

## **FOGWH AGM 2022**

**11<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

In the absence of an AGM last year when we were not only fighting Covid but were also anxious about GWH after the information that the Alzheimer's Society were vacating the premises, leaving our Committee with anxieties.

Dementia Forward were looking to expand their work into Richmondshire. They approached me and asked if the FOGWH would support them in taking over the running of GWH. The FOGWH Committee unanimously agreed to do this.

It has taken a great deal of help and support from NYCC, RDC and RTC with grants and donations etc to eventually be able to update and refurbish the Day Centre which was officially re-opened on 3rd September 2021 by the Rt Hon Rishi Sunak. This was a wonderful day and enjoyed by all who attended.

The number of Clients are increasing and due to a need for facilities for younger onset dementia, one day a week has been set aside to accommodate them: with the view to visiting the likes of the Bowls Club which are now declared as being dementia friendly.

We are pleased that we fought to keep this great asset which the people of Richmondshire support whole heartedly.

A huge thank you to all the Committee for your support over these difficult times.

Sheila Blacklock      28/02/2022



# **Friends of Garget Walker House TRUSTEES & TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT for year ended 31 December 2021**

AGM documents were prepared for the meeting arranged for 31 March 2020, but due to the Covid outbreak this was cancelled and it was not possible to arrange an AGM in 2021.

The year ending December 2021 Accounts have been audited by our Accountant, Mr Crisop. Last December 2020, the balancing figure was £130,186, this December 2021 the balance was £157,580. The December 2021 balance reflects an increase of £27,394 which was largely due to a generous legacy. During the closure, and with the help of several grants, we have spent money to help with decorating the centre in preparation for the opening, and in the coming year we will be supporting Dementia Forward with funding further improvements to the Centre.

The Charity Commission rules state that charities with larger savings must have a Reserves Policy to state how funds will be used to ensure that all money is spent in line with the original aims of the charity.

The aims of the Friends of GW House are that all funds raised must be used for the benefit of people with dementia and their carers in Richmondshire and to support the work of the day centre in Richmond.

Due to the pandemic and the change in management of the day centre, services ceased for two years. It is now up and running again managed by Dementia Forward and the Friends will continue to fund the volunteer driving scheme, further renovations, maintaining the garden and helping to fund all other resources needed to support the centre. We plan to help fund client meals and any other resources and new activities the centre will be providing. Fundraising events and regular committee meetings will start again, and we will hope to attract new members in the future.

Pamela Crawford

Treasurer/Secretary  
(prepared for AGM 11 March 2022)

## RESERVES POLICY

### LEVEL OF RESERVES HELD, PURPOSE AND TIMING

It was agreed that our expenditure, excluding any income, is approximately £20,000 per annum. Future fundraising income may be limited and we cannot expect or depend on legacies. Therefore if we plan for 5 years we would need £100,000 plus extra as required to cover unplanned renovations or unexpected expenditure. Any extra spending must always be used to improve the quality of life for people with dementia in Richmondshire, as stipulated in our original Charity aims and objectives.

### FIVE YEAR PLAN

Current balance as at 31 December 2021		£157,580
Estimated expenditure for 5 years, including Driving scheme, client meals and all support and resources provided for the day centre	£100,000	
Agreed extra funding to support Council Grant For upgrading toilets, kitchen etc (final amount required not yet known)	£20,000	
Estimated extra funding for new expenditure to support expenses for carer support	<u>£20,000</u>	
		- <u>£140,000</u>
Remaining funding for unexpected costs and to allow us to continue supporting the centre beyond five years expecting that we can attract more Fundraising income		£ 17,580



