

Minutes of Mere Surgery PPG Meeting 4th September 2025

PPG members present:

Lucy Woolley (**LW**) Chair, Judy McCulloch (**JM**) Secretary, Judy Stutchbury (**JS**), Geoff Knight (**GK**), Steve Porter (**SP**), Sue Jeans (**SJ**), Julie Weise-Williams (**JWW**), Phil Paget (**PP**), Holly Baker (**HB**)

PPG apologies:

Ann Courtney

Surgery representatives:

Michelle Mason (**MM**), Rachel Harrison (**RH**) Sharen Jones (Administration Lead) Dr Emily Brockbank

MM introduced the PPG to Dr Emily Brockbank the new registrar at the surgery who is with them until February 2026.

AGENDA

Apologies

Approval and signing of previous minutes

Matters arising:-

Garden Party update

Mere Gardening Club (Surgery pond area) update

First Aid and Defibrillator awareness event.

Surgery News

Future Fundraising

AOB

Date of next meeting.

Garden Party update:

The garden party was a great success despite the rain! **JS** advised the the total we have raised with the coffee morning and garden party is £2408.25. The defibrillator for the surgery has now been purchased and it was agreed that **LW** should officially present it to the GP's on the 9th September and a photo of the event put in Mere Matters.

Mere Gardening Club (Surgery Pond area) update:

LW said she had been contacted by Louise Nicholson who had confirmed that this was in hand and they were in the throws of discussing the logistics of access with the surgery.

The Emergency First Aid and Defibrillator awareness event:

JM said this has been arranged for the 14th October at 7pm. The United Reform Church has been booked. St Johns Ambulance Volunteers will be running the event which should last for about 90 minutes. They have advised that the **maximum amount of attendees should be 25**. This event will be advertised in Mere Matters and locally in Mere. **Anyone**

wishing to attend to be asked to book via a list held at the surgery giving their name and telephone number and should the event be over subscribed there will be a back-up list. Attendees will be phoned before the event by a member of the PPG to check for cancellations and the next person on the back-up list advised. St Johns Ambulance do not charge for this but have just asked if participants would like to make a donation to St Johns Ambulance this would be appreciated. **JS** to bring the donation box we have used at other events. **SP** has offered to bring his projector for the evening and **JM** will bring a screen. The surgery have agreed to pay the cost of hiring the hall. **Please note** (found out after our meeting) **St Johns Ambulance describe this session as Emergency Life Saving First Aid, which covers initial response/call out, CPR, how to use a Defibrillator, Choking, Bleeding etc.**

Surgery news:

MM congratulated everyone on behalf of the surgery for all the effort put into the two fundraising events and for the amazing amount donated to the surgery.

The surgery is in the process of organising the Flu Clinics (patients eligible this year are the over 65's, carers, pregnant women, any adult with COPD, chronic heart disease, chronic kidney or liver disease, a chronic neurological disease, Parkinson's, learning disability, diabetes, weakened immune system due to chemotherapy or auto immune disorder or a BMI greater than 40).

Patients over 75 or with a weakened immune system due to chemotherapy or an auto immune disorder are entitled to the Covid Winter Booster.

MM said the collage pictures are due to be put up in the surgery very shortly.

MM informed us that the surgery now had a new first contact triage/physiotherapist called Jessica Church. Jessica started with the surgery on the 7th August.

Future fundraising:

It was decided to leave future fundraising until spring 2026.

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LW said she has been approached by two Mere residents who have asked if she would ask whether due to the fact that the Health Minister had announced that more than 1000 GP surgeries would benefit from Government funding to expand and create more space to treat patients in order to deliver high quality care closer to home whether there was any thoughts that the previously discussed possibility of the surgery moving to the Fives Court there and introducing additional services would be considered again. **MM** said that there are no plans for the surgery to be involved with a similar project.

Next meeting 13th November at 2pm

