



How are the funds raised?

A small but dedicated and enthusiastic group of volunteers staff the cafes and shops in the main hospital and also the Laidlaw Day Unit. These areas provide a friendly and valuable service to visitors, patients and staff five days a week. They have a well-deserved reputation for excellent coffee and providing a welcoming area in which to relax. In addition, trolleys serve the wards daily with newspapers, confectionery and a variety of items for the use of patients and staff.

Volunteers are the life-blood of the organisation. Can you offer your services in any way - no matter how small?

Should you feel able to assist in any of the above services, please give our **Manager** a call on **534609**. She will be delighted to hear from you and will be able to explain the various tasks that volunteers undertake in the course of their work for the Friends.

An hour or two of your time will prove invaluable to the success of our Hospital and the Island.

SPONSORSHIP

including Corporate Membership welcomed

Individual Membership of
The Friends of St Mary's Hospital is open to all.

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FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S HOSPITAL

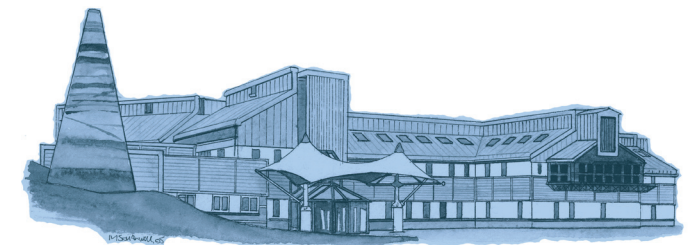


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**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO SUPPORT
OUR ISLAND HOSPITAL**



Newport, Isle of Wight

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
AND INTEREST**

IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED



FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S HOSPITAL

It is quite possible that you or a member of your family or friends have already been admitted to St Mary's Hospital in the past and would like to express your gratitude in a positive and practical way for the care and attention received.

Help us to ensure that in the future the latest equipment and facilities are available to assist the dedicated staff to provide the best care possible for patients.

We have a hospital of which we can be justly proud. How good it would be to be able to say "I helped".

How could you help?

By fundraising among your community and friends. You can choose what your donation will buy from a Wish List, or you can become a Member of the Friends of St Mary's Hospital. There is a form included with this leaflet.

Who are we?

We are an official Charitable Body with an elected Board of Trustees and a group of volunteers working together with the NHS Primary Care Trust.

What do we do?

We run the Hospital Shop, the two Coffee Shops and the daily Ward Trolleys. Also, we have book sales, collecting boxes for loose change in the Hospital Foyer and collecting tins around the Island.

Why do we do it?

To supplement the excellent service already provided by St Mary's by financing extra facilities which enhance the lives of patients, staff and visitors alike. In recent years, the League of Friends has provided much-needed equipment which has contributed to patient well-being, both during their stay in hospital and also in community care.

Since the League of Friends, now the Friends of St Mary's Hospital, was founded, hundreds of thousands of pounds have been raised. Approximately half a million pounds has been donated from the takings achieved by the volunteers since the year 2000.

We are also indebted to those who remember us in their Wills.

Could you help us in this way?

Recently we have been proud to provide:

A Conservatory for Laidlaw Day Unit;
Awnings, a shed and garden furniture for the Rehabilitation Ward;
A digital camera for Breast Cancer Care;
Wheelchairs;
Equipment for Colposcopy, X-Ray and Physiotherapy departments;
A rapid response vehicle for Paramedics;
Plus many other items requested by Staff;
Donations have been made to MRI Scanner & Monitor and Chemotherapy Appeals.

