

# THE FOVANT BADGES SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1045087

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1995-03-17

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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Dinton Road  
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**Website** [www.fovantbadges.com](http://www.fovantbadges.com)

## Activities

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**Objects:** TO FURTHER THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC AND TO PROMOTE ESPRIT DE CORPS AND MILITARY EFFICIENCY BY MAINTAINING AND PRESERVING THE REGIMENTAL CRESTS ON THE CHALK VALLEY DOWNS

**Activities:** The Fovant Badges Society carries out work to maintain and preserve the regimental crests on the Chalke Valley Downs, Wiltshire, thereby furthering the education of the public and promoting "esprit de corps".

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** CHALKE VALLEY DOWNS
- Wiltshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£48,411	£15,726	-	-
2024-03-31	£50,370	£23,712	-	-
2023-03-31	£34,851	£44,843	-	-
2022-03-31	£31,896	£5,042	-	-
2021-03-31	£29,578	£2,933	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Josephine Anna Green</b>	Chair	2022-03-21
Commodore Richard Lord RN Retd.		2023-04-06
David Gorse		2014-05-21
LESLIE BRANTINGHAM		2018-06-12
Martin James Wallis		2025-03-01
Oliver John Harben Chamberlain QVRM TD DL		2024-01-22
Peter Harvey		2024-01-22
TERENCE STUART LISTER		2011-08-26

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# Accounts

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**FOVANT BADGES SOCIETY**  
**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**  
Year Ended March 31st 2025

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Last summer the maintenance on the badges was carried out by J & J Hooper of East Melbury, Dorset. They have done a splendid job, and the badges look in very good condition. They will carry out the maintenance in 2025.

The television and radio programmes such as Antiques Road Trip and R4's Open Country were both aired in the last year and which involved the story of how the badges came about. This is all valued publicity and ensures they will never be forgotten.

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The Fovant Badges Society  
Balance Sheet

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From: Month 1, April 2024  
To: Month 12, March 2025

Chart of Accounts:

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	<u>Period</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	
Fixed Assets			
		0.00	0.00
Current Assets			
Deposits and Cash	27,483.55	418,491.39	
Bank Account	5,201.90	30,239.07	
		32,685.45	448,730.46
Current Liabilities			
		0.00	0.00
Current Assets less Current Liabilities:		32,685.45	448,730.46
Total Assets less Current Liabilities:		32,685.45	448,730.46
Long Term Liabilities			
		0.00	0.00
Total Assets less Total Liabilities:		32,685.45	448,730.46
Capital & Reserves			
Investment Reserves	0.00	89,702.07	
Funds	0.00	326,342.94	
P & L Account	32,685.45	32,685.45	
		32,685.45	448,730.46

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Income			
Grants	10,129.46	10,129.46	
Donations & Subscriptions	5,184.00	5,184.00	
Legacies & Bequests	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Investment Income	21,160.26	21,160.26	
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	1,328.89	1,328.89	
Memorial Grants Scheme - VAT Reclaim	3,668.83	3,668.83	
General Donations	535.18	535.18	
Drumhead Service	1,404.60	1,404.60	
	48,411.22		48,411.22
Expenditure			
Contractors	13,128.00	13,128.00	
Misc. Maint. Expenses	65.82	65.82	
	13,193.82		13,193.82
Direct Expenses			
Advertising & Website	1,054.92	1,054.92	
Printing & Publicity	917.00	917.00	
Drumhead Service Expenses	2,028.57	2,028.57	
	4,000.49		4,000.49
Gross Profit/(Loss):	<u>31,216.91</u>		<u>31,216.91</u>
Overheads			
Miscellaneous	(8,033.03)	(8,033.03)	
Combined Insurance Policy	574.44	574.44	
Miscellaneous Expenses	5,626.45	5,626.45	
Hire of Hall	12.00	12.00	
Management & Admin - Professional Fees	351.60	351.60	
	(1,468.54)		(1,468.54)
Net Profit/(Loss):	<u>32,685.45</u>		<u>32,685.45</u>

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Signed



Date: 07/05/2025

Name:

Francis Taylor

Relevant profession qualifications : FCMA

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Deposits and Cash	42,188.18	391,007.84	
Bank Account	0.00	25,037.17	
	42,188.18		416,045.01
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Bank Account	15,530.63	0.00	
	15,530.63		0.00
<b>Current Assets less Current Liabilities:</b>		26,657.55	416,045.01
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities:</b>		26,657.55	416,045.01
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>			
		0.00	0.00
<b>Total Assets less Total Liabilities:</b>		26,657.55	416,045.01
<b>Capital &amp; Reserves</b>			
Investment Reserves	0.00	89,702.07	
Funds	0.00	299,685.39	
P & L Account	26,657.55	26,657.55	
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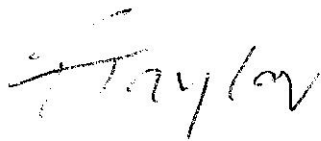
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Date: 25/05/2024  
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Profit and Loss

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Investment Income	18,944.51	18,944.51	
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	1,004.29	1,004.29	
Memorial Grants Scheme - VAT Reclaim	2,156.24	2,156.24	
General Donations	416.14	416.14	
Drumhead Service	1,096.71	1,096.71	
Other Income	830.00	830.00	
		50,369.74	50,369.74
Expenditure			
Contractors	17,408.75	17,408.75	
Misc. Maint. Expenses	236.50	236.50	
		17,645.25	17,645.25
Direct Expenses			
Advertising & Website	2,098.92	2,098.92	
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Gross Profit/(Loss):		<u>28,636.61</u>	<u>28,636.61</u>
Overheads			
Miscellaneous	198.44	198.44	
Combined Insurance Policy	282.44	282.44	
Postage & Carriage	432.69	432.69	
Miscellaneous Expenses	268.20	268.20	
Hire of Hall	24.00	24.00	
CBA Affiliation Fee	89.00	89.00	
Management & Admin - Professional Fees	684.29	684.29	
		1,979.06	1,979.06
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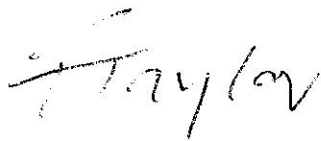
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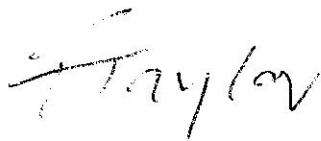
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**THE FOVANT BADGES SOCIETY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1045087

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# Accounts

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Year Ended March 31st 2023

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The Fovant Badges Society  
Balance Sheet

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From: Month 1, April 2022  
To: Month 12, March 2023

Chart of Accounts:

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	<u>Period</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	
Fixed Assets			
		0.00	0.00
Current Assets			
Deposits and Cash	787.64	348,819.66	
Bank Account	0.00	40,567.80	
		787.64	389,387.46
Current Liabilities			
Bank Account	10,779.85	0.00	
		10,779.85	0.00
Current Assets less Current Liabilities:		(9,992.21)	389,387.46
Total Assets less Current Liabilities:		(9,992.21)	389,387.46
Long Term Liabilities			
		0.00	0.00
Total Assets less Total Liabilities:		(9,992.21)	389,387.46
Capital & Reserves			
Investment Reserves	0.00	89,702.07	
Funds	0.00	309,677.60	
P & L Account	(9,992.21)	(9,992.21)	
		(9,992.21)	389,387.46

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The Fovant Badges Society  
Profit and Loss

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From: Month 1, April 2022  
To: Month 12, March 2023

Chart of Accounts:

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	<u>Period</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	
Income			
Grants	5,615.06	5,615.06	
Donations & Subscriptions	5,429.00	5,429.00	
Investment Income	16,558.36	16,558.36	
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	1,086.41	1,086.41	
Memorial Grants Scheme - VAT Reclaim	6,117.23	6,117.23	
General Donations	315.35	315.35	
Something on the Hill	(269.97)	(269.97)	
	34,851.44		34,851.44
Expenditure			
Contractors	37,406.25	37,406.25	
Purchase of Chalk	4,640.83	4,640.83	
Misc. Maint. Expenses	195.90	195.90	
	42,242.98		42,242.98
Direct Expenses			
Advertising & Website	1,018.92	1,018.92	
Printing & Publicity	437.11	437.11	
	1,456.03		1,456.03
Gross Profit/(Loss):	<u>(8,847.57)</u>		<u>(8,847.57)</u>
Overheads			
Postage & Carriage	13.70	13.70	
CBA Affiliation Fee	89.00	89.00	
Management & Admin - Professional Fees	1,041.94	1,041.94	
	1,144.64		1,144.64
Net Profit/(Loss):	<u>(9,992.21)</u>		<u>(9,992.21)</u>

# Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Fovant Badges Society

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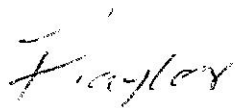
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# Accounts

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## REPORT

### Report from our retiring Chairman, Brigadier Mark Elcomb.

It is with mixed feelings that I step down from chairmanship of this unique Society, but after ten years it is right that I hand over to someone who can maybe add a different perspective to the Society's activities now. Looking back to when I assumed the role, encouraged to do so by our late president General Sir John Wilsey, the board was some 12 people strong; the conservation work was done in large measure by contractors; the annual public focus was the drumhead service; the centenary of the first badges was on the horizon; The Emblems Restaurant had recently closed and Tony Phillips spent more of his time than he expected taking the story of the Badges to audiences across the region rather than waiting for them to come to Fovant; and of course Tony Pinder was still taking a close interest in what we were doing to continue the work recommended in his report at the turn of the century. Today the governing body is 5 people, the conservation work has been adapted in practical ways to use available teams (both military and civilian) to reduce contract costs, and for reasons which we all know, we have not held a drumhead service since 2019. In parallel with continuing maintenance of the Badges we have seen the creation of our Centenary Poppy, the resurrection of the Sutton Down badges under the aegis of the Sutton Mandeville community and the 'exposure' of the Compton Down Map of Australia as a direct result of Helen Roberts' inspiring energy. In short, all has changed but nothing has changed, for which reason I am delighted to be able to hand over responsibility to Jose Green who probably needs no introduction to the Fovant community. As a local resident, well versed in the history and context of the Badges, she is better placed to guide the Society now than this mal-located incomer from the Wylve Valley. She will be excellently supported by the small but perfectly formed team to whom I owe a huge debt of thanks. I can assure you that the Society meets all of the Charity Commission regulations and it is solvent. Its conservation plans and programme are sound and funded and its profile remains high. It has been a privilege to be associated with you all.

Our website ([www.fovantbadges.com](http://www.fovantbadges.com)) now includes much information including photographs, videos and archives.

### Report from our new Chair, Mrs Jose Green

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The Fovant Badges Society  
Balance Sheet

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To: Month 12, March 2022

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	<u>Period</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	
Fixed Assets			
		0.00	0.00
Current Assets			
Deposits and Cash	73.88	348,032.02	
Bank Account	26,779.75	51,347.65	
		26,853.63	399,379.67
Current Liabilities			
		0.00	0.00
Current Assets less Current Liabilities:		26,853.63	399,379.67
Total Assets less Current Liabilities:		26,853.63	399,379.67
Long Term Liabilities			
		0.00	0.00
Total Assets less Total Liabilities:		26,853.63	399,379.67
Capital & Reserves			
Investment Reserves	0.00	89,702.07	
Funds	0.00	282,823.97	
P & L Account	26,853.63	26,853.63	
		26,853.63	399,379.67

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Profit and Loss

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Income			
Grants	5,203.81	5,203.81	
Donations & Subscriptions	8,277.97	8,277.97	
Investment Income	15,947.50	15,947.50	
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	1,011.64	1,011.64	
Memorial Grants Scheme - VAT Reclaim	93.60	93.60	
General Donations	722.03	722.03	
Sale of Publications	39.00	39.00	
Something on the Hill	500.00	500.00	
Other Income	100.00	100.00	
		31,895.55	31,895.55
Expenditure			
Contractors	1,736.60	1,736.60	
Misc. Maint. Expenses	755.20	755.20	
		2,491.80	2,491.80
Direct Expenses			
Advertising & Website	838.92	838.92	
		838.92	838.92
Gross Profit/(Loss):		<u>28,564.83</u>	<u>28,564.83</u>
Overheads			
Postage & Carriage	461.56	461.56	
Miscellaneous Expenses	251.56	251.56	
CBA Affiliation Fee	87.00	87.00	
Management & Admin - Professional Fees	911.08	911.08	
		1,711.20	1,711.20
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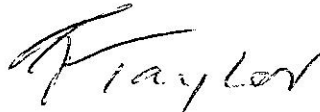
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## REPORT

It is usual in this report to reflect on the activities of the Society and its committee members over the previous 12 months and I thus returned to last year's submission to see what we might have enjoyed in 2020 - a mistake of course because it merely highlighted the difference between the outlook on life in November 2019 compared with now in February 2021. The last year has, for the Chairman been one of monitoring and reflection rather than one of being and doing – indeed the only decision I have had to make was that relating to the cancellation of the Drumhead Service last July. Although there was a limited degree of freedom being enjoyed by many, it was not difficult to see that gathering our supporters in a barn when many/most were 'shielding' to save our NHS, would have been counter-intuitive and wrong. I am of course very sorry that we were thus unable to accommodate the plans of the Royal Signals to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the cutting of 'Jimmy' on the Downs but hope that the Corps will still be interested in doing so when the risk-free opportunity arises.

Normality has continued in some respects however: your Treasurer has been as assiduous as ever in managing the Society's funds. All committee members have been kept fully in the picture with frequent updates on investment and necessary spending. I am therefore happy to report that all is well regarding financial health – attributable in part of course to the Conservation Officer's revised maintenance programme for the badges and the associated absence of contractors (and their costs) from the downs.

The other area of normality has been the need to manage the impact of nature and gravity on the badges themselves. After buying the appropriate equipment, Leslie Brantingham has been well occupied doing much to tidy and secure those areas which are safely manageable; social distancing has apparently not been a problem on the badges and the cancellation of the Drumhead Service took the pressure off his self-imposed programme. There will of course be a need to do some heavier and more manpower intensive work in the coming months because it is not possible to just let the management programme slip without creating problems later on, but Leslie is very familiar with the issues, the priorities and the importance of the badges within the local context.

As usual, I use this opportunity to thank the full committee for all they do on behalf of the Society; although small in number, their experience, enthusiasm and commitment keeps this very local, but internationally linked charity up to the mark.

Our annual Newsletter was distributed in June and our thanks must go to Helen Roberts who edited the Newsletter and arranged for it to be printed and distributed.

My final thank you is to our members. Your donations help us to maintain the financial health of the Society and thus ensure that the badges remain legible and understood a century after their creation. The Society is deeply indebted to our donors great and small; your generosity allows us to achieve the aims of this unique Society. Finally, to our unsung supporters, who help us in so many ways, thank you one and all. Please continue to support us!

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Mark Elcomb  
Chairman

Date: 23/04/2021

Time: 10:59:17

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**Balance Sheet**

From: Month 1, April 2020

To: Month 12, March 2021

Chart of Accounts:

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	<u>Period</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
		0.00	0.00
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Deposits and Cash	13,307.88	347,958.14	
Bank Account	13,337.68	24,567.90	
		26,645.56	372,526.04
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
		0.00	0.00
<b>Current Assets less Current Liabilities:</b>		26,645.56	372,526.04
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities:</b>		26,645.56	372,526.04
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>			
		0.00	0.00
<b>Total Assets less Total Liabilities:</b>		26,645.56	372,526.04
<b>Capital &amp; Reserves</b>			
Investment Reserves	0.00	89,702.07	
Funds	0.00	256,178.41	
P & L Account	26,645.56	26,645.56	
		26,645.56	372,526.04

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**The Fovant Badges Society**  
**Profit and Loss**

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<b>Income</b>			
Grants	6,314.18	6,314.18	
Donations & Subscriptions	5,189.00	5,189.00	
Investment Income	16,341.51	16,341.51	
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	1,284.96	1,284.96	
General Donations	448.76	448.76	
	29,578.41		29,578.41
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Misc. Maint. Expenses	300.10	300.10	
	300.10		300.10
<b>Direct Expenses</b>			
Advertising & Website	1,162.00	1,162.00	
Printing & Publicity	391.83	391.83	
	1,553.83		1,553.83
<b>Gross Profit/(Loss):</b>	<u>27,724.48</u>		<u>27,724.48</u>
<b>Overheads</b>			
Combined Insurance Policy	338.00	338.00	
Postage & Carriage	57.94	57.94	
CBA Affiliation Fee	87.00	87.00	
Management & Admin - Professional Fees	595.98	595.98	
	1,078.92		1,078.92
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## Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement :

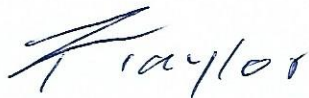
- My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements :
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with the 1993 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Acthave not been met ; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should have been drawn in order to enable a proper understanding or the accounts to be reached.

Signed :



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