

# LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF LUDLOW COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Charity No: 513978

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24

### Administrative details and Trustees

The League of Friends of Ludlow Community Hospital is a Registered Charity No.513978 with a principal office at Ludlow Community Hospital, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 1QX. The Trustees of the Charity in 2023/24 were:

Mr M Evans (Co-Chair)

Mrs J Gill (Co-Chair)

Mrs Y Evans

Mr J I Walker (Treasurer)

Mr P Rew

Mrs FM Pizzoni (appointed 31 July 2023)

Mrs H Delaney Hall (appointed 31 July 2023)

Mr J M Farley (appointed 31 July 2023)



### Structure, Governance and Management

The Constitution of The League, adopted in March 2003, is based on a model constitution provided by Attend, the National Association of Hospital and Community Friends. The Constitution details the Objects and Powers of The League, Membership, Subscriptions, the Election of the Committee and Officers, Conduct of Meetings, Accounts, Annual Reports and Administrative Rules.

The Trustees, who must be members of The League, are elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting to hold office on the Executive Committee. With the exception of the Treasurer and Secretary these Executive Committee posts may rotate every three years. The day to day business of The League is directed and managed by the Executive Committee and reports are made to the general membership by regular Newsletters and an Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee of 8 requires a quorum of 5 for the purposes of decision making.



## **The Activities of the League**

The work of building the team of Trustees has continued. Three new Trustees were appointed during the year and there has been a further appointment since the year end. Jennifer Gill has taken on the role of Co-Chair with Michael Evans

The League maintains its membership of the Shropshire Association of Hospital Leagues of Friends.

Funds are carefully monitored to eliminate any financial risk. The procedure for procuring and donating equipment and other services ensures that The League cannot be held liable for any operational claims relating to such equipment or services.

The object of The League is to provide relief and comfort to patients of the Hospital, and other out-patient residents in the community who are sick, convalescent, disabled, handicapped or infirm and, generally, to support the charitable work of the Hospital. In pursuance of this objective the Trust has developed relationships with other charities to support health initiatives in the wider community such as support for those suffering with dementia.

Also to meet this objective, The League supplements the service provided by the Hospital by the provision of facilities and equipment which are required for the benefit of patients or for the efficient running of the Hospital. To meet these aims The League raises funds by subscription, donation and through a programme of fundraising events within the catchment area.

Specific requests for funding equipment purchases or other financial support are assessed, prioritised by Hospital Management and submitted to The League Executive Committee for consideration. Subject to requests meeting the Objectives of The League and demonstrating competitive purchasing by the Hospital authorities, they are invariably approved. The League has substantial funds to meet the requests.

### **Public Benefit**

During 2023/24 The League has maintained its range of activities to meet its objectives. Members' subscriptions, legacy and other donations raised £12,774. The League has significant financial resources and the higher interest rates prevalent in 2023-24 meant that £25,426 of interest was received.

The League maintains a close working relationship with Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust with the aim of providing and supporting a viable range of



hospital and community services and providing care closer to home in this rural community. The hospital buildings, based around the 1836 Poor Law Workhouse, are in the main beyond economical refurbishment or adaptation and The League does not contribute towards work to the fabric of the hospital, but continues to provide new equipment. In this financial year expenditure on equipment increased with £22,413 being spent on equipment and patient comforts. £24,375 was spent on the community support projects referred to above as the League looks at ways of cooperating with other providers of care to ensure the maximum number of residents in the area are helped while still meeting its core objectives. It was necessary to spend £1,430 on IT related projects largely to update the website that was well out of date.

### **Plans for the future**

The fabric of the Hospital is in a very poor state and The League has continued to press NHS management as to its plans for the Hospitals Future. In spite of meetings with senior personnel there is no clear way forward. It is believed that while the thrust of policy is to encourage care nearer to the patient's home there is little evidence of this in the upgrading of facilities or the provision of more out patient clinics at the Hospital.

It is hoped that the Minor Injuries Unit will be upgraded to an Urgent Care Centre but again such a decision is probably at least a year away.

The ideal outcome would be a new facility built on land the NHS already owns on the outskirts of Ludlow and the League will continue to agitate for this. In the meantime it sees itself as the champion of providing as many clinics and other facilities for the people of Ludlow and surrounding areas.

### **Financial Review**

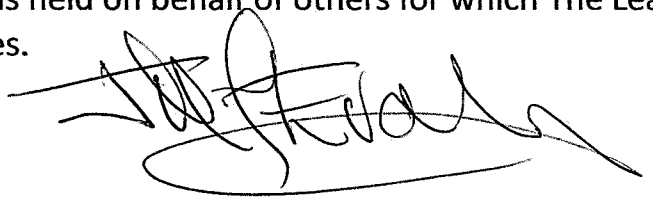
The accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 are appended to this report including the audit certificate signed by Mr Graham Robinson . The League has sufficient financial resources to carry out its aims and objectives for the foreseeable future.



There are no funds held on behalf of others for which The League acts as Custodian Trustees.

Michael Evans

Co-Chair of Trustees

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Trustee authorised to sign on behalf of all Trustees

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**LUDLOW COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**  
**LEAGUE OF FRIENDS (Charity Number 513978)**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**



**LUDLOW COMMUNITY HOSPITAL  
LEAGUE OF FRIENDS**

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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**G. Robinson (Accountants) Limited**  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
Registered Auditors  
14 Broad Street  
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**LUDLOW COMMUNITY HOSPITAL  
LEAGUE OF FRIENDS**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT AND STATEMENT OF ASSETS**

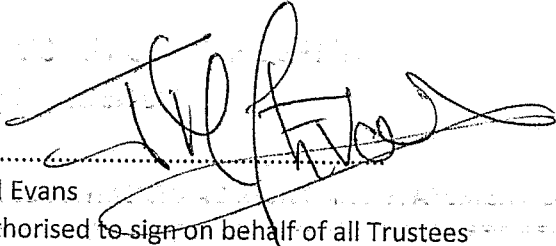
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**Financial Period Ended 31 March 2024**

**Declaration**

The Accounts set out on pages 3 and 4 for the financial period ended on the above date and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at the date set out on page 5, are as approved by the Trustees.



Mr Michael Evans  
Trustee authorised to sign on behalf of all Trustees



# LUDLOW COMMUNITY HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees For the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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I report on the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 set out on pages three to five.

### Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts. The Charity's trustees consider 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 examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the Charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- ~ Examine the Accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- ~ To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act), and
- ~ To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a 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 trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the Accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

### Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. Gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the Trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
  - (a) Proper accounting records are kept in accordance with the Act, and
  - (b) Accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.

Signed .....  .....

Name : Graham Robinson

G. Robinson (Accountants) Limited  
Chartered Certified Accountants

Address : 14 Broad Street, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 1NG



**LUDLOW COMMUNITY HOSPITAL  
LEAGUE OF FRIENDS**

**Charity Commission 513978  
For the Financial Period Ended 31 March 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>		
<b>Voluntary Receipts:</b>		
Subscriptions	1,846	1,751
Donations	10,561	34,901
Gift Aid Tax Refund	0	0
Gifts in Memory	367	6,656
Sundry Income	0	75
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	12,774	43,383
<b>Investment Income:</b>		
Bank Interest	<hr/> 25,426	<hr/> 8,673
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<hr/> <hr/> 38,200	<hr/> <hr/> 52,056



# LUDLOW COMMUNITY HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

Charity Commission 513978

For the Financial Period Ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
<b>Cost of Generating Voluntary Receipts:</b>		
Stationery and Publicity	773	349
<b>Costs of Charitable Activities:</b>		
Hospital Equipment	22,233	16,162
Patient Comforts	180	236
Community Support	24,375	0
<b>Governance Costs:</b>		
Subscriptions and Insurance	460	40
Sundries	67	23
Audit and Accountancy Fees	807	1,644
Computer Costs	1,430	0
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<u>50,325</u>	<u>18,454</u>
<b>Net Receipts/(Deficit)</b>	(12,125)	33,602
<b>Balances brought forward</b>	<u>577,937</u>	<u>544,335</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>565,812</u>	<u>577,937</u>



**LUDLOW COMMUNITY HOSPITAL  
LEAGUE OF FRIENDS**

**Balance Sheet**

**As at 31 March 2024**

	2024 Total Funds £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2023 Total Funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Lloyds Bank plc Current Account	17,016	17,016	-	54,676
COIF Savings Account	548,454	548,454	-	523,027
Cash Account	342	342	-	234
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>565,812</b>	<b>565,812</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>577,937</b>

