FRIENDS OF NORTH SOMERSET COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Registered Charity No: 287627

Report for Small Non Company Charities October 2026

Introduction:

The charity operates to receive donations, legacies and raise funds (if necessary) to finance and benefit Clevedon Community Hospital. Income is less than £500,000 and assets significantly less than £3.26m.

The Charity operates as :- THE FRIENDS OF NORTH SOMERSET COMMUNITY HOSPITAL.

The registered number is above.

The Hospital address is ;-Hospital, Old St, Clevedon BS21 6BS with the address for charity correspondence being to The Chairman, Mr D Fife at Fingals, Holly Lane, Clevedon. BS21 7AD.

The Trustees are- Mr. David Fife; Mr Colin Douglas Turton and Mrs Alison Lee.

Structure:-

The Charity is managed by Committee, Chaired by Mr David Fife, with the Secretary; Treasurer; Communications and Face Book officers reporting accordingly together with a number of ordinary members to ensure all decisions are' quorate' and in line with our constitution. Officers are 're-appointed every 3 years at the AGM. Senior Hospital personal and representatives from 'Sirona' the current overall Hospital governing body also attend, members of the public are also invited to the AGM.

Committee members are recruited from the local community, often from our volunteer pool which operates the fund raising 'Café' built on site- or members or friends of members or people attracted via Social media pages. Committee members have varied backgrounds to ensure appropriate skills and judgement is available. Trustees are recruited from the Committee pool and are confirmed at the AGM or special meeting if necessary. A similar process is in place for all committee members too.

The Charity also benefits from a number of 'Friends' who pay a nominal annual subscription to receive news and information about our activities These are also reported in local magazines, periodicals and on Social Media

Objectives;-

Objectives are to raise and manage funds and use these to benefit the hospital. All decisions are made by a quorate committee following requests from senior hospital representatives made to the committee and put to a vote following a formal proposal .

Purchases include Hospital Equipment to Christmas Gifts for in patients on Christmas Day.

Achievements and performance:-

Key Achievements. The Friends have built a café on site with the potential to raise £12k pa to benefit funds and therefore the hospital. Uniquely we have also implemented a pager system for waiting patients who can enjoy the Café facilities pending the hospital personal being ready for the appointment.

Many items of equipment have also been purchased including, Chairs, a rest room for nurses and hospital equipment. Most notably, recently a High Definition 'SLIT camera' was added to avoid referrals to the Bristol Eye Hospital and unnecessary travel and time for the patients. A special mobile chair was also bought to aid movement of patients with hip injuries. The pager system mentioned above has been upgraded and more robust units purchased. The nurses rest unit has also been upgraded with its own water supply and drainage systems added.

Key achievements are reported in the media and also at the AGM to which all members and the general public are invited.

Performance is excellent. All requests from the hospital have been met and the Charity has a sound reserve (see finance section). Surplus funds are invested with those FSCS based banks which offer an attractive rate.

Finance:

The funds of the charity are very healthy (as per the attached accounts) and with the regular income from the Café (as above) and annual membership fees, the trustees agreed not to engage in any additional specific fundraising initiatives over the during the past 12 months. We also receive various donations from individuals, local groups and legacies.

The accounts are administered on the basis of a two signature arrangement and details of transactions are reported regularly to the committee. An annual professional audit is completed each year to finalise the accounts.

During 2024 we made a conscious decision to move all of our surplus monies held in two of the major banks to Building Societies offering increased interest rates- this continues to be the case. The income from the Café is paid into a sperate interest bearing account.

When we agree to fund an item for the hospital we require the hospital managers to apply due diligence in obtaining the best possible rates for these products and where possible we apply for VAT exemption under group 16 of the Zero Schedule to the VAT act 1983.

The Charity has no debts.

Over three years ago we have paid for the building of a building (Café) on the hospital site to be run, by volunteers, for patients attending the Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) and relatives visiting patients in the Rehabilitation Unit.

The cost of this building appears as an asset on our accounts, but our intention is that this building should be transferred to the ownership of the hospital as soon as possible but has become protracted.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF NORTH SOMERSET COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 287627

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2026

INCOME		**2026**		**2025**		**2024**		**2023**		**2022**
		£		**£**		**£**		**£**		**£**
Subscriptions and donations	£ 3,979.99	£ -	£ 4,569.80		£ 11,789.47		£ 4,825.73		£ 7,380.96	
Legacies	£ 32,309.63	£ -	£ 2,456.61		£ -		£ 2,620.52		£ 182,165.43	
		£ 36,289.62	£ -	£ 7,026.41		£ 11,789.47		£ 7,446.25		£ 189,546.39
Net Bank and Bond Interest transferred		£ 6,002.56	£ 6,002.56	£ 379.85		£ 179.86		£ 21.64		£ 1,494.89
Sundry income			-£ 1.00	£ -		£ 153.95		£ 55.71		£ -
Tea Pot income		£ 11,485.31	£ 11,250.73	£ 12,411.61		£ 11,267.39		£ 3,130.11		
Pharmacy project			-£ 1.00	£ -		£ 2,000.00		£ -		£ -
		£ 53,777.49		**£ 19,817.87**		**£ 25,390.67**		**£ 10,653.71**		**£ 191,041.28**
EXPENDITURE										
Newspapers	£ 3,445.58		£ 2,302.00		£ 2,254.60		£ 1,829.70		£ 1,787.95	
Pharmacy project income spent	£ -		£ -		£ 1,424.12		£ -		£ -	
Christmas cards	£ 418.25		£ -		£ -		£ -		£ 831.10	
Equipment	£ 15,707.12		£ 60,162.20		£ 14,099.88		£ -		£ 13,667.76	
		£ 19,570.95		£ 62,464.20		£ 17,778.60		£ 1,829.70		£ 16,286.81
Subscriptions and Licences										
Sundries	£ 970.00		£ 122.48		£ 348.00					
Insurance	£ 413.88		£ 725.00		£ 371.28		£ 645.00		£ 614.00	
Bank Charges	£ 37.29		£ 20.65		£ 38.11		£ 37.20		£ 38.29	
Repairs and maintenance	£ -		£ -		£ 141.56					
Portocabin	£ -		£ -		£ 10,296.40					
Accountancy fees	£ 240.00		£ 500.00		£ 240.00		£ 198.00		£ 186.00	
Tea Pot Running Costs	£ 234.58		£ 704.75		£ -		£ 128.77			
Charitable donations			£ 1,153.80							
Staff Refreshments	£ 840.00		£ 840.00		£ 840.00		£ 840.00			
Newsletter, stationary & postage	£ -		£ 7.95		£ 178.88		£ 26.40		£ 71.92	
		£ 2,735.75		£ 4,074.63		£ 12,454.23		£ 1,875.37		£ 910.21
		£ 22,306.70		£ 66,538.83		£ 30,232.83		£ 3,705.07		£ 17,197.02
Surplus/(Deficit) of income over expenditure		**£ 31,470.79**		**-£ 46,720.96**		**-£ 4,842.16**		**£ 6,948.64**		**£ 173,844.26**
RESERVES										
Balance brought forward on 1st March 2025		£ 390,825.59		£ 437,546.55		£ 442,388.71		£ 435,440.07		£ 261,595.81
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Balance carried forward on 28th February 2025		**£ 422,296.38**		**£ 390,825.59**		**£ 437,546.55**		**£ 442,388.71**		**£ 435,440.07**
Represented by:		28/02/2025		28/02/2025		29/02/2024		28/02/2023		28/02/2022
Bank Account balances as at										
Current account		£ 92,505.93		£ 78,603.01		£ 223,195.43		£ 242,314.17		£ 267,958.72
Lloyds reserve account		£ 30.00		£ -		£ 103,959.33		£ 103,959.33		£ 103,959.33
Business reserve account		£ 2,727.97		£ 2,329.16		£ 1,969.31		£ 1,282.07		£ 1,263.37
Liquidity Manager		£ 40,857.65		£ 29,292.34		£ 16,780.73		£ 5,359.39		£ 2,226.34
Skipton		£ 194,533.08		£ 188,959.33		£ -		£ -		£ -
Teapot build		£ 91,641.75		£ 91,641.75		£ 91,641.75		£ 89,473.75		£ 60,032.31
		£ 422,296.38		**£ 390,825.59**		**£ 437,546.55**		**£ 442,388.71**		**£ 435,440.07**

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CHARITY ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2026

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF "THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF NORTH SOMERSET COMMUNITY HOSPITAL" – REG CHARITY NUMBER 287627

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 28th February 2026 set out on the attached pages.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHARITY & INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

As the Charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent review is needed.

It is our responsibility:

a) Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
b) To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
c) To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charities Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on whether the accounts present a "true and fair view".

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
    - Proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act); and
    - Accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act; or
(2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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