

Who we are and what we do

The Friends of Chiddingfold Surgery is a charity that purchases equipment not provided by the NHS.

GP practices are under contract to provide only certain services and the NHS will pay for equipment that is needed to do this. The intention is that services not covered by the contract will be provided at an NHS hospital and many surgeries are close enough to a hospital for this to be practical.

If, for example, a patient needs an electrocardiogram, which only takes a few minutes, the NHS contract assumes that the patient would travel to Guildford or Haslemere and the results would then be relayed to the Surgery.

However, because we have provided the equipment, it can now be done at our Surgery and the results are available immediately. Clearly the benefit to the patient is considerable.

We hope that by making membership open to all users of the Surgery we will raise awareness of what we do, give a sense of involvement and enable us to better communicate news of our activities and events.

Examples of equipment bought by the Friends:

- Blood pressure monitors in the waiting rooms of both Surgeries
- Portable blood pressure monitors to check patients over 24 hours
- A portable ECG monitor
- An ECG monitor for use in the Surgery
- A fridge to store vaccines
- A Holter Monitoring System for patients with cardiac problems
- Oximeters for both adults and children to measure the oxygen in the blood
- A spirometer to measure lung function
- A wheelchair for use in the Surgery
- Bariatric scales
- QuikRead CRP machine to test blood samples for bacterial and viral infections



Application for **FREE** Membership

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Application for FREE membership

I wish to show my support for the Friends of Chiddingfold Surgery (The Friends) by becoming a member.

I understand no membership fee is payable but I will receive information about the work of The Friends and I may be invited to support fundraising activities. However, there is no commitment on my part to support these events or to make any contribution to the Charity's funds.

I hereby authorise The Friends to keep a record of this information and to use it to contact me.

Signed.....

Name.....

Address.....

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Telephone.....

Email.....
(We prefer to contact you by email to minimise our expenses.)

Date.....

As a member I will have the right to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting.

I understand that I will be invited to renew my membership at intervals of no more than three years.

Please give this form to the Surgery receptionist or post it to:

Friends of Chiddingfold Surgery
c/o The Surgery
Ridgley Road
Chiddingfold GU8 4QP