

The League of Friends of Sevenoaks Hospital

Chairman's Annual Report

Good evening this is my first Annual Report since taking over as Chairman from Ian Philip at the AGM last year.

Ian has promised me that he had no idea the Hospital building was going to close, so soon after I took over the role of Chair.

As a result of the decision to close the wards and eventually the hospital we have had quite a lean year in support to the Hospital as initially many decisions had to be made which needed time to be thought through. As a result we have had very few requests for the purchase of equipment and no major projects.

We have assisted in watering and weeding the memorial garden to keep it looking good for the visitors and staff who use it.

We have been kept updated by various members of the Trust management so that we can carry on our business in the best manner possible.

We have continued to recruit new volunteers for the Tea Room in the out patients Dept which is going from strength to strength.

I must thank all the volunteers, and the Tea room committee, Jenny Ullmann-Jones, Pat Turner and Chrissie and Ian Philip, for their unstinting work in managing this venture; also to Jenetta for the purchase of excellent cards.

The vending machine is still very popular in the UTC and will be removed to a new site once the UTC has been relocated in its new location.

We are still recruiting new volunteers who, mostly, having experienced the welcome in the Tea room have volunteered to join us. We often receive comments from the patients visiting the Tea Room to say how welcoming and friendly their experience is. This makes their visit to the Hospital a more "enjoyable" experience.

We again provided hampers for the UTC staff working on Christmas Day and Boxing Day which were very well received.

We have received an offer from a Sevenoaks resident, David Gamble who is now a life member of the League of Friends, to organise an International Food and Craft fayre to raise funds for the hospital.

We have accepted David's kind offer but have delayed it until 2026 when we will know if there is a demand for any large scale funding requests following the move and refurbishment.

We also managed to recruit a new Treasurer, Russel Barclay, who very kindly offered to step into the role.

Finally, I would like to thank all the committee and all the volunteers for all the work they have put in over the last year, in particular, Mandy Vickers who took on the role of Secretary last year and has made my role so much easier.

Colin Ullmann-Jones
Chairman

May 2025

The League of Friends of Sevenoaks Hospital

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 30 September 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Subscriptions and donations received		1,707		1,823
Legacies and donations in memoriam		0		4,000
Interest received:				
National savings	1,849		1,248	
Bank	495		138	
		2,343		1,384
Fund raising receipts				
Collection boxes & Wall safes	2,124		1,876	
Sale of Christmas Cards	1,669		1,822	
Raffles, Street Collections, misc sales etc	0		0	
		3,793		3,498
Sevenoaks hospital canteen		28,978		20,608
Hospital Drinks Machine		-471		-535
Gross receipts		36,349		30,578
Payments				
Equipment, Fixtures and Fittings	486		4,338	
Other Grants	1,981		2,371	
Fund raising expenditure				
Christmas cards and other activities	872		900	
Christmas activity in hospitals	102		128	
		3,541		7,735
Sevenoaks hospital canteen				
Purchases		14,192		10,475
Refurbishment		0		0
Administration				
Postage and telephone	85		68	
Printing and stationery	0		0	
Internet and Website	353		318	
Lottery licence	0		29	
NAHLF sub. and insurance	725		690	
Sundry	60		35	
		1,223		1,131
		18,955		19,341
Net receipts/(payments) for the year		17,394		11,237
Accumulated fund at 30 September 2023		85,873		74,836
Accumulated fund at 30 September 2024		£103,267		£85,873
Represented by:				
National savings income bonds		50,000		50,000
Business premium account		40,678		21,334
High interest business account		58		55
Bank current account		12,535		14,484
		£103,267		£85,873

This account has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The above account was approved by the board of trustees on 3 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by :

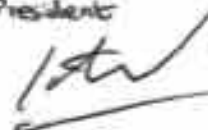
Christopher Dent

Treasurer



Ian Philip

Chairman
President



Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The League of Friends of the Sevenoaks Hospitals.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the The League of Friends of the Sevenoaks Hospitals (the 'Charity') for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

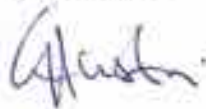
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Graham Austin

Date: 3 December 2024