After nearly 30 years working in primary care and 25 years at Handforth I will be retiring at the end of September 2021. It’s been both a pleasure and a privilege to work here at the Health Centre looking after super patients and working with great colleagues. I am retiring somewhat early because of a health scare I had this year which I have come through extremely well, but it has made me think about how I might enjoy the next chapter of my life. As you know it’s been a tough 18 months for us all but it looks like we are over the worse and that the future is bright for Handforth Health Centre and its patients. You may have already met Dr Wallace who is replacing me as a partner. He has been a registrar here and I am sure he will be an excellent GP and help take the practice forward over the coming years.

I will be leaving with a heavy heart but with the same enthusiasm as the day I arrived, which is great.

Many thanks to everyone for all the happy memories.

Dr James Shipston.