

# Newsletter



## Axminster Hospital League of Friends

### ***Axminster Hospice at Home***

*Plans for the enhanced end-of-life service for Axminster have progressed steadily through the autumn months. The service will be called Axminster Hospice at Home, keeping the name in line with the similar services run in both Sidmouth and Seaton. Our service will be fully funded by Axminster Hospital League of Friends. There will be no other charities involved in the delivery or funding of this service. The Service Level Agreement has been agreed by all the relevant parties and now needs ratification through the Royal Devon University Hospital Trust. We are hopeful that recruitment of staff will begin very shortly and that the service will be implemented early in 2025.*

## Fundraising

### Bacon Rolls

Once again, our wonderful Trustees and volunteers were at the Church Rooms providing bacon rolls, hot drinks and homemade cake. Thanks to the generous support we made an amazing £409. Thank you to Lyme Bay butchers and Axminster Tesco for their support.

### Concerts at The Minster

We have been fortunate to have had two fantastic concerts this year at The Minster, Axminster. Exeter Male Voice Choir performed in June. Despite the freezing temperature outside, the audience enjoyed a lively selection of tunes from Saxminster in November.

### Quiz

Alston All Stars were the winners of the quiz held in November. Well done to everyone who took part and helped to raise £445. It was great to see so many staff from the Hospital. The ploughman's supper was well received and we are looking forward to the next quiz.



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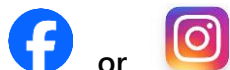
Ann Veit was a stalwart supporter of Axminster Hospital League of Friends and our Honorary Secretary for nearly ten years. It is with great sadness that we inform you all that Ann passed away in early October of this year. Ann will be remembered for many things, not least of which, was her unending creation of jams and other preserves that she sold from her car port right up until she had to move out of her home. All the proceeds went to the League. We thank her from the bottom of our hearts for her support and she will be sorely missed.



Support for Axminster Hospital League of Friends

This year we have been very fortunate to have had support from a number of local individuals, businesses and charitable groups. Thank you to everyone who has contributed.

Please ensure your Membership details are up to date and thank you if you have made your contribution. Members receive an annual newsletter and an invitation to our Annual General Meeting. To find out more visit our website [axmlof.com](http://axmlof.com)



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We are pleased to welcome Karen Churchill to our Trustees' Committee.

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Axminster Hospital League of Friends continue to support our local community.



We have paid for new nursing kit bags for the Community Nursing service. These specially designed bags support the staff to manage the needs and complexity of the patients they care for at home.

We have purchased a Raizer chair which helps Community Nurses lift people off the ground when they have fallen.

The Axe Valley Dementia team have 28 people from the Axminster area on their caseload at the moment with varying degrees of dementia and needs. 10 attend the Cognitive Stimulation groups at The Heritage Centre in Axminster town where, with the help and support from Axminster League of Friends, we are now able to get the Daily Sparkle to help in these groups with reminiscence and sparking meaningful conversation. This helps people to feel included. The team have a very low admission rate to Royal Devon University Hospital and this is due to the hard work and dedication of the small team. Also, any of the people on the caseload that do go into hospital stay less time than other people with dementia from other areas in Devon.