

# The Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital

The festive season is now truly underway, and the volunt-elfs in our shop have been working hard going through all your lovely donations, sorting out any items fit for the festive period. No doubt there will be various amazing window displays throughout the weeks ahead. Welwyn on a whole is hoping to generate a higher footfall by holding various events, we hope you will come out and support the shops in the village as we need your business to keep our shops afloat.



One of our Autumn window displays

We are also hoping to bring some festive cheer to both Danesbury and QVM. However, this may prove to be rather challenging as the NHS are still under full COVID restrictions, and the seasonal weather will no doubt be rather unfavourable to be doing much of anything outdoors!

At the end of October, we held our AGM, which identified that under the given circumstances our charity shop in Welwyn is doing well and that is down to all the hard work of the Managers and volunteers and your support.

We would love to increase sales back to pre-pandemic levels to ensure we can keep supporting all the units within the Herts & Essex area at the level we have done in previous years. Hopefully the events organised by Welwyn Business Alliance will see more footfall in the village and we hope you will all pop in to see our wonderful goods we have on sale. Everything we sell has been donated.

During the Covid period we have been supporting the units (Danesbury & QVM in particular), with smaller items such as – garden items, hand cream, a range of personal care items, clothing, updating of TV's/TV services in the patient and day rooms, radios and Christmas supplies just to mention a few items. If you are interested in volunteering at the charity shop on the High Street, Welwyn then please do pop into the shop or call 01438 840 769 and have a chat with Heather Knappett.

Thanking you all for your continued support,  
The Friends of Danesbury & QVM