

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT 2009

Mr. President, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, at this meeting last year I had the less than pleasant task of reporting details of the financial losses which had been experienced during 2008, as a result of the banking crisis which occurred towards the end of that year.

It is therefore pleasing to report that, after a volatile start, the year 2009 saw the market values of the Hospital's funds improve significantly as financial markets made welcome recoveries later in the year and for a further four months into the current year; although the European debt crisis is now causing much concern.

The market value of the main investment portfolio, managed by Messrs. Adam & Company, on behalf of the Robinson Board, was £1,772,036 as at 31st December 2009. This represents an increase over the year of £244,621 which is 16%.

Despite the rise in market valuations the flow of investment income has diminished, reflecting the reduction and suspension of dividends on the part of many companies.

During the year income received of £164,849 was made up of portfolio dividends and interest amounting to £62,259, which was down year on year by 30% and property rentals of £102,590 including £49,875 generated from the Newal Road properties.

From the above income some £143,000 was transferred into the dedicated free fund account held by the Northern Health & Social Care Trust. From this, just over £50,000 was spent on the maintenance, heating and rates of this Health Centre. A cash balance of £442,437 remained in this account as at 31st December 2009 and this substantial sum is available to help fund the possible enlargement of the Hospital building.

The capital valuations in the Hospital balance sheet at the lower of cost or market value were as follows:-

	Dec. 2009	Dec. 2008
UK Government Stock etc.	£0	£0
Equities	£402	£442
Cash	£1,030	£1,079
Property	<u>£413</u>	<u>£413</u>
Total Balance Sheet Valuations	£1,873	£1,940

In addition to the funds endowed by Samuel Robinson, two other trusts are held by the Hospital Board.

The William Taggart Trust, held partly on deposit and partly in Charifund Units, had a market value of £118,334 which was up from £108,357, an increase of 9.2%.

The Thomas Henry Trust which is held partly in a portfolio of investments, managed by Brewin Dolphin Securities, and partly in Charifund Units, increased by 10.4% from £219,888 to £242,668.

The value of the Hospital Association's Private Fund increased during the year by £684 giving a year end balance of £18,983.

In conclusion, it is reassuring to report that as at 31st December 2009, the aggregate market value of the Robinson Hospital investments had recovered to stand well in excess of £2 million despite the negative events of 2008. This provides us with some comfort at a time when Government economies may threaten the future existence of the Hospital.

Connor Taggart
Honorary Treasurer
23 June 2010

N.B. Members are reminded that they may inspect the accounting records for 2009 and in order to do so, written application should be submitted to the President.