

## The Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital

During the lockdown we have been continuing to support the staff at Danesbury and QVM by delivering cakes and fruit once a week. In addition, we received a request from the Holywell Neurological Rehabilitation Unit in North Watford. Each of their patients was 'confined to quarters' in their room and so they asked if we could provide DAB radios to allow patients to listen to the radio. Pictured below is Sue Fox, the Ward Manager, receiving the 16 radios.



Now that shops are able to open once again, we have been drawing up plans for re-opening our shop in Welwyn village. As you can imagine, there are many factors that have to be taken into account to meet the Government's strict guidelines and, with this in mind, we have drawn up a detailed action plan and a risk assessment, which is available on our website. We plan to re-open the shop, possibly on a few days per week, at first, on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August.

Unfortunately, some of our older volunteers have decided not to continue working in the shop and so we are looking for a number of additional volunteers. If you are interested, do read more about us on our website (<https://www.danesburyqvm.co.uk/>) where you will also find our contact details. Do bear in mind that some of the work in our shop can be quite strenuous (lifting boxes of donated goods, etc.).

We all look forward to being able to have a presence on Welwyn High Street once again and to be able to raise more funds to assist the hospitals that we serve.