



Friends of the Princess Royal University Hospital (Farnborough, Kent)

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As with most charities our fundraising this year has been greatly restricted as we have been unable to hold indoor events and sales either at the hospital or elsewhere. However, we have had very welcome support from other local organisations, clubs and groups and we would like to express our grateful thanks to the Biggin Hill Townswomen's Evening Guild, Orpington Rotary Club, Locksbottom 41 Club, Chislehurst Women's Institute, Bromley Oecumenical Singers and Orpington Trefoil Guild who have contributed to our funds either with goods or money over the year.

Thanks to Co-op members, we were presented with a cheque from the Co-op Local Community Fund. The final total was £5,000 and this was spent on providing an Activity Room and a Relatives' Room for the Stroke Unit.

During the summer months we held several outdoor tabletop sales at the hospital and in the locality which added over £700 to our funds and in November one of our ex-committee members held a Christmas Fayre at her church and raised a magnificent £1,400. Thank you, Kay Ash.

St Giles Church in Farnborough made us their 'Charity in Focus' for the month of December and allowed us to hold a stall in the church to promote our Christmas cards which, together with donations collected throughout the month, raised £457.

Our Christmas cards were a great success again and raised just over £700.

Other donations have been received via our collection boxes in the Spar shop in the hospital and at the Bromley Vaccination Centre, from legacies and of course from our loyal members and the general public.

Our largest monetary input to the hospital this year has been two grants of £15,000 each, to enable the newly refurbished wards, Medical 1 and 2, to be made dementia friendly to the highest standard.

The two virtual projects of photos and fabric blocks, representing our time in lockdown and mentioned in last years' report, were framed and presented to the hospital and can be seen on the wall near the Bereavement Centre.

Earlier this year we applied for books for World Book Day and were lucky to receive 160 copies of 'The Policeman' which have been handed out to patients to either read whilst in-patients or on their discharge.

Going forward, we hope to contribute towards furnishing the Memorial Garden / Wellbeing hub for staff at the hospital which is planned to be opened later this year.

Finally, our grateful thanks to Bernard Jayasundera for keeping our website and Facebook pages updated and to everybody who has supported us throughout the year. We hope that perhaps this year we can meet more people in person.

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