

THE FRIENDS OF CHIDDINGFOLD SURGERY

Annual report 2014 – 2015

The year has seen the continuance of “The Friends” pursuing their Aims and Objects in providing medical equipment for the Doctors and Staff to use in their diagnostic and treatment areas at both Chiddingfold and Dunsfold Surgeries.

Following a Care Quality Commission Inspection of the Surgeries an “Outstanding” commendation was awarded which was a very special and worthy result. It underlined the quality of the care provided as well as showing both Surgeries are responsive and well led. This was a great accolade to mark all the very hard work that the Doctors and staff devote to the efficient running of the Surgeries and “The Friends” were pleased to support the result in some small way.

We are pleased to report that during the year we have invested in trifold fund raising leaflets to distribute at events which have already covered their cost.

Following guidance from the Charity Commission, we have posted the Chairman’s Report and the Audited Accounts on our website and will do so again this year.

In 2014-15 “The Friends” bought five pieces of equipment at a total cost of just over £2,000 – including a state of the art machine to analyse blood samples costing nearly £900 – as well as funding maintenance costs of some £3,700. “The Friends” income was just over £5,000, including almost £3,000 from donations and collecting boxes and £2,300 from events; the Silent Auction at the Fete and the Wine Quiz.

The far reaching changes that have been announced in the structure of the NHS continue to impact on the system and material deficits continue to appear. It is clear that the principle of bringing diagnosis and treatment closer to the patient will not only be imperative but will bring added responsibilities for the workings of the Surgeries.

So far, during the current year “The Friends” attended Chiddingfold Fete on Sunday 14th June with a change of stall this year to “Splat the Rat” plus an offer by the Doctors to provide blood pressure readings and diabetic review information. This proved popular and attracted many visitors. In October we are managing a computerised quiz in the Village Hall which has proved very popular in other locations.

All in all “The Friends” can look back on a successful year in pursuing its objects and continues to look for new directions in which it can travel.

Overall, the Charity’s expenditure exceeded its income by just over £700, leaving it with total funds of £27,000 at the end of the year. Whilst it regards £8,000 as reserve monies there are ample funds held to meet its commitments for the year ahead.