

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023  
FOR  
THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF THE BEXHILL  
HOSPITAL CIO**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

Policies and objectives:

The objects of the League are:-

To foster and maintain the interest of the public in the life and work of the Bexhill Hospital.

To relieve sickness and to preserve the health of the residents of Bexhill-on-Sea primarily, but not exclusively, through the Bexhill Hospital, by providing or assisting in the provision of equipment, facilities, amenities and services which are not normally provided by the statutory authorities.

The aims of the Charity are therefore to support the continuing development of Bexhill Hospital mainly by supplementing funds available for equipment as well as for research education and training. Additionally, the Charity aims to foster interest in the work of the Hospital by the provision of voluntary work within the Hospital.

Strategies for achieving objectives:

These included holding regular meetings of the Management Committee to keep close control over income and expenditure and liaising with the Hospital Trust to obtain details of what equipment is needed or whether the provision of funds for improvement or enhancement of staff or other facilities could be made. The Charity also seeks to publicise its efforts inter alia by holding a variety of events both small and large throughout the year, a prize draw, collecting at local store and the sale of Christmas Cards.

**Significant activities**

Legacy income is a significant part of the Charity's overall income and as such the Charity will be doing all it can to promote itself as a Charity worthy of charitable giving. The accounts give a full picture of the extent of the grants made. The Management committee continues to encourage the Hospital to approach the League for donations of any kind for items however large or small.

**Public benefit**

The trustees have complied with their duty in the Charities Act to have due regard to guidelines issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. The charity is involved in the provision of equipment, facilities and amenities to relieve the sickness and preserve the health of the residents of Bexhill-on-Sea.

**Grantmaking**

The League will agree to making a grant to local organisations whose aims also meet its objectives. The League does not make grants to individuals.

**Volunteers**

The League has the benefit of being able to call upon approximately 60 Volunteers to work in our shop in Outpatients within the Hospital. The net worth of these Volunteers is almost inestimable and their service is greatly appreciated by both the League and the Hospital. The Trustees take the opportunity of thanking all the Volunteers for the work they do throughout the year.

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**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

The main charitable activity during the year was providing grants to Bexhill Hospital. The grants were awarded for the purchase of new equipment and the refurbishment of facilities used by the patients and staff. A full list of the grants awarded is given in note 8 and are in accordance with the charitable objectives.

The grants awarded were chosen for the positive impact on the treatment of patients living in the Bexhill area, who would otherwise have to wait longer or travel further for treatment.

The charity owns a beach chalet on Bexhill seafront and this is for the use of the staff of Bexhill Hospital. The costs to maintain the chalet are minimal and the benefit to the wellbeing of the staff is considered an important factor for retaining ownership.

**Fundraising activities**

The League normally organise a number of activities throughout the year, which are designed to present the League and its objects to the public to secure funds to be passed back to the Hospital.

The League operates a shop within Bexhill Hospital, The shop is open to patients, visitors and staff and is manned by volunteers. The profit from the shop is used in the furtherance of the charitable activities.

The League has its own lottery within the Unity Lottery which will bring 50p in the £1 to the League.

Regular coffee mornings are held in the hospital and local areas.

These activities all help to foster a team spirit between League members. As important as making a profit for the League, is the fact that each event publicises the work of the League and increases awareness of what the League is able to do.

**Investment performance**

The bulk of its funds held in interest bearing bank and building society accounts. The Trustees consider this to be the simplest and most risk free method to earn income and maintain capital value. The market is constantly monitored to ensure the best interest rates.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial position**

During the year projects totalling £232,503 (2022 - £214,214) were approved. The net figure for the year was £232,330 (2022 - £211,969) after adjusting for items previously authorised but not purchased.

With income for the year totalling £187,269 the year ended with a satisfactory balance from which to support the continued expansion and upgrading of the hospital and the provision of further medical equipment for the use of the community.

On a fund basis the assets are available and adequate to fulfil the obligations of the Charity.

**Principal funding sources**

The main source of funding has historically been legacies and this has enabled the Charity to fund various projects undertaken. In the past two years, there has been a significant reduction in legacies and interest receivable on deposits has become the principal funding source.

In the current year, however, the charity has been advised that it should receive legacies in excess of £500,000.

**Investment policy and objectives**

The trustees have decided not to undertake any speculative investment, for example in equities. The League's resources are deposited with Cambridge and Counties Bank, Close Brothers Group, Hampshire Trust Bank, Redwood Bank and United Trust Bank in order to obtain the best possible rates of interest.

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Reserves policy**

The Balance Sheet shows total reserves of restricted and unrestricted funds of £3,707,951 of which £1,279 are restricted funds and £3,706,672 are unrestricted. This far exceeds the amount the Charity wishes to maintain on a regular basis.

It is not the trustees intention to accumulate funds but to finance improvements and purchase medical equipment for the benefit of the community.

**FUTURE PLANS**

Our desire to provide the people of Bexhill with the very best medical care possible, motivates each and every member of our League of friends.

We have plans to improve the facilities for patients and carers at the Irvine Unit, a rehabilitation unit that's aim is to help people regain sufficient confidence and strength to return home. We also have plans to work with the NHS trust and others to provide the very latest and most advanced equipment in our region.

The Friends of Bexhill hospital was created to help all our residents who found themselves in need of hospital treatment our purpose and determination has not changed.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, being a Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This closely follows the 'Association' model constitution for a CIO, published by the Charity Commission.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The members of the Committee are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law. The officers of the League include a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Gift Aid Secretary. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman are elected by the General Committee and the other officers are elected at the Annual General Meeting.

All other members of the Committee are elected at the Annual General Meeting and retire after three years but are eligible for re-election. The Committee may fill any vacancy, and any person nominated to fill a casual vacancy shall go out of office at the next annual General Meeting and be eligible for re-election. The Committee has full power to conduct the business of the League free from control of Her Majesty's Government, the Regional Authority, the East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust or any other person or body. Traditional business and medical skills are well represented on the Committee. In an effort to maintain this broad mix, in the event of particular skills being lost due to death or retirement, individuals are approached to offer themselves for election to the Committee.

There are five Committee meetings each year, during which all decisions are made by the Trustees present.

**Organisational structure**

Social Committee:

The operation of the canteen and shops.

**Induction and training of new trustees**

All Trustees are handpicked for the knowledge and expertise that they can contribute to the Committee. Their induction and training occurs during and as a result of Committee Meetings.

**Related parties**

The League of Friends of the Bexhill Hospital frequently enhances financial contributions made by The Friends of the Conquest Hospital, Hastings in the provision of medical equipment in order to benefit Bexhill patients.

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Risk management**

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at a reasonable level, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions.

The charity is insured through a scheme run by Attend, covering all members, helpers and voluntary workers of The League of Friends of the Bexhill Hospital. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the Charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

1169175

**Principal address**

Sunbeams  
41 Broad Oak Lane  
Bexhill-on-Sea  
East Sussex  
TN39 4LG

**Trustees**

Chairman: Mr M Sivyer  
Vice Chairman: Mr N Ray (appointed as Vice Chairman 13/07/2023)  
Honorary Secretary: Mr J H T Dowling  
Honorary Treasurer: Mr C J Ashford  
Honorary Gift Aid Secretary: Mrs L J Walter

Mrs H K Chapman  
Mr G Cox  
Dr P D Dewhurst  
Miss M J Dowling (appointed as Trustee 07/12/2023)  
Mrs H A Downton  
Mrs P I Easton  
Mr R Foxall  
Mr G T Frost  
Mrs B Hollingsworth  
Mrs A E Kerr  
Miss H J Knight  
Dr H P Kremer  
Miss C A Madeley  
Mr P G Mitchell-Davis  
Mr R Poll  
Mr N Ray  
Mrs S Robinshaw  
Mr P J Stiles  
M R Tysoe (appointed as Trustee 14/09/2023)

Ms R Boyd-Mercer resigned during the year both as Trustee and Vice Chairman.

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Auditors**

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....  
J H T Dowling - Trustee

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The League of Friends of The Bexhill Hospital CIO (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.



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**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Discussions with management which included consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud.
- Reviewing, evaluating and testing systems and controls to assess their effectiveness to prevent and detect irregularities.
- Identifying, reviewing and testing of journal entries.
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in respect of significant accounting estimates.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

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**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Date: .....

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	<b>2023 Total funds £</b>	<i>2022 Total funds £</i>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	<b>52,867</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>53,202</b>	<i>170,803</i>
Other trading activities	3	<b>21,870</b>	-	<b>21,870</b>	<i>12,471</i>
Investment income	4	<b>112,197</b>	-	<b>112,197</b>	<i>51,479</i>
<b>Total</b>		<b>186,934</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>187,269</b>	<i>234,753</i>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	5	<b>10,540</b>	-	<b>10,540</b>	<i>5,684</i>
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Equipment & facility grants	6	<b>237,846</b>	-	<b>237,846</b>	<i>222,198</i>
Expenditure on equipment for GP's surgeries		<b>8,462</b>	-	<b>8,462</b>	<i>3,502</i>
Other		<b>107</b>	-	<b>107</b>	<i>108</i>
<b>Total</b>		<b>256,955</b>	-	<b>256,955</b>	<i>231,492</i>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>(70,021)</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>(69,686)</b>	<i>3,261</i>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<b>3,776,693</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>3,777,637</b>	<i>3,774,376</i>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>3,706,672</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>3,707,951</b>	<i>3,777,637</i>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET  
31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	<b>2023 Total funds £</b>	2022 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	11	<b>9,853</b>	-	<b>9,853</b>	12,227
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stocks	12	<b>1,321</b>	-	<b>1,321</b>	319
Debtors	13	<b>72,178</b>	-	<b>72,178</b>	89,085
Cash at bank		<b>3,842,848</b>	<b>1,449</b>	<b>3,844,297</b>	3,883,220
		<b>3,916,347</b>	<b>1,449</b>	<b>3,917,796</b>	3,972,624
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	<b>(219,528)</b>	<b>(170)</b>	<b>(219,698)</b>	(207,214)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>3,696,819</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>3,698,098</b>	3,765,410
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>3,706,672</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>3,707,951</b>	3,777,637
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>3,706,672</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>3,707,951</b>	3,777,637
<b>FUNDS</b>	15				
Unrestricted funds				<b>3,706,672</b>	3,776,693
Restricted funds				<b>1,279</b>	944
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<b>3,707,951</b>	3,777,637

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....  
M Sivyer - Trustee

.....  
C J Ashford - Trustee

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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
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	Notes	<b>2023</b> £	2022 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	<b>(151,120)</b>	80,376
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		<b>(151,120)</b>	80,376
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest received		<b>112,197</b>	51,479
Net cash provided by investing activities		<b>112,197</b>	51,479
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<b>(38,923)</b>	131,855
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<b>3,883,220</b>	3,751,365
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<b>3,844,297</b>	3,883,220

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**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>2023</b>	<i>2022</i>
	<b>£</b>	<i>£</i>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	<b>(69,686)</b>	<i>3,261</i>
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	<b>2,374</b>	<i>2,968</i>
Interest received	<b>(112,197)</b>	<i>(51,479)</i>
Decrease/(increase) in legacies due	<b>50,000</b>	<i>(52,000)</i>
Increase/(decrease) in grants payable	<b>11,982</b>	<i>187,324</i>
Increase in stocks	<b>(1,002)</b>	<i>(26)</i>
Increase in debtors	<b>(33,093)</b>	<i>(9,805)</i>
Increase in creditors	<b>502</b>	<i>133</i>
<b>Net cash (used in)/provided by operations</b>	<b><u>(151,120)</u></b>	<i><u>80,376</u></i>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1/1/23	Cash flow	At 31/12/23
	£	£	£
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank	<b>3,883,220</b>	<b>(38,923)</b>	<b>3,844,297</b>
	<b><u>3,883,220</u></b>	<b><u>(38,923)</u></b>	<b><u>3,844,297</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>3,883,220</u></b>	<b><u>(38,923)</u></b>	<b><u>3,844,297</u></b>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared on a Going Concern basis. The legal status of the Charity changed to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation as detailed in the Trustees Report, whereby all assets and liabilities of the Charity transferred to the new Charity.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

For legacies, receipt is probable when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate to pay the legacy, after settling any liabilities, and any conditions attached to the legacy have either been met or are within the control of the charity.

Investment income is recognised when its receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

**Allocation and apportionment of costs**

All costs incurred relate to the one charitable activity of the charity.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Motor vehicles - 20% on reducing balance

No provision for depreciation has been made on the beach chalet as the building is properly maintained to standards that ensure that its residual value is not less than its book value.

**Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Fund accounting**

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Legacies receivable are valued at the amount notified as being receivable by the executors, once probate has been granted and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Cash at bank**

Cash at bank includes cash and short term highly liquid investments.

**Creditors**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**Grant income**

Grant income has been recognised under the performance model.

Grants that do not specify any future performance-related conditions are recorded when the grant proceeds are received or receivable. Any grant that imposes specified future performance-related conditions is recognised only when the performance-related conditions are met. Grants received before the revenue recognition criteria are satisfied are recognised as a liability.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>2023</b>	<i>2022</i>
	<b>£</b>	<i>£</i>
Donations ( including in memory of deceased relatives and friends)	<b>4,140</b>	<i>8,010</i>
Tax refund on gift aid donations, subscriptions and legacies	<b>673</b>	<i>1,227</i>
Legacies	<b>44,990</b>	<i>158,270</i>
Subscriptions	<b>3,399</b>	<i>3,296</i>
	<b><u>53,202</u></b>	<i><u>170,803</u></i>

The Trust benefits greatly from the involvement and enthusiastic support of its many volunteers, details of which are given in our annual report. In accordance with FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the economic contribution of general volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.



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**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>£</b>	£
Shop income	<b>20,080</b>	9,571
Garden party and raffle	<b>1,790</b>	2,900
	<b><u>21,870</u></b>	<u>12,471</u>

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>£</b>	£
Income from cash investments	<b><u>112,197</u></b>	<u>51,479</u>

**5. RAISING FUNDS**

**Other trading activities**

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>£</b>	£
Purchases	<b>10,508</b>	5,334
Garden party	-	96
Purchase of Christmas cards	-	234
Lottery registration fee	<b>20</b>	20
Craft fair stall	<b>12</b>	-
	<b><u>10,540</u></b>	<u>5,684</u>

**6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 7) £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
Equipment & facility grants	<b>3,179</b>	<b>223,868</b>	<b>10,799</b>	<b>237,846</b>
Expenditure on equipment for GP's surgeries	-	<b>8,462</b>	-	<b>8,462</b>
	<b><u>3,179</u></b>	<b><u>232,330</u></b>	<b><u>10,799</u></b>	<b><u>246,308</u></b>

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**7. GRANTS PAYABLE**

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>£</b>	£
Equipment & facility grants	<b>223,868</b>	208,467
Expenditure on equipment for GP's surgeries	<b>8,462</b>	3,502
	<b><u>232,330</u></b>	<u>211,969</u>

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>£</b>	£
Items authorised in earlier years and not purchased or reductions to final costs	<b>(173)</b>	(2,467)
Arts in Healthcare (B)	-	375
Wheelchair (B)	<b>6,744</b>	-
Little Common Surgery	<b>7,462</b>	-
Sidley Surgery	<b>1,000</b>	-
Wheelchairs - Collington / Ninfield surgeries	-	257
Couch - Sidley surgery	-	2,350
Bexhill PCN	<b>3,390</b>	6,400
Astra Galaxy chairs	-	11,201
Iowa Oral Performance Instrument	-	8,104
Compact Wheelchair Recliner	-	28,650
OCT cameras x 2	-	119,836
Sara Lee	-	35,000
Saebo Stim Pro	-	1,146
Couch - Ninfield surgery	-	895
Book trolley (B)	-	222
Reception area chairs (B)	<b>3,510</b>	-
Chairs and Tables for Activity Hub	<b>3,399</b>	-
Conversion of redundant Irvine Unit Mortuary into Kitchen	<b>93,950</b>	-
Cental Concentrate Delivery System for Renal Dialysis Unit	<b>81,480</b>	-
Picnic Tables and Benches Outside Rental Unit (B)	<b>2,640</b>	-
Transnasal Endoscopy Scopes x 3	<b>27,712</b>	-
Garden Lawn Mower	<b>647</b>	-
Garden Boxes	<b>100</b>	-
Garden Furniture Egerton Centre	<b>469</b>	-
	<b><u>232,330</u></b>	<u>211,969</u>

The above grants for equipment were approved as payable to East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust for (B) Bexhill Hospital and (C) Conquest Hospital.

The grants cover the costs of improvements and amenities for patients and staff at Bexhill Hospital and contributions towards the cost of equipment at Bexhill Hospital and at other hospitals used by the people of Bexhill.

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**8. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Management £	Finance £	Other £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Other resources expended	-	<b>107</b>	-	-	<b>107</b>
Equipment & facility grants	<b>1,442</b>	-	<b>3,126</b>	<b>6,231</b>	<b>10,799</b>
	<b>1,442</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>3,126</b>	<b>6,231</b>	<b>10,906</b>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

**Management**

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	Equipment & facility grants £	Total activities £
Insurance	<b>763</b>	<b>716</b>
Printing, postage & stationery	<b>435</b>	<b>526</b>
Website costs	<b>85</b>	<b>84</b>
Probate notifications	<b>159</b>	<b>295</b>
	<b>1,442</b>	<b>1,621</b>

**Finance**

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	Other resources expended £	Total activities £
Bank charges	<b>107</b>	<b>108</b>

**Other**

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	Equipment & facility grants £	Total activities £
Patient's Christmas presents & volunteer party	<b>430</b>	<b>583</b>
TV maintenance - Irvine Unit	<b>1,346</b>	<b>1,089</b>
Chalet expenses	<b>1,350</b>	<b>1,850</b>
	<b>3,126</b>	<b>3,522</b>

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**8. SUPPORT COSTS - continued  
Governance costs**

	<b>2023</b>	<i>2022</i>
	Equipment & facility grants	Total activities
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Auditors' remuneration	<b>5,652</b>	<b>5,040</b>
Annual report and newsletters	<b>495</b>	<b>580</b>
AGM expenses	<b>84</b>	<b>-</b>
	<u><b>6,231</b></u>	<u><b>5,620</b></u>

**9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Trustees' expenses**

During the year payments totalling £1,867 (2022 - £657) were paid to three trustees as reimbursement for Christmas presents for patients, postage, stationery, purchases for the shop and other committee expenses.

**10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	170,259	544	170,803
Other trading activities	12,471	-	12,471
Investment income	51,479	-	51,479
<b>Total</b>	<u>234,209</u>	<u>544</u>	<u>234,753</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	5,684	-	5,684
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Equipment & facility grants	220,830	1,368	222,198
Expenditure on equipment for GP's surgeries	3,502	-	3,502
Other	108	-	108
<b>Total</b>	<u>230,124</u>	<u>1,368</u>	<u>231,492</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	4,085	(824)	3,261
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	(222)	222	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<u>3,863</u>	<u>(602)</u>	<u>3,261</u>

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**10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	3,772,830	1,546	3,774,376
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>3,776,693</u>	<u>944</u>	<u>3,777,637</u>

**11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Beach chalet No. 21 South £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	<u>355</u>	<u>45,289</u>	<u>45,644</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 January 2023	-	<u>33,417</u>	<u>33,417</u>
Charge for year	-	<u>2,374</u>	<u>2,374</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>35,791</u>	<u>35,791</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 December 2023	<u>355</u>	<u>9,498</u>	<u>9,853</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>355</u>	<u>11,872</u>	<u>12,227</u>

**12. STOCKS**

	<b>2023</b> £	2022 £
Shop stock	<u>1,321</u>	<u>319</u>

**13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2023</b> £	2022 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>67,178</u>	<u>34,085</u>
Legacies & donations receivable	<u>5,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>
	<u>72,178</u>	<u>89,085</u>

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**14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>£</b>	£
Other creditors	<b>5,544</b>	5,042
Accruals for grants payable	<b>214,154</b>	202,172
	<b><u>219,698</u></b>	<u>207,214</u>

**15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/1/23	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/23
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	<b>3,676,693</b>	<b>(70,021)</b>	<b>3,606,672</b>
Designated fund	<b>100,000</b>	-	<b>100,000</b>
	<b><u>3,776,693</u></b>	<b><u>(70,021)</u></b>	<b><u>3,706,672</u></b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Physiotherapy department - Irvine Unit	<b>400</b>	-	<b>400</b>
Renal Unit	<b>544</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>879</b>
	<b><u>944</u></b>	<b><u>335</u></b>	<b><u>1,279</u></b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b><u>3,777,637</u></b>	<b><u>(69,686)</u></b>	<b><u>3,707,951</u></b>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	<b>186,934</b>	<b>(256,955)</b>	<b>(70,021)</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Renal Unit	<b>335</b>	-	<b>335</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b><u>187,269</u></b>	<b><u>(256,955)</u></b>	<b><u>(69,686)</u></b>

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**15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/1/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	3,672,830	4,085	(222)	3,676,693
Designated fund	100,000	-	-	100,000
	<u>3,772,830</u>	<u>4,085</u>	<u>(222)</u>	<u>3,776,693</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Physiotherapy department - Irvine Unit	1,546	(1,146)	-	400
Irvine Unit	-	(222)	222	-
Renal Unit	-	544	-	544
	<u>1,546</u>	<u>(824)</u>	<u>222</u>	<u>944</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>3,774,376</u>	<u>3,261</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,777,637</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	234,209	(230,124)	4,085
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Physiotherapy department - Irvine Unit	-	(1,146)	(1,146)
Irvine Unit	-	(222)	(222)
Renal Unit	544	-	544
	<u>544</u>	<u>(1,368)</u>	<u>(824)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>234,753</u>	<u>(231,492)</u>	<u>3,261</u>

The Designated fund is a set aside minimum reserve amount which the Trustees consider is the minimum amount required for the charity to operate.

The Physiotherapy department - Irvine Unit and Renal Unit funds are amounts donated for the specific use in those departments.

**16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.



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	2023 £	2022 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations ( including in memory of deceased relatives and friends)	<b>4,140</b>	8,010
Tax refund on gift aid donations, subscriptions and legacies	<b>673</b>	1,227
Legacies	<b>44,990</b>	158,270
Subscriptions	<b>3,399</b>	3,296
	<b>53,202</b>	170,803
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Shop income	<b>20,080</b>	9,571
Garden party and raffle	<b>1,790</b>	2,900
	<b>21,870</b>	12,471
<b>Investment income</b>		
Income from cash investments	<b>112,197</b>	51,479
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>187,269</b>	234,753
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Shop purchases	<b>10,202</b>	5,074
Sundry shop expenses	<b>306</b>	260
Garden party	-	96
Purchase of Christmas cards	-	234
Lottery registration fee	<b>20</b>	20
Craft fair stall	<b>12</b>	-
	<b>10,540</b>	5,684
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Arts in healthcare	<b>805</b>	-
Motor vehicles	<b>2,374</b>	2,968
Grants payable	<b>232,330</b>	211,969
	<b>235,509</b>	214,937
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Insurance	<b>763</b>	716
Printing, postage & stationery	<b>435</b>	526
Carried forward	<b>1,198</b>	1,242

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	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Management</b>		
Brought forward	<b>1,198</b>	1,242
Website costs	<b>85</b>	84
Probate notifications	<b>159</b>	295
	<b>1,442</b>	1,621
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	<b>107</b>	108
<b>Other</b>		
Patient's Christmas presents & volunteer party	<b>430</b>	583
TV maintenance - Irvine Unit	<b>1,346</b>	1,089
Chalet expenses	<b>1,350</b>	1,850
	<b>3,126</b>	3,522
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Auditors' remuneration	<b>5,652</b>	5,040
Annual report and newsletters	<b>495</b>	580
AGM expenses	<b>84</b>	-
	<b>6,231</b>	5,620
Total resources expended	<b>256,955</b>	231,492
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<b>(69,686)</b>	3,261

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