

LAGAN VALLEY HOSPITAL EX-PATIENTS GUILD

(Charity Commission No. NIC103468)

SHOP TRADING 1ST February 2024 – 31ST January 2025

Ladies,

This is my first AGM's Financial Report for the above trading year. Sadly, shortly after our last AGM Edith took very ill so I took over temporarily until she was fit enough to return. Within a few weeks Edith realised that her health, regrettable, would not allow her to continue. A committee meeting was called and, on the 14th, May I was appointed the new treasurer. Edith passed the books etc over to me with every instruction that I would ever need to fulfil the job. I can't thank Edith enough for the help and guidance she provided which has made the job very easy and thankfully I had produced my first report successfully.

My sincere thanks go to Richard Waring, who very kindly Audits the Accounts for the Guild shop, this is a time-consuming job, checking the figures on the balance sheet from the entries made daily on the shop lodgement sheet, thus enabling us to submit the audited accounts to the Charity Commission. This is no mean task and Richard does the audit at no financial gain to himself, we are very fortunate to have the benefit of his expertise in Accountancy.

- Our profit for trading 2024/2025 was £8656.03, £486.43 up on last year. £24,568.00 was banked which although we say some times "its not overly busy" shows we do have good support from the patient, staff and visitors. But more importantly, without you, the volunteers, none of this would be possible, so thank you, you do an amazing job. Just remember every item you sell is profit for the Guild and it all adds up.
- The committee decide that for the ballots we would make up a bigger hamper with the help of our volunteers. So, thank you to those who added money to the little coin bag that was pinned up on the notice board. This enable us to purchase extra items suitable for the ballot and thank you Pauline for being our ballot shopper, you choose well. This proved to be a good idea as the both Ballots raised £461.35 and we also had, on two separate occasions £47 donated by the Day Procedure unit.
- We had three requests for equipment this year Bladder scanner for Ward 1 at £5380; a Bladder scanner with workstation at £9745 for Ward 14 and a Vscan at £4700 for Coronary Care, with the money being available all three were signed off by the Guild so that purchases could be made. In late December I received 2 of the invoices, for the Bladder scanners amounting to £15,125. I tried two avenues to try and trace the other invoice for the Vscan and in March I was told that it had been paid by another Charity.
- We welcomed Roberta McDowell as our new Toiletries buyer and we thank her for volunteering. I would thank all the buyers, they do a great job and keep a good eye on the sell by dates when stock arrives. Any short date are returned, this means we do not have to reduce the price of any item, giving us less profit
- I introduced new money pouches during the year, at no expense to the Guild I was getting the money in paper bags and coin bags and it took time, in some case just getting the Sellotape off! I hope you're finding them useful.

I hope you have all received a copy of the years accounts and if anyone has any query on them could they just speak to me at the end of the meeting.

Madam Chairman, this concludes the Financial Report.