



Registered Charity No. 1166275

2016

Wednesday 16 March 2016: The League of Friends had been operating as an “unincorporated body” since its beginning in 1953. In December 2015 application was made to the Charities Commission, and on 16th March the League became a **Registered Charity**. Our Reg. No. is 1166275.

Saturday 19th March 2016: *Ladies Committee* Coffee Morning and Raffle Draw raised £655

Thursday 5th May 2016: *Town Mayer (Julie Laidlaw)* presents cheque for £758 to the League of Friends from her charity fund.

Saturday 16th April 2016: Isel Ward at the hospital was presented with a Folding Bed for relatives visiting very poorly patients.

This was provided by the League, and also 2 CD Players, a DVD player and 7DVD's.



Monday 16th May 2016: The League registered with HMRC and becomes eligible for **Gift Aid** as from 16th May. For all individual donations from UK taxpayers, accompanied by a simple form (which the League can provide) the tax can be reclaimed enhancing the donation by 25%. The first Gift Aid payment from HMRC was received on 15th Nov 2016.

Friday 15th July 2016: The League provided to Isel Ward at the hospital presented 8 Dyson hot & cold fans, costing £2329.71. These provide extra comfort for patients, which is exactly what The League of Friends is about.



August 2016: Throughout August equipment donated by the League and costing £281.36 was delivered to the Community Rehab Team for use in the hospital “in-house therapy sessions”, usually following a stroke or some other neurological condition, which take place every Friday.

Sunday 20th November 2016: Cockermouth Lights Switch-on. The League held a **Giant Tombola** and also a **Bran Tub** for children. Well over £800 was raised. Our sincere thanks to all the shops and businesses in town who provided us with prizes

Throughout 2016 the League of Friends as a whole and individual members have been engaging with the **Success Regime**, the **Cumbria Partnership NHS Foundation Trust** (which runs Cockermouth Hospital) and the staff to ensure the preservation of hospital beds in Isel Ward, and to obtain the maximum level of clinics and services at the hospital. The League has made written submissions, attended many meetings and co-operated with the other Leagues in North and West Cumbria to get the best outcome.