

Please Support Us

Ways to Donate

There are several ways you can support us and raise vital funds for equipment and research. Here are a few examples, but please contact us if you need any more information, call us today on: 07841 144129

Gift Aid

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Gift Aid is an easy and effective way to maximise the value of your donation to GETT. Your donations could be worth an **extra 25%** without it costing you more.



Donate online

Visit our web site, www.eyetherapy.org and click through to our Virgin Money Giving Page.



By Post

To donate by post, please make cheques payable to Gloucestershire Eye Therapy Trust and send to the address below.

Fundraising & Events

In order to continue our valuable work, we need your support. Without you we simply wouldn't exist. There are several ways you can help, and in doing so, you too can help preserve the vision of the Gloucestershire community.

Fundraising

Throughout the year we run several events, such as coffee mornings, open days at the hospital, awareness raising events etc, but as individuals you might be able to help too. Organising an event is a great way to raise funds for the equipment purchases and research we fund. If you are interested in planning a fundraising event for GETT, it can be anything from a coffee morning, quiz evening or charity dinner party, then we would love to hear from you.

Personal Sporting Challenges

We are also interested in finding individuals who might like to set themselves a personal challenge, such as participation in a running or cycling event in aid of GETT or something more extreme such as a trek or parachute jump.

We also have a link with Virgin Money Giving on our website www.eyetherapy.org so we can support you with a fundraising page.



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Become a Friend

By becoming a friend you will be joining other people county wide raising money for the Trust and you will receive:

- A twice yearly newsletter.
- An invitation to special events such as open days at the hospital to meet staff and see the latest equipment you have helped to buy.
- Invitations to fund raising days.

To become a friend the annual subscription is £3 (minimum).

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Gloucestershire Eye Therapy Trust

Looking after the vision of your community



GETT NEWSLETTER SPRING 2014

Welcome to our spring 2014 edition of The Gloucestershire Eye Therapy Trust's newsletter.

What a truly grey, wet and soggy winter we have endured! It's so uplifting to see the first spring flowers pushing their heads through the muddy earth and to enjoy the odd sunny day! Latest data from the Met Office confirms that it has been the wettest winter on record for the UK in the series of National records dating back to 1910. It has also been the wettest winter for nearly 250 years in England and Wales. Fingers crossed that we have many more sunny days to look forward to this spring!

Last summer we bid a fond farewell to one of our Trustees, Joanna Jones who resigned prior to the birth of her bouncing baby daughter Mionnie. On behalf of the Trustees I would like to wish Joanna all the very best for the future and thank her for her tireless work and enthusiasm.

Towards the end of last year the Trust agreed to purchase a wide field viewing system for fluorescein angiography for £17,448.00 which will allow consultants to continue to provide medical retina care of the highest standard to our patients in Gloucestershire. The Trust could not buy this top of the range equipment without the ongoing generosity of the friends and members. Thank you one and all for your loyalty.

If you have any interesting experiences, stories or articles you would like to share with other members please let me know and I would be pleased to include them in our next newsletter.

Rachel Chitty
Trust Secretary



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Fundraising

Latest Funding Purchase for Gloucester Hospital

The Gloucestershire Eye Therapy Trust has recently funded purchase of a Non-Contact Ultra - Widefield Angiography Module for the Spectralis camera/OCT system (which was also kindly donated by GETT a few years ago!).

The spectralis system has become an integral part of the department. It is a workhorse that now performs all the angiograms in Gloucestershire and is also used daily for imaging of the retina (OCT) guiding retreatments in patients with macular degeneration, diabetes and retinal vascular problems.

The new lens and software will further enhance the capabilities of the system. Current angiograms visualize only 30% to 40% of the retina. With skilful photography, good cooperation and by moving the eye, more peripheral pictures can be obtained to view 60% of the retina. This process can be tiring for patients and photographer and the images have to be stuck together to form the wide image. Despite this it is easy to miss useful signs such as very peripheral harmful retinal new blood vessels or blockage in blood supply.

The new lens developed last year allows a one shot wide field of view capturing more than 80% retina. It delivers evenly illuminated and undistorted, high contrast images even in the periphery. The lens attaches easily to the camera head and is interchangeable with the existing lenses. It makes it easy to detect and monitor clinically relevant peripheral changes like neovascularisations (new blood vessels), areas of leakage or areas of non-perfusion (blockage).



Current central image with lens

Widefield image with more peripheral detail

Until now patients needing wide field imaging had to be referred to and travel to Bristol. The treatment will enhance our ability to treat and diagnose patients, increase comfort and speed up investigations and help us to target treatments like pan retinal laser more effectively reducing loss in peripheral vision and impact on driving fields.

The retinal unit at Gloucester recently won patient choice award and is a recognised centre of excellence. This is in large part due to the contribution and donations made by the Gloucestershire Eye Therapy Trust.

Contributed by Quresh Mohammed BM BSc(Hons) FRCOphth

The Annual Sister Fasey Coffee Morning

The Gloucestershire Eye Therapy Trust would like to thank everyone who supported The Annual Sister Fasey Coffee Morning on Saturday 30 November 2013.

We all enjoyed a lovely sunny morning and it was such a wonderful opportunity for me to meet and thank all our loyal members and friends. In total we raised a staggering £3,380.00 on the morning; £591.00 for the coffee morning itself and £2,789.00 in generous donations. So all in all we were very happy with the result!

We were privileged to meet consultant retina specialist Ahmed Sallam and

grateful to him for giving up his precious time to give a very friendly informative talk. Also, many thanks to The Mayor, Councillor Wendy Flynn for attending on the morning to help us raise our profile even more.

The photograph below shows Chairman Mrs Anne Cadbury OBE and our wonderful fundraiser Andria Smith, who has been a hugely grateful patient of John Ferris.



Andria was presented with a bouquet of flowers and a certificate of thanks to acknowledge her contribution to the Trust. She has managed to raise £2,500.00 over the last year by tirelessly organising events and selling second hand items on Facebook.

We have so many eye patients as members who want to thank both the consultants and the nursing staff for the expertise and care they have been shown. I am so proud to be secretary for such an amazing cause.

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A big thank you to all of you who contributed in one way or another

Fundraising

to The Annual Sister Fasey Coffee Morning! The money raised will be used to purchase equipment and support research for the Gloucestershire Eye Departments.

I hope to see you all again next year. The church hall is already booked for Saturday 29 November 2014. A new date for your diaries!

The Trust needs You!

Following the resignation of Joanna Jones, the Trust will need to recruit a new Trustee.

Is there anyone amongst our friends who would be interested or know of someone who might be interested?

Potential Trustees should have a strong personal commitment to the charity's aims and objectives. It is also essential that there are no legal or other barriers to a Trustee's appointment.



Additionally, the Trustees have asked me to approach all our friends and members to see if there are any volunteers out there to help us continue to provide the funding and resources required for the future.

We would like to invite volunteers to help organise fund-raising activities. Typically this may involve a few

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hours every so often taking money on our charity stall.

Also if there are any members or friends of the Trust who would like to host a fund raising event such as an open garden, charity cricket match or sponsored event we would love to hear from you.

For more details please contact me on 01242 231143 or e-mail at rachel.chitty@eyetherapy.org.

Attention All Internet Shoppers!

You can help us raise money by shopping online!

I have been busy setting up an account for the Trust in order to raise funds by shopping online.

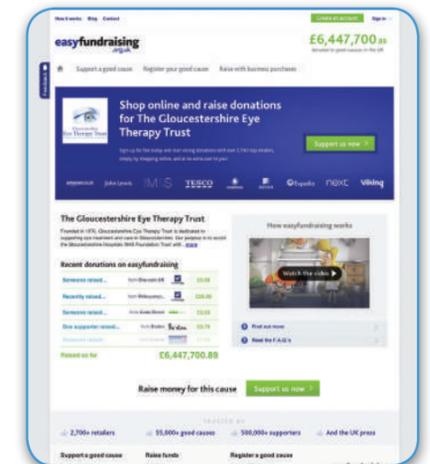
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choice. To join our cause you have to follow a few simple steps which will only take a moment.

Here is the website address:
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/eyetherapy



We need to encourage all our friends and family members to join our latest fundraising venture. The more people we get on board the more money we will raise.

Please help me to promote this scheme.

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easyfundraising.org.uk is a great way to raise money for charities, schools, sports clubs, community groups, and other good causes just by shopping online. You don't pay anything extra. So far they have raised over £5 million for causes throughout the UK.

Please let me (Rachel Chitty) know if you have any thoughts, or need any extra information.