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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1 <sup>st</sup>	September	2023	To	31 <sup>st</sup>	August	2024

**Reference and administration details**

<b>Charity name</b>	The Friends of Inch Hospital & Community SCIO						
<b>Other names charity is known by</b>	The Friends						
<b>Registered charity number</b>	SC009720						
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	The Steading Knockenbaird Inch Aberdeenshire						
							<b>Postcode AB52 6TN</b>

**Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Graham Matthews	Chairperson		Members
2	Allison Grant	Vice Chair		Members
3	Jane Reid	Membership Secy.		Members
4	Morris Tait			Members
5	Kerry Smith			Members
6	Jenny Robertson			Members
7	Alasdair McCallum			Members
8	Bryan Stuart			Members
9	Iain Fraser	Treasurer	Stepped down March 2024	Members
10	Rita Knight			Members
11	Deirdre Macdonald			Members
12	Isobel Moir			Members
13	Julie McWilliam	Treasurer	Appointed Treasurer March 2024 – previously ordinary Trustee	Members
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## Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

## Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Constitution

Trustee recruitment and appointment

By election at AGM or co-option by Trustees

## Objectives and activities

**Charitable purposes**

Promoting, providing or assisting anything which will improve the general wellbeing, quality of care or environment of patients of Inch Hospital, Medical Practice and the local community, adding value to the health and social care services provided by the statutory and voluntary sectors.

Encouraging and maintaining the interest and involvement of the public in the wellbeing of the community by linking health and social care services with the local population.

**Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects**

We arranged Defibrillator training in the community  
A donation was made to Bennachie Leisure Centre to help with costs towards the refurbishment of their gym, which they have pledged to use for rehabilitation purposes in partnership with the GP surgery. A £14k loan was also agreed to help them through this project.  
Blood pressure monitors, tourniquets, and cuffs were purchased for the medical practice.  
We continued to explore ways to facilitate the reopening of Inch Hospital, making several proposals and offering funds to Aberdeenshire Health & Social Care Partnership.  
We maintained and made improvements to the community garden for the benefit of the community and patients to the health centre

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**Achievements and performance**

## **Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period**

We hosted another successful Strawberry Fair, providing entertainment and a fantastic atmosphere for the village. It always brings members of the community out in droves – of all ages – and is a fantastic day. This year we were delighted to raise almost £10,000 on the day.

We also hosted a vintage vehicle rally which is now a staple in the annual calendar and particularly enjoyed by older members of the community, while providing fun for all the family.

It has been another frustrating year with regards to our campaign to reopen Inch Hospital and return much needed healthcare services to the village. We have continued to lobby the government and the partnership through all avenues available to us, to no avail. Our next step is to explore other options for the future of the group, and the future of the hospital.

## **Financial review**

### **Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Overall, Friends reserves have increased this year by £20k, mainly due to the rise in investments values. Fundraising increased this year by cash held dropped due to the temporary loan that we made to the Bennachie Leisure Centre. This loan is due to be repaid in March 2025

The savings are being accumulated to help fund a possible future replacement for the hospital which does not meet new building standards.

**Details of any deficit**

None

**Donated facilities and services (if any)**

None

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### **Other optional information**

### **Declaration**

**The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.**

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

**Signature(s)**

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<b>Full name(s)</b>	Graham Matthews	Julie McWilliam
<b>Position (e.g. Chair)</b>	Chair	Treasurer
<b>Date</b>	03/03/2025	<b>03/03/2025</b>