



THE FRIENDS OF CHIDDINGFOLD SURGERY

Registered Charity No. 1080617

Annual report 2018– 2019

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 2018-19, FCS’s income totalled £25,726. Donations, excluding Gift Aid, totalled £20,065 with the remainder generated almost entirely from dividends and Gift Aid. The details are shown in the accounts.

On 7 January 2019 the Surgery suffered a devastating fire (subsequently determined to have been caused by an electrical fault in the roof) resulting in the loss of the Surgery building and all the equipment therein, including all the equipment purchased by FCS. The doctors and staff swung immediately into action and a temporary surgery was set up at Milford Hospital within a couple of weeks.

Whilst the doctors had comprehensive insurance policies in place, FCS launched the Fire Appeal a few days after the fire to enable any equipment to be replaced immediately without having to wait upon the insurers. As at 31 March 2019 the total raised by the Fire Appeal stood at £17,206. FCS wishes to publicly acknowledge the generosity of all who donated to the Appeal. A total of £7,243 was used to purchase a spirometer, 2 ambulatory blood pressure monitors and a defibrillator. The remainder is being held until the new surgery building has been rebuilt and fitted out to cover any items not covered by the insurance.

The rebuilding work started in March 2019, within 3 months of the fire, and it is anticipated that the Surgery will reopen in Chiddingfold around Christmas 2019.

Total expenditure in 2018-19 was £16,065.

Before the fire, FCS spent £3,710, mostly to replace old equipment which had worn out, such as an examination lamp and a Doppler probe. New equipment included a vaccine carrier and stool for the blood pressure monitor. A further £4,630 was spent on maintenance of equipment (primarily of the ambulatory blood pressure monitors) and consumables, with a further £481 on running costs.

As already noted, £7,243 was spent after the fire on equipment that was urgently needed.

No Trustees received any remuneration or payment for allowable expenses.

By the end of the year, FCS had reserves of £89,183. 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 the Chiddingfold Fete in June. No major fund raising event was held this year as the planned Quiz was due to be held

very shortly after the fire and it was decided to postpone the event to a later date when a more high profile event could be organised to celebrate the reopening of the surgery in Chiddingfold.

To sum up, 2018-19 was a challenging year for Chiddingfold Surgery but with the support of the community, both in Chiddingfold, Dunsfold and in all the surrounding villages, the Surgery is well on track to reopen, offering the impressive range of services as before. The temporary surgery at Milford Hospital is functioning well.

In 2018-19, FCS expects to spend the money raised for the Fire Appeal but otherwise to break even with income covering expenditure. Its budget allows for the provision of new types of equipment as well as maintaining existing equipment. . The Trustees are satisfied that FCS can meet these commitments for the forthcoming year.