Moretonhampstead Hospital:

Creating a Community-Run Health Hub

November 2026

As of this week, NHS Property Services has put Moretonhampstead Hospital up for sale to a closed market. The community has a 40-day window, up until the 14th of Dec, to make an offer, a one-off chance that's unlikely to come round again. We have a plan to purchase the building and ensure it is utilised for the sole purpose of providing health and wellbeing services for the local parishes. It will be run for local people, by local people, never run for profit, never let to business.

We believe the building should have been gifted back to our community, but it has become clear after years of struggle that there is no such belief from NHS Property services or the Integrated Care Board, there is also no precedent or route for that to happen despite our efforts. As much as we might rage against the machine, moving forward needs a compromise.

We need to raise in the region of £250,000 to give ourselves a fighting chance of securing, and refurbishing, a building that could serve Moreton and the surrounding parishes for generations. This marks the official start of negotiations, and figures and details may change over the coming weeks.

Local residents and organisations have already pledged over £150,000.

We are urgently asking everyone in the community to help us to keep our much loved and valued hospital building by making a pledge to donate an amount of money over the next 30 days. No money changes hands yet. We just need to know whether this is a viable ask.

There'll be a big part for everyone to play in the future: coffee mornings, cake sales, small donations, help with the gardens, and all the community fundraising that will keep the hospital thriving for years to come. But first we need to secure the building, and that also means finding larger pledges from businesses, landowners, trusts, and anyone able to give a significant sum.

If you can pledge or know someone who might be prepared to do so, please get in touch, any correspondence will of course, be in strictest confidence.

Please use our email which is monitored daily: info@savemoretonhampsteadhospital.org

Thank you.

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