



THE FRIENDS OF CHIDDINGFOLD SURGERY

Registered Charity No. 1080617

Annual report 2017 – 2018

The aim of the Friends of Chiddingfold Surgery (FCS) is to benefit local people “through the relief of sickness and the protection and preservation of public health by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities and equipment at the Surgery which would not otherwise be provided out of statutory funds”. Throughout the year, the Trustees kept in mind these aims together with the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit.

In 2017-18, FCS’s income reverted to a normal level after the exceptional donation last year from the Davis family. Income totalled £15,475. Donations (including Gift Aid) totalled £11,935 with the remainder generated from fund-raising events, dividends and interest. The details are shown in the accounts.

In 2017-18, FCS spent £8,730, divided roughly equally between two headings:

- Almost £3,800 was spent on equipment: defibrillators, a spirometer and new cuffs for the blood pressure monitors .
- Maintenance of equipment and medical consumables cost £4,500.

Again, the details are in the accounts. No Trustees received any remuneration or payment for allowable expenses.

By the end of the year, FCS had reserves of £75,500. Just over £55,000 is invested with COIF Charities Investment Fund which is yielding 3.4%, a good return in the current investment climate.

To publicise FCS, we used the noticeboards at the Surgeries, our website and Facebook page and parish magazines. In addition, FCS had a high profile attendance at Chiddingfold Fete in June; and in February held a fund-raising quiz with a ploughman’s supper in Chiddingfold village hall.

To sum up, 2017-2018 was a good year for FCS.

In 2018-19, FCS expects to break even with income covering expenditure. Its budget allows for replacing worn-out equipment as well as providing new types of equipment as well as maintaining existing equipment. . The Trustees are satisfied that FCS can meet these commitments for the forthcoming year.