

Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
Period start date			To	Period end date		
Day 1	Month Dec	Year 2023		Day 31 Dec	Month Dec	Year 2024

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	Mrs A Culpeck*	Branch Treasurer		To be voted in
4	Mrs S Tubby*	Branch Secretary		
5	Mr P Carrington*	Branch Membership		
6	Mr J Denman MBE*	Branch ATC Rep.		
7	Mr J Denman MBE	Military Covenant Rep		
8	Vacant	Branch Welfare Officer		

9	Mr Peter McHaddan	President	Retires	
10	Mr C Hewson BEM	Wings		
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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	Mr J McConnachie	14 Safford Place WSM BS23 2QZ

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
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by the branch membership for a 3-year appointment

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include 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.

Charity's organisational structure

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 1072121 ("the Weston-super-Mare 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 – club, SSAFA

Risk management - Health and Safety, Risk Assessments carried out and revised 2024.

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

The Branch focus has been on welfare support to the local community, and the RAFA family. On behalf of the Branch Trustees, I declare that the Trustees are in full compliance with the Charity Commission for the public benefit.

Commission on 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.

All members are volunteers and have worked tirelessly to maintain standards and keeping the branch open and running the club.

One of the main expenditures this year was to make sure that the building was compliant with the fire risk assessment, Building Security Emergency Lighting, Extinguishers, Smoke Alarms and Health & Safety

Section D

Achievements and performance

The Branch has maintained contact with approximately 330 members via email, forwarding where suitable advice from Headquarters. The Branch has also contacted local member with monthly emails of advice and support.

During the year the Branch and its Committee have held physical monthly meetings and Trustee meetings.

The Branch has forwarded money to RAFA Headquarters when HQ have asked for donations from Branches.

The branch has continued to collect for battle Britain Wings Appeal, collection and awarded for money raised for 2023. £15,462.96 was collected in 2024. The Air Training Corp raised £732.77 on the street collection.

Collection will continue this year.

Attending and setting up a stall for the Trade group 3 Association held this year by over 300 Veterans and collecting over £300 and recruiting new members.

Welfare Officers Report

We do not have a Welfare officer now. All requests are redirected to HQ

North Somerset Armed Forces Covenant Partnership

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

AFC meeting 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.

Weston Air Day (this is a m was successful (a major fund raiser for military support in this area). Subsequent quarterly meetings have been conducted successfully.

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.

2024 Activity is summarised as follows:

Regular monthly Sqn visits. Our Reprehensive from RAFA attended 4 monthly committee meetings and Annual General meetings.

Quarterly 290 Sqn Civilian Committee meetings

He organised the Annual Disco evening for Cadets and 290 Sqn staff held at RAFA Club to thank both affiliated squadrons for assistance during the year, such as the Street collection, Battle of Church Service. Providing them with Music and snacks provided through RAFA Club.

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

Summary of the main achievements of the branch during the year

Wherever possible keeping contact with the RAF and RAFA families in in the local Area, providing coffin drapes and Branch Standard at funerals.

Informing all our members that Welfare support to the RAFA family. is available

Holding a meaningful Battle of Britain church service,

Attended the Remembrance Parade with Town. The purpose of which was to lay a RAFA Wreath in memory of those who died. Afterwards all veterans were invited back to the Club along with the mayor.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the branch's policy on reserves

A "Reserve" policy document was raised by the Branch for the property to identify the amount which we needed if we had to close the Club. This 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)

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.

Fundraising continues all through the year collecting monthly from Garden Centres, Morrison, Asda and Tesco in most cases raising up to £450 each time.

Trade Group 3 Association donated £2,400. From sales of Watches.

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	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	

Date

**The Royal Air Forces Association
Weston-Super-Mare Branch
Income and Expenditure
Year ended 31 December 2023**

31.12.2023
12,164.88

INCOME

Wings Appeal Gross Proceeds
Wings Rebate

12,164.88

1538.00	Rebate of Ordinary Life and Associate 2024
0.00	Rent from Welfare
37.00	Payments of Ordinary and Associate Subscriptions
1400.00	Rents receivable from Welfare
	Town Bid from Club
1860.00	Rents receivable from Club
	Payment from HQ Rent for Welfare Tax Insurance
4154.24	Council Tax and Insurance Payment from Club
191.10	Interest on Lloyds Deposit Account
500.00	Insurance refund
200.00	Donation for Club
0.00	85th Anniversary
0.00	Sundry
0.00	Transfer from Deposit account
0.00	Coffee morning proceeds from Club
0.00	TG3 watch sponsorship

9880.34 Total

22045.22 Grand Total

EXPENDITURE

3945.88	Insurance
3022.33	Repairs, renewals and maintenance
1593.10	Council Tax
150.00	Printing, stationery, Advertising and Postage
1539.98	Branch Expenses
221.25	Town Bid
	Paid for Sum-up
609.82	Club utilities
1589.83	Branch Expenses
370.00	Expenses for RAFA Meetings and Conferences
586.25	Pooled fares and levy
586.25	Buffet for Battle of Britain and Remembrance Day
0.00	Laptop
0.00	85th Anniversary expenditure
11806.71	Wings Appeal paid to HQ
780.00	Repayment interest on Loan from HQ
26801.40	Total

-2007.97 ***

Deficit for year

**The Royal Air Forces Association
Weston-Super-Mare Branch
Balance Sheet
Year ended 31 December 2024**

31.12.2023

515,143.13
0.00

FIXED ASSETS

*Freehold Property at cost as at 31.12.24

***Laptop

515,143.13 Total

CURRENT ASSETS

932.30 Branch Treasurers Account
22,168.86 Branch Business Bank Account
1,526.58 **Branch Welfare Account

24,627.74 Total

539,770.87 Grand Total

CURRENT LIABILITIES

119,326.47 Loan from HQ

119,326.47 Total

420,444.40 TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES

ACCUMULATED FUND

119,326.47 Balance as at 31.12.2024
2,007.97 Minus Deficit for Year

117,318.50 Total

LOAN FROM HQ

119,326.47 Balance as at 31.12.2004
780.00 Less annual repayments

118,546.47 Total

592.73

****Add Interest Accrued

119,139.20 CAPITAL EMPLOYED

NOTES

***Value figure increase based on 5% as per current practice**

****Closed and transferred to Branch Treasurers Account**

***** Laptop purchase price 249.00 - depreciation 50% per year**

******Interest accrued - assumed this is the annual total (780.00) minus the**

Signed

Amanda Culpeck
Hon. Branch Treasurer

Signed

Sandy Tub
Hon. Branch

**I have examined the Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet of the
ended 31 December 2024 and they appear to be correct and in accord**

Signed

Jim McConnachie
Auditor

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31.12.2024

14,591.08 **

14,591.08

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4,600.45

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1,402.09

263.32 *

60.00

145.00

1,700.00

184.80

5,900.00

147.00

2,389.64

19,421.19

34,012.27

4060.60

8557.43

1476.54

298.60

101.00

0.00

19.95

1584.38

0.00

190.00

126.89

226.46

249.00

2275.00

14485.99

780.00

34,431.84

-419.57

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24

31.12.2024

£ 540,900.28

£ 124.50

£541,024.78

£ 6,103.00

£ 18,058.76

£ -

£ 24,161.76

£565,186.54

£ 118,359.21

£118,359.21

£446,827.33

£ 118,359.21

£ 419.57

£117,939.64

£ 119,139.21

£ 780.00

£118,359.21

516.68

£118,875.89

deposit account interest (263.32)

by
ch Secretary

**Weston-Super-Mare Branch for the year
lance with the information given to me.**

Independent examiner's report on the Branch accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of: Winton Super Mart

On accounts for the year
ended: 31 Dec 2024 Charity no: 1072121
(if any)

Set out on pages: One A4H Two

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity (the Trust) for the year ended

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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 143 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I
have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 143(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

(If 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: [Signature] Date: 9th Jan 2025

Name: JAMES MCCORMACK

Relevant professional
qualifications) or body: NONE

(if any):

Address: 14 STAFFORD PLACE
NEWTON - SUPER - MARK MICHAEL SCHMIDT
BS 28 2 6Z

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

THE 2024 ACCOUNTS HAVE BEEN WELL
MANAGED AND COULD NOT FIND ANY
ERRORS.

[Signature]