

THE BRITISH EVACUEES ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity No 1073507

Annual Report and Accounts

For the Financial Year ended

31st March 2024

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

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2024, 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: 30/11/2024

Signed: 

Acting Treasurers Report

The number of members has risen compared to the previous year as we have made a conscious effort to recruit new members in the form of other family members, due to the natural fall in the number of evacuee members. The subscription figure has gone up as some have paid more than a years membership in order to bring everyone up to the same date, in readiness for closure in September 2025. The amount of donations has increased as our members continue to support the Association. They do not want it to close. There has been a push to reduce stock due to the imminent closure, and applications for Certificates has also risen due to the time limit of the Association. Draw ticket sales are reduced due to less members available or purchasing them.

The utilities have risen due to the rising cost of electricity and rates, in particularly the cost of electricity has increased significantly. There has been a slight increase in the Insurance Premium. Printing and Stationery figures are reduced due to the less infrequent printing and distribution of 'The Evacuee'. General postage costs have risen. No merchandise stock was purchased in the period due to the imminent closure of The British Evacuees Association concentrating instead on reducing stock levels.

The Chief Executives Report

The publication of 'The Evacuee' magazine from bi-monthly to quarterly has been well received due to it saving postage and printing costs. The members enjoy reading the 16 page magazine when it arrives and there has been no negative issues relating to this.

All members who wish to become a Member of the Board of Trustees are asked via the newsletter, to write in stating that they wish to stand as a Trustee. If more people apply than we have places for, they are elected.

Mrs Karen Follows continues to work five days a week in the office at Gringley On The Hill. We continue to employ Lynn Johnson, to assist with the compilation of the accounts using our Sage Office Accounting package.

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 of the Board of Trustees are:

Mrs Heather Crank, Miss Linda Roth and Mrs Julie Underhay (Chairman).

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.

1. General Purposes Account - Receipts and Payments Account 31st March 2024

Receipts	2024	2023	2022
New Members	728.08	560.76	1195.9
Subscriptions	17098.45	11102.5	20080.97
Donations	33137.12	31065.62	10430.49
Merchandise	187	350.09	212.45
Books - STTS & Educational	543	379.97	206.85
Books - Heroes		11.28	
Books - Heathers	165.99	44.95	
Books - Wasp	396	88	
Calendar			
Draw	4133	5025.1	5401
Certificates	616	406.41	1699
Bank Interest			
General Purposes/Royalties	22.38		
Gift Aid and Tax back	10661.08	2531.36	5602.03
Other Income Santander/Barclays/Legacies			
Mail outs			
Warners			
Lottery Funding			
Memorial Fund			
Publications			
Events raffle			
Jamie's Marathon			
Memorial DVD's	38	72	103
Memorial Back Copies	29.23	66	146.3
Memorial souvenirs			
Memorial Brochures			
Prayer Cards			
Postcards	111	82.5	
Xmas Cards	321.5	1202.37	1439.5
Total	68187.83	52988.91	46517.49
Transfer to NMF account			
Payments			
Advertising	67		
Office Rent/Electricity/Rates/Refuse	4683.68	4429.27	4324.73
Office Rates			
General Insurance	332.1	296.48	401.03
Printing/Stationery	5510.07	9089.1	7679.82
Postage	5071.14	4548.02	6831.51
Expenses	109	14.5	
Merchandise Purchases		201.6	
Xmas Cards Printing		726	
Wages/Inland Revenue	30126.53	30785.7	29848.6
Events (Cenotaph)		298.43	209.01
Events Warners Rufford Tillington			
Draw prizes	515	480	625
Fund raising/Investiture			
Memorial Repairs Fund	250		
General Purposes		20	20
Telephone/Computer	1039.94	2277.04	1289.14
Travel			
Refunds/ to be refunded			
Currency/Bank Charges	49.34	126.18	72.17
Admin Assistance	679	618	750
Charity giving			
Renewals (Office Chair)			122
Total Expenses	48432.8	53910.32	52173.01
Net receipts for period	19755.03	-921.41	-5655.52
Money transferred to/from NMF account		1097.88	
Bank Balance as at 1st April 2023	35725.33	35548.86	41204.38
Bank Balance as at 31st March 2024	55480.36	35725.33	35548.86

Balance Sheet March 24

Assets

Fixed

Office furniture/Equipment
Shelf Unit
Computers
Telephone
Racking
Shredder/Office chairs
Photocopier
Printer

0
450
42
16
37
190.00
29

2024

2023

0
500
44
24
39
230
36

Current

GPF balance on Sage
NMF balance
National Memorial Business Banking Bond
Stock Merchandise (Assorted)
Books
Gazebo (Damaged at Event)
Stock Stationery (Envelopes/ Paper etc)

55480.36
0
0
120
200
0
50

35725.33
0
0
150
400
0
100

Total Assets as at 31.03.24

56614.36

37248.33

Liabilities to pay

Suppliers Invoices outstanding at year end
Royal Mail Inv 9067137995 - not paid at 31.03.23

0
0

589.72

Total Liabilities as at 31.03.23

589.72

Assets less Liabilities

56614.36

36658.61