

Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
Period start date			To	Period end date		
Day 31	Month 03	Year 2022		Day 31	Month 03	Year 2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Branch name

Weston-super-Mare (255)

(referred to hereinafter as either the "Branch" or the "Charity")

Other names / number Branch is known by

Eagle House

Registered charity number (if any)

1072121

Branch's principal address

21-22 Alexandra Parade

Weston super Mare

North Somerset

Postcode

BS23 1QX

Names of the Branch charity trustees who manage the charity (generally known as the Branch Committee)

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mr I Norris MBE	Branch Chairman	3 Years	
2	Mr J Denman MBE	Branch Vice Chairman	3 Years	
3	Mr A Neale	Branch Treasurer	3 Years	
4	Mrs S Tubby	Branch Secretary	3 Years	
5	Mr Carrington	Branch Membership	3 Years	
6	Mr J Denman MBE	Branch ATC Rep.		
7	Mr J Denman MBE	Military Covenant Rep		
8	Mr P Follett	Branch Welfare Officer		
9	Mr C Hewson BEM	Wings Appeal		
10	Terry Sanders	Standard Bearer		

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Names of any other trustees for the Branch (for example, any custodian trustees in relation to branch property)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Branch Auditor	Mrs A Kerrush	2 Somerton, Monkton Avenue,
		Weston-super-Mare
		BS24 9DA

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the branch's trusts

Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, constitution)	Royal Charter, Rules, Byelaws, Area and Branch Regulations of the Royal Air Forces Association.
How the Branch charity is constituted (e.g. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated association with Royal Air Forces Association Governance
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by the branch membership at an AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include	Charity's organisational structure
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additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.
- the branch's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties (including branch club);
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The charity is a branch of the Royal Air Forces Association which is a Royal Charter body and registered as a charity in England and Wales under number 226686 and in Scotland under SC037673 ("the Association"). The Association has many branches all of which share the same charitable object as the Association and are subject to the same constitution.

Trustee induction and training - None

Related party relationships – Regional Welfare Office, Club, ATC, Military Covenant and SSAFA. Three Leases are in Place.

Risk management – All Risk Assessments carried out and updated when necessary.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the branch set out in its governing document

To promote, through the comradeship engendered by its members, the welfare by charitable means of all serving and former members of Her Majesty's Air Forces, their spouses and dependents, together with the widows and widowers and dependents of those who died whilst serving or subsequently.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Branch focus has been on welfare support to the local community, and the RAFA family. Supporting Remembrance Sunday, Armed Forces Day, and Battle of Britain Church Service.

On behalf of the Branch Trustees, I declare that the Trustees are in full compliance with the Charity Commission for the public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)



You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making.
- policy programme related investment.
- contribution made by volunteers.

Volunteers play a large part in the running of the Branch. Without them, it would mean no Branch, which would then mean no Club.

To Achieve our objectives we need Volunteers, which is becoming hard to recruit.

The Trustees are very grateful for the hard work and dedication of the elected Committee.

Section D

Achievements and performance

The Branch has maintained contact, with over 400 members since Burnham-on Sea Branch closed and their members were transferred to our branch, via email (350) with monthly Newsletters, forwarding where suitable advice from Headquarters. The Branch has also contacted local member with monthly emails of advice and support. AGM voting was carried out with the Newsletter with a poor result.

During the year the Branch and its Committee have held physical meetings every month and 4 General meetings, along with Trustee meetings.

The Branch has forwarded money to RAFA Headquarters when HQ have asked for donations from Branches. This year Wings appeal has reached a similar amount raised before Covid. A total of £21,000 A very grateful thanks to all those who took part in this fantastic achievement.

The Branch has continued to carry out specified work to bring the Branch building up to the current standards regarding Fire and Electrical safety, and to remedy structural and cosmetic problems internally and externally.

This work required Branch members to supervise, maintain the security of the RAFA property and also to provide a safety backup to those working on the property. The Branch had no difficulty finding volunteers for this task.

Branch trips and Holidays

Last year we had several Trips and holidays with Members of the Branch. Up to 20-30 attended these trips which were a:

Day trip to the Black Country and Museum.

4 Night Holiday to Great Yarmouth.

Weekend Christmas holiday at Falmouth.

Everyone enjoyed the events which brought members together as a Family. Thank you, Sandy.

Welfare Officers Report

The Welfare Officer reported that in 2022 he had 12 cases in the Weston-super-Mare, Clevedon and Portishead area.

A total of £15,570 was given by the RAF Benevolent Fund to assist in 5 of these cases. Not all cases are requests for financial assistance, often help is needed in form filling and applying for allowances and he dealt with 7 cases of support for them.

As a Branch and with the Trustees permission with Branch funding, we organised a safe warm space for members and friends. It was well attended along with the mayor. We were open from 10am to 3pm.

North Somerset Armed Forces Covenant Partnership (AFC)

RAFA Weston-super-Mare Branch has a representative member on the North Somerset AFC Partnership Group.

AFC meetings are normally held at Weston Town Hall on the first Monday of March, June, September and December. The meetings are attended by members of local council, institutional, charitable and social organisations. Meetings are usually attended by speakers from local projects who advise what they can do to assist military veterans needing assistance in difficult circumstances.

Outcomes from this group that are likely to be of assistance to our welfare officer, and other items are distributed to those members who have interests.

The council business adopted the return of the Weston Air Days, after being cancelled for two years due to Covid. (this is a major fund raiser for military support in this area). Subsequent quarterly meetings have been conducted successfully using the Teams system, and the AFC work appears to be proceeding normally using on-line communication.

RAF Air Cadets (ATC)

RAFA Weston-super-Mare Branch is affiliated with 290 Sqn Air Training Corps Weston-super-Mare (and associated Detached Flight at Burnham-on-Sea), and 1446 Sqn Air Training Corps Clevedon. Most activity is concentrated at Weston-super-Mare.

2022 Activity is summarised as follows:

Regular monthly Sqn visits.

RAFA/ATC Quiz Night hosted by RAFA, were curtailed due to Covid.

Quarterly 290 Sqn Civilian Committee meetings.

The Annual Disco evening for Cadets and 290 Sqn staff held at RAFA Club have been on hold since covid which was a way to thank both affiliated squadrons for assistance during previous year.

Covid lockdown necessitated cancellation of further involvement through the year; all squadron activities were cancelled, so monthly visits and mutual fundraising activities (Street Collection etc. were no longer possible).

A "virtual" Committee meeting was successfully carried out during this time using the Teams system, and outstanding items concluded. As a result, activities were being cancelled. Only being allowed to attend Parades for the Remembrance after October 2022.

Contact has been continued with squadron staff to keep abreast of the situation.



It is hoped to restart the ATC Quiz's and Disco this year.



Summary of the main achievements of the branch during the year

Wherever possible keeping contact with the RAF and RAFA families in our Area.

Providing where needed Welfare support to the RAFA family

Holding the Battle of Britain Church Service, with public attendance and the Town Mayor attending, and back at the Club afterwards. The Battle of Britain Dinner which was also a celebration of Her Majesties life. The membership came together as a family.

After Remembrance Sunday the Club was open for veterans and members of the public, along with the Town Mayor. Over 150 attended, which created a friendly environment for recruitment and public relations.

Wings Appeal was very successful.

Attended the RAF Concert Band for the Queens 70th anniversary at the Winter Gardens, after a Cocktail party at the Club in Black Tie and flying the flag for RAFA.

Set up RAFA display at the Trade Group 3 Beer call. Over 360 attended, good PR and recruitment Venue.

The Branch Club achieved a 4 Star rating for the Kitchen Hygiene, from the Council Thank you Debbie.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the branch's policy on reserves

A "Reserve" policy document was raised by the Branch for the Club property to identify the amount which we needed if we had to close the Club. This is known as the "Trigger Point". This document is a working document and is updated.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

Wings Appeal.

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the branch's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the branch;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Autumn Sale
Raffles.
Helicopter Museum WW2 weekend.
Aeromodeller show weekend event.
Street Collection.
Supermarkets collection
Pubs
Post Office

Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the branch's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Iain Norris MBE MSM	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	
Date		



**The Ryal Air Forces Association
Weston-super-Mare Branch Income
and Expenditure Account for the
year ending 31 December 2022**

		INCOME			
31.12.2021					
		Wings Appeal Gross Proceeds			
		Wings Rebate			
	6,906.72	Wings Raffle			
		Rebate of Ordinary- Life & associate 2021			
		Rebate of Ordinary- Life & Associate 2022			
3,720.00		Payments of Ordinary & Associate Subscriptions			
45.00		Rents Receivable From Club			
1,787.22		Town Bid from Club			
0.26		Interest on Deposit Account			
26,597.60		Payment from H/Q Rent for Welfare Tax Insurance			
2,920.75		Council Tax & Insurance Payment from Club			
1,400		Rent from Welfare			
15.00		Payment from Burnham on Sea Branch			
8,487.00		Fast Payment to bank for Club			
	44,972.83	44,972.83			
		51,879.55			
		Less Expenditure			
	2,383.93	Insurance			
	23,397.60	Repairs Renewals & Maintenance			
	1,661.40	Council Tax			
	58.00	Printing, Stationery, Advertising & Postage			
		Purchase of Commemorative goods			
		Payments of Ordinary & Associate Subscription			
		Town Bid			
		Paid for Sum/ up			
		Club Utilities			
	180.00	Branch Expenses			
		Expenses of Delegates to RAFA Meetings & Conferences			
		Pooled Fares & Levy			
		Buffet for Battle of Britain & Remembrance Day			
		NS Council for Club			
	5,809.93	Wings Appeal paid to HQ			
	6,545.00	Additional Expenses			

	40,815.86	40,815.86			
		11,063.69		Surplus for year	

**The Royal Air Forces Association weston-
super-Mare Branch Income and Expenditure
Account for the year ending 31 December
2022**

31.12.2021			Fixed Assets		
467,250.00		Freehold Property at cost as at 31 December 2022 additions during year			
		Other Fixed Assets less Depreciation			
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			Current Assets		
9,511.73		Branch Treasurers Account			
6,474.44		Branch Business Bank Account			
1,675.35		Branch Welfare Account			
17,661.52	17,661.52				
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			Less: Current Liabilities		
118,804.56		Loan from HQ			
	118,804.56				
	366,106.96	Total Assets less Current Liabilities			
			Financed by:		
			Accumulated Fund		
118,804.56			Balance as at 31 December 2022		
11,063.69			Add: Surplus (deficit) for year		
	129,868.25				
			Loan from HQ		
118,804.56			Balance as at 31 December 2022		
780.00			Less: Repayments during the year		
	###				
	590.12		Add: Interest Accrued		
	###		Capital Employed		
	Signed: _____				Signed: _____
		Aubrey Neale			
		Hon. Branch Treasurer			

	I have examined the Balance Sheet and the income & Expenditure Accounts of the Weston-super-Mare Royal Air Forces Association BRANCH for the year ended 31 December 2022 and they appear to be correct and in accordance with the information given to me.				
	Signed: _____				
		Mrs Anne Kerruish			

**RAFA Weston-super-Mare Branch Welfare
Accounts as at December 2022**

		31.12.2021			
Treasurers A/C		Income		Expenditure	Income
1 Jan to 31 Dec Interest		0.12		0.00	0.03
B-Forward from 2021					
Balance Transferred income and Expenditure					
Carried Forward to 2023					
		31.12.2021		31.12.2021	
		Income		Expenditure	Income
Received From Ben Fund		0.00			0.00
Less Grants made during the year				0.00	
Wings Appeal Rebate				0.00	
Donations Received				0.00	
Deposit A/C interest		0.12			
Received from Ben Fund				0.00	
Welfare payments to third Parties				0.00	
RBL Poppy Wreaths				50.00	
Welfare Officers Expenses				0	
Funeral expenses - Standard Bearer				0	
Total		0.12		50.00	
Balance transferred to income and Expenditure Account as at 31 December:		1,025.47		1,025.47	0.03
Balance transferred to income and Expenditure					1,025.50

Signed: _____				Signed: _____		
	Aubrey Neale				Mrs Sandy T	
	Hon. Branch Treasurer				Hon Branch	

I have examined the Balance Sheet and the income & Expenditure Accounts
Mare Royal Air Forces Association Welfare A/C for the year ended 31 Decemb
to be correct and in accordance with the information given to me.

Signed: _____					
	Mrs Anne Kerruish				

31.12.2022	
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28,718.73	28,718.73
	47,093.59
3,221.48	
8,084.35	
1,510.40	
131.90	
70.95	
221.25	
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1,589.83	
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129.00	
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37,927.02	37,927.02

	9,166.57

31.12.2022	
	490,612.50
3,675.86	
21,477.76	
1,675.38	
26,829.00	26,829.00
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Mrs Sandy Tubby	
Hon Branch Secretary	

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

Weston-super- Mare

31 December 2022

On accounts for the year ended

Charity no (if any)

1072121

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2022.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the

examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

9 Feb 22

Name:

MrS Anne Kerruish

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

2 Somerton, Monkton Avenue

Weston-super-Mare

BS24 9DA

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

All good