

AIRFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE

England & Wales · Charity number 1094593

Details

Other names	AIRFIELD FIRE SERVICE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2002-11-13
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	40 Peppercorn Park The Baulk Clapham Bedford MK41 6HB
Phone	07762589736
Email	avfs.admin@shuttleworth.org
Website	www.avfs.org

Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ("THE OBJECTS") ARE TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT LIFE AND IN PARTICULAR TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN AN EMERGENCY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.

Activities: provide a service that is able to respond when requested, to an emergency, through the provision of appropriate fire appliances, equipment and personnel properly qualified in their use.promote fire, personal and airfield safety.encourage knowledge and expertise within the field of airfield safety.provide and maintain an emergency fire and rescue service for the benefit of the public.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Economic/community Development/employment, Armed Forces/emergency Service Efficiency
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BEDFORDSHIRE
- Bedford
- Central Bedfordshire
- Luton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£27,917	£40,577	-	-
2024-03-31	£16,528	£4,617	-	-
2023-03-31	£9,586	£3,152	-	-
2022-03-31	£7,438	£22	-	-
2021-03-31	£5,131	£4,350	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
KEVIN JOHN ENDERSBY		
Mark Edward Petrs		2024-04-11
PAUL MACKIN		2012-08-19
Paul Cullen		2025-05-06

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Accounts



AIRFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE

Trustees report for period April 2024 to March 2025.

The Airfield Volunteer Fire Service was given charitable status on 13th November 2002, charity number 1094593.

The main contact address is:

40 Peppercorn Park
The Baulk
Green Lane
Clapham
Beds
MK41 6HB

The trustees for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 were:

Mr P Mackin (Chairman)
Mr M Peters (Secretary)
Mr K Endersby (Treasurer)

Objects.

To support an emergency fire and rescue service for the benefit of the public to protect the worlds aviation heritage.

Review of activities.

The statistics for attendances of the AVFS since inception and for the year under review are as follows,

Total duties undertaken	1340
Total incidents attended	648
Duties undertaken 1 st April 2024 to 31 st March 2025	32
Incidents , 1 st April 2024 to 31 st March 2025	8

The AVFS has attended all the air displays at The Shuttleworth Collection along with other duties at Shuttleworth and even further afield. All duties and incidents attended this year all have been dealt with in professional manner. We have received several letters thanking us for our help and attention to detail. No major rescue and firefighting incidents have occurred during this period requiring our attendance.

Patrons
HM Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, Susan Lousada
Helen Nellis MA Barrister CVO CStJ
The Right Reverend Richard Atkinson OBE, Bishop of Bedford



The Airfield Volunteer Fire Service has no paid members, all members are volunteers and give their time freely. The Airfield Volunteer Fire Service relies on all members giving as much time as they can to keep the service operating successfully.

The annual review by the Civil Aviation Authority took place and we are meeting the required standards.

The Airfield Volunteer Fire Service has retained the working relationship with Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service. In May 2024 the Airfield Volunteer Fire Service Charity was Donated a service van by Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service to support the fund raising and information stall attend events. The support to the AVFS by BFRS is very much appreciated.

A previously used Scania fire pump was purchased in March 2025 by the charity and donations from members of the crew, this now replaces the Old Volvo pump which was getting by its sell by date and has now been kitted out and put on the run.

The Airfield Volunteer fire Service Charity applied to 3 local trusts for funding to purchase new personnel protection equipment for all its firefighting crew and was successful in obtaining the funding to purchase 23 sets of new PPE as the old fire kit was worn out and out of date.

Membership remains consistent and we recognise we could do with more members, Recruitment continues on an ongoing basis with an active campaign for the forthcoming year to recruit more members.

Funding is always an issue to operate and maintain the service, as now 2 of our 3 landrover fire vehicles need urgent replacement as they are becoming unreliable in time of need the cost of each vehicle being around 120,000 and we need 2 to carry on our work. It was considered we had an uneconomic and non-financially viable situation and an alternative business solution needed to be sought. After extensive negotiation a resolution was presented to the membership whereby the Shuttleworth Trust would absorb the core business interest and of the AVFS into their portfolio which would provide a stable financial basis upon which the AVFS could operate and develop in future years. The charity would still be retained at this time and would look to work closer with another charity at the same venue.

Future Plans.

The trustees look forward to developing the relationships with The Shuttleworth Trust, The Shuttleworth Veteran Aeroplane Society and Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service to continue providing what we are good at.

Financial review.

The Airfield Volunteer Fire Service has made no profit this year. Any surplus income and saved funds and have been reinvested back into the charity for the purchase of equipment.

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Trustee Responsibilities.

The trustees recognise their responsibilities for keeping proper accounting records and preparing a financial statement each year. The accounts have been prepared on an income and expenditure basis and they have been examined by an independent examiner.

This report has been approved by the trustees and signed on behalf of the trustees.

K, J, Endersby,

K. J. Endersby (Treasurer)

Date 08th June 2025

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**AIRFIELD VOLUNTEER
FIRE SERVICE**
PROTECTING THE WORLD'S AVIATION HERITAGE



AVFS CHARITY ACCOUNTS

Summary accounts for the Airfield Volunteer Service charity
for the period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2023-24</u>
Opening Bank Balance	£18,344.83	£6,433.80
Income	£27,917.83	£16,528.09
Expenditure	£40,577.08	£4,517.06
Closing Bank Balance	£5,685.58	£18,444.83

We confirm that, to the best of our knowledge, these figures are accurate and up to date

K-J, Endersby
Kevin Endersby
Trustee

Dated

11/9/25

Trevor Clark
Trevor Clark
Auditor

Dated

11/9/25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

AIRFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE, SHUTTLEWORTH

On accounts for the year ended

31st MARCH 2025 Charity no (if any) 1094593

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's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 24/9/25.

Name: TREVOR CLARK

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

FELLOW CHARTERED MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT (CIMA)

Address:

2 WEST WALK
BIGGLESWADE
PEBS. SG-18 OPD

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.