

# **THE BRITISH EVACUEES ASSOCIATION**

Registered Charity No 1073507

## **Annual Report and Accounts**

**For the Financial Year ended**

**31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The British Evacuees Association**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, which are set out on the following pages

The respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner are:

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider that the audit requirement of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of the procedures specified in the General Direction given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures taken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement:**

**"In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention:**

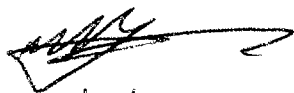
1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act: and to prepare accounts with accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting procedures of the Act have not been met: or
2. To which, in my opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached"

Name: Adam Greensmith

Address: 18 Fulford Avenue, Retford, Notts DN22 7XS

Dated:

Signed:

  
28/11/21

# **The British Evacuees Association**

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The British Evacuees Association is based at The Mill Business Centre, Mill Hill, Gringley On The Hill, DN10 4RA

It is a registered charity with the Charity Commission No 1073507 and constituted by the adoption of the Constitution.

The Charity is administered by a Management Committee of which the current members are:

Honorary Chief Executive – Mr James Roffey

Acting Treasurer – Mrs Karen Follows

Other elected members on the Board of Trustees are:

Mr Reg Baker, Mr James Clark, Mrs Kate Elliott, Mrs Heather Leigh, Ms Linda Roth, Mrs P Thompson and Mrs Julie Underhay

The objectives of the Charity are:

1. To relieve the physical and mental suffering of persons who were separated from their families as evacuees during the Second World War, in particular by the provision of counselling and other support services.
2. To advance the education of the public on the subject of child evacuation during World War Two.

## **Chief Executives Report**

The office was relocated to Mattersey from March 2020 to June 2021. It was due to be moved back to Gringley On The Hill in January 2021 but another national lockdown delayed its return. All work is being carried out as usual and the post is collected on a weekly basis from the registered office.

The Cenotaph Parade scheduled for November 2020 was cancelled in the preceding months due to the Pandemic and public safety concerns but we are hopeful for its return in 2021. No events were held throughout lockdown.

## **Acting Treasurer's Report**

The age of our members is coming into play as sadly more members are not renewing. New members are down dramatically in comparison with 2020 – only £1951.00 compared with £5687.00) but we did appear on the Countryfile programme on BBC1 in September 2019 and the publicity was a great boost to inform members of the public of our existence. Donations are £1500.00 down on the previous year but still up from 2019 by £2400.00. Certificate sales are down in this period despite a big push. Previous figure may relate to the new members which came on board who did not previously have one. Gift Aid is down in this year as the last one was done up to the end of October 2020 – there is another one to do which takes us up to the end of March 2021 so this figure (November – March 2021) will be included in the following year's accounts.

Payments are consistent with the previous year despite small increases throughout. Telephone and computer saw a large increase and I have been in contact with British Telecom for a more favourable tariff as the Broadband charges have increased significantly. Admin assistance is down due to coronavirus restrictions and out of office working. No electricity charges due to working from home in Mattersey for over a year although Rates and Rent was still applicable – no concessions available despite being advised by our landlord that we may be eligible for some local funding. This was looked into but we did not meet the criteria.

The pandemic appears, with the ageing membership to have had an affect on the charity in these difficult and uncertain times and although we have lost members and income we continue to provide the magazine and our assistance and support to our reduced numbers.

All members who wish to become a member of the Board of Trustees are asked via the magazine, to write in stating that they wish to stand as a Member. If more people apply than we have places for, an election will take place.

Mrs Karen Follows works five days a week in the office in Gringley On The Hill. We continue to have Lynn Johnson to assist with the compilation of the Sage accounts as and when required.

To Go with  
Adam shaw

# 1. General Purposes Account - Receipts and Payments Account 31st March 2021

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>2021</u>
New Members	1951
Subscriptions	22780.15
Donations	7271.42
Merchandise	842
Books	441
Books - Heroes	
Calendar	
Draw	5594
Certificates	275
Bank Interest	
General Purposes/Royalties	
Gift Aid and Tax back	2340.55
Other Income Santander/Barclays/Legacies	
Mail outs	
Warners	
Lottery Funding	
Memorial Fund	
Publications	
Events raffle	
Jamie's Marathon	
Memorial DVD's	331
Memorial Back Copies	79.45
Memorial souvenirs	
Memorial Brochures	
Prayer Cards	
Postcards	119.9
Total	<u>42025.47</u>
Transfer to NMF account	
<u>Payments</u>	
Advertising	525
Office Rent/Electricity/Rates/Refuse	4405.7
Office Rates	
General Insurance	389.07
Printing/Stationery	8196.29
Postage	5032.24
Expenses	7
Merchandise Purchases	15.94
Wages/Inland Revenue	27616.9
Events (Cenotaph)	
Events Warners Rufford Tillington	
Draw prizes	700
Fund raising/Investiture	
Memorial Fund	
General Purposes	20
Telephone/Computer	2222.33
Travel	
Refunds/ to be refunded	
Currency/Bank Charges	
Admin Assistance	192
Charity giving	39.03
Renewals (Office Chair)	52
Total Expenses	<u>49413.5</u>
Net receipts for period	
Money transferred to NMF account	
Bank Balance as at 1st April 2020	48592.41
Bank Balance as at 31st March 2021	<b>41204.38</b>