



## **THE FRIENDS OF CHIDDINGFOLD SURGERY**

Registered Charity No. 1080617

### **Annual Report 2021-2022**

Once again in common with many charities 2021-22 was a difficult year financially. You have seen the accounts which show that there was no income from fund raising events due to Covid and income from collection boxes remained disappointing largely I suspect because people were relying much more on credit cards than cash. Were it not for income from our investments and the much valued donations from individuals the outcome would have been a great deal worse. However as you can see, as in the previous year, we recorded a substantial loss, just over £3500, which we were able to cover from reserves. This, I think fully justifies the keeping of substantial reserves and investments which provide much needed income.

We have been able to provide several items of equipment which are of real benefit to patients; two ECG machines and two Ambulatory Blood Pressure monitors. These were needed because the machines had to be isolated for 72 hours once sanitised and so could not be used by so many people as previously. Both types of machine mean that patients do not have to travel to a hospital for these tests and provide our doctors with much more prompt results and this aids a quick diagnosis and treatment, again of great benefit to the patients. All the equipment that we provide remains in our ownership and it is therefore our responsibility to maintain it. They require annual recalibration and this of course does not come cheap.

We hope to be able to hold our annual Quiz Night in February and the committee will discuss other avenues for fund raising at our next meeting after the AGM. The Quiz Night is of course subject to the level of Covid and flu infection at the time.

I would like to thank members and trustees for their support.

Simon Inchbald