

Friends of Danesbury and The Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital

February 2021 Newsletter



With Christmas and New Year now only a memory we have had no escape from the reality of turmoil the Covid-19 pandemic has taken on the nation. With positive news of the vaccine however, we can start to foresee our lives returning to something like normal in the not too distant future.

For the patients and staff at Danesbury Neurological Centre and QVM Hospital, and similar facilities which are part of Hertfordshire's NHS Services, the turmoil caused by Covid-19 has been very keenly felt. Resources have been extremely stretched, clinical staff became poorly with Covid-19 and had to take time off, affecting staffing levels. This is where the support given by the Friends has been really appreciated.

The money that we raise – through our shop and by donations- enables us to fund a range of 'things' which directly benefits both inpatients and patients in the community. As well as funding equipment that the NHS cannot provide, we have directly supported patient welfare and comfort.

The greatest source of income for the Friends is from our shop but, as you all know, we were unable to open the shop for six months of 2020 which has meant a substantial loss of income. We are relying more and more on other income streams. The trustees have had to start thinking 'outside the box' to try and find new ways of raising funds for our charity. If you shop online and would like to support us one of the easiest ways to do so, at no cost to you, is by easyfundraising.org.

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Christmas raffle and Christmas Market, we raised £522 from the raffle, which was won by a nurse at Danesbury Hospital and £283 was raised at the Christmas Market.

At the end of December 2020, the Friends launched a new updated, streamlined website which can be accessed on danesburyqvm.co.uk. The instructions on how to donate via easyfundraising.org are available on the website under Donations. You can also easily access the shops Facebook page and eBay shop from the website.

To achieve our aims, we rely on your support.