

<b>Trustees' Annual Report for the period</b>						
Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
Day 01	Month 01	Year 2023		Day 31	Month 12	Year 2023

**Section A**
**Reference and administration details**

**Branch name** Formby

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

**Other names / number Branch is known by** 1242

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1078906

**Branch's principal address**

Royal Air Forces Association	
23 Balmoral Drive, Churchtown	
Southport, Merseyside	
<b>Postcode</b>	PR9 8QB

**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	David McGregor	Chairman		AGM
2	David Williams	Treasurer		AGM
3	Alan Smith	Secretary		AGM
4	June Sefton	Wings		AGM
5	Bob Anderton	Members		AGM
6	Les Meadows	Vice Chairman		AGM
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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

## 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

**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);

### 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 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

### Related party relationships – club (if operated)

- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

### Risk management

## 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)

### Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Section D      Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the branch during the year**

Formby Branch Have actively supported the following RAF Air Cadet Squadrons and Mersey Wing Area HQ RAF CF.

Financial help with Mersey Wing Area HQ for Air Cadets participating in the DOE Awards Scheme for equipment and clothing for Cadet who's families could ill afford to contribute.

Air Cadet Squadrons 1439, 1128, 2348, and 611 have had financial help to run Squadron vehicles.

The Branch has developed an awards scheme for best Squadron Cadet and the Squadron raising the most funds during Wings Week. Some personal awards and some Squadron awards. This was a very successful project maintaining excellent relations with RAF Air Cadets.

The Branch supported the Ukraine Fund.

Support for the RAF Benevolent Fund and Rothbury House Accommodation for RAF Veterans.

The Branch continues to support the Botanical Gardens Floral Roundel display Churchtown keeping a bond with the public.

The Branch supported a new town project of a Lancaster Aircraft exhibition in the Atkinson Art Centre Southport.

## Section E Financial review

**Brief statement of the branch's policy on reserves**

A Policy on reserve funding has been set to take into account the forecast Branch annual expenditure.

**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

Branch income is mainly from dividends from Investments in Rathbone's ethical investment portfolio and a Rothschild investment and membership rebate.

The Branch charitable objectives are to promote through comradeship engendered by its members, the welfare by charitable means of all serving or former members of our Air Forces, their spouses and dependents, together with the widows and widowers and dependents of those who died while serving or subsequently.

ethical investment policy  
adopted. Branch

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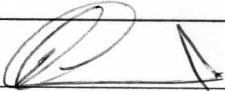
## Section F Other optional information

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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)	Alan Smith	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	

Date 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024

# The Royal Air Forces Association - Formby Branch

## Balance Sheet As At 31st December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
<b><u>Fixed Assets</u></b>		
N/A		
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>		
Debtor (RAFA)	5,371	5,578
Cash at bank - current A/c (23815285)	21,970	17,604
(Transfer of Ac 2386913+33689670 to 23815285)		
Investment savings A/c Rathbones	1,005,606	964,515
Investment savings A/c Rothchild	33,057	29,476
	<u>1,066,004</u>	<u>1,017,173</u>
<b><u>Less Current Liabilities</u></b>		
Aramark Defence Services		84
Rothbury House	10,000	
RAFA Conference (unpresented CHQ133)	129	
Welfare (Xmas unpresented CHQ128)	44	
	<u>10,173</u>	<u>84</u>
Net Current assets/(Liabilities)	<u>1,055,831</u>	<u>1,017,089</u>
<b>Represented By:</b>		
<b>Accumulated Fund</b>		
Balance as at 31st December 2022	1,017,089	1,164,264
Surplus(Deficit) for the year	-5930	14,863
Increase/Decrease in investment Savings A/C (Rathbones £41091 + Rothchild -£3581)	44,672	-162,038
Balance As At 31st december 2023	<u>1,055,831</u>	<u>1,017,089</u>

# The Royal Air Forces Association - Formby Branch

## Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31st December 2023

### Community Account 23815285

	2023	2,022
	£	£
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Membership rebate	511	618
Investment interest received	22679	19,668
Investment A/C Rathbones (owing)	5371	5,578
 Total income	 <u>28,561.00</u>	 <u>25,864</u>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
<b><u>Donations</u></b>		
Squadron 1439 (CHQ109 - IPAD))	957	
Squadron 1439		1,372
Squadron 1128 (CHQ114)	1,000	
Squadron 2348 (Transport CHQ108+111)	2,000	
Squadron 611(TransportCHQ110+124))	4,045	
Ukraine		8,000
Aramark Defence Services		84
Trophy Cadet award scheme (CHQ113+115+118+126)	400	352
Cadet Trophies(CHQ116)	432	
Botanic Roundel (CHQ112)	500	500
Lancaster Display Model (CHQ127)	1,000	
Merseyside Wing D of E(CHQ130)	1,703	
RAFA Big Ride (CHQ121)	1,000	
Total Donations	<u>13,037</u>	<u>10,308</u>
 <b><u>Other Expenses</u></b>		
Annual Conference (CHQ133+125)	364	
Welfare (CHQ122+123+128+129)	954	320
Chair Exp		250
Expenses(CHQ119+120+125)	116	
Wreaths(CHQ125)	20	123
RAFA Rothbury House (CGQ132)	10,000	
RAFA Benevolent Fund(CHQ131)	10,000	
Total Other Expenses	<u>21,454</u>	<u>693</u>
 Total Expenses	 <u>34,491</u>	 <u>11,001</u>
<b>Surplus(Deficit) for the year</b>	<u><u>-5930</u></u>	<u><u>14,863</u></u>





**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name

Royal Air Forces Association (Formby Branch)

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31.12.23

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1078906

**Set out on pages**

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:**

*Sally Billington*

**Date:**

11.3.24

**Name:**

Mrs J S Billington

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

AAT  
CMI

**Address:**

4 Ward Avenue Formby Merseyside L37 2JD



Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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 Royal Air Forces Association - Formby Branch**

### **Notes to the Financial statements**

The Financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting policies.

I have completed the financial statements of the Royal Air Forces Association Formby branch for the year ended 31st Decmber 2023, which comprises of the Income and Expenditure account, Balance Sheet. The Financial Statements have been prepared from the accounting records and evidence supplied to me.

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