 872.30	}
SCBU	£ 2,000.00	
1st Baby Gift	£ 100.00	
Xmas Cards	£ 348.00	
Total	£ 70,305.00	

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY 20TH JUNE 2024 AT 6.00PM
FIRST FLOOR BOARDROOM DARLINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to present my 28th Annual Report which is for the year ending 30th April 2024.

Our main activity continues to be the wonderful Volunteer Car Service which is now in its 27th year. In those years we have served some 130,000 patients by collecting them from their home's taking to their hospital appointment at Darlington Memorial Hospital or Bishop Auckland General Hospital and returning them following their appointment. These journeys vary in distance from within 2 miles of the Hospitals to over 50 miles with an increasing number being longer distances. Our excellent team of drivers use their own cars and freely give their time receiving a small allowance of 35 pence per mile to cover fuel and running costs. Raising funds to operate the service has always been difficult as we do not receive any financial support from the NHS. At the present time we have had to control the cost of running the service by imposing a daily mileage restriction of 700 miles at a cost of £245.00. This is not at all satisfactory as we are unable to be of service to some patients who then have difficulty in keeping their appointments. We are looking at options to improve the situation. The service is controlled on a daily basis by Joy McCulloch, Anne Robinson, Colin Weeks and Jeff Simpson and on your behalf I wish to thank them and our drivers for doing, what at times, is a very difficult job. David Lister continues to be the main administrator for the service and keeps a careful control of our expenditure and income.

Our Baby Shop at Main Entrance of Darlington Hospital continues to do well and the two ladies who work there have it open for 4 days a week. We are looking for another person who can work for one 6 hour day. There are a number of people in the community who knit lovely baby clothes for us to sell and we are so very grateful to them. I would like to pick two of them out simply because they have donated many hundreds of hours in producing a wonderful selection of baby clothes, knitted toys (Paddington Bears) , wooden cots and

dressed dolls. So a special thank you to Doris Bee of Middleton in Teesdale and Margaret Gibbs of Wackerfield we are indebted to you both.

Although David Glover has kept a dialogue going with the hospital Physiotherapy Department there has been no development of restarting the Heartbeat Group exercise group.

Bill Chaytor of Croft who was our Chairman for 6 years has always continued to show interest in "The Friends" and been a great support to myself, sadly passed away in June. Bill was involved in a number of charitable activities in the area and will be sorely missed by many.

One of the saddest times of my 28 years was in August when our much cared for administrator June Blewitt became suddenly ill and passed away shortly afterwards. This was a real shock to all of our team and we very much miss her cheerful personality and commitment to the work of The Friends.

The ever busy Jeanette Smith who is involved with everything that we do has had a particularly demanding year including taking over June's work of looking after our daily cash flow. Currently because of building works near our office to create a new Outpatients Department which means some change for us Jeanette has been working with the developers to ensure our facilities are maintained.

Molly Davison who has great knowledge of Darlington Hospital continues to give her very helpful support as our meeting secretary.

Simon Rossenelli our treasurer for the past 36 years, despite not enjoying the best of health, continues to give us the benefit of his vast experience in this most important role. On behalf of all of our committee and members I once again express our gratitude to him.

Alasdair MacConachie OBE DL our President for 34 years continues with his interest in what we do and is a great support to myself for which I will always be grateful.

Thank you to all of our volunteers and members for the work that you do and your continued support for all that we do for patients and staff.

W A Charlton MBE

Chairman

The Friends of the Darlington Memorial Hospital
Financial Year Ending 30th April 2024

Opening Bank Position	£ 95,856.24	
Income	72343.71	
	£ 168,199.95	
Expenditure	£ 76,435.19	
	<u>£ 91,764.76</u>	

Closing Bank Postion

Closing petty cash	£ 1,444.68	
Cheque Account	£ 8,817.66	0.00
Active Saver Account	£ 0.10	
BPAAccount	£ 81,502.32	
	<u>£ 91,764.76</u>	

Friends of the Darlington Memorial Hospital

Income - Year Ending 30th April 2024

Shop	£ 14,032.82
Volunteer Dri	£ 45,383.91
Collection Bo	£ 335.48
Membership	£ 271.00
Donations	£ 8,503.14
Bank Interest	£ 917.44
Tables	£ 2,719.92
Sundries	£ 180.00
Total	<u>£ 72,343.71</u>

Friends of the Darlington Memorial Hospital

Expenditure - Year ending 30th April 2024

Voluntary Drivers	£ 68,890.10
Shop Purchases	£ 2,176.07
Stationery/Postage	£ 2,412.02
Xmas Presents	£ 1,290.00
Natl Ass Memb & Ins	£ 1,393.00
Xmas Cards	£ 174.00
1st Baby Gift	£ 100.00
Total	<u>£ 76,435.19</u>

The Friends of the Darlington Memorial Hospital

Financial Statement Year Ended 30th April 2024

Registered Charity no. 511290

Please find enclosed the financial statement for the year ending 30th April 2024. A further difficult year with many challenges which the volunteers have overcome, maintaining the charities services and reputation. THANK YOU!

Income levels for the period £72,343.71 and expenditure of £76,435.19. The administration costs of running the Charity have been kept to a minimum. Available resources remain healthy with funds held of £91,764.76

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Simon Rossinelli

Honorary Treasurer

23rd May 2024

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Income levels have reduced to £53,813.99 (£59,785.61) and expenditure has increased to £74,416.56 (£57,585.50). This due to an increase in the activity of the Driving service. The administration costs of running the Charity have been kept to a minimum. Available resources remain healthy with funds held of £95,856.24.

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26th June 2023

**The Friends of the Darlington Memorial Hospital
Financial Year Ending 30th April 2023**

Opening Bank Position & p	£ 116,458.81	^
Income	£ 53,813.99	✓
	<u>£ 170,272.80</u>	
Expenditure	£ 74,416.56	✓
	<u>£ 95,856.24</u>	

Closing Bank Postion

Closing petty cash	£ 1,128.55	^
Cheque Account	£ 4,914.31	^
Active Saver Account	£ 0.10	^
BPAAccount	£ 80,584.88	^
HeartBeat - cash	£ 181.00	
HeartBeat - Bank Account	£ 9,047.40	
	<u>£ 95,856.24</u>	

From the records and information provided to me I can confirm that these Financial Statements reflect a true and accurate position as at 30th April 2023.



Mr Chris Butler FMAAT.

27.2.2024.

Friends of the Darlington Memorial Hospital

Expenditure - Year ending 30th April 2023

Voluntary Drivers	£ 66,614.44
Shop Purchases	£ 1,859.36
Stationery/Postage	£ 2,252.46
Xmas Presents	£ 1,854.10
Natl Ass Memb & Ins	£ 1,339.00
Xmas Cards	£ 397.20
1st Baby Gift	£ 100.00
Total	<u>£ 74,416.56</u>

Friends of the Darlington Memorial Hospital

Income - Year Ending 30th April 2023

Shop	£ 11,654.85
Volunteer Drive	£ 34,909.56
Collection Box	£ 324.27
Membership	£ 1,870.06
Donations	£ 3,360.59
Bank Interest	£ 129.33
Tables	£ 1,290.33
Sundries	£ 275.00
Total	<u>£ 53,813.99</u>

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It is once again my pleasure to present this my 26th Annual Report for the year ending 30th April 2022.

The challenge of the pandemic has continued to affect our work load and income. We have no in hospital sales tables and losing the tea bar to the development of Accident and Emergency is a major loss as the two areas used to generate about £15,000 to our annual income. Good news is that our Baby Shop has reopened under the guidance of Mrs. Pat Telfer and Mrs. Margaret Weeks.

Remarkably we have continued to operate our volunteer car service albeit on a restricted basis as we only allow 1 patient in a car. The volunteer drivers have done a magnificent job and through care and a little good fortune none of them have been effected by the virus. On behalf of all of our members and the hundreds of patients we have cared for I thank them. Joy McCulloch, Colin Weeks, Jeff Simpson and Anne Robinson all do an excellent job in controlling the daily operations of the volunteer car service. This can be a very testing job and on your behalf I compliment and thank them.

Fundraising continues to be difficult but we have again been fortunate to receive funds from a number of legacies. Donations from grateful patients who use the volunteer car service have also increased which ensures that we can continue with the services we provide. Gift Aid claims boosted our income by over £4,000.

Simon Rossenelli our treasurer for the past 34 years has had his wonderful work recognised by receiving the very prestigious Order of Mercy this was presented to him by Lord Lingfield in a ceremony held in the Mansion House London. On behalf of all members and volunteers I congratulate Simon and thank him for his dedicated service.

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Sadly the Heartbeat group has not been reformed due to a lack of suitable premises and equipment. David Glover the group administrator is hopeful that this situation will change in the near future and continues to have discussions with Darlington Memorial Hospital physiotherapists.

Jeanette Smith our cashier and general administrator is now assisted by June Blewitt who does an excellent job in dealing with our daily cash flow. This enables Jeanette to concentrate on other matters of general administration, stock ordering and volunteer training. Our thanks and gratitude to Jeanette for her 15 years of commitment and work for The Friends and a thank you to June for taking her new role.

David Lister our Data Protection Officer does a wonderful job including making the mileage allowance payments to the volunteer drivers and producing the driver service statistics which includes the daily cost of operating the service. He also continues to raise funds through his interest in philately and is always requiring old stamps. On behalf of all members I thank David for his continued commitment and support.

Due to health problems I was unable to fulfil my usual daily role for part of the year. However the rest of the team took control of the situation and worked extremely hard to ensure that the services we provide continued seamlessly. My particular thanks to John Gibson one of our volunteer drivers who in my absence organised the essential routing for the other drivers.

My illness once again highlights the need for me to retire after 27 years as your Chairman but to do this requires me to find a successor to fulfil my working role.

Your President Alasdair MacConachie OBE DL for the past 32 years continues to be a constant support to myself and our work in providing services to patients. Thank you once again Alasdair for your involvement and support.

My thanks to all of our members for your continued support for the work that we do.

W. Alan Charlton MBE
Chairman

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Honorary Treasurer

16th June 2022

**The Friends of the Darlington Memorial Hospital
Financial Year Ending 30th April 2022**

Opening Bank Position & petty cash	£	114,258.70	^
Income	£	59,785.61	^
	£	174,044.31	
Expenditure	£	57,585.50	^
	£	<u>116,458.81</u>	

Closing Bank Postion

Closing petty cash	£	26.42	^
Cheque Account	£	9,228.76	-
Active Saver Account	£	1,519.58	-
Base Rate Reward Acc	£	96,455.65	-
HeartBeat - cash	£	181.00	
HeartBeat - Bank Account	£	9,047.40	^
	£	<u>116,458.81</u>	

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Mr Chris Butler FMAAT.

27.2.2023.

Friends of the Darlington Memorial Hospital

Expenditure - Year ending 30th April 2022

Voluntary Drivers	£ 51,526.92
Shop Purchases	£ 1,456.17
Wish list equipment repair	£ 558.00
Stationery/Postage	£ 816.47
Xmas Presents	£ 1,810.94
Natl Ass Memb & Ins	£ 1,237.00
Xmas Cards	£ 180.00
Total	<u>£ 57,585.50</u>

Friends of the Darlington Memorial Hospital

Income - Year Ending 30th April 2022

Shop	£	9,443.66
Volunteer Drivers	£	31,432.92
Collection Boxes	£	10.55
Membership	£	2,605.00
Donations	£	11,876.46
Bank Interest	£	9.25
Gift Aid repaid	£	3,572.52
Books/Stamps	£	835.25
Total	£	<u>59,785.61</u>

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THE FRIENDS OF DARLINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 21ST JUNE 2021 AT 6.00PM

FIRST FLOOR BOARDROOM DARLINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It is my pleasure to present this my 24rd and 25th combined report for the 2 years ending 30th April 2021.

This extraordinary, saddened but challenging period of our lives because of the emergence of the COVID -19 virus meant that our 2020 Annual General Meeting was cancelled and recorded at our committee meeting of 16th November 2020 in accordance with The Charity Commission guidelines. Our accounts for the year ended 30th April 2020 were completed by our treasurer and audited by Mr Chris Butler as were our accounts for the year ending 30th April 2021.

Our Volunteer Car Service has worked continuously throughout the past 2 years and due to the commitment of our drivers, patients have been transported to and from Darlington and Bishop Auckland Hospitals throughout the pandemic. My gratitude and thanks to all of the drivers involved and particularly Mr. Roy Robinson who worked every week day during this difficult time. We also took on an additional commitment to deliver medication to patients who were self- administering at home and continue with this service. The Volunteer Car service has been operating for needy patients for 24 years and at our peak 120 patients were assisted each week. This is now only about 60 per week and we can do more if required. The daily accolades that we receive are very gratifying as we help patients who would find difficulty in keeping their hospital appointments. Despite saving the NHS and patients hundreds of thousands of pounds over the years our partial funding from the NHS ceased 6 years ago. Fundraising although very difficult is much assisted by donations from grateful patients both present and past. There are 5 people who deal with the administration and work planning of the service and I am very grateful to them for their enthusiastic commitment in ensuring that patients' needs for transport are met.

Our Tea Bar and Baby Shop were operating successfully until the pandemic caused them to close and I thank the ladies and gentlemen who ran and served in both. Unfortunately the Tea Bar will not re-open as hospital alterations have taken the area for the new A & E facilities. The Baby Shop will reopen in April . . . P T O

Jeanette Smith our cashier and general administrator, was also prior to the pandemic looking after the stocking of the Baby Shop and Tea Bar. This combination of jobs was often difficult and frustrating and I thank Jeanette for her continuous efforts in keeping all of them operating smoothly.

Our Tea Bar and Baby Shop volunteers all did a wonderful job, their efforts in servicing patients and visitors whilst generating a very useful income is very much appreciated.

David Lister our Data Protection Officer also prepares our volunteer driver expenses and historical data. He also developed our system for Gift Aid claims from the numerous donations we receive as well as increasingly working as a volunteer driver. David has a keen interest in philately and as part of this raises funds for us from collecting and selling old stamps. Thank you David for all that you do.

The Heartbeat Group exercise programme has been dormant throughout lockdown which is not good for the patients who benefitted from the rehabilitation classes after hospitalisation. David Glover who deals with the administration of the group is currently assessing the situation with the 90 members and our physiotherapists and hopes to be starting classes again shortly.

I have been thanking Simon Rossenelli our Treasurer for his invaluable work on our behalf since I wrote my first Chairman's Report 25 years ago. Simon has been your treasurer for 33 years and also supports me in many different ways. On your behalf I express our gratitude and continued thanks for all that he does.

Your President Alasdair MacConachie for the past 31 years has been a constant support and always available when his knowledge and experience is called on. Over these years he has helped with the funding of many of our projects when purchasing medical equipment for Darlington Memorial Hospital. Thank you Alasdair for your involvement and constant support to myself.

Thank you to all of our members and volunteers who kindly contribute too and support the services we provide.

W. Alan Charlton MBE

Chairman

The Friends of the Darlington Memorial Hospital
Financial Statement Year Ended 30th April 2021

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Not unexpectedly income levels have reduced to £61,241.60 and likewise expenditure to £45,857.07. The administration costs of running the Charity have been kept to a minimum. Available resources remain healthy with funds held of £114,258.70.

The records are yet to be Audited and once this is complete a final set of Accounts will be submitted to the Charity Commission and put on file with the minutes of the AGM.

Should you have any queries regarding the information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Simon Rossinelli

Honorary Treasurer

21st June 2021

Friends of the Darlington Memorial Hospital

Income - Year Ending 30th April 2021

Shop	£	40.00
Tea Bar	£	36.50
Volunteer Drivers	£	14,393.95
Collection Boxes	£	64.38
Membership	£	3,314.56
Donations	£	36,128.55
Lift Donations	£	61.50
Bank Interest	£	83.96
Gift Aid repaid	£	4,324.66
NHS	£	2,471.04
Heatbeat Income	£	225.00
Xmas Cards	£	97.50
Total	£	<u>61,241.60</u>

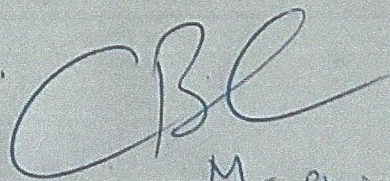
The Friends of the Darlington Memorial Hospital
Financial Year Ending 30th April 2021

Opening Bank Position & petty cash	£	98,874.17
Income	£	61,241.60
	£	<u>160,115.77</u>
Expenditure	£	45,857.07
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Closing Bank Postion

Closing petty cash	£	32.90
Cheque Account	£	4,979.30
Active Saver Account	£	1,519.18
Base Rate Reward Acc	£	98,499.92
HeartBeat - cash	£	181.00
HeartBeat - Bank Account	£	9,046.40
	£	<u><u>114,258.70</u></u>

From the records provided to me I confirm
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Mr Chris Butler FMA

25.2.22.

Friends of the Darlington Memorial Hospital

Expenditure - Year ending 30th April 2021

Voluntary Drivers	£ 41,843.72
Shop Purchases	£ 40.44
Sdy Expenses	£ 178.60
Stationery/Postage	£ 502.31
Xmas Presents	£ 1,900.00
Natl Ass Memb & Ins	£ 1,022.00
Tea bar	£ -
HeartBeat expenses	£ 190.00
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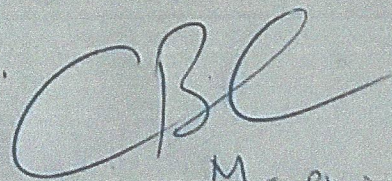
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