



Darlington Memorial Hospital

Hollyhurst Road

Darlington

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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

Registered Charity no. 511290

Please find enclosed the financial statement for the year ending 30th April 2021. Well, what a year which presented many challenges. The volunteers have 'pulled together' to maintain (as allowed) the charities services = THANK YOU!

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>

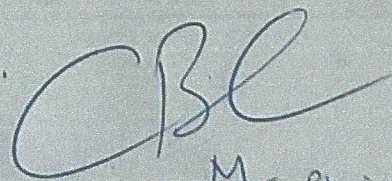
The Friends of the Darlington Memorial Hospital
Financial Year Ending 30th April 2021

Opening Bank Position & petty cash	£	98,874.17
Income	£	61,241.60
	£	<u>160,115.77</u>
Expenditure	£	45,857.07
	£	<u><u>114,258.70</u></u>

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
that these accounts reflect a true and accurate
position of the accounts and financials as
at 30th April 2021



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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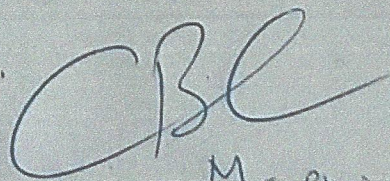
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