

Chairman's Report March 2025:

Firstly, may I thank you all for your hard work over the past 12 months. Whether it has been on our stalls, diligent craftwork or behind the scenes delivering and collecting donations and supporting other members of our volunteer group, each contribution is important and much appreciated. I would especially like to thank [REDACTED] for their help, advice, and support.

During the past year we have welcomed new volunteers to our group and have been fortunate to also secure more talented crafters who, although not Friends of Queen Margaret, support us enthusiastically in our fundraising efforts.

We have reinstated the 5-day events in Queen Margaret at Christmas and Easter and this has been very well received by staff, patients, and visitors. We are delighted to be invited to continue to attend the Small Business Market in the Kingsgate Centre in May and September and I would like to thank NN, who organises these events, for her advice and support.

Developments:

We became a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) on 1st October 2024 and I am very grateful for the guidance and support I received from OSCR and Fife Voluntary Action during the journey to achieve this.

Fundraising:

Our fundraising efforts have continued to do well in 2024. The stalls in Queen Margaret and the Kingsgate have been very well supported.

Knitting Commissions and Facebook:

We are in the process of collecting photographic examples of knitting and crochet, which our crafters have done and are available to view on the Facebook page. These garments are for illustration purposes only and will allow people to see the range of work we undertake and from which commissions may be ordered. The Facebook page has also been able to showcase the equipment which has been delivered to the wards and departments from the Friends over the past twelve months.

Supporting Craft Groups and Volunteers:

Needles & Pins - That Place in the Bay, Dalgety Bay Community Hub continues to flourish. My thanks to [REDACTED] for their enthusiasm and support in teaching knitting and crochet skills to this group of talented ladies and to the members themselves for their beautiful knitting and crochet which they regularly send in for our fundraising efforts.

The volunteers from Hobbies & Crafts, Kingseat; Soroptimist International, Dunfermline and members of the local community who help with fundraising events remains steady.

[REDACTED] kindly continues to support the Friends with his monthly donation to our fundraising efforts.

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In December the Friends were invited to attend the Amazon Charity event in Dunfermline and following on from that evening, I am pleased that the Friends have now enjoyed the support of Amazon staff during the week of the Easter Fair, as well as several donations, which have boosted our fundraising substantially. I look forward to further involvement with this local company in the future.

[REDACTED] our auditor, has had a particularly busy year on our behalf as we moved to become a SCIO and I am especially grateful for her input, advice and expertise over the past 12 months. It should be noted that Samantha gives of her time freely on behalf of the Friends.



