

News from Danesbury and the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospitals

As I sit writing this article in the cold at the end of April I wonder if we will ever see warmth again but hopefully by the time you are reading it will be warm and sunny – we can but hope!

At the beautiful Danesbury and QVM hospital sites we have been busy preparing for summer. The Friends have employed a new gardener and purchased large numbers of bedding plants so that the patients and staff are able to enjoy a colourful display. We have also purchased two new planters with benches where patients can sit to enjoy the gardens and the view. A gardening club for patients has also been set up. *Please Insert photo*

From a more technical patient support point of view, Paul Riseley who is now the Community Beds Lead for Danesbury, the QVM and another Hertfordshire hospital, has asked for two new specialist therapy bikes – the first, a Motomed Loop, has digital intelligence enabling easy transfer from arm to leg training; the second is a specialist Thera-trainer for the physiotherapy department at the QVM. This helps patients who are recovering from strokes and other debilitating illnesses to be able to move and hopefully become more mobile again.

Everyone is continuing to enjoy the new Renault Trafic minibus which has made the transport of patients to and from their homes in the community so much easier with its extra space and ease of access.

We continue to be immensely grateful for the support everyone gives us by donating good quality clothes and other items and by visiting our shop. The Friends could not provide the help we do without your support.

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