The League of Friends of the Newton Abbot Hospitals

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Reference and Administrative Details

Year ended 30 April 2026

Status

The League of Friends of the Newton Abbot Hospitals is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under reference number 284014. It is governed by a set of Rules and managed by a committee - appointed under those rules.

Trustees:

Committee Officials		**Other Trustees**	
President	Mr M Ryan		
Treasurer / Chairman	Mrs R Robinson	Minutes Secretary	Mrs L Leaman
		Press Officer	Mrs H Long
		Sales table organiser	Mrs C Hewett
			Mrs J Larcombe
			Mrs J Harris
			Mrs D Kennedy
			Mrs P Gibbs
			Miss J Geake
			Mrs A Honeywill
		Tea Trolley	Mrs M Haines appointed 9 February 2026

Principal Address
Newton Abbot Community Hospital
West Golds Road
NEWTON ABBOT
TQ12 2TS

Professional Advisers
Bankers:
Lloyds Bank
41 Courtenay Street
NEWTON ABBOT

Investments Advisers:
Brooks MacDonald
TAUNTON

Independent Examiner:
Michael Denoon Young FCA
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Moorgate House
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NEWTON ABBOT

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Report of the Committee of the Trustees for the year ended 30 April 2026

The Trustees present their annual report for the year ended 30 April 2026 The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Structure Governance and Management
This league was formed 76 years ago and is a member League of Devon County Association of Leagues of Friends and was registered with the Charity Commission under reference number 284014 in January 1982. It is governed by Objects and Rules adopted in March 2004 amended on 17 November 2014, 21 September 2015 and 14 November 2022.

The charity is administered and managed by the Executive Committee who are listed on page 1. The committee has met 10 times in the year. The main subjects discussed were requests passed to us by hospital departments, sharing updated information on the current changes within the hospital and the way forward for the league within the hospital, the role of volunteers in the hospital, and requests for funding from other organisations and people.

At the Annual General Meeting of the League, one third of the committee shall retire from office but shall be eligible for re-election. The committee may elect any member of the League to fill a vacancy on the committee until the next Annual General Meeting

Existing trustees discuss with all new trustees the objectives of the Charity and the role it plays in the local community. New trustees are informed about trustee responsibilities and handed copies of the appropriate Charity Commission paperwork.

The trustees have reviewed any major risks to the charity and systems and procedures have been established to manage any of these risks.

Objectives and Activities
The principal purpose of this charity is to provide equipment for use in the hospital and hospital-based Community Services for which, we are informed, funding is not available. To enhance these services and to aid new projects. Also, to assist and support patients and staff to provide a link between hospital and public.

The League does not fund training or anything that it knows to be a statutory duty of the Trust.

When planning activities and funding for the hospital and other organisations the league keeps in mind the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit.

Investment Policy
The investment objective is to maximise the total investment return within a controlled risk framework, so as to make specified funds available from accumulated income and capital for distribution each year.

Achievements and Performance
The league has continued to be active both volunteering in the hospital and providing funding to the hospital and other organisations within the community. We have continued to support the hospital and other local organisations. During the year Newton Abbot hospital set up a new frailty unit called "The Harbour". The aim of this being to support more people to stay at home and be treated before hospital intervention is required. The league contributed approximately £28,000 for chairs, stretchers and equipment for this unit. We have continued to support the stroke unit contributing approximately £44,000 for more equipment and computer software. The community nurses are not forgotten and nearly £5,000 was spent on equipment for them. All this is in addition to donations to the wards and departments within the hospital for mattresses, chairs and equipment requested by staff to improve the wellbeing of patients. There was also a donation of approximately £30,800 to Rowcroft Hospice for furniture to refurbish the "in care unit", a charity many residents and patients of Newton Abbot benefit from. Finally, donations were made to all the Newton Abbot GP practices to purchase equipment etc to benefit their patients.

The League continues to enjoy great and interested support from volunteers, local public, local businesses and the hospital staff, patients and visitors. Once again volunteers are in the hospital including a very helpful meet and greet service. Volunteers are also on the wards providing a buddy service to patients who have few visitors. The tea trolley is now operating three afternoons a week and is much appreciated by staff and patients on the wards. The sales table is in operation, bringing the league to the publics attention and also raising funds for the league. It is often the first thing people see when they visit the hospital.

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Report of the Committee of the Trustees for the year ended 30 April 2026

Committee meetings are held monthly (except for August and December). These are now held at Newton Abbot Museum due to a lack of space at the hospital. These meetings are an opportunity to discuss the work carried out in the hospital and any requests for donations.

As members are getting older, the league is actively looking for new members, both to assist with volunteering in the hospital and being involved with the committee. There are a wide range of volunteer roles, including those mentioned above and we would love to have the tea trolley and sales table running more days.

Procedures and Policy for Grant Making
The Trustees respond to applications as they receive them, and where necessary, prior approval is obtained from the Matron in accordance with NHS guidelines. Certain other charitable requests are considered by trustees as appropriate. All applications for grants are considered by the Committee who decide if they meet the objectives of the charity. If they are considered to be in line with the charity objectives, they are normally paid.

Financial Review
The league has received some legacies this year. Interest rates have remained high and investment income has increased in the year. Also, our hard-working sales table ladies are in the hospital and make a significant contribution to the leagues funds. It has continued to make grants to organisations connected to the hospital and potential patients of the hospital. The net deficit for the year was £104,496, reflecting the high level of grants made in the year. Investments have increased in value this year by £175,441. This gives a total increase in reserves for the year of £70,945.

Reserves Policy
The charity has reserves amounting to £1,264,524. These have built up over a number of years due to generous donations. The charity is continually looking for ways to spend it in accordance with its objects, their aim being to reduce the amount of reserves. All funds are unrestricted and can be used for any purpose covered by the objects of the League.

The level of reserves will run at a higher level while the charity identifies applicable equipment and projects to fund in accordance with its stated aims and the donor's wishes.

Plans for Future Periods
The Trustees will continue to encourage the hospital and hospital-based community services to apply for grants. In particular the league will remind organisations that funds are available, as based on previous experience, not every organisation is aware they can apply for funding. Information is posted on the league's noticeboard at the hospital of activities carried out and donations made.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements
The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP (FRS102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Report) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Compliance with the Charity's Governing Document and Current Statutory Requirements
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's Trust Deed, applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP FRS102) issued in October 2019.

Approved by the Trustees on 29-9 **2026 and signed on their behalf by:** R A Robinson

Mrs R Robinson
Chairman

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The League of Friends of the Newton Abbot Hospitals

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2026 which are set out on pages 6 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

M D Young FCA
Peplows Limited
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
Moorgate House
King Street
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The League of Friends of the Newton Abbot Hospitals

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 30 April 2026

	Notes	2026 Total £	2025 Total £
Income from:			
Voluntary income:			
Subscriptions and donations	3	832	1,049
Legacies	3	3,008	149,000
Fund raising including Trolley income	5	4,697	4,812
Investments	4	27,816	23,248
Total		36,353	178,109
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	6	131,167	192,395
Raising funds	7	-	461
Investment management costs		9,682	9,304
Total		140,849	202,160
Net (expenditure) before gains and losses on investments		(104,496)	(24,051)
Realised and unrealised gains on investments		175,441	9,870
Net income/(expenditure) and Net movement in funds for the year		70,945	(14,181)
Reconciliation of funds			
Balances at 1 May 2025		1,193,579	1,207,760
Balances at 30 April 2026		1,264,524	1,193,579
Represented by:			
Fixed assets		-	-
Investments		1,141,359	973,840
Current assets		190,539	348,688
Current liabilities		(67,374)	(128,949)
		1,264,524	1,193,579

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

All funds are unrestricted except as detailed in note 15 to the accounts.

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Balance Sheet

30 April 2026

	Notes	2026 Total £	2025 Total £
Fixed assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	10	-	-
Investments	11	**1,141,359**	973,840
		1,141,359	973,840
Current assets			
Debtors	12	-	10,000
COIF Charities Deposit Fund		**74,707**	71,834
Cash at bank and in hand		**115,832**	266,854
		190,539	348,688
Liabilities - amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors	13	**(67,374)**	(128,949)
Net curent assets		**123,165**	219,739
Total Net assets		**1,264,524**	1,193,579
Income funds and Total charity funds			
Unrestricted funds			
General fund		**1,264,478**	1,193,533
Restricted Fund		**46**	46
Total Net assets		**1,264,524**	1,193,579

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the Committee on 29.9.2026

C. Hewett

Carole Hewett
Committee Member

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Notes and Accounting Policies

Year ended 30 April 2026

1. General Information

The League of Friends of the Newton Abbot Hospitals is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under reference number 284014. It is governed by a set of Rules and managed by a Committee – appointed under those rules.

The address of its principal place of business is
Newton Abbot Hospital
Newton Abbot
TQ12 2TS

2. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

The accounts have been presented in sterling and rounded to the nearest £.

The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied.

(b) Income Recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty of receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliable.

(i) Donations and legacies. These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when:
- the charity is notified to the donation, legacy or similar income and any conditions for receipt are met;
- the trustees consider that it is probable that they will receive it;
- the value can be reliably measured and;
- donated goods for sale are recognised when they are sold and included within fundraising income.

(ii) Subscriptions - These are included in the accounts when there is sufficient certainty that they will be received.

(iii) Fundraising - The income from this is included when received, as it is carried out by volunteers and it is only at this point it can be reliably measured.

(iv) Investment income - Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis, when notified by the Financial Advisor.

Accounting Policies (continued)

(c) **Expenditure recognition**
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses, including support and governance costs except for direct fundraising costs are allocated to charitable activities

Grants to organisations are included when they are approved by the committee for payment and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Equipment purchased for Newton Abbot Hospital, surgeries and clinics is treated as donated to these bodies as it is insured by them. Such equipment cannot be removed or disposed of without permission from the League of Friends.

(d) **Charitable activities**
The expenditure on charitable activities includes grants made, governance costs and support costs as shown in note 6.

(e) **Costs of raising funds**
Fund raising costs are the direct costs of fundraising.

(f) **Costs of generating funds**
The costs of generating funds consist of investment management fees.

(g) **Voluntary help**
The charity is run entirely by unpaid voluntary help. For the purpose of these accounts, no value has been placed on this help.

(h) **Fixed Assets**
Equipment purchased for use by the charity is capitalised and depreciated by equal annual instalments over its estimated useful life of ten years.

(i) **Investments**
Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are originally recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value at the balance sheet date using the quoted market price.

Realised and unrealised gains and losses on the investments are credited/charged directly to the Statement of Financial Activities.

(j) **Cash at bank and in hand**
Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash held in current and savings accounts in UK banking institutions. It does not include cash held by the stock brokers.

(k) **Debtors**
Debtors are included when the charity knows that the funds are due to them and the amounts can be measured or estimated reliably.

(l) **Creditors**
Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Accounting Policies (continued)

(m) **Funds structure**

(i) Restricted funds – these are funds that are subject to specific trusts that must be applied for specific purposes.

(ii) Other funds held by the charity are unrestricted general funds which the Charity may use for its charitable purposes at its discretion.

3. Donations and Legacies

All donations and legacies are unrestricted.

4. Investment income

	2026 £	2025 £
Income received from:		
Listed investments income	**22,492**	19,235
Deposit interest received	**5,324**	4,013
	27,816	23,248

In 2026 and 2025 all investment income was unrestricted.

5. Fund raising income includes sales of donated goods

	2026 £	2025 £
Table top sales	**4,697**	4,487
Other	**-**	325
	4,697	4,812

6. Cost of charitable activities

	Note	2026 £	2025 £
Grants paid - organisation	8	**128,742**	190,268
Independent examiners fee (governance)		**1,284**	1,224
Sundry		**450**	385
Hire of room		**210**	80
Insurance		**481**	438
		131,167z	192,395

7. Cost of raising funds

	2026 £	2025 £
Other	**-**	461

No value is placed on goods donated for sale at hospital table sales

8. Grants Payable

	2026 £	2025 £
The amounts payable in the year comprise:		
To Institutions		
Newton Abbot Hospital		
Various grants to purchase medical equipment for use in the hospital and by connected parties	**83,800**	132,724
Other		
Newton Abbot community transport	**-**	20,000
Rowcroft Hospice grant for equipment	**30,675**	30,000
Basics Devon	**-**	3,224
Devon Square Surgery for flooring/equip	**2,839**	4,320
Buckland Surgery couches	**3,780**	-
Albany Surgery equipment	**2,632**	-
Cricketfield surgery equipment	**5,016**	-
	128,742	190,268

9. Staff costs

The charity did not employ any staff during the year.

10. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment £
Cost at 1 May 2025 and 30 April 2026	**3,180**
Depreciation	
At 1 May 2025	3,180
Charge for year	-
At 30 April 2026	**3,180**
Net Book Value	
At 30 April 2026	**0**
At 30 April 2025	0

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11. Investments

	2026	2025
	£	£
Investment assets in the UK:		
Listed on a recognised stock exchange:		
Market value at 1 May 2025	**941,384**	1,004,031
Net (sales) purchases in the year	**(31,913)**	(72,517)
Realised and Unrealised gains in year	**175,441**	9,870
Market value at 30 April 2026	**1,084,912**	941,384

	£	£
Cash		
Brought Forward	**32,456**	18,876
Net sales /(purchases)	**31,913**	72,517
Fees paid	**(9,682)**	(9,304)
Funds retained /(transferred	**1,760**	(49,633)
Carried Forward	**56,447**	32,456
Total	**1,141,359**	973,840
The cost of the listed investments (including cash) held at 30 April 2026 was:	**842,180**	716,722

The investments are held in listed investments or cash as shown above.

12. Debtors

	£	£
Legacies	**-**	10,000

13. Creditors

	£	£
Independent Examination	**1,400**	1,400
Grants	**65,954**	127,549
Other	**20**	-
	67,374	128,949

14. Committee Members and Other Related Parties

No Committee Member (Trustee) or connected persons have received any remuneration either directly or indirectly. A total of £293 for sundry expenses was reimbursed to four Committee Members. (2025 £75 for sundry expenses, £461 for fundraising and £438 insurance, to five Committee Members). At the balance sheet date nil (2025 nil) was due to trustees for expenses incurred.

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15. Fund Reconciliation

	Balance at 1 May 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains/ Losses £	Balance at 30April 2026 £
Unrestricted funds	**1,193,533**	**36,353**	**(140,849)**	**-**	**175,441**	**1,264,478**
Restricted Funds	**46**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**46**
Total funds	**1,193,579**	**36,353**	**(140,849)**		**175,411**	**1,264,524**

	Balance at 1 May 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains/ Losses £	Balance at 30April 2025 £
Unrestricted funds	1,207,714	178,109	(202,160)	-	9,870	1,193,533
Restricted Funds	46	-	-	-	-	46
Total funds	1,207,760	178,109	(202,160)	-	9,870	1,193,579

Unrestricted Funds
All unrestricted funds are unrestricted and are available to be spent for any purposes of the Charity.

Restricted Funds
Funds from a one-off donation for use in purchasing a voice amplifier.

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16. **Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Unrestricted funds 30 April 2026 £	**Restricted funds 30 April 2026 £**	**Total 30 April 2026 £**
Fixed assets and Investments	1,141,359	-	1,141,359
Cash and current Assets	190,493	46	190,539
Current Liabilities	(67,374)	-	(67,374)
Total	1,264,478	46	1,264,524