

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

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 15th 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 Duke of Edinburgh 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
Mr Terence Lister - Honorary Treasurer
Mr Martin Wallis – Conservation Officer
Commodore Richard Lord RN (Retd.) CBE – Membership Officer
Mr Leslie Brantingham – Trustee
Col. Oliver Chamberlain (Retd.) -Trustee
Lt. Col. Peter Harvey (Retd.) – Trustee

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 2025. The gross income of the Society exceeded £25,000 but was less than £500,000.

REPORT

Report from our Chair, Mrs Jose Green

We are all witnessing some distressing times with wars throughout the world being aggressively fought. The contrast of the rolling downs of Wiltshire to what we see in the press and television makes us all very thankful. It might also make us remember the troops in the First World War and what they might think of the world today. As a lasting tribute and constant reminder, the Trustees are adamant we ensure we do our utmost to retain the badges in near pristine condition. We intend to reach out to other organisations to help us spread the word. The Society has a number of aspirations, it all takes time, and we are most grateful to the late Margaret Mackenzie for her generous bequest and to whom we have dedicated a new Information board. This is located at the viewing lay-by along the A30.

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.

On July 7th 2024, the annual Drumhead Service was held at East Farm, Fovant. The service is always held on the nearest Sunday to July 1st which was the first day of the Battle of the Somme. Almost 280 guests, members of the Society, friends and residents came to the service and joined in the rousing hymns accompanied by The Shaftesbury Silver Band. British Legion standard bearers stood proudly in respect alongside detachments of the Wiltshire ACF which added to the occasion. The service was led by The Reverend Colin Fox. As the Guest of Honour, Lt. General Sir Nick Pope gave an appropriate address. Amongst many others, the congregation included the High Sheriff of Wiltshire, the Lord Lieutenant of Dorset, The High Sheriff of Dorset, Mayors from local Councils, and Mr. John Glen MP for Fovant. Afterwards, despite the wet weather, many guests remained in the barn where tea and cakes were enjoyed.

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

Chart of Accounts: Default Layout of Accounts

	<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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Profit and Loss

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	<u>Period</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	
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>

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

Registered Charity No. 1045087

On the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025.

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 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should have been drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Date: 07/05/2025

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