



CREAMER Fund 2022 – Chair’s report

Enhancing Healthcare for Our Local Community

March 2022

Thanks are due to all the Trustees of the CREAMER Fund for the gift of their time and effort over yet another disrupted year.

Although we didn’t hold an AGM last year, we did publish a report from the Chair, and are very pleased to be meeting in person again.

We have a strong team of elected officers in post, supported by David Shedden and the staff at the surgery. Debbie Rogers, our Treasurer, continues to bring her enthusiasm and new ideas to the CREAMER Fund. Sarah McCarthy is a hardworking and proactive Secretary. I would also like to thank Sarah’s husband Rob, who has supported us with his professional design and printing skills.

During the year we have said ‘goodbye’ to Anita Clapson. In her role as Freshwell’s Business Manager, Anita has been an effective and important link between the surgery and CREAMER Trustees. She was part of the CREAMER Fund’s community initiative responsible for purchasing and over-seeing the setting up and maintenance of a network of twenty-one defibrillators in the surrounding villages.

We have had another challenging year which has had a huge impact on our fundraising. Our Facebook and website presence has raised our profile and offered a way for the community to make online donations, most recently via a JustGiving page. We thank all those who have supported the CREAMER Fund through this time. Your donations have been more important than ever.

This year our payments have totalled £33,607.73. This includes medical purchases for example a refrigerator, which was required for Covid vaccines. We also support the operation and maintenance of surgery equipment, such as the Ultrasound and X-ray machines. These machines help to speed up diagnosis and treatment, avoiding trips to hospitals. Raising funds to meet ongoing costs is a priority.

I am stepping down this year as Chair of the CREAMER Fund, but I will be continuing as a Trustee. I am very proud to have been involved since Dr Andrew Hildrey started the CREAMER Fund in 1993. I would like to thank all the people who have served on the committee over the years, and all the donors, who have supported us, some of whom wish to remain anonymous. I feel sure that the money we have raised and been gifted, has been used wisely.

Chris Blewett

Chair

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