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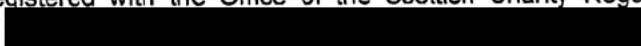
**FRIENDS OF THE NEURO WARD
TRUSTEES' AND MEMBERS' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024**

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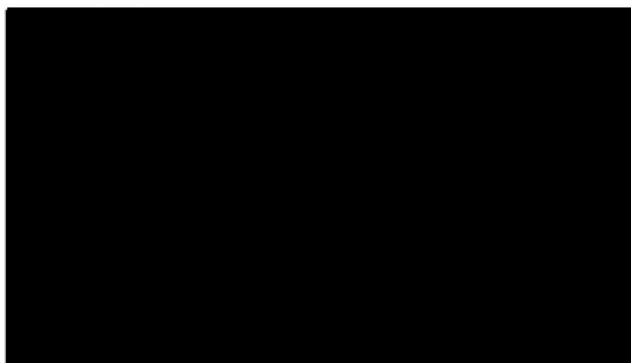
TRUSTEES' AND MEMBERS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 October 2024.

Type of governing document

The charity is an unincorporated association governed by a written constitution. Friends of the Neuro Ward is registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator no. SC044430. The contact address is: 

Current trustees



Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees are appointed in general meeting. Appropriate training and induction is provided to new trustees in the aims, objectives and procedures of the charity.

Charitable purposes

The charity's object is the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Fundraising / Donations:

23/24 was a strong year for us, both through our own fundraising efforts and that of our supporters. We also made good progress in continuing to raise the profile of Friends of the Neuro Ward.

Most notably, we celebrated the 10th anniversary of the charity by hosting a fundraising dinner dance, The Diamond Ball on 3 November 2023.

Guests included supporters and fundraisers, and sponsors from Aberdeen's business community – whose generosity allowed us to invite 30 staff from across Wards 204, 205 and the Neuro Rehab Unit to attend free of charge, ensuring they were part of the celebrations.

The night included a raffle & auction, with all prizes generously donated, bringing our grand total to **£29,298.73**.

Organised Events

Organised fundraising activities through 2024 included the Aberdeen Kiltwalk, which attracted 19 walkers who raised £8,163.

Once again, we had our biggest fundraising turn-out for The Beast Race – a highly popular muddy obstacle course that takes place in September every year. We sold out of our 50 spaces very quickly, and after excluding the entry fees, our fundraising total for this event was **£14,396**. Due to its ongoing popularity, we have booked (and sold out) of a further 50 spaces for the 2025 event.

We also had two riders take on Ride the North, a large cycling event in Angus in August 2024. They raised a total of **£500** for us.

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Individual fundraising

Our largest independent fundraising effort came from five dads in Banchory, who took on an Ultramarathon challenge for Friends of the Neuro Ward, Horizons & a medical centre in Brisbane. Not only did they raise an incredible **£5,407** for each cause, but they also did a brilliant job of raising awareness of our work. They shared their very emotive story in the local press and shared their ultramarathon efforts on socials (including as they ran through the night). The family who inspired the challenge are now keen to help us spend the money in NRU, and we will work with them and staff to ensure it's put to suitable use.

We also had two people take on Run Garioch (**£2,289**), a former patient taking on the London Marathon (**£1,628**), a patient's sister & friend completing the Strathclyde Half Marathon (**£1,820**) and a former patient's daughter doing the Edinburgh Marathon (**£658**) and a family climbing Bannachie (**£2,000**).

A team from a local PT class nominated Friends of the Neuro Ward & Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland to benefit from their fundraising, and they took part in the Kiltwalk and MacTuff (another muddy obstacle course) for us – splitting their effort. We received **£1,074.75** from the group.

We've also gratefully received patient donations from the ward and a small number of funeral donations.

Corporate

We received a standalone donation of £4,000 from Peterson, who named us their charity of the year.

As ever, we are actively encouraging staff to come to us with requests from equipments/upgrades/support and have noticed an uptake in this.

Ward donations

Outgoings for 23/24 included:

Ultrasound machine & software for neurosurgery	£121,974.00
Taurus Walking Frame from NRU	£2,923.50
iPads & speakers for awake craniotomies	£2,418.89
NRU Garden clearing works	£1,440.00
Art work for W204	£1,125.00
Reclining chair	£1,065.00
Sata Steady active hoist (sit-to-stand aid)	£944.00
Speech therapy activities & tools	£723.60
Headway information booklets (various)	£500.00
Patient TV's x 2	£366.97
Fridge freezer for NRU staff (& patient ice cream)	£354.00
Amazon Echo Smart Speaker with screen	£299.99
NRU breakfast club essentials (kettle/toaster/ninja, jugs etc)	£262.42

There has been no further progress in the career development programme for nurses outlined in our 2022/23 report. The commitment remains from FOTNW, but the operational side of the programme remains a work in progress.

Trustees' remuneration and expenses

The trustees received no remuneration in the year; none were reimbursed for any personal travel expenses.

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Review of financial position

The results are set out on page 5. There was a net deficit for the year of £66,456. The bank and cash balances at 31 October 2024 totalled £325,613.

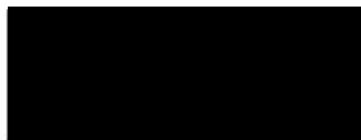
Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level sufficient to support the charity's activities for the foreseeable future.

Risk factors

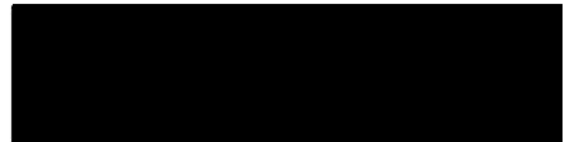
The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

On behalf of the board of trustees



Trustee

Dated: 14/12/25



Trustee

Dated:

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FRIENDS OF THE NEURO WARD

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

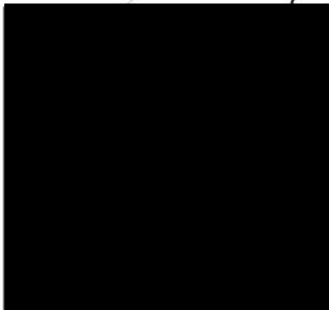
My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Dated: 7/7/25 ✓

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Receipts			
Donations & legacies	4	54,337	69,678
Fundraising		42,026	29,752
Investment income		12	2
Total receipts		<u>96,375</u>	<u>99,432</u>
Payments			
Fundraising		22,868	4,191
Charitable activities		139,580	21,829
Governance costs		384	469
Total payments		<u>162,832</u>	<u>26,489</u>
Transfers		0	0
(Deficit)/surplus for year		<u>(66,456)</u>	<u>72,943</u>

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 £	2023 £
	Notes				
Bank and cash in hand					
Opening balance		385,818	6,251	392,069	319,126
(Deficit)/surplus for year		(66,456)	0	(66,456)	72,943
Closing balance	5	<u>319,362</u>	<u>6,251</u>	<u>325,613</u>	<u>392,069</u>
Liabilities					
Accrued expenses				320	280
Total liabilities				<u>320</u>	<u>280</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 14/11/25.

Trustee

C Critchlow
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

2 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day to day running of the charity.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

3 Related party transactions

No remuneration was paid to the trustees during the year.

No trustees were reimbursed for any personal expenses incurred.

4 Grants received

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 31.10.24	Total 31.10.23
Brain Tumour Action	0	0	0	0
The Wood Foundation YPI	0	0	0	3,000
	0	0	0	3,000

5 Restricted funds

£6,251 of funding was received via Brain Tumour Action during the year ended 31 October 2022, to support the formation of a brain tumour support group in Grampian. As at the balance sheet date none of this funding had been expensed.