

**FOVANT BADGES SOCIETY**  
**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**  
Year Ended March 31st 2022

**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

The Fovant Badges Society is a Registered Charity – No. 1045087 and is governed by a constitution, which was adopted by the Society at a meeting held on August 15<sup>th</sup> 1994, and amended according to changes unanimously adopted at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Society on May 24th 2006. There have been further amendments on May 20th 2009, May 19th 2010 and May 25th 2011. These amendments were accepted by the Charity Commission.

The objects of the Society are to maintain and preserve the regimental crests on Fovant Downs, Wiltshire, thereby furthering the education of the public and promoting 'esprit de corps'.

The full name of the Society is The Fovant Badges Society. The address for correspondence is Anam Cara, Dinton Road, Fovant, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP3 5JW.

Our Patron is the Earl of Wessex KG GCVO CD ADC(P)

Our President is General Sir Nick Parker KCB CBE.

The management of the Society rests with the voluntary Executive Committee, elected at the AGM. The following Committee members are Charitable Trustees:

Mrs Jose Green - Chair  
Mr David Gorse – Honorary Secretary and Membership Officer  
Mr Terence Lister - Honorary Treasurer  
Mr Leslie Brantingham – Conservation Officer  
Miss Helen Roberts – Publicity and Newsletter Officer

The Society's bankers are National Westminster Bank at the Salisbury branch. The administration of the Society is carried out entirely by voluntary effort. Mr. Francis Taylor acted as the Society's Independent Examiner of the accounts for the year ended March 31st 2022. The gross income of the Society exceeded £25,000 but was less than £500,000.

## 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

As I write these few lines by way of introduction one cannot help but think of the similarities the present day has with those post First World War years and early 1920's. A pandemic and a war back-to-back, with all the atrocities and heartbreak that comes as a consequence of both. But we must continue to ensure that the lasting memorial of the Badges will remain in high focus as we go forth into the future. Although not from a military background, I have lived under the shadow of the Royal Warwickshire and the 7th City of London Badges in Sutton Mandeville for 50 years; the large South Camp field has always been part of our family history as it was requisitioned from the Green family for the duration of WW1. Many a story of the training and demobbing of the soldiers has been passed down through the 4 generations that have farmed in that area since then; from gruesome to poignant and from highly exaggerated to blatant untruths have all been told but still the lasting memory through the many mementoes, artefacts and archives that remain, is part of

our local history as well as our national pride. We must preserve it all. As I write this, arrangements are being made for the Anzac Day service on the 25th April at Compton Chamberlayne. It's a very moving occasion and a rewarding challenge to climb up to the Map of Australia. How lovely it is to have a good vista of the map now the trees have been felled along the A30. Also, Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in June is fast approaching. Beacons are to be lit on the downs and celebrations made to commemorate such a unique occasion; members can read the details in our newsletter. Compliments are due to Leslie Brantingham who once again has risen to the occasion. His commitment and enthusiasm is commendable. My role on picking up the mantle from those before me is to ensure there is greater cohesion and commitment from all those who want to ensure that the memory of those that gave of their all and for all that it stood for, lives on forever. I look forward to doing my bit.

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The Fovant Badges Society  
Balance Sheet

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From: Month 1, April 2021  
To: Month 12, March 2022

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	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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The Fovant Badges Society  
Profit and Loss

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From: Month 1, April 2021  
To: Month 12, March 2022

Chart of Accounts:

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	<u>Period</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	
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
Net Profit/(Loss):	<u>26,853.63</u>		<u>26,853.63</u>

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

**Registered Charity No. 1045087**

**On the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

## **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner :-**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility, as the Examiner, to :

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act.
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)b) of the 1993 Act and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## **Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement :**

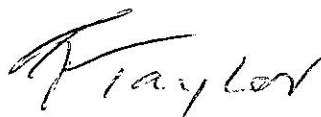
- My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or 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**



**Date :** 30/04/22

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