

Ellesmere Community Care Centre League of Friends

Trustees Report and Financial Statements

Year ended 5 April 2024

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 2024.

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Trustees

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

Mrs D. Roberts	(Chairman)	Mrs S. Francis
Mrs P. Elms	(Treasurer)	Mrs C. Hopley
Mrs K. Batho	Appointed 06/04/2023	Mrs J. Rudkin
Mrs R. Johnson	Appointed 06/04/2023	Mrs P. Pritchard
		Mrs M. Goulbourne

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 with a pleasing increase in turnover of nearly 15%. The temporary 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 from those within the town and also regular visitors from further afield. 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:

	£
Fizzgigs	1,000
Bethphage	2,000
Ellesmere Town Scout Group	5,000
Mere Melodies Community Choir	500
Ellesmere Carnival	3,000
Ellesmere Bowling Club	3,000
Ellesmere Repair Cafe	500
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Rangers Girlguiding Ellesmere	1,000
Ellesmere Chamber of Commerce	500
Ellesmere Rangers FC	500
Ellesmere Thursday group	1,500
Lakelands Academy	1,000
Ellesmere United FC	1,000
Mere Brass	300
Ellesmere Comrades Sports and Social Club Ltd	5,000
Swan Mere Day Centre	1,000
Food Sharing Project	350
Ellesmere Pre-school	4,000
Lyneal Trust	1,000
Therapy Stars Foundation	500
Project SY12 CIC	1,500
Ellesmere Rotary Club (Regatta)	1,000
Seven Hospice	180
Ellesmere Bowling Club	85
Ellesmere Amateur Dramatic Society	500
Music Matters	450
Ellesmere Christmas Winter Festival	1,000

League of Friends objectives include supporting maintenance and repair of the Community Care Centre and to this end £2,000 was provided during this financial year.

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At the close of this financial year the charity had a Natwest current account balance of £83,108.27 and a Natwest Reserve Account balance of £10,750.18. 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 £93,858 (2023: £78,542).

League of Friends volunteers continue to give much time and effort each week to the work required to run this successful charity shop and cultivate an inviting atmosphere and approachable team giving time to listen, talk and offer advice and assistance to 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.

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Approved by the committee on 22nd October 2024

..... P M Elms

P. Elms (Treasurer and Trustee)

..... ~~D. Roberts: (Chair of Trustees)~~

R JOHNSON
R JOHNSON (SECRETARY & TRUSTEE)

**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 2024 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.

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.

Jane Tweedie

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Date *2 December 2024*

Ellesmere Community Care Centre League of Friends
Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 5 April 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>
	£	£
Incoming resources from generated funds:		
Voluntary income		
Donations and legacies	684	-
Fundraising	399	1,206
Charitable activities		
Sale of goods from shop	70029	60,365
Investment income		
Bank interest	142	46
	<u>71,254</u>	<u>61,617</u>
Grants Payable		
Ellesmere Community Care Centre:		
Donations to Trust	3,000	20,000
Other donations	36,865	35,450
Charitable activities		
Shop expenses	14,909	12,893
Function expenses	144	324
Governance costs		
National League of Friends Affiliation Fee	-	690
Independent Examiner's Fees	1,020	1,620
Bank charges	-	-
	<u>(55,938)</u>	<u>(70,977)</u>
<u>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</u>	<u>15,316</u>	<u>(9,360)</u>
Fund Balance Brought Forward at 6.4.2023	78,542	87,902
<u>Fund Balance Carried Forward at 5.4.2024</u>	<u>93,858</u>	<u>78,542</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 5 April 2024

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Cash Funds</u>				
Balances at Bank:-				
Current account	83,108		67,934	
Deposit account	10,750		10,608	
Santander	-		-	
	<u> </u>	<u>93,858</u>	<u> </u>	<u>78,542</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 22/10/.....2024

Signed on their behalf:-

P M Elms

P. Elms (Treasurer and Trustee)

