

LONDON LEGACY

England & Wales · Charity number 1085603

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2001-03-16

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF WIDOWS OF AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND SERVICEMEN IN GREAT BRITAIN AND ELSEWHERE AND THEIR DEPENDANTS, WHO MAY BE ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTIES DUE TO ISOLATION OR THE EFFECTS OF BEREAVEMENT OR OLD AGE

Activities: We assist the widows of Australian and New Zealand deceased or incapacitated servicemen and their families, who live in the UK and Europe.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** GREAT BRITAIN
- Belgium
- France
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£2,341	£22,655	-	-
2023-12-31	£34,446	£51,664	-	-
2022-12-31	£173,488	£18,580	-	-
2021-12-31	£60,000	£13,121	-	-
2020-12-31	£1,763	£1,401	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BRIG Grant Ernest Mason		2023-08-09
Lindsay Birrell		2022-01-13
Marcus Anthony Ray		2022-01-13
Mark Daley		
PAUL WRIGHTER		2016-07-31
Yvonne Smith		2022-01-13

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

London Legacy is a registered charity.

Charity Registration No.: 1085603. Registered on 16 May 2001

Principal Address c/o Defence Branch, Australia
High Commission, Australia House
Strand
London
WC2B 4LG
www.londonlegacy.org

Trustees:	Yvonne Smith	President (from 13/01/2022)
	Mark Daley	Secretary (resigned 13/01/2022); Deputy President
	Marcus Anthony Ray	Hon secretary (from 13/01/2022)
	Lindsay Birrell	Trustee (from 13 /01/2022)
	Paul Wrighter	Treasurer (from 31 July 2016)
	Big Grant Ernest Mason	Trustee (from 09/08/2023)

Bankers: Santander Business Banking
Bridle Road
Bootle
L30 4GB

Independent Examiner: Merchant & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
2 Craven Road
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London Legacy

Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 December 2023

The Trustees of the London Legacy present their report together with the Independently Examined financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The Trustees have elected to prepare a Receipts and Payments Account and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charity is established under its Constitution based on the guidance from the Charity Commission. The Constitution adopted on 13 July 2000 was amended on 9 January 2003 and on 16 January 2024.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the policy, organisation and rules set out in its Constitution.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives

To improve the conditions of life of widows of Australian and New Zealand Servicemen in Great Britain and elsewhere and their dependents, who may be encountering difficulties due to isolation or the effect of bereavement or old age.

Principal activity

Supporting families through the UK who are suffering after the injury or death of a spouse or parent during or after their Australian defence force service.

Public Benefit

We appoint Legatees to oversee the well being of our widows and families.

Support comes in many forms, including practical assistance in such matters as accommodation, medical and general welfare.

Legatees make regular visits and phone calls to help those requiring aged care, community visits assistance with claiming entitlements and benefits and social activities.

Statement on Public Benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission, including public benefit guidance as set out in its constitution.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

During 2023 the Charity continued its level of support to Beneficiaries, participated in Remembrance ceremonies on Anzac Day and Remembrance Day, and hosted the London leg of the international Legacy Centenary Torch Relay, including a Reception and a Ball. We also welcomed a new Trustee and Legatee.

Support to beneficiaries continued throughout the year. Apart from regular phone calls, support also included:

Visits from the President and Legatees

Financial assistance

TV Licence subsidies, Christmas gift cheques and cards

Birthday cards and flowers

Attendance at the Junior Legacy Camp in Western Australia for 3 junior beneficiaries

Independent living alterations

Assistance and advice regarding Department of Veteran's Affairs pensions.

On Anzac Day the President laid a wreath during the Dawn Service, held at the Australian War Memorial at Hyde Park Corner and the Cenotaph in Whitehall. A small private service was held in Westminster Abbey (as the Abbey was preparing for the King's Coronation) attended by the President. The Chairman of Legacy Australia presented a Legacy Centenary plaque to the Australian High Commissioner, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of Legacy in Melbourne, Australia. Legatees also represented the Charity at Anzac Day ceremony at Harefield Cemetery, Arbroath Memorial Dawn Services and also the 50th Anniversary of Australia's withdrawal from Vietnam service held at Birkhill Cemetery.

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The President also laid a wreath on behalf of Legacy at the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Australian War Memorial at Hyde Park Corner.

On Friday 28 April, the London leg of the international Legacy Centenary Torch Relay was launched by King Charles III on the steps of Buckingham Palace. The Torch Relay began at Prozieres in France (attended by our Secretary Marcus Ray and LTCOL Anthony Birch) being the battlefield sight where World War I Australian soldier and founder of Legacy promised his dying mate that he would look after his wife and children. The torch was then brought to Buckingham Palace, London, where the King lit the first of the Relay torches. It was then carried in relay pairs from The Embankment, down Whitehall, into Horse Guards Parade, down the Mall, past Buckingham Palace, and to the Australian war memorial at Hyde Park Corner. Following the Ceremony at the memorial, a Reception was held at the Cavalry and Guards Club, Mayfair for 100 guests and Legacy Beneficiaries, Trustees and Legatees. On the following evening a sold-out Ball was held at the Lansdown Club, Mayfair, for 142 guests including Beneficiaries, Trustees and Legatees. The torch then made it's way to Western Australia to travel all around the Continent before the finish of the Relay in Melbourne in November (attended by the President). Beneficiaries received special commemorative coins, stamps and hand-made thank you cards to mark the special occasion and celebratory year.

We are very grateful for the support received from the Australian High Commission in London and our Patron the Hon. Stephen Smith, Australian High Commissioner. We also thank Brigadier Grant Mason, Head of Australian Defence Staff and the significant contribution made by LTCOL Anthony Birch and CMDR Adam Sharp.

New Legatees

The Charity was very pleased to welcome Brigadier Grant Mason, Head of Australian Defence Staff as a new Trustee and Legatee.

Beneficiaries

As at 31 December 2023 the club actively supported 28 Beneficiaries (2022: 29 Beneficiaries), comprising 24 (2022: 23) widows, 1 veteran and 4 dependents.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Due to the most welcome legacy from one of our Beneficiaries, we aim to continue the current level of support to widows and their dependents. The activities and events of 2023 resulted in the Charity welcoming more new Legatees during 2024.

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Trustees annual report for the year ended 31 August 2023 (continued)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial results

The results for the year are set out on pages 6 - 9. The net result for 2023 is a deficit of £17,218 (2022: surplus of £154,908).

The reserve at the end of the year of £187,542 (2022: £204,276) was substantially increased by the above advance payments.

Reserves policy

As the charity has no regular ongoing obligations, no minimum reserve is required. At the start of each year the trustees make decision regarding activities and spending depending on the funds available.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity

The accounts have been drawn up on the 'receipts and payments' basis in accordance with charity regulations for small charities.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Charity has created and ratified key financial management policies to that effect.

Approved by the order of the board of Trustees and signed on its behalf:

Paul Wrighter - Trustee

Date:

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
to the Trustees of London Legacy**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of London Legacy ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the summary of receipts and payments and the statement of assets and liabilities.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no audit opinion on the accounts and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- * accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- * the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Mr Ketan Ramesh Patel FCCA

Merchant & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
2 Craven Road
Ealing
London
W5 2UA

Date:

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Receipts & payments accounts - Summary for year to 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Total receipts	34,446	173,488
Total payments	<u>51,664</u>	<u>18,580</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus of the year	(17,218)	154,908
Cash balance brought forward	<u>206,201</u>	<u>51,293</u>
Cash balance carried forward	<u><u>188,983</u></u>	<u><u>206,201</u></u>

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Receipts for the year to 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Anzax Day, Centenary Ball and Torch Relay receipts	32,411	-
Donations	-	209
Legacy	2,029	173,279
Interest	6	-
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Total receipts	<u>34,446</u>	<u>173,488</u>

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Payments for the year to 31 December 2023

		2023	2022
	Notes	£	£
Ball expenses	1	32,625	555
Charitable purposes	2	17,127	16,264
Travel expenses		512	-
Legacy Australia		-	286
Independent examination fee		922	982
Wreath laying		293	-
Administration expenses		185	405
Bank charges		-	67
Sundry expenses		-	21
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Total payments		<u>51,664</u>	<u>18,580</u>

- 1 Ball expenses. No ball was held during covid years; 2023 restarted this tradition.
- 2 Charitable purposes: Grants to approved beneficiaries based on needs.

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31 December 2023

	31 December 2023 £	31 December 2022 £
ASSETS (all unrestricted)		
Bank - Current Account & Saver Account	<u>188,983</u>	<u>206,201</u>
LIABILITIES payable within one year		
Creditors and accruals		
Independent examination	1,200	720
Expense payments	<u>241</u>	<u>1,205</u>
	<u>1,441</u>	<u>1,925</u>

These accounts were approved on and signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees by

Paul Wrighter - Trustee

1. Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, on a 'receipts and payments' basis.

2. No amounts were paid to Trustees in the year, other than bona fide reimbursements.

3. VAT is not reclaimable on expenditure made from this Fund.

4. Related parties

This charity is registered in the UK. It is independent from Legacy Australia.

However the charity receives advice from Legacy Australia and help with coordination of events.

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Adam Gale	Hon secretary (from 13/01/2022 - 08/07/2022)
Yvonne smith	Hon secretary (from 13/01/2022)
Markus Ray	Hon secretary (from 13/01/2022)
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Statement on Public Benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission, including public benefit guidance as set out in its constitution.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

2022 was a busy year for London Legacy with a full return to normal functioning post the COVID lockdowns. The club celebrated its 75th Anniversary at the Annual Reception in June, visits were made to our beneficiaries throughout Britain, and the bequest funding enabled the club to provide additional services to beneficiaries. Planning commenced for the 2023 Centenary of Legacy Australia. In early 2022 our patron, His Excellency the Hon. George Brandis, completed his four-year term as High Commissioner. Stephen Smith, former Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Rudd and Gillard governments, was named as the next Australian High Commissioner to the UK, taking up his post in early 2023.

New Legatees

Two new legatees joined during the year: Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Birch and Lieutenant Calum Hutcheson, both of whom bring an impressive set of skills and experience to the club. Cathlyn Davidson stood down as a legatee during the year. Her many years of service and selfless support to our beneficiaries was much appreciated.

Beneficiaries

As at 31 December 2022 the club actively supported 29 Beneficiaries, comprising 24 widows, 1 veteran and 4 dependents. Additionally, there were 6 beneficiaries living in the UK with whom contact has been unsuccessful to date.

Bequest

Legacy benefitted during the year from the bequest of one of its beneficiaries, Catherine Constant, who died in December 2020. A final payment was received into our bank account of £173,236 in October. This supplemented the advances already paid of £60,000. The bequest has enabled us to undertake several

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Trustees annual report for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

support initiatives on both a short term and long term basis:

Providing education allowances for the Brient family

Providing financial assistance to some of our beneficiaries in response to specific situations and circumstances including rent arrears, decorating and transport costs for medical appointments

Offering TV Licence subsidies, Christmas gift cheques and cost of living subsidies

Nominating 3 of the Brient children to attend the 2023 Junior Legacy Camp in Busselton, Western Australia.

Activities

The annual reception held in June was a success. The reception was held in the Downer Room at Australia House. Approximately 50 people attended, including the Acting High Commissioner who provided the opening remarks and took time to speak with the beneficiaries in attendance. Given the bequest funding, we were able to use external catering and to provide two night's accommodation (instead of one) to beneficiaries and legatees attending from across Britain. This was well received by beneficiaries who appreciated the extra time to rest and socialize.

During the second half of the year, there was an extensive programme of visits by the President and legatees to beneficiaries throughout Britain. Specific lunches/visits were made to Christiane Blair, Linda Kaye (and family), Billie Martin, Angela Brient, Rita Thompson, Jean Hain (and daughter Maxine) and Mary Nicholson. These visits were in addition to regular meetings by legatee Loftus with Billie Martin and by legatee Briggs with Jane Tripney.

The President had the privilege to represent London Legacy at the following events:

After a two year pause due to COVID, Anzac Day services in London resumed in person on Monday 25th April. She laid wreaths at the Dawn Service at Hyde Park corner and at the Wreath Laying Ceremony and Parade at the Cenotaph, before attending the Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey;

In July, the President attended a dinner with the Honorable Dr. Jeanette Young, Governor of Queensland, at the RAC Club. The Agent General for Queensland arranged the dinner for patronages and community associations associated with the Governor. The Governor is patron of Queensland Legacy;

On Remembrance Day, the President laid a wreath at the Australian War memorial at Hyde Park Corner;

In December, the President attended the Ceremony of the Christmas Cake at the Royal Hospital Chelsea, home of the Chelsea Pensioners.

Quarterly zoom meetings were conducted throughout the year, attended by legatees and representatives from Canberra Legacy.

We are extremely grateful for the support we receive from the Australian High Commission. We thank our past patron the Hon. George Brandis and the Acting High Commissioner Lynette Wood, for their unwavering support and use of Australia House. We also thank Brigadier Grant Mason, Head of Australian Defence Staff and Wing Commander Jim Xinos, Chief of Defence Staff, for their significant contributions to this charity.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

As outlined above due to the most welcome legacy from one of our beneficiaries we aim to continue the support and will consider extending to families of defence personnel involved in other conflicts.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial results

The results for the year are set out on pages 6 - 9. The net result for 2022 of £154,908 (2021: £46,879) was enhanced by the final payments of £173,279 of a legacy from Catherine Constant.

The reserve at the end of the year of £204,276 (2021: £50,488) was substantially increased by the above legacy payment.

Reserves policy

The trustees aim to keep a minimum reserve for use in emergency to cover any regular expenses plus certain project and any emergency funding.

Trustees' Report

Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 August 2023 (continued)

Trustees' responsibilities

The accounts have been drawn up on the 'receipts and payments' basis in accordance with charity regulations for small charities.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records and ensuring that reasonable enquiries are made from time to time of the financial position of the Charity and assets and liabilities. Trustees are also responsible for ensuring that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and for ensuring that reasonable steps are taken for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Charity has established and ratified key financial management policies to this effect.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees



Ian Wright (Trustee)

Date: 21/10/23

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
to the Trustees of London Legacy**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of London Legacy ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the summary of receipts and payments and the statement of assets and liabilities.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no audit opinion on the accounts and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- * accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- * the accounts do not accord with those records.

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Mr Ketan Ramesh Patel F.C.C.A.
Independent Examiner
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Date:

London Legacy

Receipts & payments accounts - Summary for year to 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Total receipts	173,488	60,000
Total payments	<u>18,580</u>	<u>13,121</u>
Surplus of the year	154,908	46,879
Cash balance brought forward	<u>51,293</u>	<u>4,414</u>
Cash balance carried forward	<u>206,201</u>	<u>51,293</u>

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Receipts for the year to 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations	209	-
Legacy	<u>173,279</u>	<u>60,000</u>
Total receipts	<u>173,488</u>	<u>60,000</u>

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Payments for the year to 31 December 2022

		2022	2021
	Notes	£	£
Ball expenses	1	555	-
Charitable purposes	2	16,264	12,137
Legacy Australia		286	-
Independent examination fee		982	-
Administration expenses		405	984
Bank charges		67	-
Sundry expenses		21	-
Total payments		<u>18,580</u>	<u>13,121</u>

- 1 Ball expenses. No ball was held in 2021.
- 2 Charitable purposes. Grants to approved beneficiaries based on needs.

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31 December 2022

	31 December 2022	31 December 2021
Notes	£	£
ASSETS (all unrestricted)		
Bank - Current Account & Saver Account	<u>206,201</u>	<u>51,293</u>
LIABILITIES payable within one year		
Creditors and accruals		
Independent examination	720	720
Expense payments	<u>1,205</u>	<u>85</u>
	<u>1,925</u>	<u>805</u>

These accounts were approved on 27/10/23 and signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees by



Paul Wrighter (Trustee)

1. Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, on a 'receipts and payments' basis.

2. No amounts were paid to Trustees in the year, other than bona fide reimbursements.
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Markus Ray	Hon secretary (from 13/01/2022)
Paul Wrighter	Treasurer

Since the year end, the following trustee was appointed
Lindsey Birrell Trustee (from 13 /01/2022)

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Governing Document

The charity is established under its Constitution based on the guidance from the Charity Commission.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the policy, organisation and rules set out in its Constitution.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives

To improve the conditions of life of widows of Australian and New Zealand Servicemen in Great Britain and elsewhere and their dependents, who may be encountering difficulties due to isolation or the effect of bereavement or old age.

Principal activity

Supporting families through the UK, Ireland, France and Belgium, who are suffering after the injury or death of a spouse or parent during or after their Australian defence force service.

Public Benefit

We appoint Legatees to oversee the well being of our widows and families.

Support comes in many forms, including practical assistance in such matters as accommodation, medical and overall general welfare.

Legatees make regular visits and phone calls to help those requiring aged care, community visits assistance with claiming entitlements and benefits and social activities.

Statement on Public Benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission, including public benefit guidance as set out in its constitution.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Despite a resurgent Covid-19 pandemic, the year saw a period of consolidation and a partial return to normal for London Legacy. Visits were made to our beneficiaries throughout Britain, and the club hosted its first Reception in over two years.

At the end of the year the charity had 34 dependants (2020: 29 dependents) listed.

Communications and funding

Bequest funding enabled the club to recommence our quarterly newsletter. The club was also in the position to send out Christmas cheques to our beneficiaries, and to implement several new ideas all which will appear in the body of my report below.

In the early 2021 a new Legacy Australia website was launched and London Legacy's page formed part of that restructure.

On 12 February 2021 the President, Simon Kleinig, was advised that the club is to be part-beneficiary (together with Sydney Legacy) of a residuary bequest from one of our dependants, Catherine Constant, who died in December 2020. Two amounts of £10,000 and £50,000 were received into our account, and the balance will be deposited following the settlement of a property in Bristol in early 2022.

Initiatives for our beneficiaries

Legatee Adam Gale embarked on a number of new initiatives: the sending out of care packages to all beneficiaries, and bouquets of flowers on Valentine's Day and beneficiaries' birthdays. He also made contact with a number of ladies who had been without an allocated legatee, or with whom the club had lost contact. Although Legatee Gale resigned from the club in early July 2021. The initiatives begun by Adam Gale were voted on at subsequent meetings to be continued as part of the ongoing fabric of support for our beneficiaries.

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Events

Anzac Day was again cancelled as a public event, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, closed ceremonies were held at the Australian War Memorial and at the commemorative service at Westminster Abbey. The President attended at the invitation of the High Commissioner and Australian Defence Staff. HM The Queen was represented by HRH The Princess Royal.

Annual reception.

No planning was put in place for our June Annual Reception at Australia House because of the uncertainty and risk of the COVID-19 pandemic. Legatee Birrell suggested the club host an event at Australia House to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mary Nicholson in December 2021. Legatee Birrell offered to organise the event. The event went ahead on 15 December 2021, observing strict government guidelines, including vaccination for all attendees or a negative lateral flow test result. Other protective measures included social distancing, and the compulsory wearing of masks.

The Reception was held successfully in the Exhibition Hall at Australia House, to maximise air circulation, to facilitate social distancing and to minimise risk of COVID-19 infection. Approximately 60 people attended the Reception including 10 legatees and 11 beneficiaries, most undertaking long journeys across Britain to attend. WG CDR Jim Xinos was fundamental in ensuring the success of the event.

Quarterly Meetings

Quarterly Zoom Meetings were conducted throughout the year. These were attended regularly by legatees. Important and constructive contributions were made by the Chairman of Legacy Australia Inc., legatee Rick Cranna and the President of Canberra Legacy, legatee Mark Lax.

At the 8 July 2021 Quarterly Meeting, the President advised that he will be resigning as President at the end of the year and returning to Australia. He will continue as a legatee with Adelaide Legacy.

The President was advised that our nomination for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service had been unsuccessful. The President said there had been positive outcomes from the nomination, including a wider community awareness of the work of London Legacy. The club voted to cover the cost of TV licences for our beneficiaries. Seven beneficiaries have accepted the offer.

At the 14 October 2021 Quarterly Meeting legatee Yvonne Smith accepted the position of Hon Secretary, effective immediately. Legatee Marcus Ray was welcomed to the club, having completed the induction process and was being mentored by legatee Simon Kleinig. Legatee Johanna Peterson has now been allocated to widow Bryher Dansby. Former legatee Amy Fallon has returned to London and has been reinstated as a legatee.

On Remembrance Day the President laid a wreath at the Australian War Memorial at Hyde Park Corner.

Visits to beneficiaries

During the year the President resumed visits to our beneficiaries throughout Britain notably Wales, Essex, Scotland, and Kent. This was always done following government COVID-19 guidelines, and only after receiving written approval from the trustees.

I regret to inform the club that we lost the following beneficiaries during the year: Ivy Leitch (aged 106), Rita Tosh, Catherine Blow, Annette Stone and Jane Hunt.

We have six new beneficiaries in Cumbria and Glasgow the latter being a family of 5 from Perth Legacy. The Brient family joined us from Western Australia in August, where they were under the care of Perth Legacy.

Trustees including President

In November Hon Secretary Yvonne Smith advised that she was prepared to accept the role of President of London Legacy for 2022.

The President advised that he will be returning to Australia on 20 December 2021, and that President-elect Yvonne Smith will assume the role from that date, to be formally elected at the next AGM.

Patron the High Commissioner and Heads of Australian Defence Staff.

All legatees thanked our Patron the High Commissioner for his support, also CDRE Guy Holthouse and BRIG Grant Mason as Heads of Australian Defence Staff, and WG CDR Jim Xinos, Chief of Defence Staff for their significant contributions to this charity.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

As outlined above due to the most welcome legacy from one of our beneficiaries we aim to continue the support and will consider extending to families of defence personnel involved in other conflicts.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial results

The results for the year are set out on pages 5 - 9. The net result for 2021 of £46,879 (2020: £362) was enhanced by advance payments of £60,000 in total toward a legacy from Catherine Constant. The reserve at the end of the year of £50,488 (2020: £4,414) was substantially increased by the above advance payments.

Reserves policy

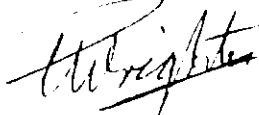
The trustees aim to keep a minimum reserve for use in emergency to cover any regular expenses plus certain project and any emergency funding.

Trustees' responsibilities

The accounts have been drawn up on the 'receipts and payments' basis in accordance with charity regulations for small charities.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Charity has created and ratified key financial management policies to that effect.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees:



Paul Wrighter (Trustee)

Date: 25/10/2022

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
to the Trustees of London Legacy**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of London Legacy ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the summary of receipts and payments and the statement of assets and liabilities.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

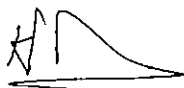
An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no audit opinion on the accounts and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- * accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- * the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



Mr Ketan Ramesh Patel F.C.C.A.
Independent Examiner
Merchant & Co.
Chartered Certified Accountants
20 Exhibition House
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London W14 8XP

Date: 28th October 2022

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Receipts & payments accounts - Summary for year to 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Total receipts	60,000	1,763
Total payments	<u>13,121</u>	<u>1,401</u>
Surplus of the year	46,879	362
Cash balance brought forward	<u>4,414</u>	<u>4,052</u>
Cash balance carried forward	<u>51,293</u>	<u>4,414</u>

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Receipts for the year to 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
Note	£	£
Ball income and donations	-	1,757
Legacy (In progress) - Advance received	1 60,000	-
Interest	<u> -</u>	<u> 6</u>
Total receipts	<u> 1 60,000</u>	<u> 1,763</u>

1 Donations : The determination of a legacy is still in progress
This amount is an initial advance payment on account
released from an estate.

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Payments for the year to 31 December 2021

		2021	2020
	Notes	£	£
Ball expenses	1	-	-
Charitable purposes	2	12,137	1,157
Administration expenses		<u>984</u>	<u>244</u>
Total payments		<u>13,121</u>	<u>1,401</u>

1 Ball expenses. No ball was held in 2021.

2 Charitable purposes. Grants to approved beneficiaries based on needs.

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31 December 2021

	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
	Notes	
	£	£
ASSETS (all unrestricted)		
Bank - Current Account & Saver Account	<u>51,293</u>	<u>4,414</u>
LIABILITIES payable within one year		
Creditors and accruals		
Independent examination	720	-
Expense payments	<u>85</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>805</u>	<u>-</u>

These accounts were approved on 25/10/2022 and signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees by



Paul Wrighter (Trustee)

1. Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, on a 'receipts and payments' basis.

2. No amounts were paid to Trustees in the year, other than bona fide reimbursements.

3. VAT is not reclaimable on expenditure made from this Fund.

4. Related parties - This charity is registered in the UK. It is independent from Legacy Australia. However the charity receives advice from Legacy Australia and help with coordination of events.