

**FRIENDS OF BOTESDALE HEALTH CENTRE (FoHBC)**  
**REPORT 2023-24**

The Friends of Botesdale Health Centre, a charity, was active throughout 2023 in its support for the village surgery by fund-raising through subscriptions, donations and legacies; by representation at events; and by underwriting several purchases that have improved the facilities for the Health Centre's thousands of users from our surrounding area.

There was no specific appeal to members or to the public. Neither were there significant events apart from the social aspect of the AGM. Plans are afoot for a summer event to be held in Redgrave Park.

Funding was found to underwrite the installation of new cupboards and flooring; the provision of a television monitor, a lamp, medical trolley and a light for minor medical operations; to provide some finance for the car park repairs; to set aside money for new 24-hour ECG machines.

The Patients' Transport service continues and thanks are extended to Valerie Goodwin who has stood down from running it for some years.

Recognition and a presentation were made to Teresa Bage on her retirement after many years of service to the Health Centre.

The speaker at the AGM in July 2023 was Warren Bowers who described aspects of his work in the locality as a paramedic.

Carole Fitt, whose work as Secretary over the past 14 years, finished with her retirement at the end of 2022. However, she assisted the Chairman as he took over her role in a temporary, acting position.

Her successor has still to be found and so this report ends with an appeal to you to consider the voluntary position of Secretary.

John Humphries, Chairman