

**League of Friends of the Queen Victoria Hospital  
Chairman's Report for the AGM 2021**

Dear Friend

I hope you and your families have remained well and safe during the Covid-19 pandemic. The vaccination programme seems to be working and, with a bit of luck, life should return to a "normal" that is closer to what we enjoyed before.

We are planning on holding our

**Annual General Meeting on Monday September 6<sup>th</sup> 2021, in the Surgeons' Mess, at the Hospital.**

The Agenda is attached and we would be delighted if you are able to join us. If you are not we will arrange a Zoom hook up so you can participate virtually. It would help us if you could let us know whether you will join us either in person or by Zoom by Friday, 3 September 2021. If by Zoom, please email Linda Skinner, our Hon. Secretary, who will then send you the link [linda@cobblecourt.co.uk](mailto:linda@cobblecourt.co.uk)

Our Constitution was written in times less technologically advanced. We are putting two Resolutions forward at the AGM to bring our governance into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – to allow both meetings of Trustees and the AGM to be held virtually. We are also looking to reduce the number of attendees to represent a quorum from 20 to 12 – as we have recently struggled to get 12 members in attendance. The wording of the proposed change to the Constitution is attached and we request your support for these changes.

The Accounts are available on-line at <https://www.qvh.nhs.uk/support-us>. If you do not have access to a computer and would like to see a copy of the accounts, please contact me – my contact details are at the bottom of this letter.

Because of the focus on Covid-19 and the funding to the Hospital from the central NHS there have been few requests for funding in 2020. The only significant request has been for some intra-oral (dental) scanners which enable digital impressions of the mouth to be made and replace the rather unpleasant "putty" impressions that have been used for around a century. We have also funded a bladder scanner, an ECG machine for elderly care and a portable ultrasound machine. There is a considerable time lapse between our approving a request and having to pay the hospital the cash, so the £265,820 in the accounts largely represents items we agreed to fund in 2019 that we paid for in 2020.

The stock market has recovered and we have around £360,000 in a combination of cash and the M&G Charifund Income Fund. We are in line to receive two significant legacies this year which will more than double our available funds.

As always, I would like to thank you for your continued support for the League of Friends. I would like to thank, once again, all the Trustees for the work they do, particularly Linda Skinner, the Hon. Secretary and Alexandra Durrant, the Hon. Treasurer.

I look forward to seeing you, if possible, at the AGM. If you are unable to attend and have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me either by email or by phone.

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