

Friends of Malvern Community Hospital

AUTUMN 2026 NEWSLETTER

Welcome

Welcome to the latest newsletter from the Friends of Malvern Community Hospital.

The Friends are here to support the Hospital, its patients and its staff. Thanks to our members, donors, volunteers and the wider Malvern community, we are able to respond to requests from the Hospital and provide those additional things that can make a real difference.

Malvern Community Hospital continues to be a busy and an important component of the local healthcare system, providing care closer to home for people in Malvern and increasingly specializing in care for bariatric patients. The increased number of bariatric patients places additional demands on both staff and the need for specialist equipment. This is one area where the Friends have been able to respond to requests from the Hospital and provide additional equipment to support patient care.

We are also fortunate to have an excellent Minor Injuries Unit, providing an important local service and allowing many patients to receive treatment without having to travel to one of the busy acute hospitals.

Your Support Making a Difference

Providing additional equipment requested by the Hospital remains a key part of our work. During 2024 the Friends provided £27,560 of equipment, followed by a further £20,183 in 2025.

Over those two years this support helped the Hospital provide a wide range of additional equipment for its patients, including specialist bariatric equipment, pressure-relieving mattresses and mobility and rehabilitation equipment. The Friends also funded the Mobii interactive projection system, which provides engaging activities for patients, aiding rehabilitation in a fun way.

Our support has continued into 2026, responding to further requests from the Hospital. One of our next projects will be to fund air conditioning for the Minor Injuries Unit - a very welcome improvement following the particularly hot weather of the last two summers.

Our Garden Fete

The Hospital garden provides an attractive outdoor environment for patients, visitors and staff. Our dedicated volunteer gardeners do an excellent job, and the Friends also fund a professional gardener who visits each week and keeps the balcony looking beautiful throughout the year. The Hospital hopes to enhance the garden accessible from the wards, and the Friends will be pleased to support this excellent project.

The garden also hosts our annual Garden Fete, an important date in the Friends' calendar and a lovely opportunity to bring together the Hospital and the local community.

Money raised at the Fete helps the Hospital provide everyday essentials, including toiletries, for patients who may arrive unexpectedly with little or nothing with them. These small purchases can make a very real difference to a patient's comfort and dignity.

This year's Fete also welcomed the Dementia Bus, giving visitors an immersive and thought-provoking insight into some of the difficulties and challenges experienced by people living with dementia.

Out and About in Our Community

The Friends are active in the wider community throughout the year, both raising awareness of Malvern Community Hospital and giving people the opportunity to find out more about our work.

We regularly have a presence at the Malvern Priory Market, and each year take part in the Malvern Well Dressing and Water Festival. We have been particularly proud of our recent Well Dressings, receiving a Gold Award in 2025 and a Silver Award in 2026.

We also take part in the Worcester Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival, and will once again be displaying a Friends of Malvern Community Hospital tree at the Festival in December 2026.

Dates for Your Diary

Special General Meeting - 25 November 2026

A Special General Meeting will take place on 25 November, and we very much hope members will come along. It is an opportunity to hear more about what the Friends have been doing and our plans for the future.

Worcester Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival - December 2026

Look out for the Friends of Malvern Community Hospital tree if you visit the Festival this Christmas.

Thank You

None of this would be possible without our members, donors, volunteers and supporters.

Whether you have made a donation, helped at the Fete, tended the Hospital garden, supported one of our community events or simply helped spread the word about the Friends - thank you.

Your support helps us continue to provide those additional things that make a difference to Malvern Community Hospital, its patients and its staff.

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