

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF TOWNLANDS HOSPITAL
HENLEY ON THAMES
TRUSTEES REPORT
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What a wonderful time to be reporting ,now that the future of Townlands is finally secure!

The League of Hospital Friends in Henley-On-Thames came into being in March 1955, at a public meeting Chaired in the Town Hall by Alderman C Luker and supported by the Mayor of Henley and the Chairman of the Henley Rural District Council. The League is a Registered Charity, No 287201.

Membership is open to all for an annual donation of £10 or more. The funds which we raise -by memberships, legacies ,donations and events- are dedicated to the welfare and comfort of patients-both in the bedded and outpatient Wards. To provide those added extras which the health service can't stretch to; but which can make all the difference to the patient experience.

Our Trustees , who include medical practitioners alongside lay people representing a community of interests, all Volunteers, meet regularly with Hospital representatives, to review needs identified by their staff or visitors and consider how funds may be allocated.

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We've funded items as diverse as heavy duty hoists & shower chairs for the bedded Wards, to specialist equipment for the ophthalmic consulting clinic (enabling more treatment at Townlands) an i pad for the speech therapy department and a drinks vending machine for Hospital visitors. Newspapers are delivered throughout the year and at Christmas time, decorations and small gifts are provided for inpatients.

We also facilitate volunteers for helping in the Hospital, who are then referred to the professional staff for appropriate training.

With the future of Townlands secure, we shall be fundraising in earnest: our immediate mission to raise the £4200 required for the purchase from lease of a specially adapted wheelchair accessible van, to be driven by our volunteer drivers.

Henley Golf Club have kindly chosen Friends of Townlands as their Charity for the year-there's a Captains Charity day already diarised for June 25th and more to come.

We're grateful to The Thames Masonic Lodge for offering a charitable donation this year and to the Kenton Theatre for the chance to sponsor an evening's performance in September.

Working with other voluntary bodies in this way adds value to our efforts, both financially and practically , widening our reach into to the local community for which Townlands is so invaluable a resource.

Our accounts and Annual report are presented in public: our next AGM will be held at the Bell Surgery, Henley on Monday 28th April at 7.30 pm.
Come along and join us for pre meeting drinks and nibbles if you'd like to find out more!

As part of our "updating", Trustees have designed a logo, a website (www.friendsoftownlands.co.uk) and a contemporary "working title" of FROTH (Friends Of Townlands) .

More Information: visit the website or contact the Treasurer, 78 Kings Road, Henley-On-Thames, RG9 2DQ.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Mrs. J Nimmo-Smith
Chair.

Dated: