

Ellesmere Community Care Centre League of Friends

Trustees Report and Financial Statements

Year ended 5 April 2023

Registered Charity Number 502007



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Ellesmere Community Care Centre League of Friends
Trustees' Report

The Trustees present their Annual Report and the Financial Statements for the year ended 5 April 2023.

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Trustees

The Trustees and members in Office during the year were as follows:-

Mrs D. Roberts		(Chairman)	Mrs J. Moore
Mrs A. Hindmarch	Resigned 05/09/22	(Secretary)	Mrs C. Hopley
Mrs J. Ball	Resigned 22/08/22	(Treasurer)	Mrs J. Rudkin
Mrs S. Burke	Resigned 07/11/22		Mrs P. Pritchard
Mrs S. Francis			Mrs M. Goulbourne
Mrs P. Elms	Appointed 22/08/23	(Treasurer)	

The president of the Charity is Dr E.A.M. Greville.

Accountants

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Structure, Governance & Management

1. Constitution

The Charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 19th February 1973. It is governed by its Constitution. The League of Friends aims, objectives and activities are set out in this Trustees' Report. Its main aim is to support the charitable work of the Ellesmere Community Care Centre together with supporting other groups and people within Ellesmere.

2. Method of appointing Trustees

The method of appointing Trustees accords with the aims and objectives of the Charity. Trustees tend to serve for long periods, only resigning when leaving the area or when circumstances or increasing age prevent them from continuing with their responsibilities. This long service brings friendships within the League of Friends and the Ellesmere community.

The Chairman and the Committee are aware of the need for appointing new Trustees from time to time and always have in mind the importance of nominating members possessing qualities of reliability, sound judgement, integrity and commitment together with skills necessary for the overall effectiveness of the group. They are usually people who have shown the dedication and commitment by offering their services or expressing a wish to help in other ways. Ellesmere is a close knit community and it would be unusual for someone to be nominated who is not already well known in the committee.

The aim is to elect Trustees who show dedication to the League of Friends' principles and ethos whilst promoting and sustaining a committee comprising members of varying ages, skills and experience and willing to devote the necessary time and commitment to the league.

Objectives & Activities

1. Policies and objectives

The main aim of the League of Friends' charity is to support the services provided by the Ellesmere Community Care Centre, the day care patients and the adult learning disabilities group together with others in the community needing its facilities, buildings and equipment.

For the purpose of carrying out the above the League is committed to:

- (a) Informing the public of the work of the Community Care Centre and to generate, encourage, foster and maintain the interest and support of the public.
- (b) Raising funds and inviting and receiving contributions from any person or persons or organisation by way of subscription, donation or otherwise.
- (c) Supplementing the services provided by the Ellesmere Community Care Centre for the health, welfare and comfort required for the treatment of day care patients and other patients in the community.
- (d) Supporting the provision of facilities, helping to maintain the building and other equipment which may be required for treatment or for the efficient running of the Community Care Centre.
- (e) Providing or assisting in the provision of amenities for the Community Care Centre patients and staff.

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Financial Review

The charity shop has shown a continued improvement in performance following the Coronavirus pandemic. The closure of one of the town's other charity shops may have contributed to this, but the League of Friends remains encouraged by the support shown for its shop when there are two professionally managed national charity shops within the town. The success of the League of Friends charity shop seems to come from a combination of the generosity of the community of Ellesmere, the dedication of the volunteers and the reputation of the shop within the town and beyond with customers travelling especially to visit the store.

The charity continues to have full regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on the importance of operating for public benefit and the following donations have been made by us during this financial year:

	£
The Plantation Wood Ellesmere - Donation	1,000
Bethage - Books aloud	200
Ellesmere Rangers FC	1,400
Ellesmere Chamber of Commerce - Debs Melkis for Winter Festival rides	250
Queen's Platinum Jubilee	5,000
Ellesmere Allotment Society	500
Ellesmere United FC	1,000
Ellesmere Rotary Club	1,000
Shropshire Cerebral Palsy	300
Ellesmere Thursday group	1,000
Swan Mere Day Centre	1,000
Ellesmere Primary School	500
Ellesmere Bowling Club	2,000
St Mary's Church	4,000
Ellesmere Town Scout Group	1,000
Therapy Stars Foundation	500
Food Sharing Project	300
Ellesmere Amateur Dramatic Society	1,000
Ellesmere Chamber of Commerce - winter festival	2,000
Rural art hub	500
welshampton afternoon club	1,000
Ellesmere Rotary Club - regatta	1,000
Ellesmere in bloom	1,000
Ellesmere town council - coronation	3,000
Bob's wheelchair fund	5,000

Discussions regarding the planned use of the upper floor of the Community Care Centre, following the closure of the nursing home at the end of 2017, to extend the medical services available within the town are ongoing. The proposed use of the upstairs includes mental health, physiotherapy, diabetic screening and dietician appointments. League of Friends objectives include supporting maintenance and repair of the Community Care Centre and to this end £20,000 was provided during this financial year to enable repairs to the roof to be undertaken.

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At the close of this financial year the charity had a Natwest current account balance of £67,934.14 and a Natwest Reserve Account balance of £10,607.65. During this financial year, Santander withdrew provision of the Business Account which had been used for banking the shop takings. Santander refused to discuss the withdrawal of the service and the cheque for the balance on the account was issued in an incorrect name so that at the year end, some £7,263.10 of funds were unavailable to the charity. These funds were successfully banked into the Natwest current account on 21st April 2023. The charity aims to hold 12 months annual expenditure in reserve to cover any unforeseen reduction in income. The charity's free reserves at the end of the financial year stood at £78,542 (2022: £87,902).

League of Friends volunteers continue to give much time and effort every week to the work needed to run this successful charity shop and cultivate a warm and friendly atmosphere giving time to listen and talk and offer advice and assistance to their customers.

Despite the rent for the shop being increased during the year, due to the increased turnover of the charity, the Trustees consider the charity to be well position to manage the current situation and secure operations into the future.

Approved by the committee on

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P. Elms (Treasurer and Trustee)

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D. Roberts. (Chair of Trustees)

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Ellesmere Community Care
Centre League of Friends**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2023 which are set out on pages 8 to 9.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work in this report.

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.
3. the accounts did 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.



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Date 29 November 2023

Ellesmere Community Care Centre League of Friends
Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 5 April 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>
	£	£
Incoming resources from generated funds:		
Voluntary income		
Donations and legacies	-	90
Fundraising	1,206	1,014
Government grants	-	2,667
Charitable activities		
Sale of goods from shop	60,365	43,333
Investment income		
Bank interest	46	1
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	61,617	47,105
Grants Payable		
Ellesmere Community Care Centre:		
Donations to Trust	20,000	-
Other donations	35,450	12,398
Charitable activities		
Shop expenses	12,893	12,079
Function expenses	324	180
Governance costs		
National League of Friends Affiliation Fee	690	645
Independent Examiner's Fees	1,620	-
Bank charges	-	-
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	(70,977)	(25,302)
<u>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</u>	<hr/> (9,360)	<hr/> 21,803
Fund Balance Brought Forward at 6.4.2022	87,902	66,099
<u>Fund Balance Carried Forward at 5.4.2023</u>	<hr/> 78,542	<hr/> 87,902

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Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 5 April 2023

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Cash Funds</u>				
Balances at Bank:-				
Current account	67,934		57,752	
Deposit account	10,608		10,561	
Santander	-		19,589	
	78,542		87,902	

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on2023

Signed on their behalf:-

P. Elms (Treasurer and Trustee)

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