

THE BRITISH EVACUEES ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity No 1073507

Annual Report and Accounts

For the Financial Year ended

31st March 2025

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 2025, which are set out in 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 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

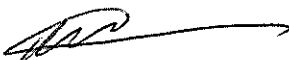
"In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention:

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: 20/9/2025

Signed: 

Acting Treasurers Report

We have again continued our push to recruit new members, even suggesting that our existing members ask their children and grandchildren to join to increase our membership numbers. We have received very generous donations to ensure that we can continue. In November 2024 we received a pledge of support from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. We are very grateful for this pledge and it will allow us to continue until September 2026, a year longer than we had anticipated.

Money from the sale of draw tickets remains almost the same as the previous year. A Gift Aid reclamation was not done in this current year and this is reflected in the lower receipts total for this financial year. If there had been a Gift Aid reclamation done in this year it is estimated that it would have brought the receipts figure up to similar to that of the year end figure of 31st March 2024. A Gift Aid declaration is planned for the start of the coming year to redress this balance.

The office moved to Mattersey at the beginning of September 2024. The office complex had become very quiet and empty. Only one business was onsite, their office was only occupied part-time. This will reduce outgoings, particularly in electricity and heating which had risen considerably in recent years. The telephone line was transferred to avoid a costly termination fee, the telephone number remains the same. The office mail is still being delivered to the Gringley address and collected regularly. This was done to save changing the letterheads, printed literature and website, the cost of this mailbox is £40.00 a month. Business mail redirection for the year September 2024 to September 2025 would have been £649.00.

The Chief Executives Report

Due to the VE and VJ celebrations in May and August 2025, the Evacuation stories seem to create a lot of interest. We are being contacted by various programme makers and media outlets for more information. We are working alongside The Royal Marines on a project called 'The Children of the War' which tells the evacuation story on stage during the Mountbatten Festival of Music 2025 which takes place at The Royal Albert Hall in London in March 2025.

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. We continue to employ Mrs Lynn Johnson to assist with the compilation of the accounts using our Sage Office Accounting package as and when required.

The British Evacuees Association

Annual Report for the Financial Year ended 31st March 2025

The British Evacuees Association 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 2025

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
New Members	952	728.08
Subscriptions	13856.03	17098.45
Donations	35248.8	33137.12
Merchandise		187
Books - STTS & Educational	355	543
Books - Heroes		
Books - Heathers	30	165.99
Books - Wasp	266	396
Calendar		
Draw	4048	4133
Certificates	365	616
Bank Interest		
General Purposes/Royalties		22.38
Gift Aid and Tax back		10661.08
Other Income Santander/Barclays/Legacies		
Mail outs		
Warners		
Lottery Funding		
Memorial Fund		
Publications		
Events raffle		
Jamie's Marathon		
Memorial DVD's	61	38
Memorial Back Copies	13.5	29.23
Memorial souvenirs		
Memorial Brochures		
Prayer Cards		
Postcards	43	111
Xmas Cards		321.5
Total	<u>55238.33</u>	<u>68187.83</u>
Transfer to NMF account		
<u>Payments</u>		
Advertising		67
Office Rent/Electricity/Rates/Refuse	2861.6	4683.68
Office Rates		
General Insurance	501.39	332.1
Printing/Stationery	7978.76	5510.07
Postage	4097.28	5071.14
Expenses	28.5	109
Merchandise Purchases		
Xmas Cards Printing		
Wages/Inland Revenue - Includes Pension contributions started 2025	31896	30126.53
Events (Cenotaph)	594.59	
Events Warners Rufford Tillington		
Draw prizes	790	515
Fund raising/Investiture		
Memorial Repairs Fund	9400.29	250
General Purposes		
Telephone/Computer	1277.59	1039.94
Travel		
Refunds/ to be refunded		
Currency/Bank Charges		49.34
Admin Assistance	551.25	679
Subscriptions	133	
Charity giving		
Renewals (Office Chair)		
Total Expenses	<u>60110.25</u>	<u>48432.8</u>
Net receipts for period	-4871.92	19755.03
Money transferred to/from NMF account		
Bank Balance as at 1st April 2024	55480.36	35725.33
Bank Balance as at 31st March 2025	50608.44	55480.36

Balance Sheet March 25

Assets

Fixed

2025

2024

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

0
400
40
8
35
0,00
23

0
450
42
16
37
190,00
29

Current

GPF balance on Sage BS

50608,44

55480,36

NMF balance

0

0

National Memorial Business Banking Bond

0

0

Stock Merchandise (Assorted)

100

120

Books

180

200

Gazebo (Damaged at Event)

0

Stock Stationery (Envelopes/ Paper etc

50

Total Assets as at 31.03.25

51394,44

56614,36

Liabilities to pay

0

0

Invoices not paid as at 31.03.25 Kf Elec/heating

50

0

Total Liabilities as at 31.03.23

Assets less Liabilities

51344,44

56614,36