

Hospice supporters seek new leader

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SWAFFHAM and Litcham Home Hospice Support Group is looking for a new leader to take over from present chairman Simon Broke.

Mr Broke, who has completed his three years at the helm, agreed to stay on as chairman for another year at the organisation's recent annual meeting in Swaffham's George Hotel.

But he said the hospice now needed someone with knowledge of the Norfolk Primary Care Trust to takeover from him as soon as possible.

The meeting heard that benefits are already being experienced from the move of headquarters from Ash Close to new premises on the EcoTech Business Park.

Mr Broke reported it was "an excellent venue for holding patient groups and meetings", as well as providing a modern working environment for staff.

Treasurer Mrs Ann Curtis said the organisation was in a healthy position provided it continued to receive a grant from the PCT.

Fundraising committee chairman Mr Adrian Adcock reported that more than 18,000 had been handed to the main committee from fundraising events last year.

Hospice group co-ordinator Mrs Debbie Harfield said that every area of support given had increased in the last year. She paid tribute to the "excellent team of volunteers".

Mr Ken Wheeler and Mrs Jenny Blackburne, carers' representatives on the management committee, also gave a report.

About 40 committee members, volunteers and members of the public attended the meeting, and were each given a copy of the annual report.

Anyone interested in taking on the chairman's role is asked to contact the hospice group office on 01760 722937.