

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF LUDLOW COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Charity No: 513978

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25

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 2024/25 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

Mrs H Delaney Hall

Mr J M Farley

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. A new Trustee, Steve Catanach has been appointed since the year end. Michael Evans retired as Co-Chair at the AGM and Jeff Walker became Co-Chair with Jennifer Gill. Since the AGM, John Farley and Hillary Delaney Hall have resigned as Trustees. The League continues to seek new candidates to become Trustees.

The League maintains its membership of the Shropshire Association of Hospital Leagues of Friends. Regular meetings are held to share opinions and best practice in dealing with the NHS Trusts.

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, but demand from the Hospital has been subdued.

Public Benefit

During 2024/25 The League has maintained its range of activities to meet its objectives. Members' subscriptions, legacy and other donations raised £21,279

The League has significant financial resources and the continued high interest rates 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. As mentioned above there was little demand from the Hospital for new equipment, consequently only £9,570 was spent in the year. £33,475 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.

Plans for the future

The league has regular meetings with Shropcom, the Trust responsible for the Hospital, and the ICB, the commissioner for services, to press for better local health care.

The league has been instrumental in setting up a Steering Group to advocate for better Health Facilities for the locality with these to be primarily based at the Hospital. In addition to the Minor Injuries Unit being upgraded to an Urgent Care Centre, the League is seeking provision of A Community Diagnostic Centre and more outpatient clinics.

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 31st 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.

As mentioned above the League has considerable financial resources but it continues to raise monies as the possible developments already referred to could cause a significant demand on the reserves. In addition the Hospital Management has requested significant support in the 2025/26 year, well ahead of recent requests for funds.

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

Jennifer Gill and Jeff Walker

Co-Chair of Trustees

Trustee authorised to sign on behalf of all Trustees

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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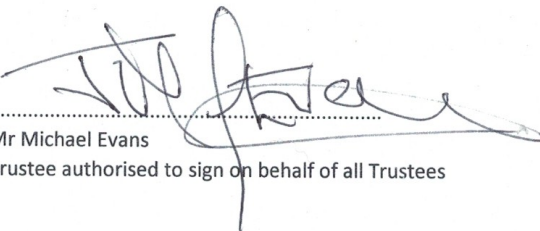
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT AND STATEMENT OF ASSETS

Financial Period Ended 31 March 2025

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.



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

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees
For the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

I report on the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 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

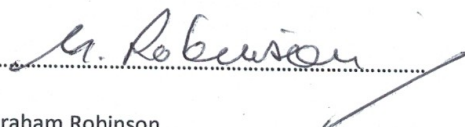
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Independent Examiner's Statement

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
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2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

Signed



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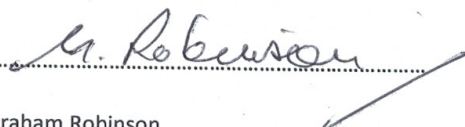
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Charity Commission 513978
For the Financial Period Ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
RECEIPTS:		
Voluntary Receipts:		
Subscriptions	1,673	1,846
Donations	17,567	10,561
Gift Aid Tax Refund	0	0
Gifts in Memory	2,039	367
Sundry Income	0	0
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	21,279	12,774
Investment Income:		
Bank Interest	<hr/> 26,816	<hr/> 25,426
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<hr/> <hr/> 48,095	<hr/> <hr/> 38,200

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**Charity Commission 513978
For the Financial Period Ended 31 March 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
PAYMENTS		
Cost of Generating Voluntary Receipts:		
Stationery and Publicity	1,007	773
Costs of Charitable Activities:		
Hospital Equipment	9,470	22,233
Patient Comforts	100	180
Community Support	33,475	24,375
Governance Costs:		
Subscriptions and Insurance	1,090	460
Sundries and Advertising	1,042	67
Audit and Accountancy Fees	504	807
Computer Costs	0	1,430
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>46,688</u>	<u>50,325</u>
Net Receipts/(Deficit)	1,407	(12,125)
Balances brought forward	<u>565,812</u>	<u>577,937</u>
Total Funds	<u>567,219</u>	<u>565,812</u>

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**Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2025**

	2025 Total Funds £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2024 Total Funds £
CURRENT ASSETS				
Lloyds Bank plc Current Account	16,607	16,607	-	17,016
COIF Savings Account	550,270	550,270	-	548,454
Cash Account	342	342	-	342
	<u>567,219</u>	<u>567,219</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>565,812</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>567,219</u>	<u>567,219</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>565,812</u>

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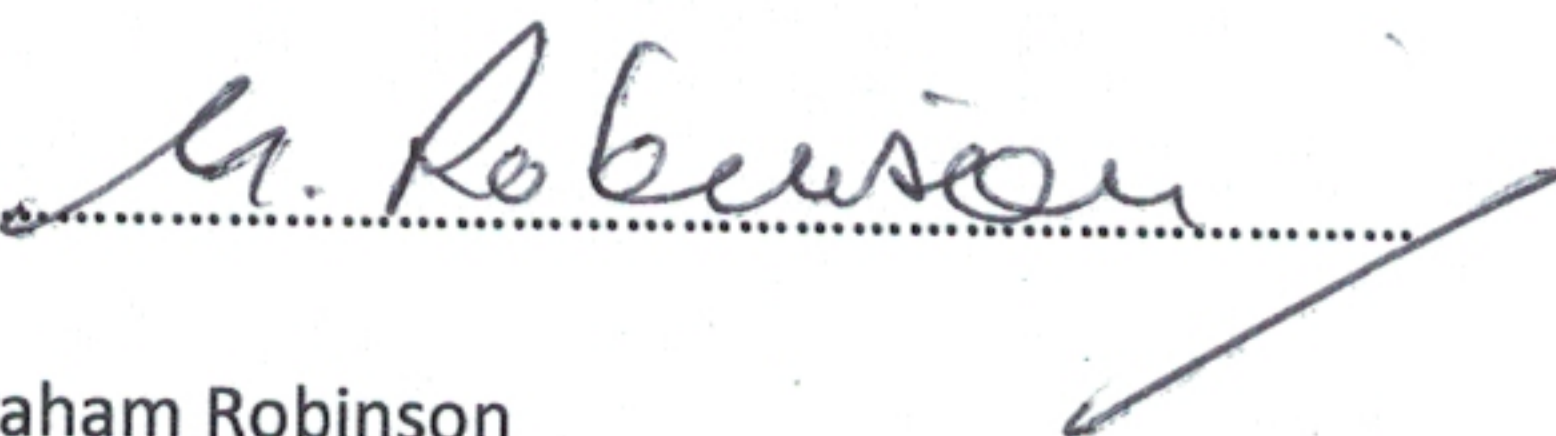
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