



TORBAY HOSPITAL
League of Friends
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MONEY**

We are celebrating an incredible contribution to Torbay Hospital by the League of Friends of £1,585,470.77 to support care at the Hospital between 1st April 2025 and 31st March 2026.

What an extraordinary show of support from our local community!

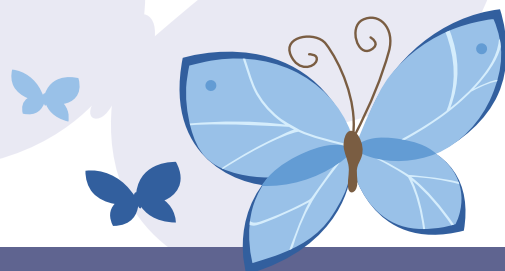
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With Special Thanks

We would like to thank all of you who have contributed to making the Torbay Hospital League of Friends such a success, and we hope you will enjoy reading about how we continue to raise funds to carry on the good work.

We have over 250 members who give us valuable support throughout the year.

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Over the past 12 months, that funding has helped us invest in equipment and improvements that make a real difference every day...

...Including patient monitoring equipment, equipment for the Emergency Department redevelopment, a new CT Scanner, recliner chairs and furniture for wards, and even a new road sweeper to help keep the hospital site clean, safe and accessible.

From supporting frontline teams to improving comfort and dignity for patients and families, this a brilliant example of local generosity helping us go further for the people we care for.

A huge thank you to everyone who supports our work.

We could do so much more with your help... Please become a member.

When you have read this newsletter please pass it to a friend or neighbour to help publicise the work of **Torbay Hospital League of Friends**.

Visit our website at www.thlof.co.uk

Message from Martin Tucker, Chairman



When I took on the role as Chairman of the League in April 2025 for a 2 year term, I wondered what I was taking on. There was a great deal of fantastic publicity about the League so would it be a challenge?

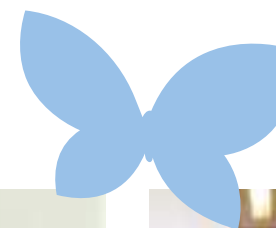
I have enjoyed every minute working with committed people who give up free time to raise the funds for us to support the Hospital with equipment from some iPad's to a robot.

Our sales table is very busy and every week we have returning customers coming to see what's new.

My aim for the remainder of my term in office is to carry on the great work which we have accomplished over the past 72 years and increase our membership as more members mean we could accomplish a lot more.

Martin Tucker
Chairman, Torbay Hospital League of Friends

Coffee Morning



On the morning of the 20th of May members of the League and their followers descended on the Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay.

The staff of the Hotel made us very welcome and looked after us.

The raffle was well supported, and members were pleased with the prizes.

President Patricia Roberts thanked everyone for attending while Chairman thanked trustee Tracey for organising the event. He also thanked the 2 waitresses who served the coffee and tea.

Vice President Dave Rogers then informed everyone of events happening over the next few months.

Our President spoke to several people who wanted a chat and enjoyed stroking Saffron the guide dog who lapped up the attention.



Report from President Patricia Roberts



Having been President for many years I am happy to see the support we received from the hospital and from members of the public.

It is with great pleasure I see members of the management committee pulling together arranging events and raising funds to enable us to carry on our valued work.

I was so pleased when the figure for last year's expenditure was released.

Thank you one and all.

Patricia Roberts
President,
Torbay Hospital League of Friends

Goodbye and Thanks...

In July our Photographer Paul Levie decided to call it a day.

Paul had been taking pictures of our events and hand overs for many years. We were always in awe of the positions he got into to take just the perfect shot...

THANK YOU Paul.

16 years ago, Mauro Pettinelli started Amici Restaurant In Torquay and has supported the League ever since with donations for raffles and tombolas.

In July 2026 he decided to retire.

Thank You for your support and have a happy retirement...

THANK YOU Mauro.

Thank you, Kevin at Crockers Engraving of Teignmouth, for their continuing support.

THANK YOU Kevin!

Thank you also Kameleon Signs, Teignmouth.

THANK YOU!

*Why not become...
a member and help us to do more!*

If you would like to receive the periodic e-news then email to info@thlof.co.uk and you will be put on the mailing list.

100 Years



On the 23rd June we marked 100 years since the foundation stone of Torbay Hospital was laid.

In the Rose Garden, we took a moment to pause, to reflect on how much has changed over the last century in medicine, in our buildings, and in how care is delivered and to recognise what hasn't changed, the care, compassion and commitment of our people.

The Hospital. Joined by long-serving colleagues, governors, health and care partners, community representatives and construction partners and of course the Torbay Hospital League of Friends and reflected on how many people have shaped our hospital over generations and continue to do so today.

This include colleagues who have chosen to come here from over 75 countries – all here to care for people in Torbay and South Devon.

A magnolia tree was planted to mark the moment – something that will grow here in the years ahead, just as Torbay Hospital has, from those first foundations. A huge thank you to our Torbay and South Devon NHS Charity for funding the tree and its marker.

Six members of the Torbay Hospital League of Friends were invited to the tree planting and enjoyed the event. Seated from L to R Tracey Sheldon (Trustee), Kathryn Farnum, (Vice President), Patricia Roberts, (President). Standing L to Right Martin Tucker, (Chairman), David Rogers, (Vice President), Roy Tuttle, (Vice Chairman)

League of Friends GRAND PRIX

The League of Friends Grand Prix is underway. In the lead Lynne Hookings followed by Martin Tucker and Roy Tuttle on three new motorised wheelchairs which are now in use at Torbay Hospital.

The chairs – including a bariatric model – are already making a difference, helping patients move more comfortably across the hospital site, especially on longer routes and steeper inclines.



They also reduce physical strain for our portering colleagues and help keep appointments running on time.

Thank you to everyone who donates, fundraises and volunteers to make improvements like this possible.

NEW Emergency Department...



We are pleased to announce the completion of the £14.2 million wrap around extension; it was completed in several stages so it could continue as a working environment.

The League of Friends were pleased when we were asked to fund new monitors and trollies.

On the 3rd June the Department was officially opened by the Lord Lieutenant of Devon.

This is more than a building - it's an investment in the care we provide for our communities across Torbay and South Devon.

2026 Bed Push Cancelled

Due to the weather forecast and the threat of rain it was decided the bed push should be cancelled. This is only the second time in 10 years plus that we have had to cancel but under Health and Safety it was deemed necessary.

On Cheetham Hill Ward

On Cheetham Hill ward, which cares for older people, the League has funded new recliner chairs to support people to sit out of bed comfortably and safely.

Sitting out of bed, where appropriate, helps people stay active during their hospital stay and supports recovery.

The League has also funded new vinyl wall coverings to refresh the day rooms on Cheetham Hill ward and George Earle ward, the hospital's stroke ward.

The updated spaces create brighter, more welcoming areas where people can spend time away from their bedside, either with visitors or simply for a change of scenery.



Sainsbury Collection

On a pleasant Tuesday Trustees, from the League of Friends undertook a bucket collection at Sainsbury's at the Willows.

Members of the public came and thanked us for the work we do and told us to carry on the good work

The generosity of the people of Torbay was very much appreciated in donating £500+.



Do you have any spare wool?..

...that is laying around, then our charity knitters could do with it, please drop it of at level 4 League of Friends sales table any Wednesday between 8am and 3pm.



A message from Dr Martin Beaman, Chair

It was a real pleasure to see Torbay Hospital League of Friends so strongly represented in June when we marked 100 years since the laying of the foundation stone for Torbay Hospital.

The occasion was a reminder of how deeply our hospital is woven into the life of the communities we serve. Generations of local people have worked here, been cared for here, volunteered here, fundraised for it and supported its development.

That long-standing support matters. It speaks to something very special about Torbay and South Devon: local people care deeply about their hospitals and want to play a part in their future. Your League has been doing exactly that for generations, helping to improve services and create opportunities that benefit patients, families and staff.

As Chair of Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust, I see the contribution your League makes both in terms of generosity and impact. Your support helps us improve the experience of patients and families, provide equipment and facilities that make a real difference and invest in developments that help us bring the benefits of modern healthcare to local people.

Your significant contribution towards the introduction of robotic surgery at Torbay Hospital is a powerful example of that. This is not simply about funding a new piece of equipment. It is about helping local people benefit from advances in surgery, supporting our clinical teams and strengthening the future of services here in Torbay.



That sits alongside the League's wider support, including the more than £1.58 million donated last year to benefit patients, colleagues and services. It is important to recognise the scale of that contribution and the difference it makes.

Healthcare today is very different from when the League was formed more than 70 years ago, but the principle that inspired its founders remains just as relevant: local people working together to support and improve healthcare for their communities.

Your League has played an important role in Torbay Hospital's story for generations and continues to do so today. As healthcare continues to evolve, your support will help ensure local people benefit from new opportunities, new technologies and continued improvements in care.

For that, and for your continued support of Torbay Hospital and our wider NHS, I would like to offer my sincere thanks

With best wishes.

Dr Martin Beaman

**Chair, Torbay and South Devon
NHS Foundation Trust**

Manic Street Sweeper

A new road sweeper is helping keep Torbay Hospital clean and accessible.

The vehicle playfully named *The Manic Street Sweeper* is already in daily use across the busy hospital site, supporting teams to maintain clear roads and pathways for patients, visitors and staff.

Its name, inspired by rock band Manic Street Preachers was chosen following a public vote that attracted more than 500 participants, adding a touch of personality to an essential piece of equipment.



Martin Tucker, Chair of Torbay Hospital League of Friends, said "We are so pleased to have been able to fund something so useful and visible.

This is a piece of equipment that will be used every day and that's exactly the kind of difference our supporters want to make.



Rotary Day at Babbacombe

On a beautiful hot day in August several members of the League set up the famous Tombola stall.

There were a great deal of people milling around visiting each stall so when it was our turn the Trustees and Volunteers went into PR mode and talked about the equipment which we gave to the Hospital in the last financial year which added up to £1,585,470.77 and how every penny helps.

How you can help...

If you wish to support the League by becoming a Friend, visit our website www.thlof.co.uk for details on membership.

Donations...

Donations can be sent to our secretary **Philip White, Highlyn, 6 Haldon Close, Torquay, TQ1 2NA**. If your donation can be 'gift aided' this will significantly increase the value to the Charity. Please contact the Secretary if you would like a Gift Aid form.

Volunteer

Even a couple of hours a week can make a real difference. If you would like to become a more active member of the League such as helping with Fund raising or with League events, **please contact the Secretary Philip White**

Leave a legacy

We hope our hospital plays a role in everyone living a long and happy life. Leaving a gift to charity is an amazing way for you to say thank you

Our Thanks

If you are a charity knitter, we are always in need of Baby Cardigans, Baby Blankets, Bed Throws etc, we always need Jig saws and Books.

Our thanks go to Annie Price, Shella Stott, Celia Woodgates, Janet Barr, Glynis Drysdale and the Bovey Tracy Knitters, Barbara, Ann Emby and Naomi Kerslake.

Visit our website www.thlof.co.uk

Future Events

Although we publish a newsletter in Spring and Autumn we also send out a regular update by e-mail, to receive this e-news message us on info@thlof.co.uk

Everyone is very welcome to join us at any of our fundraising or information events. Information on any of these events can be obtained by emailing info@thlof.co.uk.

Details will also be in the regular e-news, nearer the time; so please make sure we have your e-mail address.

We would love to see you.

95p in every £1
Donated goes directly to supporting our charitable causes.

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Sign up here:
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/torbayhospitalleagueoffriends/

There is always a time to give

The League has made it easier to donate. Just scan the QR code and it takes you to the Just Giving page, every penny help.



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I Would Like To Donate and/or Become A Member*

Title	First Name or Initial
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Full Home Address	
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☐ I would like to make a donation of £_____ to Torbay Hospital League of Friends by cheque / postal order made payable to: **TORBAY HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS**

☐ I would like to become a member of **TORBAY HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS** and have:
Either: Enclosed my cheque/postal order for £_____
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Please notify the charity if you:

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If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

SIGNED _____

DATED _____

* See overleaf

Please send completed form[s] to: Mrs J Hearne, Membership Secretary
TORBAY HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS
10 Abbey Close, Teignmouth TQ14 8FB

MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEAGUE

- Entitles you to receive a twice yearly newsletter which contains a comprehensive list of forthcoming events and latest news.
- Entitles you to attend our AGM each year and take part in the election of new trustees.
- The amount of subscription is entirely up to you but we respectfully suggest a minimum of £15.00 per annum.

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