THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1119061

Details

Other names	THE RIFLES REGIMENT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2007-05-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 4. OBJECTS THE OBJECTS OF THE TRUST ARE:(A) TO PROMOTE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE REGIMENT IN SUCH CHARITABLE WAYS AS THE TRUSTEES MAY DECIDE; AND (B) TO SUPPORT SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSE OR PURPOSES OF OR CONNECTED WITH THE REGIMENT OR THE FORMING REGIMENTS INCLUDING MAKING GRANTS TO THE RIFLES BENEVOLENT TRUST AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE.

Activities: a. To promote the efficiency of the Regiment in such ways as the Trustees many descide: and b. to support such other charitable purpose or purposes of or conected with the Regiment or the forming Regiments including making grants to The Rifles benevolent Trust as the Trustees may from time to time descide.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Armed Forces/emergency Service Efficiency
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

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Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£572,825	£636,174	£7,950,504	0
2023-12-31	£610,847	£540,580	£7,281,784	0
2022-12-31	£1,103,425	£445,528	£6,921,953	0
2021-12-31	£623,343	£427,089	£6,747,644	0
2020-12-31	£314,682	£333,481	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
SIMON CHARLES HAZLITT	Chair	
Brigadier James MH Allen		2025-01-23
Brigadier Matthew Richard Baker		2024-07-03
Captain Adrian Matthew Hinks		2024-10-18
Colonel Ralph Graham Arundell		2018-02-06
Henry Charles Steel		2020-07-30
Lieutenant Colonel Peter James Alexander Balls OBE		2018-07-20
Rebecca Charlotte Maciejewska		2021-09-30
Robert Charles Reynolds		2025-01-23

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Accounts

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

FOR

THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Background and Structure

The Charity was established by a Trust Deed approved by the Charity Commission dated 1 April 2007. It was formed to manage the benevolent funds of the newly formed regiment, The Rifles, which had been created on 1 February 2007 by the merger of The Devonshire and Dorset Light Infantry (DDLI), The Light Infantry (LI), The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Light Infantry (RGBWLI) and The Royal Green Jackets (RGJ), including their Territorial and Volunteer Units. These are the 'Forming Regiments' and the Trust is sufficiently widely drawn to be able to help not only serving and former members of the Regiment (The Rifles) but also of the Forming Regiments and of their various Antecedent Regiments, including Reserve units.

The Regimental Trustees are the Finance Committee of The Rifles Council, the governing body of the Regiment. They are Trustees for all three of the Regimental Charities: The Rifles Regimental Trust, The Rifles Benevolent Trust and The Rifles Officers' Fund, the business of which is conducted at the same meetings of Trustees.

Governance

There are up to eight (currently six) ex-officio Trustees, being the Colonel Commandant, Deputy Colonel Commandants and other senior serving officers of the Regiment. In addition, there are up to twelve (currently nine) Nominated Trustees the majority of whom have specific skills such as in the investment or legal fields and others have commanded battalions of The Rifles or of Forming Regiments. A Nominated Trustee must be an officer or warrant officer, or former officer or warrant officer, of the Regiment or of a Forming Regiment and may include a wife or widow of such. In making such appointments care is taken to ensure representation from each of the Former Regiments. Nominated Trustees are elected for terms not exceeding four years and may be re-elected for a maximum of 4 terms. Re-elections are rotational and take place annually normally at the April Trustees meeting. In 2024, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) John Poole Warren MBE and Mr Andrew Jackson retired without replacement. Mr Jeremy Archer and Mr Oliver Marsh agreed to continue as Trustees and were re-elected. Meetings of the Trustees are held quarterly, normally in January, April, July and October.

The Trustees have a Nomination Sub Committee which, annually and when a vacancy occurs, considers suitable candidates to reinforce the skills or representation of the Trustees and proposes candidates to The Rifles Council for nomination. New nominated candidates, as well as Nominated Trustees seeking re-election, are elected by the Trustees at the Spring (second) meeting each year. New Nominated Trustees are briefed by the Chairman of Trustees and on appointment are given an induction pack of background information on each of the Regimental Charities, including copies of Trust Deeds, annual accounts and minutes of recent meetings, and a copy of Charity Commission booklet 'Responsibilities of a Charity Trustee'. Training through seminars etc is made available for all Trustees.

Other Sub Committees, to cover the work of all The Rifles Charities, have been formed for Governance, Finance, Grants, Remuneration and Investment. In addition, there is a Homes Sub Committee to manage properties (Green Jacket Close) owned by The Rifles Benevolent Trust. The Nomination Committee annually reviews the membership of Sub Committees to ensure that Trustees use their skills appropriately and gain experience from the work of such Sub Committees.

The risks to which the Charity is vulnerable are reviewed annually by the Trustees after detailed work by the Governance Sub Committee. The Trustees consider the major risks to which the Charity could be exposed and review the systems established to mitigate such risks. They are not aware of any irregularities, including fraud, involving management or employees of the Charity; nor are they aware of any instances of actual or non-compliance with laws, regulations, contracts or agreements that might result in the Charity suffering significant penalties or other loss.

In 2016 by unanimous agreement of the Trustees basic bookkeeping of all the Regimental Trust Accounts was outsourced to a firm of professional bookkeepers in Gloucestershire, Trust Accounting. The eighth full year of independent operation in 2024 incurred costs of £6713 (£4,990). The liaison between Regimental Headquarters and Trust Accounting continues to develop with an excellent service being provided.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Income

Apart from investment income, the major regular source of income to the Charity is from Regimental Subscriptions (the Day's Pay Scheme) in which most officers and soldiers throughout the Regiment participate. All income to September 2021 was received into The Rifles Regimental Trust with 51% of the basic income then being passed to The Rifles Benevolent Trust. With effect from 1 October 2021 Trustees have amended the allocation of income from the Days pay Scheme from 51% to 40% to The Rifles Benevolent Trust.

This was reviewed and reconfirmed at the October 2024 meeting of trustees and will continue be reviewed annually. This remains possible due to other income to the Benevolent Trust from Legacies enabling the changes to be made without any detriment to existing beneficiaries. The balance (60%) is retained by The Rifles Regimental Trust, which can make grants to The Rifles Benevolent Trust as required and includes additional contributions from officers which are held in a designated fund to support officer related activities. All payments via the Day's Pay Scheme are through Charitable Giving and are therefore inclusive of tax.

Subscriptions from officers and soldiers under the Day's Pay Scheme have remained steady. During the year, a total of £196,777 (2023: £197,229) was subscribed under the scheme, which represents 60% of the income being retained by The Rifles Regimental Trust and the balance of 40% being transferred to The Rifles Benevolent Trust. The percentage of all ranks subscribing under this voluntary Scheme has remained around 95%. In addition, officers subscribed a further £39,194 (2023: £38,256) for officer related activities. An annual review of subscriptions is undertaken and individuals not contributing are identified and encouraged to do so.

Regimental Objectives

The Rifles Council has approved Regimental Objectives, which are reviewed annually, and which Trustees take into account when making grants from The Rifles Regimental Trust. The Objectives issued in 2017 remain extant with three objectives being set:

1. Realise the potential of every Rifleman and maximise the opportunity of being a large regiment

2. Exploit the range of modern roles to enhance the Regiment's reputation for tactical innovation and forward thinking.

3. Capitalise on the five pillars (Regulars, Reserves, Cadets, Associations and Communities) to sustain the Regiment and build esprit de corps, ensuring full manning.

Grants to Regular Battalions

The following policy was in place:

1. Trustees will allocate to Regular battalions, (including to 4 RANGER who rebadged in December 2021 but who for now remain linked to The Rifles and to where their Regimental Subscriptions are paid), an annual block grant that may be expended at CO's discretion, except that a percentage must be expended on Adventurous Training (to meet the terms of the Lawrence Bequest from which part of the income is derived). It is intended to cover such expenditure as official entertainment and the support of Bugle Platoons (but not the repair of bugles).

2. The grant is normally paid in two equal elements in January and July but may be drawn down by negotiation with RHQ where the operational cycle of the Battalion justifies an earlier payment to support expenditure commitments during the year. No part should be reserved for future years, unless agreed through RHQ.

3. The grant is intended to help towards all normal activities of the battalion; requests for additional grants should be for exceptional expenditure. Such additional requests are considered regularly by the Trustees.

4. Major repairs to bugles and chattels - and the insurance thereof - are not covered by the grant. These will be arranged centrally by RHO and covered by the RHQ budget.

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Grants to Reserve Battalions
Reserve battalions are also given a block grant, part of which will be from a fund restricted for this purpose. The Trustees will consider additional requests for grants which will be weighted by the fact from 2016 when Reserves started limited subscriptions of 14% of a day's pay under the Day's Pay scheme but less than 30% are currently contributing. As the numbers grow Trustees will continue to review and may be able to enhance their support given to Rifles Reserve units.

Grants to Regional Offices
The following policy was in place:

1. Under restructuring there will be four Regional Offices for the South West (based in Exeter), The North (Based in Durham), The South East (Based at RHQ) and Central (Based in Shrewsbury). There are currently satellite offices based in Bodmin, Durham, London and Taunton some of which will, in due course, be subject to closure.

2. Each City/County Office will be allocated a block grant to cover administration, events and Regional Colonel's expenses.

3. The grant may be drawn down by negotiation with RHQ.

4. Offices may bid for additional grants to cover exceptional expenditure planned for the following year.

5. No grants are made to cadets or cadet detachments.

Grants through RHQ
RHQ will establish a budget for annual approval by the Trustees to cover all regimental matters that are not covered by grants to Regular and Reserve battalions, or Regional offices.

Designated (Unrestricted) and Restricted Funds

1. **5(V) RGJ Trust** (Designated). These funds derive from a disbanded RGJ TA unit and the income therefrom is applied to grants to the Rifles Reserve Battalions and independent companies.

2. **The Officers' Fund** (Designated) receives income from the Day's Pay Scheme that is specifically intended for officers' subscriptions and welfare.

3. **The Hatton Bequest Fund** (Restricted) derives from a legacy in memory of Corporal Harry Hatton, 2nd Royal Green Jackets, who was injured in Northern Ireland and who subsequently died. It is to be used to provide prizes for the best recruits in the Regiment at the Training Regiment at Catterick.

4. **The Lawrence Bequest Fund** (Restricted). The bequest was made to the Rifle Brigade in memory of Captain F E Lawrence who was killed in East Africa in 1895. It is to be used for the maintenance of his grave in Africa and to support Adventure Training within the Regiment.

5. **RGJ Management Fund** (Restricted). This Fund is managed by the Trustees for investment purposes. The income and capital of the Fund are under the control of the Royal Green Jackets Association Management Committee for the business of the Former Regiment.

6. **LI Management Fund.** This fund is managed by the Trustees for investment purposes. In 2015 the income and capital of this fund were incorporated into the Rifles Regimental Trust as a restricted fund, but under the Control of the Light Infantry Committee for the business of the former Regiment.

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7. **RGBW Fund.** These funds were moved into the Regimental Trust in January 2021 for investment purposes only with the RGBW business being accounted for through their own charity. In 2023 the Trustees of The RGBW funds asked and it was agreed that the funds would be moved under the umbrella of The Rifles Regimental Trust with an RGBW management board maintaining oversight and control for the business of the former Regiment within the guidelines of the Rifles Regimental Trust Deed.

Funds Under Management
Elements of the current and forming regiments have deposited sums with the Trustees to gain benefit from investment in a larger portfolio. As the funds are assets of their own charities, these are "Funds Under Management" for which the Rifles Trustees act as Custodian Trustees. The funds are:

1. **The DDLI Charities Fund.** These investments belong to The Devon and Dorset Light Infantry for their Former Regiment business and are accounted for through their own charity accounts.

2. **1 Rifles, 2 Rifles, 4 Rifles, 5 Rifles, 6 Rifles and 7 Rifles PRI funds.** These funds belong to their respective battalions and are accounted for through their own PRIs which are charity accounts exempt from registration and controlled by a managing trustee (The Commanding Officer). Trustees may take into account the level of capital held in such PRI accounts when considering requests from battalions for additional grants.

3. **The Rifles and Light Infantry Somerset Association.** These funds were added in 2020 for investment purposes only with the Regimental business being accounted for through their own charity.

All these Funds (Restricted, Designated and Funds Under Management) are invested together with the main Rifles Regimental Trust Unrestricted funds with a strict record being maintained as to the (aliquot) percentage of the capital and income that belongs to each.

Allocation of Grants
The Trustees meet annually to consider the budget for the following year and the block grants that can be made. They will also consider at this time any requests for additional grants. The Trustees are also the Trustees of The Rifles Benevolent Trust who meet quarterly to ratify grants. Such quarterly meetings give the Trustees the opportunity to consider income and expenditure on, and other business of, The Rifles Regimental Trust and any additional grants that have been requested.

Grants from unrestricted funds to a total of £60,100 (2023: £60,544) were made to the five regular and three Reserve battalions as well as the 3 Regimental Bands who received £4,000 (2023: £3000). Regular Battalions also received a further £20K from Restricted funds and the Reserves a further £10,500 (2023: £10,500). ITC Catterick received £2500 (2023: £800). Each of the regular battalions receives varying sums based upon their established strength; this includes funding for their regimental sport. It remains the hope of the trustees to be able to increase the level of grants to battalions in the future. Of the Reserve units, 6, 7 and 8 Rifles received £7,000 (2023: £7,000) each. Grants totalling £2,115 (2023: £6,983) were made to the Regional offices.

Regimental expenses
Expenditure totalling £112,355 (2023: £112,250) was made under the RHQ budget; the largest amounts being spent on Regimental sports, £19,268; IT and Communications, £17,820; the Regimental website (Swift), £13,106 and the Regimental magazine (The Bugle), £11,889. Income of £3858 (2023: £8,002) was recovered from sales of The Bugle. £8,851 was spent on insurance. In addition, £13,194 was spent on battlefield tours and £5000 on the contract with St Cross Cricket Ground. £25,000 was given to the RGJ Museum in acknowledgement of the amalgamation of the RGJ and The Rifles Museums to form The Rifleman's Museum. The cost of providing a ceremonial bugle to those on completion of 22 and/or 24 years or on commissioning was £21,873 (2023: £18,112).

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Rifles Direct
In early 2017 the sale of Rifles Direct to AMMO (All Arms Marketing and Manufacturing Organisation) was completed with the Regiment retaining control over the Company and Regimental brands. In 2018 the Regiment continued to receive the agreed income of £8,000 per annum (payable 1/12th each month) which was subsequently increased to £9,000 per annum and is reviewed against sales bi-annually. The income was used to clear the original loan to the company of £50,000 which was cleared by the end of 2020. From 2022 a proportion, based on sales to each battalion or Museum (Rifles and RGJ), has been passed on to the battalions.

Public Benefit
The following statements consider the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit disclosure.

The Trustees are conscious that the use of charitable funds should have an element of benefit to the public. The object of The Rifles Regimental Trust is to promote the efficiency of the Regiment in its widest sense.

Grants can, for example, be made to the serving elements of the Regiment to support activities which increase the fitness and capability of the serving soldier, such as adventure training, and to activities which help to establish the regimental ethos and culture, such as bugling. Grants may also be made to the other pillars of the Regiment, such as the Reserve units and the Regimental Associations, to help establish the reputation of the Regiment throughout the country and particularly in its recruiting areas. The existence of the Charity helps to ensure high morale and high standards in The Rifles and thus contributes to the effectiveness of the country's armed forces, which in turn brings tangible benefits to the public.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Lieutenant General Thomas Richardson Copinger-Symes CBE took over as Colonel Commandant on 22 March 2023 and was already an existing ex-officio Trustee.

The Governance Sub Committee has again carried out a full review of the risks to which the Charity might be exposed, and improvements have been made to the risk analysis.

Financial and Markets Review

As at 31 December 2024, The Rifles Regimental Trust had a value of £7,950,504 (2023: £7,281,784). The investment portfolio on 31st December 2024 was valued at £9,700,777 (2023: £8,882,391). These figures included funds held as creditors for the Battalion PRIs and association funds totalling £1,845,374 (2023: £1,682,645).

Risk assets enjoyed a strong twelve-month period, with global equity markets up 20% as measured by the MSCI All Country World index. Equities were buoyed by the improving fundamental picture as inflation fell closer to central bank targets, whilst global growth remained robust. The concept of US exceptionalism was prevalent throughout the period, driven by stronger growth and the anticipated impact of President Trump's policies after his victory in November's election. In fact, US stocks concluded the year with their best two-year stretch in 25 years. Regional equity market performance largely reflected this with the US strongly outperforming other major equity markets, the exception being China which rebounded on expectations of policy stimulus. Meanwhile the "Magnificent Seven" and other AI related stocks were the strongest performers, with the former group responsible for over half of the global equity market returns in 2024, with Nvidia almost trebling over the period.

2024, however, was another difficult year for fixed income markets. US and UK government bonds produced negative returns as they experienced higher than usual levels of volatility, driven by shifting narratives from global central banks and the market's subsequent reaction to interest rate expectations. This was particularly true in the last quarter of the year, where Treasury yields rose in the aftermath of the election on the expectation that stronger growth and higher inflation would lead to fewer Fed rate cuts.

Elsewhere, commodities exhibited a mixed picture with gold rising to new all-time highs in October, whilst oil prices have fallen significantly despite ongoing events in Ukraine and the Middle East. The US dollar was also volatile but rose strongly in the fourth quarter on a trade-weighted basis, strengthening against major currencies and positively impacting returns for overseas investors in US markets.

Current economic fundamentals suggest that 2025 should be another positive year for equities and risk assets more broadly. The challenge is that downside risks are greater than before; the prospect of an all-out trade war looms large, the outlook for interest rates is more uncertain, and government debt continues to rise. Diversification can help mitigate some of these risks. Bonds should provide some protection against risks to growth, while gold and other commodities help to manage the risk of inflation and elevated geopolitical tensions.

Risk Management

Trustees consider that the variety of investments with a diversified investment portfolio exercised through the Fund managers, Cazenove Charities, along with a "total return" approach. This allows a drawdown on capital of 3%, including investment income, plus an uplift factor to meet budgetary requirements (1% for 2023) which is monitored and recommended by the investments sub-committee and helps to stabilise the income and mitigates the risks as far as is possible.

The Trustees will also approve a further drawdown of capital were deemed necessary to meet essential demands in support of the Regiment (serving, former and antecedent) its Riflemen and their dependents. However, in order to meet any extraordinary demands placed upon it a reassessment of the level of grants awarded takes place at their January meeting each year with any adjustment necessary being made to ensure the long-term ability to support the Regimental family.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Reserves Policy

A review took place in late 2021 and a baseline of 3% of the average market value of the portfolio over 3 years was retained (including actual investment income) and an additional uplift of 1% was agreed to enable the budgetary requirement for 2024 to be met. Going forward for 2025 the baseline of 3% of value is to be retained; this comprises of actual investment income topped up by a drawdown, if required, from unrestricted funds and considers substantial anticipated income for 2025 from the Antioch Settlement £175,000 (£175,000 in 2023).

Key Management Personnel Remuneration

The Trustees consider the board of Trustees and the Rifles Regimental Secretary (also a Trustee) and the Rifles Secretary Finance as the Key Management personnel of the Charity. All Trustees give of their time freely and are not remunerated for their time spent on work on behalf of the Charity. The day-to-day management is invested in other senior representatives in RHQ The Rifles who are employed and salaried by the Ministry of Defence. Remuneration of the Regimental Secretary as a Trustee has been approved by the Charity Commissioners and the sum along with any other ex gratia awards to the other senior members of RHQ Staff are approved by a special meeting of Trustees held every 3 years.

All awards are made annually and are scrutinised and approved by the Remunerations Sub-committee. The Remunerations Sub-committee also screens any other ex gratia awards recommended by the Regimental Secretary for other members of the RHQ staff from an agreed budget. Payment of awards will generally be paid in December of each year. Declaration of any related party issues are contained as appropriate in the auditor's notes as been no such conflict in the current year. In assessing the awards trustees assess against performance as there is no benchmark with which to compare the ex-gratia payments.

Trustees are also required to disclose all relevant interests in connection with any grant application and in accordance with the Trust's policy withdraw from discussions where any conflict of interest arises. There has been no such conflict in the current year.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
Registered Charity number
1119061

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Trustees
Lieutenant General Thomas Richardson Copinger-Symes CBE
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Maj General Thomas Howard Bewick OBE
Major General Daniel Reeve MC
Brigadier Mark Christian Peter Wilson MBE
Colonel Ralph Graham Arundell
Colonel Ashley Raymond Fulford OBE
Colonel Nikola Ilic MBE QGM
Lieutenant Colonel Peter James Alexander Balls OBE
Lieutenant Colonel John Alexander Poole-Warren MBE - Retired 25 January 2024
Lieutenant Colonel Simon David Gray MBE
Captain Robert Gribble
Jeremy Michael Archer
Simon Charles Hazlitt - Chairman
Rebecca Charlotte Maciejewska
Oliver Rupert Marsh
Henry Charles Steel

The offices of the Charity are based in the Regimental Headquarters of The Rifles which is an MOD establishment, and the officials are civil servants employed by the MOD; therefore, neither accommodation nor staffing incur any cost to the Charity. Throughout 2024 the person responsible for the day to day running of the Charity was The Rifles Regimental Secretary and Trustee, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) PJA Balls OBE, assisted throughout the year by The Rifles Secretary Finance, Captain (Retired) I I Foster. In August 2024 Capt Foster retired, handing over to Kate Badcock.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 31 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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S C Hazlitt - Trustee

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

Opinion
We have audited the financial statements of The Rifles Regimental Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:
- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion
We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern
In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information
The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:
- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

Responsibilities of trustees
As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

From discussion with management and those charged with governance information about the entity is documented to assess the activity within the organisation. We discuss management's assessment of risk in respect of irregularities, fraud and going concern.

Based on these discussions and our own assessments we determined that the key risk areas were income recognition in respect of cut off issues and management override concerning the size of the organisation.

We set financial statement materiality level based on the level of income. As a not for profit organisation raising income is its primary focus which is why income was used to determine the level of materiality. Our overall assessment of risk was used to determine performance materiality at an appropriate level.

Substantive audit tests were designed after assessing and performing walkthrough tests. The walkthrough testing confirmed documented systems which have been designed to act as a preventative measure against fraud and error which appear to be operating as documented. Substantive testing tested a sample of the population, representative of the population, to identify errors. The testing did not identify any material misstatements in areas tested.

Audit substantive tests concluded no material errors over the key risk areas of income recognition and management override.

The audit considers the organisation is not exposed to material risk of error as a result of assessing laws and regulations that are appropriate to the organisation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

MC Audit

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Date: 15 September 2025

THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	421,920	549	422,469	460,922
Other trading activities	3	5,696	-	5,696	8,002
Investment income	4	106,206	38,454	144,660	141,923
Total		533,822	39,003	572,825	610,847
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	45,469	4,071	49,540	45,168
Charitable activities	6				
General		266,350	-	266,350	244,798
Officers fund		44,833	-	44,833	40,278
Lawrence Bequest Fund		-	20,000	20,000	20,000
RGJ management fund		-	83,930	83,930	45,906
Hatton bequest fund		-	25	25	800
RGBW FUND		-	144,737	144,737	118,889
7 Rifles		-	14,609	14,609	-
5 (V) RGJ Trust Fund		10,500	-	10,500	10,500
Light Infantry Management Fund		-	1,650	1,650	14,241
Total		367,152	269,022	636,174	540,580
Net gains on investments		539,670	192,399	732,069	289,564
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		706,340	(37,620)	668,720	359,831
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		5,046,847	2,234,937	7,281,784	6,921,953
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		5,753,187	2,197,317	7,950,504	7,281,784

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	12	9,700,777	8,882,391
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	13	66,028	63,086
Cash at bank and in hand		65,062	71,763
		131,090	134,849
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(35,989)	(52,811)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		95,101	82,038
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		9,795,878	8,964,429
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(1,845,374)	(1,682,645)
NET ASSETS		7,950,504	7,281,784
FUNDS	17		
Unrestricted funds		5,753,187	5,046,847
Restricted funds		2,197,317	2,234,937
TOTAL FUNDS		7,950,504	7,281,784

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 31 July 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

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S C Hazlitt - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(14,410)	46,580
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		(14,410)	46,580
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of fixed asset investments		(182,000)	(2,296,492)
Sale of fixed asset investments		45,049	2,047,629
Interest received		1,312	1,533
Dividends received		143,348	140,390
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		7,709	(106,940)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(6,701)	(60,360)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		71,763	132,123
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		65,062	71,763

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	668,720	359,831
Adjustments for:		
Gain on investments	(681,435)	(253,796)
Interest received	(1,312)	(1,533)
Dividends received	(143,348)	(140,390)
Increase in long term liabilities	-	71,137
Increase in debtors	(2,942)	(157)
Increase in creditors	145,907	11,488
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	(14,410)	46,580

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.1.24 £	Cash flow £	At 31.12.24 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	71,763	(6,701)	65,062
	71,763	(6,701)	65,062
Total	71,763	(6,701)	65,062

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Going Concern
The trustees believe that the going concern assumption remains appropriate for The Rifles Regimental Trust. There are no known factors or conditions that would suggest a need to question the charity's ability to continue its operations for the foreseeable future.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Financial instruments
The charity only ever enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other accounts receivable and payable, loans from banks and other third parties and loans related to parties and investments in non-puttable ordinary shares.

Trade and other debtors
Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction cost, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

Cash and cash equivalents

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1. **ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash and bank and on hand, deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments and bank overdrafts. In the balance sheet, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities.

Trade and other creditors
Short term trade creditors are measured at the transaction price, Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Realised/unrealised gains and losses
All gains and losses are taken to the statement of financial activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds and opening market value or purchase date if later. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the end of the year and opening market value, or purchase date if later. Realised and unrealised gains are not separated in the statement of financial activities.

2. **DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Gift aid	2,059	-	2,059	-
Donation/ Legacies	182,955	549	183,504	225,175
Subscriptions (Riflemen and Officers)	196,777	-	196,777	197,229
Subscriptions (Officers)	39,194	-	39,194	38,256
Book sales	935	-	935	262
	421,920	549	422,469	460,922

3. **OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Magazine income	5,696	-	5,696	8,002

4. **INVESTMENT INCOME**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Dividend and interest	104,894	38,454	143,348	140,390
Deposit account interest	1,312	-	1,312	1,533
	106,206	38,454	144,660	141,923

All investment income is derived from assets held in the United Kingdom.

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5. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Regimental magzine	11,890	-	11,890	16,929

Investment management costs

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Portfolio management	33,579	4,071	37,650	28,239
Aggregate amounts	45,469	4,071	49,540	45,168

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 7) £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
General	73,907	107,475	84,968	266,350
Officers fund	23,782	21,050	1	44,833
Lawrence Bequest Fund	-	20,000	-	20,000
RGJ management fund	-	83,236	694	83,930
Hatton bequest fund	25	-	-	25
RGBW FUND	-	144,737	-	144,737
7 Rifles	-	14,609	-	14,609
5 (V) RGJ Trust Fund	-	10,500	-	10,500
Light Infantry Management Fund	-	-	1,650	1,650
	97,714	401,607	87,313	586,634

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7. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2024	2023
	£	£
General	107,475	69,891
Officers fund	21,050	11,886
Lawrence Bequest Fund	20,000	20,000
RGJ management fund	83,236	45,292
Hatton bequest fund	-	800
RGBW FUND	144,737	118,889
7 Rifles	14,609	-
5 (V) RGJ Trust Fund	10,500	10,500
Light Infantry Management Fund	-	14,241
	401,607	291,499

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
RGJ Museum Trust grant	-	45,292
Hatton bequest fund	-	800
RHQ grant	115,910	69,965
Officers	-	11,886
Lawrance grant	-	20,000
RGBW	-	118,889
Light Infantary	-	14,167
5 (V) RGJ	-	10,500
	115,910	291,499

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Finance	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
General	75,827	15	9,126	84,968
Officers fund	1	-	-	1
RGJ management fund	281	-	413	694
Light Infantry Management Fund	1,650	-	-	1,650
	77,759	15	9,539	87,313

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8. **SUPPORT COSTS - continued**

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Management

	General	Officers fund	RGJ management fund
	£	£	£
Staff honoraria	19,050	-	-
Insurance	8,851	-	-
Regimental Secretary expenses	410	-	-
Repairs and maintenance	9,164	-	281
Postage and stationery	1,221	1	-
Publications	-	-	-
IT admin support and equipment	30,208	-	-
Membership and subscriptions	210	-	-
Accountancy	6,713	-	-
Interest payable	-	-	-
	75,827	1	281

	Light Infantry Management Fund	2024 Total activities	2023 Total activities
	£	£	£
Staff honoraria	-	19,050	14,498
Insurance	-	8,851	7,056
Regimental Secretary expenses	-	410	-
Repairs and maintenance	-	9,445	7,796
Postage and stationery	-	1,222	680
Publications	1,650	1,650	74
IT admin support and equipment	-	30,208	10,314
Membership and subscriptions	-	210	-
Accountancy	-	6,713	4,990
Interest payable	-	-	8,889
	1,650	77,759	54,297

Finance

	2024 General	2023 Total activities
	£	£
Bank charges	15	26

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8. **SUPPORT COSTS - continued**

Governance costs

	General	RGJ management fund	2024 Total activities	2023 Total activities
	£	£	£	£
Meeting costs	2,236	413	2,649	1,123
Auditors remuneration	6,890	-	6,890	7,248
	9,126	413	9,539	8,371

9. **TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees' expenses

During the year nil trustees (2023: nil) were reimbursed out of pocket expenses totalling £nil (2023: £nil).

10. **STAFF COSTS**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	7,000	19,500
	7,000	19,500

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Staff	1	1

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

11. **COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	459,672	1,250	460,922
Other trading activities	8,002	-	8,002
Investment income	97,327	44,596	141,923
Total	565,001	45,846	610,847
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	36,219	8,949	45,168
Charitable activities			
General	244,798	-	244,798

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11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Officers fund	40,278	-	40,278
Lawrence Bequest Fund	-	20,000	20,000
RGJ management fund	-	45,906	45,906
Hatton bequest fund	-	800	800
RGBW FUND	-	118,889	118,889
5 (V) RGJ Trust Fund	10,500	-	10,500
Light Infantry Management Fund	-	14,241	14,241
Total	331,795	208,785	540,580
Net gains on investments	205,224	84,340	289,564
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	438,430	(78,599)	359,831
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	4,608,417	2,313,536	6,921,953
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	5,046,847	2,234,937	7,281,784

12. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Shares in group undertakings	Listed investments	Totals
	£	£	£
MARKET VALUE			
At 1 January 2024	100	8,882,291	8,882,391
Additions	-	182,000	182,000
Disposals	-	(214,000)	(214,000)
Revaluations	-	850,386	850,386
At 31 December 2024	100	9,700,677	9,700,777
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2024	100	9,700,677	9,700,777
At 31 December 2023	100	8,882,291	8,882,391

Investments are held in a portfolio managed by Schroders and St James's Place. The market value of investments by geographical area is as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Held inside the United Kingdom	2,974,357	2,723,429
Held outside the United Kingdom	6,726,319	6,158,862
	9,700,676	8,882,291

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12. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

Cost or valuation at 31 December 2024 is represented by:

	Shares in group undertakings	Listed investments	Totals
	£	£	£
Cost	100	9,700,677	9,700,777

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	66,028	63,086

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	35,989	52,811

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
DDLI Charities	876,124	795,300
1 Rifles PRI	125,964	114,348
2 Rifles PRI	235,526	213,806
4 Rifles PRI	62,839	57,044
5 Rifles PRI	73,630	66,840
6 Rifles PRI	46,226	42,598
7 Rifles PRI	171,746	168,037
Rifles & LI Association Somerset	250,978	224,672
	1,843,033	1,682,645

16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Investments	9,700,777	-	9,700,777	8,882,391
Current assets	(3,935,162)	4,066,252	131,090	134,849
Current liabilities	(12,428)	(23,561)	(35,989)	(52,811)
Long term liabilities	-	(1,845,374)	(1,845,374)	(1,682,645)
	5,753,187	2,197,317	7,950,504	7,281,784

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
5 (V) RGJ Trust	-	3,398	3,398
Officers fund	-	(4,100)	(4,100)
RHQ	5,046,847	696,983	5,743,830
Light Infantary Management Fund	-	10,059	10,059
	5,046,847	706,340	5,753,187
Restricted funds			
RGJ management Fund	1,145,610	43,832	1,189,442
Hatton bequest fund	42,200	3,939	46,139
Lawrence bequest fund	368,353	21,241	389,594
RGBW Fund	567,130	(93,528)	473,602
7 Rifles	-	(12,000)	(12,000)
Light Infantary (R)	111,644	(1,104)	110,540
	2,234,937	(37,620)	2,197,317
TOTAL FUNDS	7,281,784	668,720	7,950,504

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
5 (V) RGJ Trust	2,453	(10,926)	11,871	3,398
Officers fund	40,733	(44,833)	-	(4,100)
RHQ	490,319	(311,331)	517,995	696,983
Light Infantary Management Fund	317	(62)	9,804	10,059
	533,822	(367,152)	539,670	706,340
Restricted funds				
RGJ management Fund	22,130	(87,773)	109,475	43,832
Hatton bequest fund	672	(142)	3,409	3,939
Lawrence bequest fund	6,983	(21,213)	35,471	21,241
RGBW Fund	8,672	(146,244)	44,044	(93,528)
7 Rifles	-	(12,000)	-	(12,000)
Light Infantary (R)	546	(1,650)	-	(1,104)
	39,003	(269,022)	192,399	(37,620)
TOTAL FUNDS	572,825	(636,174)	732,069	668,720

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
5 (V) RGJ Trust	131,843	(3,367)	128,476
Officers fund	34,302	207	34,509
RHQ	4,442,272	441,590	4,883,862
	4,608,417	438,430	5,046,847
Restricted funds			
RGJ management Fund	1,127,584	18,026	1,145,610
Hatton bequest fund	41,069	1,131	42,200
Lawrence bequest fund	368,324	29	368,353
RGBW Fund	658,005	(90,875)	567,130
Light Infantary (R)	118,554	(6,910)	111,644
	2,313,536	(78,599)	2,234,937
TOTAL FUNDS	6,921,953	359,831	7,281,784

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
5 (V) RGJ Trust	2,487	(11,000)	5,146	(3,367)
Officers fund	40,485	(40,278)	-	207
RHQ	522,029	(280,517)	200,078	441,590
	565,001	(331,795)	205,224	438,430
Restricted funds				
RGJ management Fund	22,766	(50,469)	45,729	18,026
Hatton bequest fund	712	(942)	1,361	1,131
Lawrence bequest fund	7,341	(21,467)	14,155	29
RGBW Fund	11,577	(121,226)	18,774	(90,875)
Light Infantary (R)	3,450	(14,681)	4,321	(6,910)
	45,846	(208,785)	84,340	(78,599)
TOTAL FUNDS	610,847	(540,580)	289,564	359,831

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17. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
5 (V) RGJ Trust	131,843	31	131,874
Officers fund	34,302	(3,893)	30,409
RHQ	4,442,272	1,138,573	5,580,845
Light Infantary Management Fund	-	10,059	10,059
	4,608,417	1,144,770	5,753,187
Restricted funds			
RGJ management Fund	1,127,584	61,858	1,189,442
Hatton bequest fund	41,069	5,070	46,139
Lawrence bequest fund	368,324	21,270	389,594
RGBW Fund	658,005	(184,403)	473,602
7 Rifles	-	(12,000)	(12,000)
Light Infantary (R)	118,554	(8,014)	110,540
	2,313,536	(116,219)	2,197,317
TOTAL FUNDS	6,921,953	1,028,551	7,950,504

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
5 (V) RGJ Trust	4,940	(21,926)	17,017	31
Officers fund	81,218	(85,111)	-	(3,893)
RHQ	1,012,348	(591,848)	718,073	1,138,573
Light Infantary Management Fund	317	(62)	9,804	10,059
	1,098,823	(698,947)	744,894	1,144,770
Restricted funds				
RGJ management Fund	44,896	(138,242)	155,204	61,858
Hatton bequest fund	1,384	(1,084)	4,770	5,070
Lawrence bequest fund	14,324	(42,680)	49,626	21,270
RGBW Fund	20,249	(267,470)	62,818	(184,403)
7 Rifles	-	(12,000)	-	(12,000)
Light Infantary (R)	3,996	(16,331)	4,321	(8,014)
	84,849	(477,807)	276,739	(116,219)
TOTAL FUNDS	1,183,672	(1,176,754)	1,021,633	1,028,551

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18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The Rifles Benevolent Trust, The Rifles Regimental Trust, and The Rifles Officers' Fund are related parties, as they are governed by the same Board of Trustees. A number of transactions took place between the three charities during the year in the normal course of operations.

The Rifles Benevolent Trust administers salary payments on behalf of both The Rifles Regimental Trust and The Rifles Officers' Fund. During the year, The Rifles Regimental Trust transferred £7,000 (2023: £17,500) to the Benevolent Trust in respect of its salary costs. In addition, a further contribution of £21,000 (2023: £25,750) was made to support shared salary obligations. The Rifles Officers' Fund transferred £34,780 (2023: £nil) to the Benevolent Trust for the same purpose.

The Rifles Regimental Trust transferred £131,031 (2023: £132,122) to the Benevolent Trust in respect of Regimental Subscriptions, and £92,285 (2023: £51,605) in relation to donations and Gift Aid which were received into the Regimental Trust but were attributable to the Benevolent Trust. The Rifles Regimental Trust also paid IT costs of £996 (2023: £29,357) on behalf of the Benevolent Trust. At the year end, the Regimental Trust owed the Benevolent Trust £5,358 (2023: £19,993).

In relation to The Rifles Officers' Fund, £29,166.67 (2023: £nil) was paid to The Rifles Regimental Trust for a share of database costs, and a further £1,650 (2023: £nil) was paid to the Regimental Trust in respect of trustee rewards.

The charity also receives considerable support from the Ministry of Defence in the form of personnel time, office space, equipment, postage, and stationery. These contributions are made available at no cost and have not been included in the Statement of Financial Activities, as they are not separately identifiable or capable of reliable measurement. The resources provided by the Ministry are also used for broader military duties, and their value cannot be attributed solely to the activities of the charity.

THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1119061

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1119061

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

FOR

THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES
Principle Activities and Policies

Income

Apart from investment income, the major regular source of income to the Charity is from Regimental Subscriptions (the Day's Pay Scheme) in which the majority of officers and soldiers throughout the Regiment participate. All income to September 2021 was received into The Rifles Regimental Trust with 51% of the basic income then being passed to The Rifles Benevolent Trust. With effect from 1 October 2021 Trustees have amended the allocation of income from the Days pay Scheme from 51% to 40% to The Rifles Benevolent Trust . this was reviewed and reconfirmed at the October 2023 meeting of trustees and will continue be reviewed annually. This remains possible due to other income to the Benevolence Trust from Legacies enabling the changes to be made without any detriment to existing beneficiaries. The balance (60%) is retained by The Rifles Regimental Trust, which is able to make grants to The Rifles Benevolent Trust as required and includes additional contributions from officers which are held in a designated fund to support officer related activities. All payments via the Day's Pay Scheme are through Charitable Giving and are therefore inclusive of tax.

Regimental Objectives

The Rifles Council has approved Regimental Objectives, which are reviewed annually, and which Trustees take into account when making grants from The Rifles Regimental Trust. The Objectives issued in 2017 remain extant with three objectives being set:

1. Realise the potential of every Rifleman and maximise the opportunity of being a large Regiment.

2. Exploit the range of modern roles to enhance the Regiment's reputation for tactical innovation and forward thinking.

3. Capitalise on the five pillars (Regulars, Reserves, Cadets, Associations and Communities) to sustain the Regiment and build esprit de corps, ensuring full manning.

Grants to Regular Battalions

a. Trustees will allocate to Regular battalions, (including to 4 Rangers who rebadged in December 2021 but who for now remain linked to The Rifles and to where their Regimental Subscriptions are paid), an annual block grant that may be expended at CO's discretion, except that a percentage must be expended on Adventurous Training (to meet the terms of the Lawrence Bequest from which part of the income is derived). It is intended to cover such expenditure as official entertainment and the support of Bugle Platoons (but not the repair of bugles).

b. The grant is normally paid in two equal elements in January and July but may be drawn down by negotiation with RHQ where the operational cycle of the Battalion justifies an earlier payment to support expenditure commitments during the year. No part should be reserved for future years, unless agreed through RHQ.

c. The grant is intended to help towards all normal activities of the battalion; requests for additional grants should be for exceptional expenditure. Such additional requests are considered regularly by the Trustees.

d. Major repairs to bugles and chattels - and the insurance thereof - are not covered by the grant. These will be arranged centrally by RHQ and covered by the RHQ budget.

Grants to Reserve Battalions

a. Reserve battalions are also given a block grant, part of which will be from a fund restricted for this purpose. The Trustees will consider additional requests for grants which will be weighted by the fact from 2016 when Reserves started limited subscriptions of 14% of a day's pay under the Day's Pay scheme but less than 30% are currently contributing. As the numbers grow Trustees will continue to review and may be able to enhance their support given to Rifles Reserve units.

Grants to City/County Offices

a. Under restructuring there will be four Regional Offices for the South West (based in Exeter), The North (Based in Durham), The South East (Based at RHQ) and Central (Based in Shrewsbury). There are currently satellite offices based in Bodmin, Durham, London and Taunton some of which will, in due course, be subject to closure.

b. Each City/County Office will be allocated a block grant to cover administration, events and Regional Colonel's expenses.

c. The grant may be drawn down by negotiation with RHQ.

d. Offices may bid for additional grants to cover exceptional expenditure planned for the following year.

e. No grants are made to cadets or cadet detachments.

Grants through RHQ

a. RHQ will establish a budget for annual approval by the Trustees to cover all regimental matters that are not covered by grants to Regular and Reserve battalions, or City/County offices.

Designated (Unrestricted) and Restricted Funds

1. **5(V) RGJ Trust** (Designated). These funds derive from a disbanded RGJ TA unit and the income therefrom is applied to grants to the Rifles Reserve Battalions and independent companies.

2. **The Officers' Fund** (Designated) receives income from the Day's Pay Scheme that is specifically intended for officers' subscriptions and welfare.

3. **The Hatton Bequest Fund** (Restricted) derives from a legacy in memory of Corporal Harry Hatton, 2nd Royal Green Jackets, who was injured in Northern Ireland and who subsequently died. It is to be used to provide prizes for the best recruits in the Regiment at the Training Regiment at Catterick.

4. **The Lawrence Bequest Fund** (Restricted). The bequest was made to the Rifle Brigade in memory of Captain F E Lawrence who was killed in East Africa in 1895. It is to be used for the maintenance of his grave in Africa and to support Adventure Training within the Regiment.

5. **RGJ Management Fund** (Restricted). This Fund is managed by the Trustees for investment purposes. The income and capital of the Fund are under the control of the Royal Green Jackets Association Management Committee for the business of the Former Regiment.

6. **LI Management Fund.** This fund is managed by the Trustees for investment purposes. In 2015 the income and capital of this fund were incorporated into the Rifles Regimental Trust as a restricted fund, but under the Control of the Light Infantry Committee for the business of the former Regiment.

7. **RGBW Fund**. These funds were moved into the Regimental Trust in January 2021 for investment purposes only with the RGBW business being accounted for through their own charity. In 2023 the Trustees of The RGBW funds asked and it was agreed that the funds would be moved under the umbrella of The Rifles Regimental Trust with an RGBW management board maintaining oversight and control for the business of the former Regiment within the guidelines of the Rifles Regimental Trust Deed.

Funds Under Management

Elements of the current and forming regiments have deposited sums with the Trustees to gain benefit from investment in a larger portfolio. As the funds are assets of their own charities, these are "Funds Under Management" for which the Rifles Trustees act as Custodian Trustees. The funds are:

1. **The DDLI Charities Fund.** These investments belong to The Devon and Dorset Light Infantry for their Former Regiment business and are accounted for through their own charity accounts.

2. **1 Rifles, 2 Rifles, 4 Rifles, 5 Rifles, 6 Rifles and 7 Rifles PRI funds.** These funds belong to their respective battalions and are accounted for through their own PRIs which are charity accounts exempt from registration and controlled by a managing trustee (The Commanding Officer). Trustees may take into account the level of capital held in such PRI accounts when considering requests from battalions for additional grants.

The Rifles and Light Infantry Somerset Association. These funds were added in 2020 for investment purposes only with the Regimental business being accounted for through their own charity.

All these Funds (Restricted, Designated and Funds Under Management) are invested together with the main Rifles Regimental Trust Unrestricted funds with a strict record being maintained as to the (aliquot) percentage of the capital and income that belongs to each.

Allocation of Grants

The Trustees meet annually to consider the budget for the following year and the block grants that can be made. They will also consider at this time any requests for additional grants. The Trustees are also the Trustees of The Rifles Benevolent Trust who meet quarterly to ratify grants. Such quarterly meetings give the Trustees the opportunity to consider income and expenditure on, and other business of, The Rifles Regimental Trust and any additional grants that have been requested.

Public Benefit
The following statements take into account the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit disclosure.

The Trustees are conscious that the use of charitable funds should have an element of benefit to the public. The object of The Rifles Regimental Trust is to promote the efficiency of the Regiment in its widest sense.

Grants can, for example, be made to the serving elements of the Regiment to support activities which increase the fitness and capability of the serving soldier, such as adventure training, and to activities which help to establish the regimental ethos and culture, such as bugling. Grants may also be made to the other pillars of the Regiment, such as the Reserve units and the Regimental Associations, to help establish the reputation of the Regiment throughout the country and particularly in its recruiting areas. The existence of the Charity helps to ensure high morale and high standards in The Rifles and thus contributes to the effectiveness of the country's armed forces, which in turn brings tangible benefits to the public.

Public benefit
The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The trustees refer to public benefit throughout this report.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Governance

Lieutenant General Thomas Richardson Copinger-Symes CBE took over as Colonel Commandant on 22 March 2023 and was already an existing ex-officio Trustee.

The Governance Sub Committee has again carried out a full review of the risks to which the charity might be exposed and improvements have been made to the risk analysis.

Income

The Care for Casualties Appeal (C4C), which was launched in March 2010, has been a major contributor of income to the Charity. Income to the Appeal. As at 31 December 2016 its assets were Transferred to The Rifles Benevolent Trust (Charity No 1119071) and any subsequent income received is transferred to that Charity on a regular basis including those raised through JustGiving.com.

Subscriptions from officers and soldiers under the Day's Pay Scheme have remained steady. During the year, a total of £197,229 (£196,622) was subscribed under the Scheme of which represents 60% of the income of the Scheme being retained by The Rifles Regimental Trust and the balance of 40% being transferred to The Rifles Benevolent Trust. The percentage of all ranks subscribing under this voluntary Scheme has remained around 95%. In addition, officers subscribed a further £38,256 (£36,582) for officer related activities. An annual review of subscriptions is undertaken and individuals not contributing are identified and encouraged to do so.

Grants

Grants from unrestricted funds to a total of £60,544 (£39,417) were made to the five regular and three Reserve battalions as well as the 3 Regimental Bands who received £3,000. Regular Battalions also received a further £20K from Restricted funds and the Reserves a further £10,500 (£9,500). ITC Catterick received £800.00 (£0.00). Each of the regular battalions receives varying sums based upon their established strength, this includes funding for their regimental sport. It remains the hope of the Trustees to be able to increase the level of grants to battalions in the future. Of the Reserve units, 6, 7 and 8 Rifles received £7,000 (£6,000). Grants totalling £6,983 (£7,180) were made to the City and County Offices.

Regimental Expenses

Expenditure totalling £112,250 (£117,959) was made under the RHQ budget, the largest amounts being spent on the Regimental Magazine (The Bugle - for which income of £8,002 (£4,503) was recovered from sales), on IT consultancy and equipment, and on insurance. In addition, there was support for such activities as freedom and homecoming parades, individual adventure training grants and the St Cross Cricket Ground. No grant was made to the museum in 2023 pending its joining with the RGJ museum to form a new museum representing the Regiment. The cost of providing a ceremonial bugle to those on completion of 22/24 years or on commissioning was £18,112 (£15,757)

Rifles Direct

In early 2017 the sale of Rifles Direct to AMMO (All Arms Marketing and Manufacturing Organisation) was completed with the Regiment retaining control over the Company and Regimental brands. In 2018 the Regiment continued to receive the agreed income of £8,000 per annum (payable 1/12th each month) which was subsequently increased to £9,000 per annum and is reviewed against sales bi-annually. The income was used to clear the original loan to the company of £50,000 which was cleared by the end of 2020. From 2022 a proportion, based on sales to each battalion or Museum (Rifles and RGJ), has been passed onto each element with the balance in 2023 £4,661(£4,4174), approx. 50% being retained by the Regimental Trust. Rifles Direct continues to provide a valuable regimental service, much of which would have to be provided in some form or other and has maintained a worldwide interest online; future income will be shared with those elements of the Regiment purchasing from Rifles Direct.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment report 2023

As at 31 December 2023 The Rifles Regimental Trust had a value of £8,979,285 (8533,460). The investment portfolio at 31st December 2023 was valued at £8,882,391 (£8,379,690). These figures included funds held as creditors for the Battalion PRIs and association funds totalling £1,682,642 (£1,611,507).

2023 was an incredibly eventful year in markets, with plenty of forces for investors to navigate. Economists weren't especially hopeful about 2023 with predictions of recessions littering the world's economies. After all, hampered supply chains were driving inflation higher, and central banks were fighting back with economy-bruising interest rate hikes. By most accounts, stocks should've had a challenging year, yet US and European indexes are closed out the year around all-time highs, while Japan's stocks are at their highest in over four decades.

After significant losses in 2022, equities bounced back again in 2023 with Global equities returning +16.4% over the year (+9.3% excluding the "magnificent seven" technology stocks) whilst UK Government Bonds returned +3.7% after a strong end to the year.

The world's leading tech firms propelled the Nasdaq 100 index to its best year in over a decade, as enthusiasm for AI outweighed concerns about the effects of higher interest rates in 2023. The seven biggest tech and internet-related stocks - Apple, Microsoft, Alphabet, Amazon, Nvidia, Meta, and Tesla - saw their combined weighting in the S&P 500 rise to a record 29% in November. Investors gravitated toward these companies, betting on their superior ability to leverage AI given their huge scale and financial heft. The cohort contributed approximately two-thirds of the S&P 500's return over the year.

The Trust's investments increased by 6% over 2023.

Reserves Policy

The charity has significant reserves which are represented by the listed investments and managed funds. The investments are invested for total return which allows, in addition to the investment income, the drawdown of up to 1% of capital in any given year, from the unrestricted funds, without detriment to the Trustees Investment Strategy. This we define as The Allowance.
A review took place in late 2021 and a baseline for the Allowance of 3% of the average over 3 years was retained (including actual investment income) and an additional uplift of 1% was agreed to enable the budgetary requirement for 2023 to be met. Going forward for 2024 the Allowance baseline of 3% of value is to be retained; this comprises of actual Investment income topped up by a drawdown, if required, from unrestricted funds and takes into account substantial anticipated income for 2023 from the Antioch Settlement £175,00 (£87,500 in 2022).

Risk Management

The principal risks faced by the Trust lie in the performance of the investments and the ability of the Trust to support its beneficiaries through the making of effective grants.

Trustees consider that the variety of investments with a diversified investment portfolio exercised through the Fund managers, Cazenove Charities, along with a "total return" approach. This allows a drawdown on capital of 3%, including investment income, plus an uplift factor to meet budgetary requirements (1% for 2023) which is monitored and recommended by the investments sub-committee and helps to stabilise the income and mitigates the risks as far as is possible.

The Trustees will also approve a further drawdown of capital were deemed necessary to meet essential demands in support of the Regiment (serving, former and antecedent) its Riflemen and their dependents. However, in order to meet any extraordinary demands placed upon it a reassessment of the level of grants awarded takes place at their January meeting each year with any adjustment necessary being made to ensure the long-term ability to support the Regimental family.

Key management Personnel Remuneration

The Trustees consider the board of Trustees and The Rifles Regimental Secretary (also a Trustee) and The Rifles Secretary Finance as the Key management personnel of the charity. All Trustees give of their time freely and are not remunerated for their time spent on work on behalf of the charity. The day-to-day management is invested in other senior representatives in RHQ The Rifles who are employed and salaried by The Ministry of Defence. Remuneration of the Regimental Secretary as a Trustee has been approved by the Charity Commissioners and the sum, along with any other ex gratia awards to the other senior representatives of the RHQ Staff are approved by a special meeting of Trustees held every 3 years. All awards are made annually and are scrutinised and approved by the Remunerations Sub-committee. The Remunerations Sub-committee also screens any other ex gratia awards recommended by The Regimental Secretary for other members of the RHQ staff from an agreed budget. Payment of awards will generally be paid in December of each year. Declaration of any related party issues are contained as appropriate in the auditor's notes. In assessing the awards Trustees assess against performance as there is no benchmark with which to compare the ex-gratia payments. Trustees are also required to disclose all relevant interests in connection with any grant application and in accordance with the Trust's policy withdraw from decisions where any conflict of interest arises. There has been no such conflict in the current year.

ASSETS HELD AS CUSTODIAN FOR OTHERS

Upon formation of The Rifles and transfer of funds from the forming Regiments, the Trustees of The Rifles Regimental Trust became de-facto custodian Trustees on behalf of the Regiment for those chattels (silver, pictures and furniture) which were transferred to The Rifles having previously been in the care of the Forming Regiments. The Trustees' responsibility is to ensure that insurance cover (worldwide) continues to be maintained and that checks and safeguards are in place to account for the chattels. These chattels are not carried at any value in the accounts of The Rifles Regimental Trust as no cost was incurred in their acquisition. The day-to-day control of property on loan or gifted to the Regiment is part of the role of RHQ through the Regimental Secretary and the Property Manager who also looks after Green Jacket Close. The control and direction of any disposal of property rests with The Rifles Council and/or with representatives of the Former Regiments who have retained that responsibility. Chattels are distributed to and located with each of the Battalions, at RHQ, and various other locations of regimental importance

The database of Regimental chattels continues to be developed, including the location of each item. This bringing together of property was completed in 2018 and involves the property of The Light Infantry and the Royal Green Jackets which were transferred upon formation of the Rifles in 2007, followed by the property of the Devon and Dorset Light Infantry which was transferred in 2015 and finally that of the Royal Gloucestershire Berkshire Wiltshire Light Infantry which were transferred in 2018.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Background and Structure

The Charity was established by a Trust Deed approved by the Charity Commission dated 1 April 2007. It was formed to manage the benevolent funds of the newly formed regiment, The Rifles, which had been created on 1 February 2007 by the merger of The Devonshire and Dorset Light Infantry (DDLI), The Light Infantry (LI), The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Light Infantry (RGBWLI) and The Royal Green Jackets (RGJ), including their Territorial and Volunteer Units. These are the 'Forming Regiments' and the Trust is sufficiently widely drawn to be able to help not only serving and former members of the Regiment (The Rifles) but also of the Forming Regiments and of their various Antecedent Regiments, including Reserve units.

The Objects of the Trust are to relieve serving or former members of the Regiment or former members of the Forming Regiments or the dependants of such persons who are in need by virtue of financial hardship, sickness or old age. Since the Trust can support former members of the Forming Regiments, the Trustees of those Regiments have transferred into the Trust the money that they were previously managing for their own benevolent purposes. Funds can be 'ring fenced' in Restricted funds for specific purposes if necessary.

The Regimental Trustees are the Finance Committee of The Rifles Council, the governing body of the Regiment. They are Trustees for all three of the Regimental Charities: The Rifles Regimental Trust, The Rifles Benevolent Trust and The Rifles Officers' Fund, the business of which is conducted at the same meetings of Trustees.

Governance

There are up to eight (currently six) ex-officio Trustees, being the Colonel Commandant, Deputy Colonel Commandants and other senior serving officers of the Regiment. In addition, there are up to twelve (currently nine) Nominated Trustees the majority of whom have specific skills such as in the investment or legal fields and others have commanded battalions of The Rifles or of Forming Regiments. A Nominated Trustee must be an officer or warrant officer, or former officer or warrant officer, of the Regiment or of a Forming Regiment and may include a wife or widow of such. In making such appointments care is taken to ensure representation from each of the Former Regiments. Nominated Trustees are elected for terms not exceeding four years and may be re-elected for a maximum of 4 terms. Re-elections are rotational and take place annually normally at the April Trustees meeting. In 2023 General Sir Patrick Saunders KCB CBE DSO ADC Gen , Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) John Poole Warren MBE and Mr Andrew Jackson retired without replacement. Mr Jeremy Archer and Mr Oliver Marsh agreed to continue as Trustees and were re-elected. Meetings of the Trustees are held quarterly, normally in January, April, July and October.

Governance (Continued)

The Trustees have a Nomination Sub Committee which, annually and when a vacancy occurs, considers suitable candidates to reinforce the skills or representation of the Trustees and proposes candidates to The Rifles Council for nomination. New nominated candidates, as well as Nominated Trustees seeking re-election, are elected by the Trustees at the Spring (second) meeting each year. New Nominated Trustees are briefed by the Chairman of Trustees and on appointment are given an induction pack of background information on each of the Regimental Charities, including copies of Trust Deeds, annual accounts and minutes of recent meetings, and a copy of Charity Commission booklet 'Responsibilities of a Charity Trustee'. Training through seminars etc. is made available for all Trustees.

Other Sub Committees, to cover the work of all The Rifles Charities, have been formed for Governance, Finance, Grants, Remuneration and Investment. In addition, there is a Homes Sub Committee to manage properties (Green Jacket Close) owned by The Rifles. The Nomination Sub-Committee annually reviews the membership of Sub Committees to ensure that Trustees use their skills appropriately and gain experience from the work of such Sub Committees.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The risks to which the Charity is vulnerable are reviewed annually by the Trustees after detailed work by the Governance Sub Committee. The Trustees consider the major risks to which the Charity could be exposed and review the systems established to mitigate such risks. They are not aware of any irregularities, including fraud, involving management or employees of the Charity; nor are they aware of any instances of actual or possible non-compliance with laws, regulations, contracts or agreements that might result in the Charity suffering significant penalties or other loss. In 2016 a major fraud attack was perpetrated on the Trust which, whilst detected and all monies fully recovered, identified a potential weakness in systems. These were immediately rectified to prevent any such future occurrence. The attempt was reported to the Police fraud unit as well as the Charity Commissioners.

In 2016 by unanimous agreement of the Trustees basic bookkeeping of all the Regimental Trust Accounts was outsourced to a firm of professional bookkeepers in Gloucestershire, The Trust Partnership. The sixth full year of independent operation in 2020 incurred costs of £4,990 (£ 5,091) once again below the estimated cost and the liaison between Regimental Headquarters and Trust Accounting continues to develop with an excellent service being provided.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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1119061

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Colonel Ralph Graham Arundell
Colonel Ashley Raymond Fulford OBE
Colonel Nikola Ilic MBE QGM
Lieutenant Colonel Peter James Alexander Balls OBE
Lieutenant Colonel John Alexander Poole-Warren MBE - Retired 25 January 2024
Lieutenant Colonel Simon David Gray MBE
Captain Robert Gribble
Jeremy Michael Archer
Simon Charles Hazlitt - Chairman
Andrew George Wycliffe Jackson - Retired 26 January 2023
Rebecca Charlotte Maciejewska
Oliver Rupert Marsh
Henry Charles Steel

The offices of the Charity are based in the Regimental Headquarters of The Rifles which is an MOD establishment and the officials are civil servants employed by the MOD; therefore, neither workspace nor staffing incur any cost to the Charity. Throughout 2023 the person responsible for the day to day running of the Charity was The Rifles Regimental Secretary and Trustee, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) PJA Balls OBE assisted throughout the year by The Rifles Secretary Finance, Captain (Retired) I I Foster.

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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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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S C Hazlitt - Trustee

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Rifles Regimental Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees
As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

From discussion with management and those charged with governance information about the entity is documented to assess the activity within the organisation. We discuss management's assessment of risk in respect of irregularities, fraud and going concern.

Based on these discussions and our own assessments we determined that the key risk areas were income recognition in respect of cut off issues and management override concerning the size of the organisation.

We set financial statement materiality level based on the level of income. As a not for profit organisation raising income is its primary focus which is why income was used to determine the level of materiality. Our overall assessment of risk was used to determine performance materiality at an appropriate level.

Substantive audit tests were designed after assessing and performing walkthrough tests. The walkthrough testing confirmed documented systems which have been designed to act as a preventative measure against fraud and error which appear to be operating as documented. Substantive testing tested a sample of the population, representative of the population, to identify errors. The testing did not identify any material misstatements in areas tested.

Audit substantive tests concluded no material errors over the key risk areas of income recognition and management override.

The audit considers the organisation is not exposed to material risk of error as a result of assessing laws and regulations that are appropriate to the organisation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Morris Crocker Limited
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors
Station House
North Street
Havant
Hampshire
PO9 1QU

Date: 14 August 2024

BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	12	8,882,391	8,379,732
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	13	63,086	62,929
Cash at bank and in hand		71,763	132,123
		134,849	195,052
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(52,811)	(41,324)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		82,038	153,728
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		8,964,429	8,533,460
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(1,682,645)	(1,611,507)
NET ASSETS		7,281,784	6,921,953
FUNDS	17		
Unrestricted funds		5,046,847	4,608,417
Restricted funds		2,234,937	2,313,536
TOTAL FUNDS		7,281,784	6,921,953

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25 July 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

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S C Hazlitt - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	459,672	1,250	460,922	987,464
Other trading activities	3	8,002	-	8,002	4,503
Investment income	4	97,327	44,596	141,923	111,458
Total		565,001	45,846	610,847	1,103,425
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	36,219	8,949	45,168	42,821
Charitable activities	6				
General		244,798	-	244,798	162,871
Battalions, Reserve Forces, ITC Coy and AFC Harrogate grants		-	-	-	39,417
City and county office grants		-	-	-	7,189
Officers fund		40,278	-	40,278	39,085
Lawrence Bequest Fund		-	20,000	20,000	20,000
RGJ management fund		-	45,906	45,906	86,288
Hatton bequest fund		-	800	800	-
RGBW FUND		-	118,889	118,889	-
5 (V) RGJ Trust Fund		10,500	-	10,500	9,500
Light Infantry Management Fund		-	14,241	14,241	13,357
Museum Grant		-	-	-	25,000
Total		331,795	208,785	540,580	445,528
Net gains/(losses) on investments		205,224	84,340	289,564	(483,588)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		438,430	(78,599)	359,831	174,309
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		4,608,417	2,313,536	6,921,953	6,747,644
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		5,046,847	2,234,937	7,281,784	6,921,953

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	46,580	(176,581)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		46,580	(176,581)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of fixed asset investments		(2,296,492)	(2,269,888)
Sale of fixed asset investments		2,047,629	2,369,847
Interest received		1,533	281
Dividends received		140,390	111,177
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		(106,940)	211,417
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(60,360)	34,836
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		132,123	97,287
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		71,763	132,123

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NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	359,831	174,309
Adjustments for:		
(Gain)/losses on investments	(253,796)	662,441
Interest received	(1,533)	(281)
Dividends received	(140,390)	(111,177)
Increase in long term liabilities	71,137	(869,731)
Increase in debtors	(157)	(13,929)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	11,488	(18,213)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	46,580	(176,581)

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.1.23 £	Cash flow £	At 31.12.23 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	132,123	(60,360)	71,763
	132,123	(60,360)	71,763
Total	132,123	(60,360)	71,763

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

The charity only ever enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other accounts receivable and payable, loans from banks and other third parties and loans related to parties and investments in non-puttable ordinary shares.

Trade and other debtors
Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction cost, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash and bank and on hand, deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments and bank overdrafts. In the balance sheet, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities.

Trade and other creditors

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Short term trade creditors are measured at the transaction price, Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Realised/unrealised gains and losses
All gains and losses are taken to the statement of financial activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds and opening market value or purchase date if later. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the end of the year and opening market value, or purchase date if later. Realised and unrealised gains are not separated in the statement of financial activities.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Donation/ Legacies	224,187	988	225,175	95,144
Subscriptions (Riflemen and Officers)	197,229	-	197,229	196,622
Subscriptions (Officers)	38,256	-	38,256	36,582
Book sales	-	262	262	1,111
Sale of assets and other items	-	-	-	658,005
	459,672	1,250	460,922	987,464

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Magazine income	8,002	-	8,002	4,503

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Dividend and interest	95,794	44,596	140,390	111,177
Deposit account interest	1,533	-	1,533	281
	97,327	44,596	141,923	111,458

All investment income is derived from assets held in the United Kingdom.

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5. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Regimental magzine	16,929	-	16,929	15,816

Investment management costs

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Portfolio management	19,290	8,949	28,239	27,005
Aggregate amounts	36,219	8,949	45,168	42,821

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 7) £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
General	112,632	69,891	62,275	244,798
Officers fund	28,392	11,886	-	40,278
Lawrence Bequest Fund	-	20,000	-	20,000
RGJ management fund	195	45,292	419	45,906
Hatton bequest fund	-	800	-	800
RGBW FUND	-	118,889	-	118,889
5 (V) RGJ Trust Fund	-	10,500	-	10,500
Light Infantry Management Fund	-	14,241	-	14,241
	141,219	291,499	62,694	495,412

7. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2023 £	2022 £
General	69,891	345
Battalions, Reserve Forces, ITC Coy and AFC Harrogate grants	-	39,417
City and county office grants	-	7,189
Officers fund	11,886	14,173
Lawrence Bequest Fund	20,000	20,000
RGJ management fund	45,292	86,044
Hatton bequest fund	800	-
RGBW FUND	118,889	-
5 (V) RGJ Trust Fund	10,500	9,500
Light Infantry Management Fund	14,241	13,260
Museum Grant	-	25,000
	291,499	214,928

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7. GRANTS PAYABLE - continued

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
RGJ Museum Trust grant	45,292	120,544
Hatton bequest fund	800	-
Winchester - general	-	270
RHQ grant	69,965	46,681
Officers	11,886	14,173
Lawrance grant	20,000	20,000
RGBW	118,889	-
Light Infantary	14,167	-
5 (V) RGJ	10,500	-
	291,499	201,668

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Finance	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
General	54,297	26	7,952	62,275
RGJ management fund	-	-	419	419
	54,297	26	8,371	62,694

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Management

	2023	2022
	General	Total activities
	£	£
Staff honoraria	14,498	10,500
Insurance	7,056	7,056
Regimental Secretary expenses	-	140
Repairs and maintenance	7,796	12,969
Postage and stationery	680	314
Publications	74	(600)
IT admin support and equipment	10,314	1,987
Membership and subscriptions	-	175
Accountancy	4,990	5,091
Bank charges	-	15
Interest payable	8,889	-
	54,297	37,647

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8. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Finance

	2023 General £	2022 Total activities £
Bank charges	26	-

Governance costs

	General £	RGJ management fund £	2023 Total activities £	2022 Total activities £
Meeting costs	704	419	1,123	321
Auditors remuneration	7,248	-	7,248	6,600
	7,952	419	8,371	6,921

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

During the year nil trustees (2022: nil) were reimbursed out of pocket expenses totalling £nil (2022: £nil).

10. STAFF COSTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	19,500	17,500
	19,500	17,500

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Staff	1	1

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	328,660	658,804	987,464
Other trading activities	4,503	-	4,503
Investment income	81,429	30,029	111,458
Total	414,592	688,833	1,103,425
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	35,530	7,291	42,821
Charitable activities			
General	43,225	119,646	162,871
Battalions, Reserve Forces, ITC Coy and AFC Harrogate grants	39,417	-	39,417
City and county office grants	7,189	-	7,189
Officers fund	39,085	-	39,085
Lawrence Bequest Fund	20,000	-	20,000
RGJ management fund	86,288	-	86,288
5 (V) RGJ Trust Fund	9,500	-	9,500
Light Infantry Management Fund	13,357	-	13,357
Museum Grant	25,000	-	25,000
Total	318,591	126,937	445,528
Net gains/(losses) on investments	(354,101)	(129,487)	(483,588)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(258,100)	432,409	174,309
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	4,866,517	1,881,127	6,747,644
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	4,608,417	2,313,536	6,921,953

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12. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Shares in group undertakings £	Listed investments £	Totals £
MARKET VALUE			
At 1 January 2023	100	8,379,632	8,379,732
Additions	-	2,296,492	2,296,492
Disposals	-	(2,048,492)	(2,048,492)
Revaluations	-	254,659	254,659
At 31 December 2023	100	8,882,291	8,882,391
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2023	100	8,882,291	8,882,391
At 31 December 2022	100	8,379,632	8,379,732

Investments are held in a portfolio managed by Schroders. The market value of investments by geographical area is as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Held inside the United Kingdom	2,723,429	3,026,053
Held outside the United Kingdom	6,158,862	5,353,579
	8,882,291	8,379,632

Cost or valuation at 31 December 2023 is represented by:

	Shares in group undertakings £	Listed investments £	Totals £
Valuation in 2023	-	254,659	254,659
Cost	100	8,627,632	8,627,732
	100	8,882,291	8,882,391

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Other debtors	63,086	62,929

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14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors	52,811	41,324

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
DDLI Charities	795,300	762,661
1 Rifles PRI	114,348	109,389
2 Rifles PRI	213,806	204,531
4 Rifles PRI	57,044	54,569
5 Rifles PRI	66,840	63,940
6 Rifles PRI	42,598	40,748
7 Rifles PRI	168,037	160,747
Rifles & LI Association Somerset	224,672	214,923
	1,682,645	1,611,507

16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total funds	2022 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Investments	5,053,169	3,829,222	8,882,391	8,379,732
Current assets	46,670	88,179	134,849	195,052
Current liabilities	(52,992)	181	(52,811)	(41,324)
Long term liabilities	-	(1,682,645)	(1,682,645)	(1,611,507)
	5,046,847	2,234,937	7,281,784	6,921,953

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
5 (V) RGJ Trust	131,843	(3,367)	128,476
Officers fund	34,302	207	34,509
RHQ	4,442,272	441,590	4,883,862
	4,608,417	438,430	5,046,847
Restricted funds			
RGJ management Fund	1,127,584	18,026	1,145,610
Hatton bequest fund	41,069	1,131	42,200
Lawrence bequest fund	368,324	29	368,353
RGBW Fund	658,005	(90,875)	567,130
Light Infantary (R)	118,554	(6,910)	111,644
	2,313,536	(78,599)	2,234,937
TOTAL FUNDS	6,921,953	359,831	7,281,784

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
5 (V) RGJ Trust	2,487	(11,000)	5,146	(3,367)
Officers fund	40,485	(40,278)	-	207
RHQ	522,029	(280,517)	200,078	441,590
	565,001	(331,795)	205,224	438,430
Restricted funds				
RGJ management Fund	22,766	(50,469)	45,729	18,026
Hatton bequest fund	712	(942)	1,361	1,131
Lawrence bequest fund	7,341	(21,467)	14,155	29
RGBW Fund	11,577	(121,226)	18,774	(90,875)
Light Infantary (R)	3,450	(14,681)	4,321	(6,910)
	45,846	(208,785)	84,340	(78,599)
TOTAL FUNDS	610,847	(540,580)	289,564	359,831

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
5 (V) RGJ Trust	149,171	(17,328)	131,843
Officers fund	36,805	(2,503)	34,302
RHQ	4,680,541	(238,269)	4,442,272
	4,866,517	(258,100)	4,608,417
Restricted funds			
RGJ management Fund	1,286,602	(159,018)	1,127,584
Hatton bequest fund	43,508	(2,439)	41,069
Lawrence bequest fund	412,246	(43,922)	368,324
RGBW Fund	-	658,005	658,005
Light Infantary (R)	138,771	(20,217)	118,554
	1,881,127	432,409	2,313,536
TOTAL FUNDS	6,747,644	174,309	6,921,953

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
5 (V) RGJ Trust	2,380	(10,077)	(9,631)	(17,328)
Officers fund	36,582	(39,085)	-	(2,503)
RHQ	375,630	(269,429)	(344,470)	(238,269)
	414,592	(318,591)	(354,101)	(258,100)
Restricted funds				
RGJ management Fund	21,092	(91,335)	(88,775)	(159,018)
Hatton bequest fund	668	(162)	(2,945)	(2,439)
Lawrence bequest fund	6,553	(21,592)	(28,883)	(43,922)
RGBW Fund	658,005	-	-	658,005
Light Infantary (R)	2,515	(13,848)	(8,884)	(20,217)
	688,833	(126,937)	(129,487)	432,409
TOTAL FUNDS	1,103,425	(445,528)	(483,588)	174,309

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
5 (V) RGJ Trust	149,171	(20,695)	128,476
Officers fund	36,805	(2,296)	34,509
RHQ	4,680,541	203,321	4,883,862
	4,866,517	180,330	5,046,847
Restricted funds			
RGJ management Fund	1,286,602	(140,992)	1,145,610
Hatton bequest fund	43,508	(1,308)	42,200
Lawrence bequest fund	412,246	(43,893)	368,353
RGBW Fund	-	567,130	567,130
Light Infantary (R)	138,771	(27,127)	111,644
	1,881,127	353,810	2,234,937
TOTAL FUNDS	6,747,644	534,140	7,281,784

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
5 (V) RGJ Trust	4,867	(21,077)	(4,485)	(20,695)
Officers fund	77,067	(79,363)	-	(2,296)
RHQ	897,659	(549,946)	(144,392)	203,321
	979,593	(650,386)	(148,877)	180,330
Restricted funds				
RGJ management Fund	43,858	(141,804)	(43,046)	(140,992)
Hatton bequest fund	1,380	(1,104)	(1,584)	(1,308)
Lawrence bequest fund	13,894	(43,059)	(14,728)	(43,893)
RGBW Fund	669,582	(121,226)	18,774	567,130
Light Infantary (R)	5,965	(28,529)	(4,563)	(27,127)
	734,679	(335,722)	(45,147)	353,810
TOTAL FUNDS	1,714,272	(986,108)	(194,024)	534,140

18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The Rifles Benevolent Trust and The Rifles Officers Fund are both related parties of The Rifles Regimental Trust as all three Charities have the same board of Trustees.

During the year The Rifles Regimental Trust transferred £132,122 (2022: £131,299) to The Rifles Benevolent Trust for Regimental Subscriptions and £51,035 (2022: £51,605) for donations that are received into The Rifles Regimental Trust, but due to The Rifles Benevolent Trust. The Rifles Benevolent Trust reimbursed The Rifles Regimental Trust £29,357 (2022: £25,750) for IT costs paid on their behalf. The Rifles Regimental Trust salaries are paid through The Rifles Benevolent Trust. During the year The Rifles Regimental Trust transferred £17,500 (2022: £17,500) to The Rifles Benevolent Trust for salaries. At the year end The Rifles Regimental Trust owed The Rifles Benevolent Trust £nil (2022: £19,994).

The charity is partly administered by employees of the Ministry of Defence. In addition, the charity also makes use of office space and other office facilities provided, including computer equipment, postage and stationery. These support costs are difficult to quantify as they are not discrete activities because personnel and office facilities are used for other Army duties. As such the value of support provided by the Ministry of Defence has not been included in the Charity's Statement of Financial Activities.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donation/ Legacies	225,175	95,144
Subscriptions (Riflemen and Officers)	197,229	196,622
Subscriptions (Officers)	38,256	36,582
Book sales	262	1,111
Sale of assets and other items	-	658,005
	460,922	987,464
Other trading activities		
Magazine income	8,002	4,503
Investment income		
Dividend and interest	140,390	111,177
Deposit account interest	1,533	281
	141,923	111,458
Total incoming resources	610,847	1,103,425
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Regimental magzine	16,929	15,816
Investment management costs		
Portfolio management	28,239	27,005
Charitable activities		
Wages	19,500	17,500
Honour board etc	55,247	48,720
Wreaths and remembrance	12,261	9,775
Travel expenses (Regional Col' and Advisory Board)	938	1,291
Presentations	10,570	21,022
Equipment maintenance and repairs	-	300
Events	18,262	38,003
Reunion costs	24,441	6,600
Grants to institutions	291,499	214,928
	432,718	358,139
Support costs		
Management		
Staff honoraria	14,498	10,500
Insurance	7,056	7,056
Regimental Secretary expenses	-	140
Repairs and maintenance	7,796	12,969
Carried forward	29,350	30,665

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Management		
Brought forward	29,350	30,665
Postage and stationery	680	314
Publications	74	(600)
IT admin support and equipment	10,314	1,987
Membership and subscriptions	-	175
Accountancy	4,990	5,091
Bank charges	-	15
Interest payable	8,889	-
	54,297	37,647
Finance		
Bank charges	26	-
Governance costs		
Meeting costs	1,123	321
Auditors remuneration	7,248	6,600
	8,371	6,921
Total resources expended	540,580	445,528
Net income before gains and losses	70,267	657,897
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	289,564	(483,588)
Net income	359,831	174,309

THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1119061

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1119061

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022 FOR THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2022. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1119061

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Colonel Nikola Ilic MBE QGM
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Lieutenant Colonel Simon David Gray MBE
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Capt Lee Jones - Retired 31 May 2022
Jeremy Michael Archer
Simon Charles Hazlitt
Andrew George Wycliffe Jackson
Rebecca Charlotte Maciejewska
Oliver Rupert Marsh
Henry Charles Steel

The offices of the Charity are based in the Regimental Headquarters of The Rifles which is an MOD establishment and the officials are civil servants employed by the MOD; therefore neither accommodation nor staffing incur any cost to the Charity. Throughout 2022 the person responsible for the day to day running of the Charity was The Rifles Regimental Secretary Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) PJA Balls OBE assisted throughout the year by The Rifles Secretary Finance, Captain (Retired) I I Foster.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Background and Structure

The Charity was established by a Trust Deed approved by the Charity Commission dated 1 April 2007. It was formed to manage the regimental funds of the newly formed regiment, The Rifles, which had been created on 1 February 2007 by the merger of The Devonshire and Dorset Light Infantry (DDLI), The Light Infantry (LI), The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Light Infantry (RGBWLI) and The Royal Green Jackets (RGJ), including their Territorial and Volunteer Units. These are the 'Forming Regiments' and the Trust is sufficiently widely drawn to be able to help not only the Regiment (The Rifles) but also the Forming Regiments and their various Antecedent Regiments, including Reserve units.

The Objects of the Trust are wide: to promote the efficiency of the Regiment in such charitable ways as the Trustees may decide; and to support such other charitable purposes connected with the Regiment or the Forming Regiments as the Trustees may decide. Since the Trust can support the Forming Regiments as well as the Regiment itself, the Forming Regiments were encouraged to transfer into the Trust as much as possible of the money that they were previously managing. Funds can be 'ring fenced' in Restricted Funds for specific purposes, including for example, the ongoing management of Former Regiment associations. In addition, certain regimental funds are held within the Trust for investment purposes only.

The Regimental Trustees are the Finance Committee of The Rifles Council, the governing body of the Regiment. They are the Trustees for all three of the Regimental Charities: The Rifles Regimental Trust, The Rifles Benevolent Trust and The Rifles Officers' Fund, the business of which is conducted at the same meetings of Trustees.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (Continued)

Governance

There are up to eight (currently eight) ex-officio Trustees, being the Colonel Commandant, Deputy Colonel Commandants and other senior serving officers of the Regiment. In addition, there are up to twelve (currently eleven) Nominated Trustees the majority of whom have specific skills such as in the investment or legal fields and others have commanded battalions of The Rifles or of Forming Regiments. A Nominated Trustee must be an officer or warrant officer, or former officer or warrant officer, of the Regiment or of a Forming Regiment and may include a wife or widow of such. In making such appointments care is taken to ensure representation from each of the Former Regiments. Nominated Trustees are elected for terms not exceeding four years and may be re-elected for a maximum of 4 terms. Re-elections are rotational and take place annually normally at the April Trustees. In 2022 Capt Lee Jones retired and was replaced be Captain Robert Gribble; Colonel Ralph Arundell and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Balls OBE agreed to continue as Trustees and were re-elected. Meetings of the Trustees are held quarterly, normally in January, April, July and October.

The Trustees have a Nomination Sub Committee which, annually and when a vacancy occurs, considers suitable candidates to reinforce the skills or representation of the Trustees and proposes candidates to The Rifles Council for nomination. New nominated candidates, as well as Nominated Trustees seeking re-election, are elected by the Trustees at the Spring (second) meeting each year. New Nominated Trustees are briefed by the Chairman of Trustees and on appointment are given an induction pack of background information on each of the Regimental Charities, including copies of Trust Deeds, annual accounts and minutes of recent meetings, and a copy of Charity Commission booklet 'Responsibilities of a Charity Trustee'. Training through seminars etc. is made available for all Trustees.

Other Sub Committees, to cover the work of all The Rifles Charities, have been formed for Governance, Finance, Grants, Remuneration and Investment. In addition, there is a Homes Sub Committee to manage properties (Green Jacket Close) owned by The Rifles. Other Sub Committees, to cover the work of all The Rifles Charities, have been formed for Governance, Finance, Grants, Remuneration and Investment. In addition, there is a Homes Sub Committee to manage properties (Green Jacket Close) owned by The Rifles Benevolent Trust. The Nomination Sub-Committee annually reviews the membership of Sub Committees to ensure that Trustees use their skills appropriately and gain experience from the work of such Sub Committees.

The risks to which the Charity is vulnerable are reviewed annually by the Trustees after detailed work by the Governance Sub Committee. The Trustees consider the major risks to which the Charity could be exposed and review the systems established to mitigate such risks. They are not aware of any irregularities, including fraud, involving management or employees of the Charity; nor are they aware of any instances of actual or possible non-compliance with laws, regulations, contracts or agreements that might result in the Charity suffering significant penalties or other loss. In 2016 a major fraud attack was perpetrated on the Trust which, whilst detected and all monies fully recovered, identified a potential weakness in systems. These were immediately rectified to prevent any such future occurrence. The attempt was reported to the Police fraud unit as well as the Charity Commissioners.

In 2016 by unanimous agreement of the Trustees basic bookkeeping of all the Regimental Trust Accounts was outsourced to a firm of professional bookkeepers in Gloucestershire, The Trust Partnership. The fifth full year of independent operation in 2020 incurred costs of £5,091 (£5,390) once again below the estimated cost and the liaison between Regimental Headquarters and Trust Accounting continues to develop with an excellent service being provided.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Principal Activities and Policies

Income

Apart from investment income, the major regular source of income to the Charity is from Regimental Subscriptions (the Day's Pay Scheme) in which the majority of officers and soldiers throughout the Regiment participate. All income to September 2021 was received into The Rifles Regimental Trust with 51% of the basic income then being passed to The Rifles Benevolent Trust. With effect from 1 October 2021 Trustees have amended the allocation of income from the Day's Pay Scheme from 51% to 40% to The Rifles Benevolent Trust . This was reviewed and reconfirmed at the October 2022 meeting of trustees and will continue be reviewed annually. This remains possible due to other income to the Benevolence Trust from Legacies enabling the changes to be made without any detriment to existing beneficiaries. The balance (60%) is retained by The Rifles Regimental Trust, which is able to make grants to The Rifles Benevolent Trust as required and includes additional contributions from officers which are held in a designated fund to support officer related activities. All payments via the Day's Pay Scheme are through Charitable Giving and are therefore inclusive of tax.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (Continued)

Regimental Objectives

The Rifles Council has approved Regimental Objectives, which are reviewed annually, and which Trustees take into account when making grants from The Rifles Regimental Trust. The Objectives were reissued in 2017 with three objectives being set:

1. Realise the potential of every Rifleman and maximise the opportunity of being a large Regiment.
2. Exploit the range of modern roles to enhance the Regiment's reputation for tactical innovation and forward thinking.
3. Capitalise on the five pillars (Regulars, Reserves, Cadets, Associations and Communities) to sustain the Regiment and build esprit de corps, ensuring full manning.

Grants to Regular Battalions

a. Trustees will allocate to Regular battalions (including to 4 Rangers who rebadged in December 2021 but who for now remain linked to The Rifles and to where their Regimental Subscriptions are paid), an annual block grant that may be expended at CO's discretion, except that a percentage must be expended on Adventurous Training (to meet the terms of the Lawrence Bequest from which part of the income is derived). It is intended to cover such expenditure as official entertainment and the support of Bugle Platoons (but not the repair of bugles).

b. The grant is normally paid in two equal elements in January and July but may be drawn down by negotiation with RHQ where the operational cycle of the Battalion justifies an earlier payment to support expenditure commitments during the year. No part should be reserved for future years, unless agreed through RHQ.

c. The grant is intended to help towards all normal activities of the battalion; requests for additional grants should be for exceptional expenditure. Such additional requests are considered regularly by the Trustees.

d. Major repairs to bugles and chattels - and the insurance thereof - are not covered by the grant. These will be arranged centrally by RHQ, and covered by the RHQ budget.

Grants to Reserve Battalions

a. Reserve battalions are also given a block grant, part of which will be from a fund restricted for this purpose. The Trustees will consider additional requests for grants which will be weighted by the fact from 2016 when Reserves started limited subscriptions of 14% of a day's pay under the Day's Pay Scheme but less than 30% are currently contributing. As the numbers grow Trustees will continue to review and hopefully be able to enhance their support given to Rifles Reserve units.

Grants to City/County Offices

a. Under restructuring there will be four Regional Offices for the South West (based in Exeter), The North (based in Pontefract), The South East (based at RHQ) and Central (based in Shrewsbury). There are currently satellite offices based in Bodmin, Durham, London and Taunton some of which will, in due course, be subject to closure. The Salisbury office at The Wardrobe closed in 2019; the Gloucester office closed in 2017 and the Oxford Office was closed in 2018.

b. Each City/County Office will be allocated a block grant to cover administration, events and Regional Colonels' expenses.

c. The grant may be drawn down by negotiation with RHQ.

d. Offices may bid for additional grants to cover exceptional expenditure planned for the following year.

e. No grants are made to cadets or cadet detachments.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (Continued)

Grants through RHQ

a. RHQ will establish a budget for annual approval by the Trustees to cover all regimental matters that are not covered by grants to Regular and Reserve battalions, or City/County offices.

Designated (Unrestricted) and Restricted Funds

1. **5(V) RGJ Trust** (Designated). These funds derive from a disbanded RGJ TA unit and the income therefrom is applied to grants to the Rifles Reserve Battalions and independent companies.

2. **The Officers' Fund** (Designated) receives income from the Day's Pay Scheme that is specifically intended for officers' subscriptions and welfare.

3. **The Hatton Bequest Fund** (Restricted) derives from a legacy in memory of Corporal Harry Hatton, 2nd Royal Green Jackets, who was injured in Northern Ireland and who subsequently died. It is to be used to provide prizes for the best recruits in the Regiment at the Training Regiment at Catterick.

4. **The Lawrence Bequest Fund** (Restricted). The bequest was made to the Rifle Brigade in memory of Captain F E Lawrence who was killed in East Africa in 1895. It is to be used for the maintenance of his grave in Africa and to support Adventure Training within the Regiment

5. **RGJ Management Fund** (Restricted). This Fund is managed by the Trustees for investment purposes. The income and capital of the Fund are under the control of the Royal Green Jackets Association Management Committee for the business of the Former Regiment

6. **The LI Management Fund**. This fund is managed by the Trustees for investment purposes. The income and capital of this fund have since 2015, when they were incorporated into the Rifles Regimental Trust as a restricted fund, been under the control of the Light Infantry Committee for the business of the former Regiment.

7. **RGBW Fund**. These funds were moved into the Regimental Trust in January 2021 for investment purposes only with the RGBW business being accounted for through their own charity. In 2022 the Trustees of The RGBW funds asked and it was agreed that the funds would be moved under the umbrella of The Rifles Regimental Trust with an RGBW management board maintaining oversight and control for the business of the former Regiment within the guidelines of the Rifles Regimental Trust Deed.

Funds Under Management

Elements of the current and forming regiments have deposited sums with the Trustees to gain benefit from investment in a larger portfolio. As the funds are assets of their own charities, these are "Funds Under Management" for which the Rifles Trustees act as Custodian Trustees. The funds are:

1. **The DDLI Charities Fund**. These investments belong to The Devon and Dorset Light Infantry for their Former Regiment business and are accounted for through their own charity accounts.

2. **1 Rifles, 2 Rifles, 4 Rifles, 5 Rifles, 6 Rifles and 7 Rifles PRI funds**. These funds belong to their respective battalions and are accounted for through their own PRIs which are charity accounts exempt from registration and controlled by a managing trustee (The Commanding Officer). Trustees may take into account the level of capital held in such PRI accounts when considering requests from battalions for additional grants.

3. **The Rifles and Light Infantry Somerset Association**. These funds were added in 2020 for investment purposes only with the Regimental business being accounted for through their own charity.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (Continued)

Allocation of Grants

The Trustees meet annually to consider the budget for the following year and the block grants that can be made. They will also consider at this time any requests for additional grants. The Trustees are also the Trustees of The Rifles Benevolent Trust who meet quarterly to ratify grants. Such quarterly meetings give the Trustees the opportunity to consider income and expenditure on, and other business of, The Rifles Regimental Trust and any additional grants that have been requested.

Public Benefit

The following statements take into account the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit disclosure.

The Trustees are conscious that the use of charitable funds should have an element of benefit to the public. The object of The Rifles Regimental Trust is to promote the efficiency of the Regiment in its widest sense.

Grants can, for example, be made to the serving elements of the Regiment to support activities which increase the fitness and capability of the serving soldier, such as adventure training, and to activities which help to establish the regimental ethos and culture, such as bugling. Grants may also be made to the other pillars of the Regiment, such as the Reserve units and the Regimental Associations, to help establish the reputation of the Regiment throughout the country and particularly in its recruiting areas. The existence of the Charity helps to ensure high morale and high standards in The Rifles and thus contributes to the effectiveness of the country's armed forces, which in turn brings tangible benefits to the public.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Governance

General Sir Patrick Sanders KCB CBE DSO ADC Gen took over as Colonel Commandant on 20 July 2019 and has now completed over three years as ex-officio Trustee. Captain Lee Jones handed over to Captain Robert Gribble on their handover as Rifleman's Adjutant.

The Governance Sub Committee has again carried out a full review of the risks to which the charity might be exposed and improvements have been made to the risk analysis.

Income

The Care for Casualties Appeal (C4C), which was launched in March 2010, has been a major contributor of income to the Charity. Income to the Appeal. As at 31 December 2016 its assets were transferred to The Rifles Benevolent Trust (Charity No 1119071) and any subsequent income received is transferred to that Charity on a regular basis including those raised through JustGiving.com.

Subscriptions from officers and soldiers under the Day's Pay Scheme have remained steady. During the year, a total of £196,622 (£164,373) was subscribed under the Scheme of which represents 60%the income (commenced in from October 2021) being retained by The Rifles Regimental Trust and the balance of 40% being transferred to The Rifles Benevolent Trust. The percentage of all ranks subscribing under this voluntary Scheme has remained around 95%. In addition, officers subscribed a further £36,582 (£34,987) for officer related activities. An annual review of subscriptions is undertaken and individuals not contributing are identified and encouraged to do so.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (Continued)

Grants

As can be seen from note 7 to the Accounts, grants from unrestricted funds to a total of £39,417 (£45,500) were made to the five regular and three Reserve battalions as well as the 3 Regimental Bands who received £3,000. Regular Battalions also received a further £20K from Restricted funds and the Reserves a further £9,500 (£7,500). The Rifles Company at ITC Catterick received £0.00 (£1,000). Each of the regular battalions receives varying sums based upon their established strength, this includes funding for their regimental sport. It remains the hope of the Trustees to be able to increase the level of grants to battalions in the future. Of the Reserve units, 6 Rifles received £6,000 (£6,000), 7 Rifles (which also receives a grant from the independent Trustees of the 4 (V) RGJ Trust) received £3,000 (£3,000), 8 Rifles received £6,000 (£6,000). Grants totalling £7,180 (£7,350) were made to the City and County Offices.

Regimental Expenses

Expenditure totalling £117,959 (£106,822) was made under the RHQ budget, the largest amounts being spent on the Regimental Magazine (The Bugle - for which income of £4,503 (£9,227) was recovered from sales), on IT consultancy and equipment, and on insurance. In addition, there was support for such activities as freedom and homecoming parades, individual adventure training grants and the St Cross Cricket Ground. A grant of £25,000 (£13,000) was also made to the Rifles Museum CIO. As recognition of a full career by the presentation on completion of 22/24 years or on commissioning of a bugle in 2021, the first full year, the cost was £15,757 (£12,805).

Rifles Direct

In early 2017 the sale of Rifles Direct to AMMO (All Arms Marketing and Manufacturing Organisation) was completed with the Regiment retaining control over the Company and Regimental brands. In 2018 the Regiment continued to receive the agreed income of £8,000 per annum (payable 1/12th each month) which was subsequently increased to £9,000 per annum and is reviewed against sales bi-annually. The income was used to clear the original loan to the company of £50,000 which was cleared by the end of 2020. From 2022 a proportion, based on sales to each battalion or Museum (Rifles and RGJ), has been passed onto each element with the balance £4,4174 (approx. 50%) being retained by the Regimental Trust. Rifles Direct continues to provide a valuable regimental service, much of which would have to be provided in some form or other and has maintained a worldwide interest online; future income will be shared with those elements of the Regiment purchasing from Rifles Direct.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment Report 2022

As at 31 December 2022 The Rifles Regimental Trust had an investment portfolio which was valued at £8,379,732 (£9,142,132).

Global stocks and bonds lost more than $30tr in 2022. The heavy losses came as a result of central banks, led by the US Federal Reserve, ratcheting up borrowing costs in an attempt to control the worst spell of inflation in decades. The interest rate rises brought a dramatic close to the cheap money era that followed the financial crises. In addition, many of the problems sparked by the pandemic are still with us, including labour shortages.

The year began ominously, with Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February impacting any hopes that the global economy might be able to move on from the destruction of the pandemic. One of the biggest consequences was an energy crisis in Europe and a frantic scramble to find alternatives to Russian gas. Energy ministers agreed on a price cap on Russian exports of oil and gas, but the EU energy regulator expressed doubt that it would lead to cheaper supplies for business and consumers. Hopes for a swifter transition to more sustainable sources of energy have taken a knock in the process, with global coal use set to hit an all-time high. World oil markets were also recast as western countries tried to limit Russia's revenues, one of many moves aimed at disrupting its economy. The conflict wrecked supply chains, threatened global food markets and fuelled a global cost of living crisis.

FINANCIAL REVIEW (Continued)

Investment Report 2022 (Continued)

Although there were signs that headline inflation had peaked, core inflation in many countries continued to rise. Containing this surge by raising interest rates was the main preoccupation of the world's central banks over the year. The US Federal Reserve, the European Central Bank and the Bank of England began to slow the pace of rises towards the end of the year but at the same time dented investor optimism with warnings that their policy tightening still had some way to go. The combination of higher borrowing costs, a strong US dollar and the rise in inflation meanwhile has left many of the world's poorer countries with serious debt problems.

The UK struggled with the consequences of leaving the EU and has in addition been hit by a rise in economic inactivity. Any hopes that the UK might chart a new confident course post-Brexit were dashed by a year of political chaos, with the country headed by its third prime minister and fourth chancellor at the end of the year.

The Tory Partys reputation for economic management was severely challenged after financial markets gave a negative reaction to its economic plans while the country ended the year engulfed in public sector strikes

As 2022 drew to a close we had another reminder that the pandemic is far from over. China was hit by what it calls an "exit wave" of infections after abruptly abandoning its stringent zero-Covid policies that had so badly damaged its economy, with data laying bare the hit to its public finances.

Against this backdrop. the broad MSCI AC World Index ended down -8.1% in sterling terms, but down nearly a fifth in value in local currency terms, as weakness in Sterling protected UK investors from the worst of the equity market falls. Equities witnessed their biggest declines since 2008, with bourses from Wall Street to Shanghai and Frankfurt all seeing significant falls. At the sector level, returns were negative across almost all areas with energy the major exception. The UK market benefitted from energy and mining company exposure, as well as pharmaceuticals, ending the year up slightly in positive terms.

Bond markets also saw heavy selling; the US 10-year government bond yield, a global benchmark for long-term borrowing costs, moved up from 1.5% at the end of 2021 to 3.9%, the biggest annual rise in Bloomberg records going back to the 1960s. In the UK, 10-year gilt yields moved from 0.97% at the start of the year to 3.55% at the end of the year, which reflects a return of -23.8% over the period. UK inflation linked bonds fell a staggering -33.6%.

The parallel falls in equities and bonds proved a challenging headwind for investors in 2022. Commodities were one of few sources of protection, boosted by the US dollar strength.

The portfolios fell -6.0% over the period, ahead of the strategy benchmark and more than 4% ahead of the peer group. High levels of inflation in the UK have made meeting inflation plus target more challenging in the shorter term. Despite this, we remain confident in the ability to meet inflation-plus targets over the longer term.

Reserves Policy

The charity has significant reserves which are represented by the listed investments and managed funds. The investments are invested for total return which allows, in addition to the investment income, the drawdown of up to 1% of capital in any given year, from the unrestricted funds, without detriment to the Trustees Invest-ment Strategy.

This policy was reviewed to take into account the substantial reduction over the year in investment income in 2020 and with effect from 1 January 2021 annual income was based on an estimated 3% of the average value of the funds over 3 years as at 31 December annually, plus CPI, which for 2021 makes a total of 3.32%. A further review took place in late 2021 and a baseline of 3% of the average over 3 years was retained (including actual investment income) and an additional uplift of 1% was agreed to enable the budgetary requirement for 2022 to be met. Going forward for 2023 the baseline of 3% of value is to be retained; this comprises of actual Investment income topped up by a drawdown, if required, from unrestricted funds and takes into account substantial anticipated income for 2023 from the Antioch Settlement £175,00 (£87,500 in 2022).

FINANCIAL REVIEW (Continued)

Risk Management

The principal risk faced by the Trust lie in the performance of the investments and the consequent ability of the Trust to support its beneficiaries through the making of effective grants.

Trustees consider that the variety of investments with a diversified investment portfolio exercised through the Fund managers, Cazenove Charities, along with a "total return" approach. This allows a drawdown on capital of 3%, including investment income, plus an uplift factor to meet budgetary requirements (1% for 2022) which is monitored and recommended by the investments sub-committee and helps to stabilise the income and miti-gates the risks as far as is possible.

The Trustees will also approve a further drawdown of capital where deemed necessary to meet essential demands in support of the Regiment (serving, former and antecedent) its Rifleman and their dependents. However, in order to meet any extraordinary demands placed upon it a reassessment of the level of grants awarded will take place the January meeting each year and any adjustment necessary being made to ensure the long-term ability to support the Regimental family.

Key Management Personnel Remuneration

The Trustees consider the board of Trustees and The Rifles Regimental Secretary (also a Trustee) and The Rifles Secretary Finance as the key management personnel of the charity. All Trustees give of their time freely and are not remunerated for their time spent on work on behalf of the charity. The day-to-day management is invested in other senior representatives in RHQ The Rifles who are employed and salaried by The Ministry of Defence. Remuneration of the Regimental Secretary as a Trustee has been approved by the Charity Commissioners and the sum, along with any other ex gratia awards to the other senior representatives of the RHQ Staff are approved by a special meeting of Trustees held every 3 years. All awards are made annually and are scrutinised and approved by the Remunerations Sub-committee. The Remunerations Sub-committee also screens any other ex gratia awards recommended by The Regimental Secretary for other members of the RHQ staff from an agreed budget. Payment of awards will generally be paid in December of each year. Declaration of any related party issues are contained as appropriate in the auditor's notes. In assessing the awards Trustees assess against performance as there is no benchmark with which to compare the ex-gratia payments. Trustees are also required to disclose all relevant interests in connection with any grant application and in accordance with the Trust's policy withdraw from decisions where any conflict of interest arises. There has been no such conflict in the current year.

ASSETS HELD AS CUSTODIAN FOR OTHERS

Upon formation of The Rifles and transfer of funds from the forming Regiments, the Trustees of The Rifles Regimental Trust became de-facto custodian Trustees on behalf of the Regiment for those chattels (silver, pictures and furniture) which were transferred to The Rifles having previously been in the care of the Forming Regiments. The Trustees' responsibility is to ensure that insurance cover (worldwide) continues to be maintained and that checks and safeguards are in place to account for the chattels. These chattels are not carried at any value in the accounts of The Rifles Regimental Trust as no cost was incurred in their acquisition. The day-to-day control of property on loan or gifted to the Regiment is part of the role of RHQ through the Regimental Secretary and the Property Manager who also looks after Green Jacket Close. The control and direction of any disposal of property rests with The Rifles Council and/or with representatives of the Former Regiments who have retained that responsibility. Chattels are distributed to and located with each of the Battalions, at RHQ, and various other locations of regimental importance.

The database of Regimental chattels is near completion, including the location of each item. This bringing together of property was completed in 2018 and involves the property of The Light Infantry and the Royal Green Jackets which were transferred upon formation of the Rifles in 2007, followed by the property of the Devon and Dorset Light Infantry which was transferred in 2015 and finally that of the Royal Gloucestershire Berkshire Wiltshire Light Infantry which were transferred in 2018.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

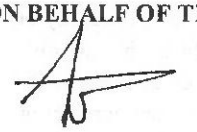
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust Deed. 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.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:



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S Hazlitt
Trustee

Date:

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Rifles Regimental Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;

- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and

- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or

- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements ; or

- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or

- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

From discussion with management and those charged with governance information about the entity is documented to assess the activity within the organisation. We discuss managements assessment of risk in respect of irregularities, fraud and going concern.

Based on these discussions and our own assessments we determined that the key risk areas were income recognition in respect of cut off issues concerning subscription income and donations, management override concerning the size of the organisation and grants payable in respect of cut off.

We set financial statement materiality level based on the level of income. As a not for profit organisation raising income is its primary focus which is why income was used to determine the level of materiality. Our overall assessment of risk was used to determine performance materiality at an appropriate level.

Substantive audit tests were designed after assessing and performing walkthrough tests. The walkthrough testing confirmed documented systems which have been designed to act as a preventative measure against fraud and error which appear to be operating as documented. Substantive testing tested a sample of the population, representative of the population, to identify errors. The testing did not identify any material misstatements in areas tested.

Audit substantive tests concluded no material errors over the key risk areas of income recognition and management override.

The audit considers the organisation is not exposed to material risk of error as a result of assessing laws and regulations that are appropriate to the organisation.

Management assessed there is no going risk. The organisation has regular subscription income and a sufficient level of investments which generate income, both of these sources of income are sufficient to support expenditure. The audit undertook a review of budgets, and the review of board minutes and came to the same conclusion as management.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under Section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Morris Crocker Limited
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors
Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006
Station House
North Street
Havant
Hampshire
PO9 1QU

Date: 31 August 2023

THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Year ended 31.12.2022 Total funds £	Year ended 31.12.2021 Total funds £
INCOME FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	328,661	658,803	987,464	535,145
Other trading activities	3	4,503	-	4,503	9,227
Investment income	4	81,429	30,029	111,458	88,621
Total		414,593	688,832	1,103,425	632,993
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	35,530	7,291	42,821	41,765
Charitable activities	6	283,063	119,644	402,707	385,324
Total		318,593	126,935	445,528	427,089
Net (losses)/gains on investments		(354,101)	(129,487)	(483,588)	537,115
Net (expenditure)/income		(258,101)	432,410	174,309	743,019
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(258,101)	432,410	174,309	743,019
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		4,866,517	1,881,127	6,747,644	6,004,625
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		4,608,416	2,313,537	6,921,953	6,747,644

THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	13 & 14	8,379,732	9,142,132
		8,379,732	9,142,132
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	15	62,929	49,000
Cash at bank		132,123	97,287
		195,052	146,287
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	16	(41,324)	(59,537)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		153,728	86,750
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		8,533,460	9,228,882
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	17	(1,611,507)	(2,481,238)
NET ASSETS		6,921,953	6,747,644
FUNDS	18 & 19		
Unrestricted funds		4,608,416	4,866,517
Restricted funds		2,313,537	1,881,127
		6,921,953	6,747,644

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27/4/2023 and were signed on their behalf by:

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S Hazlitt
Trustee

THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Cash generated from operations	1	(65,403)	815,981
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		(65,403)	815,981
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of fixed asset investments		(2,269,888)	(3,349,545)
Sale of fixed asset investments		2,369,846	2,565,996
Interest received		281	9
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		100,239	(783,540)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		34,836	32,441
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		97,287	64,846
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		132,123	97,287

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2022 £	2021 £
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	174,309	743,019
Loss/(Gain) on investments	662,442	(734,562)
Interest received	(281)	(9)
Decrease/(Increase) in stock	-	-
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	(13,929)	11,727
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	(18,213)	5,214
(decrease)/Increase in long term liabilities	(869,731)	790,592
	(65,403)	815,981

ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET (DEBT)/FUNDS

	At 01.01.22	Cash flow	At 31.12.22
Net cash			
Cash at bank	97,287	34,836	132,123
	97,287	34,836	132,123
Total	97,287	34,836	132,123

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charity SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective January 2015)', the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties regarding the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming resources
All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy and it is probable the income will be received.

Voluntary income including donations, regimental subscriptions and grants that provide core funding or are of general nature are recognised where there is entitlement, probability of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income received from the sale of Bugle Magazine is recognised at the date of sale.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income is only deferred when:
- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the Charity has unconditional entitlement.

Resources expended
Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.
- Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income.
- Charitable activities include expenditure associated with regimental activities, including grants paid to individual Battalions and City and County offices, they include both direct costs and support costs relating to these activities.
- Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the Charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Grants offered subject to conditions that have not been met at the year-end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Allocation and apportionment of costs
Overhead and support costs have been allocated first between charitable activity and governance. Overhead and support costs relating to charitable activities have been apportioned equally between activities.

Irrecoverable VAT
Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Taxation
The Charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities. Corporation tax is payable by the trading company on its taxable profits.

Financial instruments
The Charity only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other accounts receivable and payable, loans from banks and other third parties and loans to related parties and investments in non-puttable ordinary shares.

Trade and other debtors
Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments and bank overdrafts. In the balance sheet, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities.

Trade and other creditors
Short term trade creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted and designated funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the Trustees Report on page 5.

Realised/Unrealised gains and losses
All gains and losses are taken to the statement of financial activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds and opening market value or purchase date if later. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the end of the year and opening market value, or purchase date if later. Realised and unrealised gains are not separated in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 31.12.22	Year ended 31.12.21
	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions (Riflemen and Officers)	196,622	-	196,622	164,373
Subscriptions (Officers)	36,582	-	36,582	34,987
Donations and legacies	94,466	679	95,145	269,615
Book sales	991	120	1,111	1,986
Sale of assets and other items	-	658,004	658,004	64,184
	328,661	658,803	987,464	535,145

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 31.12.22	Year ended 31.12.21
	£	£	£	£
Magazine income	4,503	-	4,503	9,227
	4,503	-	4,503	9,227

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 31.12.22	Year ended 31.12.21
	£	£	£	£
Deposit account interest	281	-	281	9
Dividend and interest	81,148	30,029	111,177	88,612
	81,429	30,029	111,458	88,621

5. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 31.12.22	Year ended 31.12.21
	£	£	£	£
Investment management fees	19,714	7,291	27,005	25,309
Regimental magazine	15,816	-	15,816	16,456
	35,530	7,291	42,821	41,765

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Direct costs	Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	Support costs (see note 8)	Totals
	£	£	£	£
General (RHQ)	117,959	345	44,568	162,872
Battalions, Reserve Forces, ITC Coy and AFC Harrogate grants	-	39,417	-	39,417
City and County office grants	-	7,189	-	7,189
Officers Fund	24,912	14,173	-	39,085
5 (V) RGJ Trust Fund	-	9,500	-	9,500
Lawrence Bequest Fund	-	20,000	-	20,000
Hatton Bequest Fund	-	-	-	-
RGJ Management Fund	244	86,044	-	86,287
Light Infantry Management Fund	97	13,260	-	13,357
Museum Grant	-	25,000	-	25,000
	143,211	214,927	44,568	402,707

7. GRANTS PAYABLE

The total of grants paid during the year was as follows:

	Year ended 31.12.22	Year ended 31.12.21
	£	£
Unrestricted funds:		
Battalion, Reserve Forces, ITC Coy and AFC Harrogate	39,417	45,500
Cornwall office	-	-
Exeter office	500	1,000
London office	(97)	850
Salisbury office	1,539	-
Shrewsbury office	1,500	1,000
Taunton office	746	1,200
Yorkshire office	3,000	2,300
South West office	-	500
Rifles admin	-	500
RHQ grant	345	373
5(V) RGJ Trust	9,500	7,500
Officers fund grant	14,173	8,975
Restricted funds:	-	-
Grants (Hatton Bequest Fund)	-	1,000
Grants (Light Infantry Fund)	13,260	200
Adventure Training grants (Lawrence Bequest Fund)	20,000	20,000
RGJ Museum Trust grant (RGJ Management Fund)	86,044	64,116
RGJ Association (RGJ Management Fund)	-	-
New museum CIO	25,000	13,000
	214,927	168,014

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Governance (see note 9)	Total
	£	£	£
Postage and stationery	314	-	314
Publications	(600)		(600)
IT admin support and equipment	1,987	-	1,987
Membership and subscriptions	175	-	175
Equipment maintenance and repairs	12,969	-	12,969
Trustee honoraria	-	-	-
Staff honoraria	10,500	-	10,500
Insurance	7,056	-	7,056
Meeting costs	-	321	321
Regimental Secretary expenses	140	-	140
Colonel Comdts Expenses	-		-
Accountancy	5,091	-	5,091
Auditors' remuneration	-	6,600	6,600
	15		15
	37,647	6,921	44,568

9. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 31.12.22	Year ended 31.12.21
	£	£	£	£
Meeting costs	321	-	321	72
Auditors' remuneration	6,600	-	6,600	6,764
	6,921	-	6,921	6,836

10. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

With the Charity Commission's approval, Lt Col P Balls OBE, Regimental Secretary and a Trustee was paid £4,000 for his exceptional contribution to the Charity (2021: £4,000).

Trustees' Expenses
There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2022 or for the period ended 31st December 2021.

11. STAFF COSTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Rifles Collection Curators gross salaries	-	-
Pension costs	-	-
Employers NI	-	-
Total salary costs	-	-

There was no full time member of direct charitable staff (2021: one).

No employees had remuneration in excess of £60,000 (2021: none)

11. STAFF COSTS - continued

Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Charity comprise the Trustees and the Assistant Regimental Secretary Finance. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the Charity were £2,000 (2021: £2,000). This does not include all remuneration for the Assistant Regimental Secretary Finance, as this role forms part of the day to day management which is invested in other senior representatives in RHQ The Rifles, who are employed and salaried by the Ministry of Defence. Trustee remuneration is reported in note 10.

12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME FROM			
Donations and legacies	519,676	15,469	535,145
Other trading activities	9,227	-	9,227
Investment income	63,224	25,397	88,621
Total	592,127	40,866	632,993
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	34,531	7,234	41,765
Charitable activities	299,878	85,446	385,324
Total	334,409	92,680	427,089
Net gains/(losses) on investments	388,165	148,950	537,115
Net income/(expenditure)	645,883	97,136	743,019
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	645,883	97,136	743,019
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	4,220,634	1,783,991	6,004,625
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	4,866,517	1,881,127	6,747,644

13. FIXED ASSET INVESMENTS

	Listed Investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1st January 2022	9,142,032
Additions	2,269,888
Disposals	(2,369,846)
Revaluation (Charity)	(483,589)
Revaluation (held for third parties)	(178,853)
At 31st December 2022	8,379,632
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st December 2022	8,379,632
At 31st December 2021	9,142,032

Investments are held in a portfolio managed by Schroders. The market value of investments by geographical area is as follows:

	Market value £
Within the United Kingdom	3,026,053
Outside the United Kingdom	5,353,579
	8,379,632

14. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - CHARITY ONLY

	2022	2021
	£	£
Listed investments	8,379,632	9,142,032
Investment in unlisted subsidiary	100	100
	8,379,732	9,142,132

The investment in unlisted subsidiary represents the Charity's 100% shareholding in Rifles Direct Limited (registered no. 05682176), being 100 ordinary shares of £1 each.

Rifles Direct Limited was dormant throughout the year.

15. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other debtors	62,929	49,000
Deferred consideration	-	-
Amounts falling due in more than one year:		
Deferred consideration	-	-
	62,929	49,000

The Loan was cleared by the end of 2020 and the income is now treated as an income source to the fund.

16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other creditors	21,332	23,012
Rifles Benevolent Trust	19,992	36,525
	41,325	59,537

17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

Group

	2022	2021
	£	£
DDLI Charities	762,661	865,829
1 Rifles PRI	109,389	117,632
2 Rifles PRI	204,531	219,944
4 Rifles PRI	54,569	58,682
5 Rifles PRI	63,940	68,759
6 Rifles PRI	40,748	38,772
7 Rifles PRI	160,747	172,906
Rifles & LI Association Somerset	214,923	231,119
RGBW Fund	(0)	707,595
	1,611,507	2,481,238

Creditors due in more than one year represent funds held as custodian trustee, please refer to the trustees annual report and page 32 of the notes to the financial statements for further details on these funds.

18. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Investments	4,511,945	3,867,787	8,379,732	9,142,032
Current assets	137,740	57,312	195,052	146,287
Current liabilities	(41,269)	--	(41,324)	(59,538)
Long term liabilities	-	(1,611,507)	(1,611,507)	(2,481,238)
	4,608,416	2,313,537	6,921,953	6,747,542

19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Balance at 01.01.22 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Investment gains/(losses) £	Transfers £	Balance at 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted fund						
General fund	4,680,541	375,631	269,431	(344,470)	-	4,442,271
Designated funds						
5 (V) RGJ Trust	149,171	2,380	10,077	(9,631)	-	131,843
Officers Fund	36,805	36,582	39,085	-	-	34,302
RGBW Fund	-				-	-
	4,866,517	414,593	318,593	(354,101)	-	4,608,416
Restricted funds						
Hatton Bequest Fund	43,508	668	162	(2,945)	-	41,069
Lawrence Bequest Fund	412,246	6,554	21,592	(28,883)	-	368,325
RGJ Management Fund	1,286,602	21,091	91,334	(88,775)	-	1,127,584
Rifles Collection Curators Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Light Infantry Fund	138,771	2,515	13,847	(8,884)	-	118,555
RGBW Fund	-	658,004	-	-	-	658,004
	1,881,127	688,832	126,935	(129,487)	-	2,313,537
TOTAL FUNDS	6,747,644	1,103,425	445,528	(483,588)	-	6,921,953

A detailed description of the designated and restricted funds is included in the trustees annual report.

Comparative net movements in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Balance at 01.01.21 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Investment gains/(losses) £	Transfers £	Balance at 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted fund						
General fund	4,063,101	536,776	295,815	376,479	-	4,680,541
Designated funds						
5 (V) RGJ Trust	143,588	1,955	8,058	11,686	-	149,171
Officers Fund	13,945	53,396	30,536	-	-	36,805
	4,220,634	592,127	334,409	388,165	-	4,866,517
Restricted funds						
Hatton Bequest Fund	40,650	576	1,164	3,446	-	43,508
Lawrence Bequest Fund	395,258	5,526	21,577	33,039	-	412,246
RGJ Management Fund	1,235,247	17,737	69,179	102,797	-	1,286,602
Light Infantry Fund	112,836	17,027	760	9,668	-	138,771
	1,783,991	40,866	92,680	148,950	-	1,881,127
TOTAL FUNDS	6,004,625	632,993	427,089	537,115	-	6,747,644

19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Transfers between funds
Transfers between funds are made to cover the shortfall on restricted funds.

20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The Rifles Benevolent Trust and The Rifles Officers Fund are both related parties of The Rifles Regimental Trust as all three Charities have the same board of Trustees.

During the year The Rifles Regimental Trust transferred £131,299 (2021: £147,284) to The Rifles Benevolent Trust for Regimental Subscriptions and £51,605 (2021: £116,051) for donations that are received into The Rifles Regimental Trust, but due to The Rifles Benevolent Trust. The Rifles Benevolent Trust reimbursed The Rifles Regimental Trust £25,750 (2021: £24,750) for IT costs paid on their behalf. The Rifles Regimental Trust salaries are paid through The Rifles Benevolent Trust. During the year The Rifles Regimental Trust transferred £17,500 (2021: £17,500) to The Rifles Benevolent Trust for salaries. At the year end The Rifles Regimental Trust owed The Rifles Benevolent Trust £19,994 (2021: £36,526).

The charity is partly administered by employees of the Ministry of Defence. In addition, the charity also makes use of office space and other office facilities provided, including computer equipment, postage and stationery. These support costs are difficult to quantify as they are not discrete activities because personnel and office facilities are used for other Army duties. As such the value of support provided by the Ministry of Defence has not been included in the Charity's Statement of Financial Activities.

21. MATERIAL LEGACIES

Legacy income is only included in incoming resources where the legacy has been received or both the receipt and the amount is known with sufficient certainty. As at 31 December 2022 the Charity had received legacy income totalling £nil (2021: £254,537).

THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Year ended 31.12.2022 £	Year ended 31.12.2021 £
INCOME FROM		
Donations and legacies		
Regimental Subscriptions (Riflemen and Officers)	196,622	164,373
Regimental Subscriptions (Officers)	36,582	34,987
Donations and legacies	90,350	262,009
Donations (Light Infantry)	377	11
Rifles Direct Income	4,417	7,595
Book sales (Light Infantry)	1,111	1,986
Sale of assets and other items	658,004	64,184
	987,464	535,145
Other trading activities		
Magazine income	4,503	9,227
Investment income		
Dividends and interest	111,177	88,612
Deposit account interest	281	9
	111,458	88,621
Total	1,103,425	632,992
EXPENDITURE ON		
Raising funds		
Investment management fees	27,005	25,309
Regimental magazine	15,816	16,456
	42,821	41,765
Charitable activities		
Recruiting costs	16,649	19,537
Honour boards etc	15,757	12,805
Wreaths and remembrance	210	-
Travel expenses (Regional Colonels and Advisory Board)	1,291	657
Adventure training/sports sponsored through RHQ	2,209	1,150
Officers Fund expenditure	19,912	16,561
Chronicle contribution	2,000	2,031
Rifles Association	5,323	4,059
Divisional colonel	5,265	3,832
	68,616	60,632

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Year ended 31.12.2022 £	Year ended 31.12.2021 £
Charitable activities continued	**68,616**	**60,632**
St Cross Cricket Ground	10,000	10,000
Marketing and family support	205	-
Buglers	300	-
Freedom parades	988	838
Flags and association standards	660	-
Grants (see note 8)	214,927	168,014
RCO salary	17,500	17,500
Reunion/gathering costs	6,600	-
RGJ Management Fund costs	244	16
Light Infantry Management Fund costs	97	114
Horseguards event	37,553	-
Regimental awards	450	1,700
Awards dinner	-	19,790
	358,140	278,604
Support costs		
Postage and stationery	314	365
Publications	(600)	606
IT and admin support and equipment	1,987	7,544
Membership and subscriptions	175	153
Equipment and maintenance and repairs	12,969	6,491
Staff honoraria	10,500	10,000
Insurance	7,056	3,815
Meeting costs	321	72
Regimental secretary expenses	140	51
Colonel Comdts Expenses	-	1,284
Accountancy	5,091	5,390
Auditors' remuneration	6,601	6,765
Bank charges	15	-
Rifles collection - 9 Statuettes from sale of assets by melting down broken and unused silver	-	64,184
	44,568	106,720
Total	445,528	427,089
Net (losses)/gains on investments	(483,588)	537,115
Net (expenditure)/income	174,309	743,019

THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT BY DESIGNATED FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Designated Funds		
	5 (V) RGJ Trust £	Officers Fund £	Total £
INCOME FROM			
Subscriptions	-	36,582	36,582
Investment income	2,380	-	2,380
Total	2,380	36,582	38,962
EXPENDITURE ON			
Grants	9,500	14,173	23,673
Chronicle/Bugle Publications	-	14,526	14,526
St Cross	-	5,000	5,000
Website costs	-	1,637	1,637
Adventure training		3,749	3,749
Investment management fees	577	-	578
Total	10,077	39,085	49,163
Net (losses)/gains on investments	(9,631)	-	(9,631)
Net (expenditure)/income	(17,328)	(2,503)	(19,831)
Net movement in funds	(17,328)	(2,503)	(19,831)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	149,171	36,804	185,975
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	131,843	34,301	166,144

THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT BY RESTRICTED FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Hatton Bequest Fund £	Lawrence Bequest Fund £	RGJ Management Fund £	Light Infantry Fund £	RGBW Fund £	Total £
INCOME FROM						
Donations and legacies	-	-	300	379	-	679
Grant	-	-	-	-	-	-
Book sales	-	-	-	120	-	120
Sale of assets and other items	-	-	-	-	658,004	658,004
Investment income	668	6,554	20,791	2,016	-	30,029
Total	668	6,554	21,091	2,515	658,004	688,832
EXPENDITURE ON						
Grants	-	20,000	86,044	13,260	-	119,304
Meeting costs	-	-	235	-	-	235
Postage and stationery	-	-	9	42	-	51
Wreaths and remembrance	-	-	-	55	-	55
Investment management fees	162	1,592	5,047	490	-	7,291
Total	162	21,592	91,334	13,847	-	126,935
Net (losses)/gains on investments	(2,945)	(28,883)	(88,775)	(8,884)	-	(129,486)
Net (expenditure)/income	(2,438)	(43,923)	(159,018)	(20,214)	658,004	432,411
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(2,438)	(43,923)	(159,018)	(20,214)	658,004	432,411
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward	43,508	412,245	1,286,603	138,771	-	1,881,127
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	41,070	368,322	1,127,585	118,557	658,004	1,655,534

THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

ANALYSIS OF LONG TERM CREDITORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	DDLI Charities	1 Rifles PRI	2 Rifles PRI	4 Rifles PRI	5 Rifles PRI	6 Rifles PRI	7 Rifles PRI	Rifles & LI Somerset Assn	RGBW Fund	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM										
Donations and legacies	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	-			5,000
Investment income	14,007	1,952	3,650	974	1,141	727	2,868	3,835	11,741	40,895
Other income								-	-	-
Total	14,007	1,952	3,650	974	1,141	5,727	2,868	3,835	11,741	45,895
EXPENDITURE ON										
Grants	53,418	1,119	2,092	558	654	370	1,688	2,199	6,732	68,829
Capital withdrawal	-	-	-	-	-	-			658,004	-
Investment management fees	3,409	474	887	237	277	177	697	932	2,853	9,941
Total	56,826	1,594	2,978	795	931	547	2,385	3,130	667,588	736,775
Net (losses)/gains on investments	(60,350)	(8,603)	(16,085)	(4,291)	(5,028)	(3,205)	(12,642)	(16,902)	(51,748)	(178,853)
Net (expenditure)/income	(103,169)	(8,244)	(15,413)	(4,113)	(4,819)	1,976	(12,159)	(16,196)	(707,595)	(869,733)
Net movement in funds	(103,169)	(8,244)	(15,413)	(4,113)	(4,819)	1,976	(12,159)	(16,196)	(707,595)	(869,733)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS										
Total funds brought forward	865,830	117,633	219,944	58,682	68,759	38,772	172,906	231,119	707,595	2,481,240
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	762,661	109,389	204,531	54,569	63,940	40,748	160,747	214,923	(0)	1,611,507

THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1119061

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1119061

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021 FOR THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1119061

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General Sir Patrick Nicholas Yardley Monrad Sanders KCB CBE DSO ADC Gen
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Major General Thomas Richardson Copinger-Symes CBE
Brigadier Thomas Howard Bewick OBE
Brigadier Charles Seymore Collins DSO OBE
Brigadier Mark Christian Peter Wilson MBE - Appointed 29 July 2021
Brigadier Daniel Reeve MC
Colonel Ralph Arundell
Colonel Ashley Raymond Fulford OBE
Colonel Nikola Ilic MBE QGM
Lieutenant Colonel Peter James Alexander Balls OBE
Lieutenant Colonel Peter Dominick Browne MBE - Retired 30 September 2021
Lieutenant Colonel John Alexander Poole-Warren MBE
Lieutenant Colonel Simon David Gray MBE
Captain David Alexander McCutcheon - Retired 1 July 2021
Captain Lee Jones - Appointed 1 July 2021
Jeremy Michael Archer
Simon Charles Hazlitt
Andrew George Wycliffe Jackson
Rebecca Charlotte Maciejewska - Appointed 30 September 2021
Oliver Rupert Marsh
Henry Charles Steel

The offices of the Charity are based in the Regimental Headquarters of The Rifles which is an MOD establishment and the officials are civil servants employed by the MOD; therefore neither accommodation nor staffing incur any cost to the Charity. Throughout 2021 the person responsible for the day to day running of the Charity was The Rifles Regimental Secretary Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) PJA Balls OBE assisted throughout the year by The Rifles Secretary Finance, Captain (Retired) I I Foster.

Auditors
Morris Crocker Limited
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Background and Structure

The Charity was established by a Trust Deed approved by the Charity Commission dated 1 April 2007. It was formed to manage the regimental funds of the newly formed regiment, The Rifles, which had been created on 1 February 2007 by the merger of The Devonshire and Dorset Light Infantry (DDLI), The Light Infantry (LI), The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Light Infantry (RGBWLI) and The Royal Green Jackets (RGJ), including their Territorial and Volunteer Units. These are the 'Forming Regiments' and the Trust is sufficiently widely drawn to be able to help not only the Regiment (The Rifles) but also the Forming Regiments and their various Antecedent Regiments, including Reserve units.

The Objects of the Trust are wide: to promote the efficiency of the Regiment in such charitable ways as the Trustees may decide; and to support such other charitable purposes connected with the Regiment or the Forming Regiments as the Trustees may decide. Since the Trust can support the Forming Regiments as well as the Regiment itself, the Forming Regiments were encouraged to transfer into the Trust as much as possible of the money that they were previously managing. Funds can be 'ring fenced' in Restricted Funds for specific purposes, including for example, the ongoing management of Former Regiment associations. In addition, certain regimental funds are held within the Trust for investment purposes only.

The Regimental Trustees are the Finance Committee of The Rifles Council, the governing body of the Regiment. They are the Trustees for all three of the Regimental Charities: The Rifles Regimental Trust, The Rifles Benevolent Trust and The Rifles Officers' Fund, the business of which is conducted at the same meetings of Trustees.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (Continued)

Governance

There are up to eight (currently eight) ex-officio Trustees, being the Colonel Commandant, Deputy Colonel Commandants and other senior serving officers of the Regiment. In 2020 Brigadier MCP Wilson was appointed in replacement of Maj Gen RTH Jones in addition there are up to twelve (currently eleven) Nominated Trustees the majority of whom have specific skills such as in the investment or legal fields and others have commanded battalions of The Rifles or of Forming Regiments. A Nominated Trustee must be an officer or warrant officer, or former officer or warrant officer, of the Regiment or of a Forming Regiment and may include a wife or widow of such. In making such appointments care is taken to ensure representation from each of the Former Regiments. Nominated Trustees are elected for terms not exceeding four years and may be re-elected for a maximum of four terms. Re-elections are rotational and take place annually normally at the April Trustees. In 2021 Lt Col Peter Browne retired and was replaced by Mrs R Maciejewska and in addition Mr Andrew Jackson and Lt Col (Retd) Simon Gray were re-elected along with Lt Col (Retd) John Poole-Warren and Lt Col (Retd) Peter Brown being over the age of 70. Meetings of the Trustees are held quarterly, normally in January, April, July and October.

The Trustees have a Nomination Sub Committee which, annually and when a vacancy occurs, considers suitable candidates to reinforce the skills or representation of the Trustees and proposes candidates to The Rifles Council for nomination. New nominated candidates, as well as Nominated Trustees seeking re-election, are elected by the Trustees at the Spring (second) meeting each year. New Nominated Trustees are briefed by the Chairman of Trustees and on appointment are given an induction pack of background information on each of the Regimental Charities, including copies of Trust Deeds, annual accounts and minutes of recent meetings, and a copy of Charity Commission booklet 'Responsibilities of a Charity Trustee'. Training through seminars etc. is made available for all Trustees.

Other Sub Committees, to cover the work of all The Rifles Charities, have been formed for Governance, Finance, Grants, Remuneration and Investment. In addition, there is a Homes Sub Committee to manage properties (Green Jacket Close) owned by The Rifles. Other Sub Committees, to cover the work of all The Rifles Charities, have been formed for Governance, Finance, Grants, Remuneration and Investment. In addition, there is a Homes Sub Committee to manage properties (Green Jacket Close) owned by The Rifles Benevolent Trust. The Nomination Sub-Committee annually reviews the membership of Sub Committees to ensure that Trustees use their skills appropriately and gain experience from the work of such Sub Committees.

The risks to which the Charity is vulnerable are reviewed annually by the Trustees after detailed work by the Governance Sub Committee. The Trustees consider the major risks to which the Charity could be exposed and review the systems established to mitigate such risks. They are not aware of any irregularities, including fraud, involving management or employees of the Charity; nor are they aware of any instances of actual or possible non-compliance with laws, regulations, contracts or agreements that might result in the Charity suffering significant penalties or other loss. In 2016 a major fraud attack was perpetrated on the Trust which, whilst detected and all monies fully recovered, identified a potential weakness in systems. These were immediately rectified to prevent any such future occurrence. The attempt was reported to the Police fraud unit as well as the Charity Commissioners.

In 2016 by unanimous agreement of the Trustees basic bookkeeping of all the Regimental Trust Accounts was outsourced to a firm of professional bookkeepers in Gloucestershire, The Trust Partnership. The fifth full year of independent operation in 2020 incurred costs of £5,390 (£6,998) once again below the estimated cost and the liaison between Regimental Headquarters and Trust Accounting continues to develop with an excellent service being provided.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Principal Activities and Policies

Income

Apart from investment income, the major regular source of income to the Charity is from Regimental Subscriptions (the Day's Pay Scheme) in which the majority of officers and soldiers throughout the Regiment participate. All income to September 2021 was received into The Rifles Regimental Trust with 51% of the basic income then being passed to The Rifles Benevolent Trust. With effect from 1 October 2021 Trustees have amended the allocation of income from the Days pay Scheme from 51% to 40% to The Rifles Benevolent Trust . This will be reviewed annually and has been possible due to other income to the Benevolence Trust from Legacies enabling the changes to be made without any detriment to existing beneficiaries. The balance (60%) is retained by The Rifles Regimental Trust, which is able to make grants to The Rifles Benevolent Trust as required and includes additional contributions from officers which are held in a designated fund to support officer related activities. All payments via the Day's Pay Scheme are through Charitable Giving and are therefore inclusive of tax.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (Continued)

Regimental Objectives

The Rifles Council has approved Regimental Objectives, which are reviewed annually, and which Trustees take into account when making grants from The Rifles Regimental Trust. The Objectives were reissued in 2017 with three objectives being set:

1. Realise the potential of every Rifleman and maximise the opportunity of being a large Regiment.

2. Exploit the range of modern roles to enhance the Regiment's reputation for tactical innovation and forward thinking.

3. Capitalise on the five pillars (Regulars, Reserves, Cadets, Associations and Communities) to sustain the Regiment and build esprit de corps, ensuring full manning.

Grants to Regular Battalions

a. Trustees will allocate to Regular battalions (including to 4 Rangers who rebadged in December 2021 but who for now remain linked to The Rifles and to where there Regimental Subscriptions are paid), an annual block grant that may be expended at CO's discretion, except that a percentage must be expended on Adventurous Training (to meet the terms of the Lawrence Bequest from which part of the income is derived). It is intended to cover such expenditure as official entertainment and the support of Bugle Platoons (but not the repair of bugles).
b. The grant is normally paid in two equal elements in January and July but may be drawn down by negotiation with RHQ where the operational cycle of the Battalion justifies an earlier payment to support expenditure commitments during the year. No part should be reserved for future years, unless agreed through RHQ.
c. The grant is intended to help towards all normal activities of the battalion; requests for additional grants should be for exceptional expenditure. Such additional requests are considered regularly by the Trustees.

d. Major repairs to bugles and chattels - and the insurance thereof - are not covered by the grant. These will be arranged centrally by RHQ, and covered by the RHQ budget.

Grants to Reserve Battalions

a. Reserve battalions and independent Reserve companies will also be given a block grant, part of which will be from a fund restricted for this purpose. The Trustees will consider additional requests for grants which will be weighted by the fact from 2016 when Reserves started limited subscriptions of 14% of a day's pay under the Day's Pay scheme but less than 20% are currently contributing. As the numbers grow Trustees will continue to review and hopefully be able to enhance their support given to Rifles Reserve units.

Grants to City/County Offices

a. Under restructuring there will be four Regional Offices in Exeter, Pontefract, Salisbury and Shrewsbury with satellite offices in Bodmin, Durham, London and Taunton awaiting closure. The Salisbury office at The Wardrobe closed in 2019 and the country secretary now works from RHQ in Winchester. The Gloucester office closed in 2017 and the Oxford Office was closed in 2018.

b. Each City/County Office will be allocated a block grant to cover administration, events and Regional Colonel's expenses.

c. The grant may be drawn down by negotiation with RHQ.

d. Offices may bid for additional grants to cover exceptional expenditure planned for the following year.

e. No grants are made to cadets or cadet detachments.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (Continued)

Grants through RHQ

a. RHQ will establish a budget for annual approval by the Trustees to cover all regimental matters that are not covered by grants to Regular and Reserve battalions, or City/County offices.

Designated (Unrestricted) and Restricted Funds

1. **5(V) RGJ Trust** (Designated). These funds derive from a disbanded RGJ TA unit and the income therefrom is applied to grants to the Rifles Reserve Battalions and independent companies.

2. **The Officers' Fund** (Designated) receives income from the Day's Pay Scheme that is specifically intended for officers' subscriptions and welfare.

3. **The Hatton Bequest Fund** (Restricted) derives from a legacy in memory of Corporal Harry Hatton, 2nd Royal Green Jackets, who was injured in Northern Ireland and who subsequently died. It is to be used to provide prizes for the best recruits in the Regiment at the Training Regiment at Catterick.

4. **The Lawrence Bequest Fund** (Restricted). The bequest was made to the Rifle Brigade in memory of Captain F E Lawrence who was killed in East Africa in 1895. It is to be used for the maintenance of his grave in Africa and to support Adventure Training within the Regiment

5. **RGJ Management Fund** (Restricted). This Fund is managed by the Trustees for investment purposes. The income and capital of the Fund are under the control of the Royal Green Jackets Association Management Committee for the business of the Former Regiment

6. **The LI Management Fund**. This fund is managed by the Trustees for investment purposes. The income and capital of this fund have since 2015, when they were incorporated into the Rifles Regimental Trust as a restricted fund, been under the Control of the Light Infantry Committee for the business of the former Regiment.

Funds Under Management

Elements of the current and forming regiments have deposited sums with the Trustees to gain benefit from investment in a larger portfolio. As the funds are assets of their own charities, these are "Funds Under Management" for which the Rifles Trustees act as Custodian Trustees. The funds are:

1. **The DDLI Charities Fund**. These investments belong to The Devon and Dorset Light Infantry for their Former Regiment business and are accounted for through their own charity accounts.

2. **1 Rifles, 2 Rifles, 4 Rifles, 5 Rifles, 6 Rifles and 7 Rifles PRI funds**. These funds belong to their respective battalions and are accounted for through their own PRI's which are charity accounts exempt from registration and controlled by a managing trustee (The Commanding Officer). Trustees may take into account the level of capital held in such PRI accounts when considering requests from battalions for additional grants.

3. **The Rifles and Light Infantry Somerset Association**. These funds were added in 2020 for investment purposes only with the Regimental business being accounted for through their own charity.

4. **RGBW Fund.** These funds were moved into the Regimental Trust in January 2021 for investment purposes only with the RGBW business being accounted for through their own charity.

All these Funds (Restricted, Designated and Funds Under Management) are invested together with the main Rifles Regimental Trust Unrestricted funds with a strict record being maintained as to the (aliquot) percentage of the capital and income that belongs to each.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (Continued)

Allocation of Grants

The Trustees meet annually to consider the budget for the following year and the block grants that can be made. They will also consider at this time any requests for additional grants. The Trustees are also the Trustees of The Rifles Benevolent Trust who meet quarterly to ratify grants. Such quarterly meetings give the Trustees the opportunity to consider income and expenditure on, and other business of, The Rifles Regimental Trust and any additional grants that have been requested.

Public Benefit

The following statements take into account the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit disclosure.

The Trustees are conscious that the use of charitable funds should have an element of benefit to the public. The object of The Rifles Regimental Trust is to promote the efficiency of the Regiment in its widest sense.

Grants can, for example, be made to the serving elements of the Regiment to support activities which increase the fitness and capability of the serving soldier, such as adventure training, and to activities which help to establish the regimental ethos and culture, such as bugling. Grants may also be made to the other pillars of the Regiment, such as the Reserve units and the Regimental Associations, to help establish the reputation of the Regiment throughout the country and particularly in its recruiting areas. The existence of the Charity helps to ensure high morale and high standards in The Rifles and thus contributes to the effectiveness of the country's armed forces, which in turn brings tangible benefits to the public.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Governance

General Sir Patrick Sanders KCB CBE DSO ADC Gen took over as Colonel Commandant on 20 July 2019 and has now completed over two years as ex-officio Trustee. Additional appointment of ex- officio Trustee was Brigadier MCP Wilson MBE. Ex -Officio trustee standing down was Major General RTH Jones CBE. Change in nominated Trustees saw the retirement of Lt Col PD Browne MBE who was replaced by Mrs RC Maciejewska.

The Governance Sub Committee has again carried out a full review of the risks to which the charity might be exposed and improvements have been made to the risk analysis.

Income

The Care for Casualties Appeal (C4C), which was launched in March 2010, has been a major contributor of income to the Charity. Income to the Appeal. As at 31 December 2016 its assets were Transferred to The Rifles Benevolent Trust (Charity No 1119071) and any subsequent income received is transferred to that Charity on a regular basis including those raised through JustGiving.com.

Subscriptions from officers and soldiers under the Day's Pay Scheme have remained steady. During the year, a total of £164,373 (£149,752) was subscribed under the Scheme of which represents 49% increasing to 60% from October 2021 being retained by The Rifles Regimental Trust and the balance 51% reducing to 40% being transferred to The Rifles Benevolent Trust. The percentage of all ranks subscribing under this voluntary Scheme has remained at about 95%. In addition, officers subscribed a further £34,983 (£34,059) for officer related activities. An annual review of subscriptions is undertaken and individuals not contributing are identified and encouraged to do so.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (Continued)

Grants

As can be seen from note 7 to the Accounts, grants from unrestricted funds to a total of £45,500 (£51,950) were made to the five regular and three Reserve battalions as well as the 3 Regimental Bands who received £3,000. Regular Battalions also received a further £20K from Restricted funds and the Reserves a further £7,500. The Rifles Company at ITC Catterick received £1,000 (£1,000). Each of the regular battalions receives varying sums based upon their established strength, this includes funding for their regimental sport. It remains the hope of the Trustees to be able to increase the level of grants to battalions in the future. Of the Reserve units, 6 Rifles received £6,000 (£8,000), 7 Rifles (which also receives a grant from the independent Trustees of the 4 (V) RGJ Trust) received £3,000 (£5,000), 8 Rifles received £6,000 (£6,000) and the independent Reserve units, now only F Coy with the London Regiment, received £500 (£500). Grants totalling £7,350 (£5,580) were made to the City and County Offices.

Regimental Expenses

Expenditure totalling £106,822 (£172,101) was made under the RHQ budget, the largest amounts being spent on the Regimental Magazine (The Bugle - for which income of £9,227 (£7,787) was recovered from sales), on IT consultancy and equipment, and on insurance. In addition, there was support for such activities as freedom and homecoming parades, individual adventure training grants and the St Cross Cricket Ground. A grant of £13,000 (£21,551) was also made to the Rifles Museum CIO. As recognition of a full career by the presentation on completion of 22/24 years or on commissioning of a bugle in 2021, the first full year, the cost was £12,805 (£3,265). RHQ expenses reduced in the year due to cancellation of various events and activities but are likely to return to previous levels in 2022.

Rifles Direct

In early 2017 the sale of Rifles Direct to AMMO (All Arms Marketing and Manufacturing Organisation) was completed with the Regiment retaining control over the Company and Regimental brands. In 2018 the Regiment continued to receive the agreed income of £8,000 per annum (payable 1/12th each month) which was subsequently increased to £9,000 per annum and is reviewed against sales bi-annually. The income was used to clear the original loan to the company of £50,000 which was cleared by the end of 2020. Rifles Direct continues to provide a valuable regimental service, much of which would have to be provided in some form or other and has maintained a worldwide interest online; subsequent income received will be credited to the Trust and will be available to support Battalions and Regimental activities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment Report 2021

As at 31 December 2021 The Rifles Regimental Trust had a value of The investment portfolio at 31st December 2021 was valued at £9,142,132 (£7,624,021). The consolidated assets across the 3 Regimental Charities portfolios was £29,552,374 (£26,237,935).
Markets were strong over 2021, initially supported by the continued rapid roll-out of Covid-19 vaccines along with continued support from governments and central banks around the world. Growth in domestic consump-tion within the US was particularly strong, helping US equity markets reach all-time highs during the year. Towards the end of the year the emergence of the Omicron variant caused some investor uncertainty with fears that it could derail the global economic recovery, though most markets were able to look through the potential impacts as investors focused on economic resilience and corporate earnings.

There was however a wide dispersion of returns between Western and Eastern markets, with Eastern markets suffering as a result of a slower vaccine rollout as well as the threats posed to the economy by further lock-downs due to the Delta Variant. Market performance in the East was further exacerbated by the increased government regulation in China which has led to large share price declines in some of the largest names in the index as we as worries about the ability of property group Evergrande to service its debts, which sparked global investor concerns of potential spill over risks.

The total return achieved for the investment portfolios over 2021 was 10.0% which was behind the bespoke benchmark return of 12.7%. The long-term target return of CPI+3.5% posted 8.7% over the same period.

FINANCIAL REVIEW (Continued)

Investment Report 2021 (Continued)

The portfolio's equity allocation was the most significant contributor to performance over the year, with particu-lar strength seen in the portfolio's US equity exposure. The allocation to UK equities was also helpful, with the greater exposure to economically sensitive areas of the market continuing to benefit from the reopening of economies. By contrast, having been one of the largest positive contributors last year, the allocation to Emerg-ing Market equities detracted from performance this year, predominantly driven by increased regulatory scruti-ny in the technology and private education sectors which had a detrimental impact on some of the underlying holdings. Elsewhere, the portfolio's allocation to diversifying assets, notably the property and private equity exposures were particularly helpful.

In terms of positioning, at the start of 2022 the expectation was for strong economic growth, albeit slower in comparison to 2021, which was driven by elevated consumer spending from ongoing pent-up demand. Howev-er, rising inflation and weak consumer sentiment have the potential to feed through to lower consumer demand. The outlook is therefore for weaker growth in 2022 than previously forecasted. Inflation is likely to remain ele-vated in the near term and could prove to be more persistent as a result of supply disruption in commodity markets caused by the Russia Ukraine conflict.

The Trusts prospered by having a good concentration of shares in companies that prospered in the pandemic, and fewer of those that suffered. However, as the year went by we sold some of the strongest performers and picked up shares of some of the losers at good prices. In detail, the strongest performers over the year was our Global equity exposure, particularly within the US and Asia. Given the relative performance of the UK market, the biggest detractors to performance was the exposure to the UK, particularly funds with a "value" approach – those that focus on an area that contained many of the losers in the pandemic.

Recent developments have therefore raised the risk of stagflation -- a period of high inflation and low or negative growth. Although Cazenove are happy to remain neutral equity at this stage, they have made some adjustments within our equity allocation. We have begun to increase the "quality" bias within the portfolio, preferring larger companies with stronger balance sheets and greater ability to pass on higher input costs to consumers and protect margins, whilst lower quality, long duration companies (where profits may lie somewhere in the future) may struggle in a more stagflationary environment.

Investment Policy

The Trustees have an Investment Policy Statement, revised dated 25th April 2021, as required under CC14 guidelines. The Trustees have appointed an Investment Sub-Committee, who have in turn appointed Cazenove Capital Management as the investment manager for the Charity's investable assets, along with portfolios of other of The Rifles charities. Investments are made into 'pooled' investment instruments, such as unit trusts, and not individual company securities. The agreed policy has been to invest for total return whilst (a) generating sufficient income to support the on-going charitable activities, and (b) maintaining the real capital value of the investment funds over the long-term.

The yield in 2021 was further reduced due to the COVID 19 epidemic, going down from approximately 2.75% in 2020 to 1.7% in 2021 to an expected 1.1% in 2022 of the assets under management; however, Trustees have also been able to withdraw additional funds from the capital to support the activities of the Charity. No capital was withdrawn in 2021 from unrestricted funds which in 2021 set the total at 3% plus inflation making a total of 3.2%.

Due to inflation and especially fuel prices a further review was carried out at the end of 2021. As a conse-quence the policy was revised further but based upon the same principles, and was agreed to be effective from 1 January 2022. The Trusts now aim to distribute an allowance (to be the annual "Allowance") of 3% (ad-justed for inflation – i.e. 3% plus an addition % within the prevailing inflation rate of 4.8% in December 2021) of the unrestricted funds every year. For 2022 this was agreed at a total of 4%. The value of the unrestricted funds used for calculating the Allowance shall be the average of the year-end values of the unrestricted funds in the previous three years.

The benchmark for the portfolio, and the tolerance within each asset class from the benchmark allocation, are agreed with the investment managers and reviewed regularly. The Trustees classify their tolerance for risk as 'moderate' with the long-term target of the portfolio being to exceed CPI + 3.5%. The Trustees are satisfied with the performance of Cazenove. The Trustees believe that a prudent approach is taken by the investment managers with priority given to the long-term preservation of capital rather than the pursuit of short-term performance.

Reserves Policy

The charity has significant reserves which are represented by the listed investments and managed funds. The investments are invested for total return which allows, in addition to the investment income, the drawdown of up to 1% of capital in any given year, from the unrestricted funds, without detriment to the Trustees Investment Strategy. This policy was reviewed to take into account the substantial reduction over the year in investment income in 2020 and with effect from 1 January 2021 annual income was based on an estimated 3% of the average value of the funds over 3 years as at 31 December annually, plus CPI, which for 2021 makes a total of 3.32%.

FINANCIAL REVIEW (Continued)

Reserves Policy (Continued)

A further review took place in late 2022 and a baseline of 3% of the average over 3 years was retained (includ-ing actual investment income) and an additional uplift of 1% was agreed to enable the budgetary requirement for 2022 to be met.

Risk Management

The principal risk faced by the Trust lie in the performance of the investments and the ability of the Trust to support its beneficiaries through the making of effective grants.

Trustees consider that the variety of investments with a diversified investment portfolio exercised through the Fund managers, Cazenove Charities, along with a "total return" approach. This allows a drawdown on capital of 3%, including investment income, plus an uplift factor to meet budgetary requirements (1% for 2022) which is monitored and recommended by the investments sub-committee and helps to stabilise the income and miti-gates the risks as far as is possible.

The Trustees will also approve a further drawdown of capital where deemed necessary to meet essential demands in support of the Regiment (serving, former and antecedent) its Rifleman and their dependents. However, in order to meet any extraordinary demands placed upon it a reassessment of the level of grants awarded will take place the January meeting each year and any adjustment necessary being made to ensure the long-term ability to support the Regimental family.

Key Management Personnel Remuneration

The Trustees consider the board of Trustees and The Rifles Regimental Secretary (also a Trustee) and The Rifles Secretary Finance as the Key management personnel of the charity. All Trustees give of their time freely and are not remunerated for their time spent on work on behalf of the charity. The day-to-day management is invested in other senior representatives in RHQ The Rifles who are employed and salaried by The Ministry of Defence. Remuneration of the Regimental Secretary as a Trustee has been approved by the Charity Commissioners and the sum, along with any other ex gratia awards to the other senior representatives of the RHQ Staff are approved by a special meeting of Trustees held every 3 years. All awards are made annually and are scrutinised and approved by the Remunerations Sub-committee. The Remunerations Sub-committee also screens any other ex gratia awards recommended by The Regimental Secretary for other members of the RHQ staff from an agreed budget. Payment of awards will generally be paid in December of each year. Declaration of any related party issues are contained as appropriate in the auditor's notes. In assessing the awards Trustees assess against performance as there is no benchmark with which to compare the ex-gratia payments. Trustees are also required to disclose all relevant interests in connection with any grant application and in accordance with the Trust's policy withdraw from decisions where any conflict of interest arises. There has been no such conflict in the current year.

ASSETS HELD AS CUSTODIAN FOR OTHERS

Upon formation of The Rifles and transfer of funds from the forming Regiments, the Trustees of The Rifles Regimental Trust became de-facto custodian Trustees on behalf of the Regiment for those chattels (silver, pictures and furniture) which were transferred to The Rifles having previously been in the care of the Forming Regiments. The Trustees' responsibility is to ensure that insurance cover (worldwide) continues to be maintained and that checks and safeguards are in place to account for the chattels. These chattels are not carried at any value in the accounts of The Rifles Regimental Trust as no cost was incurred in their acquisition. The day-to-day control of property on loan or gifted to the Regiment is part of the role of RHQ through the Regimental Secretary and the Property Manager who also looks after Green Jacket Close. The control and direction of any disposal of property rests with The Rifles Council and/or with representatives of the Former Regiments who have retained that responsibility. Chattels are distributed to and located with each of the Battalions, at RHQ, and various other locations of regimental importance. The database of Regimental chattels is near completion, including the location of each item. This bringing together of property was completed in 2018 and involves the property of The Light Infantry and the Royal Green Jackets which were transferred upon formation of the Rifles in 2007, followed by the property of the Devon and Dorset Light Infantry which was transferred in 2015 and finally that of the Royal Gloucestershire Berkshire Wiltshire Light Infantry which were transferred in 2018.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

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AGW Jackson
Trustee

Date: 28 July 2022

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

Opinion
We have audited the financial statements of The Rifles Regimental Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;

- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and

- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion
We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern
We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or

- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information
The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements ; or

- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or

- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

From discussion with management and those charged with governance information about the entity is documented to assess the activity within the organisation. We discuss managements assessment of risk in respect of irregularities, fraud and going concern.

Based on these discussions and our own assessments we determined that the key risk areas were income recognition in respect of cut off issues concerning subscription income and donations, management override concerning the size of the organisation and grants payable in respect of cut off.

We set financial statement materiality level based on the level of income. As a not for profit organisation raising income is its primary focus which is why income was used to determine the level of materiality. Our overall assessment of risk was used to determine performance materiality at an appropriate level.

Substantive audit tests were designed after assessing and performing walkthrough tests. The walkthrough testing confirmed documented systems which have been designed to act as a preventative measure against fraud and error which appear to be operating as documented. Substantive testing tested a sample of the population, representative of the population, to identify errors. The testing did not identify any material misstatements in areas tested.

Audit substantive tests concluded no material errors over the key risk areas of income recognition and management override.

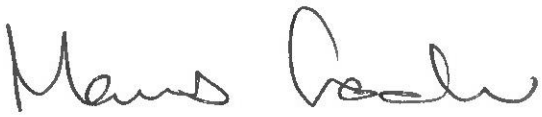
The audit considers the organisation is not exposed to material risk of error as a result of assessing laws and regulations that are appropriate to the organisation.

Management assessed there is no going risk. The organisation has regular subscription income and a sufficient level of investments which generate income, both of these sources of income are sufficient to support expenditure. The audit undertook a review of budgets, and the review of board minutes and came to the same conclusion as management.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under Section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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Date: 12 August 2022

THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Year ended 31.12.2021 Total funds £	Year ended 31.12.2020 Total funds £
INCOME FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	519,676	15,469	535,145	195,808
Other trading activities	3	9,227	-	9,227	7,787
Investment income	4	63,224	25,397	88,621	111,087
Total		592,127	40,866	632,993	314,682
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	34,531	7,234	41,765	34,617
Charitable activities	6	299,878	85,446	385,324	298,864
Total		334,409	92,680	427,089	333,481
Net (losses)/gains on investments		388,165	148,950	537,115	298,630
Net (expenditure)/income		645,883	97,136	743,019	279,831
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		645,883	97,136	743,019	279,831
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		4,220,634	1,783,991	6,004,625	5,724,794
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		4,866,517	1,881,127	6,747,644	6,004,625

THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	13 & 14	9,142,132	7,624,021
		9,142,132	7,624,021
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	15	49,000	60,726
Cash at bank		97,287	64,846
		146,287	125,572
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	16	(59,537)	(54,322)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		86,750	71,250
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		9,228,882	7,695,271
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	17	(2,481,238)	(1,690,646)
NET ASSETS		6,747,644	6,004,625
FUNDS	18 & 19		
Unrestricted funds		4,866,517	4,220,634
Restricted funds		1,881,127	1,783,991
		6,747,644	6,004,625

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 28 July 22 and were signed on their behalf by:

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A G W Jackson
Trustee

THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Cash generated from operations	1	815,981	77,754
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		815,981	77,754
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of fixed asset investments		(3,349,545)	(2,733,013)
Sale of fixed asset investments		2,565,996	2,697,013
Interest received		9	51
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		(783,540)	(35,949)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		32,441	41,805
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		64,846	23,041
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		97,287	64,846

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2021 £	2020 £
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	743,019	279,831
Loss/(Gain) on investments	(734,562)	(381,171)
Interest received	(9)	(51)
Decrease/(Increase) in stock	-	-
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	11,727	30,363
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	5,214	(38,552)
(decrease)/Increase in long term liabilities	790,592	187,334
	815,981	77,754

ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET (DEBT)/FUNDS

	At 01.01.21	Cash flow	At 31.12.21
Net cash			
Cash at bank	64,846	32,441	97,287
	64,846	32,441	97,287
Total	64,846	32,441	97,287

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charity SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective January 2015)', the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties regarding the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming resources
All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy and it is probable the income will be received.

Voluntary income including donations, regimental subscriptions and grants that provide core funding or are of general nature are recognised where there is entitlement, probability of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income received from the sale of Bugle Magazine is recognised at the date of sale.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income is only deferred when:
- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the Charity has unconditional entitlement.

Resources expended
Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.
- Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income.
- Charitable activities include expenditure associated with regimental activities, including grants paid to individual Battalions and City and County offices, they include both direct costs and support costs relating to these activities.
- Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the Charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Grants offered subject to conditions that have not been met at the year-end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Allocation and apportionment of costs
Overhead and support costs have been allocated first between charitable activity and governance. Overhead and support costs relating to charitable activities have been apportioned equally between activities.

Irrecoverable VAT
Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Taxation
The Charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities. Corporation tax is payable by the trading company on its taxable profits.

Financial instruments
The Charity only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other accounts receivable and payable, loans from banks and other third parties and loans to related parties and investments in non-puttable ordinary shares.

Trade and other debtors
Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments and bank overdrafts. In the balance sheet, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities.

Trade and other creditors
Short term trade creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted and designated funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the Trustees Report on page 5.

Realised/Unrealised gains and losses
All gains and losses are taken to the statement of financial activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds and opening market value or purchase date if later. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the end of the year and opening market value, or purchase date if later. Realised and unrealised gains are not separated in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 31.12.21	Year ended 31.12.20
	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions (Riflemen and Officers)	164,373	-	164,373	149,752
Subscriptions (Officers)	34,987	-	34,987	34,059
Donations and legacies	254,356	15,259	269,615	10,706
Gift aid	-	-	-	-
Curators grants	-	-	-	-
Book sales	1,776	210	1,986	1,291
Sale of assets and other items (see note 8)	64,184	-	64,184	-
	519,676	15,469	535,145	195,808

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 31.12.21	Year ended 31.12.20
	£	£	£	£
Magazine income	9,227	-	9,227	7,787
Trading activities	-	-	-	-
	9,227	-	9,227	7,787

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 31.12.21	Year ended 31.12.20
	£	£	£	£
Deposit account interest	9	-	9	51
Dividend and interest	63,215	25,397	88,612	111,036
Sale of trading operations		-	-	-
	63,224	25,397	88,621	111,087

5. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 31.12.21	Year ended 31.12.20
	£	£	£	£
Investment management fees	18,075	7,234	25,309	23,124
Regimental magazine	16,456	-	16,456	11,493
Trading activities	-	-	-	-
	34,531	7,234	41,765	34,617

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Direct costs	Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	Support costs (see note 8)	Totals
	£	£	£	£
General (RHQ)	88,899	373	106,719	195,991
Battalions, Reserve Forces, ITC Coy and AFC Harrogate grants	-	45,500	-	45,500
City and County office grants	-	7,350	-	7,350
Officers Fund	21,561	8,975	-	30,536
5 (V) RGJ Trust Fund	-	7,500	-	7,500
Lawrence Bequest Fund	-	20,000	-	20,000
Hatton Bequest Fund	-	1,000	-	1,000
RGJ Management Fund	16	64,116	-	64,132
Light Infantry Management Fund	114	200	-	314
Museum Grant	-	13,000	-	13,000
	110,590	168,014	106,719	385,323

7. GRANTS PAYABLE

The total of grants paid during the year was as follows:

	Year ended 31.12.21	Year ended 31.12.20
	£	£
Unrestricted funds:		
Battalion, Reserve Forces, ITC Coy and AFC Harrogate	45,500	51,900
Cornwall office	-	1,500
Exeter office	1,000	-
London office	850	-
Salisbury office	-	-
Shrewsbury office	1,000	1,580
Taunton office	1,200	-
Yorkshire office	2,300	1,000
South West office	500	1,000
Rifles admin	500	500
RHQ grant	373	215
5(V) RGJ Trust	7,500	9,000
Officers fund grant	8,975	10,185
Restricted funds:	-	-
Grants (Hatton Bequest Fund)	1,000	1,000
Grants (Light Infantry Fund)	200	100
Adventure Training grants (Lawrence Bequest Fund)	20,000	20,000
RGJ Museum Trust grant (RGJ Management Fund)	64,116	35,000
RGJ Association (RGJ Management Fund)	-	-
New museum CIO	13,000	21,551
	168,014	154,531

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Governance (see note 9)	Total
	£	£	£
Postage and stationery	365	-	365
Publications	606		606
IT admin support and equipment	7,544	-	7,544
Membership and subscriptions	153	-	153
Equipment maintenance and repairs	6,491	-	6,491
Trustee honoraria	-	-	-
Staff honoraria	10,000	-	10,000
Insurance	3,815	-	3,815
Meeting costs	-	72	72
Regimental Secretary expenses	51	-	51
Colonel Comdts Expenses	1,284		1,284
Accountancy	5,390	-	5,390
Auditors' remuneration	-	6,764	6,764
Rifles collection - 9 Statuettes from sale of assets by melting down broken and unused silver	64,184		64,184
	99,883	6,836	106,719

9. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 31.12.21	Year ended 31.12.20
	£	£	£	£
Meeting costs	72	-	72	175
Auditors' remuneration	6,764	-	6,764	6,760
	6,836	-	6,836	6,935

10. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

With the Charity Commission's approval, Lt Col P Balls OBE, Regimental Secretary and a Trustee was paid £4,000 for his exceptional contribution to the Charity (2020: £2,000).

Trustees' Expenses
There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2021 or for the period ended 31st December 2020.

11. STAFF COSTS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Rifles Collection Curators gross salaries	-	-
Pension costs	-	-
Employers NI	-	-
Total salary costs	-	-

There was no full time member of direct charitable staff (2020: one).

No employees had remuneration in excess of £60,000 (2020: none)

11. STAFF COSTS - continued

Key management personnel
The key management personnel of the Charity comprise the Trustees and the Assistant Regimental Secretary Finance. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the Charity were £2,000 (2020: £1,500). This does not include all remuneration for the Assistant Regimental Secretary Finance, as this role forms part of the day to day management which is invested in other senior representatives in RHQ The Rifles, who are employed and salaried by the Ministry of Defence. Trustee remuneration is reported in note 10.

12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME FROM			
Donations and legacies	195,199	609	195,808
Other trading activities	7,787	-	7,787
Investment income	78,240	32,847	111,087
Total	281,226	33,456	314,682
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	27,777	6,840	34,617
Charitable activities	242,583	56,281	298,864
Total	270,360	63,121	333,481
Net gains/(losses) on investments	211,257	87,373	298,630
Net income/(expenditure)	222,123	57,708	279,831
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	222,123	57,708	279,831
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	3,998,511	1,726,283	5,724,794
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	4,220,634	1,783,991	6,004,625

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13. FIXED ASSET INVESMENTS

	Listed Investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1st January 2021	7,623,921
Additions	3,349,545
Disposals	(2,565,996)
Revaluation (Charity)	537,113
Revaluation (held for third parties)	197,449
At 31st December 2021	9,142,032
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st December 2021	9,142,032
At 31st December 2020	7,623,921

Investments are held in a portfolio managed by Schroders. The market value of investments by geographical area is as follows:

	Market value £
Within the United Kingdom	3,085,002
Outside the United Kingdom	6,057,030
	9,142,032

14. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - CHARITY ONLY

	2021	2020
	£	£
Listed investments	9,142,032	7,623,921
Investment in unlisted subsidiary	100	100
	9,142,132	7,624,021

The investment in unlisted subsidiary represents the Charity's 100% shareholding in Rifles Direct Limited (registered no. 05682176), being 100 ordinary shares of £1 each.

Rifles Direct Limited was dormant throughout the year.

15. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other debtors	49,000	60,726
Deferred consideration	-	-
Amounts falling due in more than one year:		
Deferred consideration	-	-
	49,000	60,726

With effect from January 2017 and the sale to Ammo and Company of the Rifles Direct operation the existing loan agreement ceased to apply. After the income received for stock the balance remaining is to be cleared by the receipt of an annual agreed payment of £8,000, by equal monthly installments, from Ammo and Company until such time as the outstanding amount is cleared. Thereafter the income will be treated as an income source to the Fund.

16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other creditors	23,012	21,401
Rifles Benevolent Trust	36,525	32,921
	59,537	54,322

17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

Group

	2021	2020
	£	£
DDLI Charities	865,829	846,866
1 Rifles PRI	117,632	108,723
2 Rifles PRI	219,944	203,285
4 Rifles PRI	58,682	54,238
5 Rifles PRI	68,759	63,551
6 Rifles PRI	38,772	35,835
7 Rifles PRI	172,906	164,844
Rifles & LI Association Somerset	231,119	213,304
RGBW Fund	707,595	-
	2,481,238	1,690,646

Creditors due in more than one year represent funds held as custodian trustee, please refer to the trustees annual report and page 32 of the notes to the financial statements for further details on these funds.

18. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Investments	4,831,016	4,311,117	9,142,133	7,623,921
Current assets	95,044	51,243	146,287	125,572
Current liabilities	(59,538)	-	(59,538)	(54,322)
Long term liabilities	-	(2,481,238)	(2,481,238)	(1,690,646)
	4,866,522	1,881,122	6,747,644	6,004,524

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19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Balance at 01.01.21 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Investment gains/(losses) £	Transfers £	Balance at 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted fund						
General fund	4,063,101	536,776	295,815	376,479	-	4,680,541
Designated funds						
5 (V) RGJ Trust	143,588	1,955	8,058	11,686	-	149,171
Officers Fund	13,945	53,396	30,536	-	-	36,805
RGBW Fund	-				-	-
	4,220,634	592,127	334,409	388,165	-	4,866,517
Restricted funds						
Hatton Bequest Fund	40,650	576	1,164	3,446	-	43,508
Lawrence Bequest Fund	395,258	5,526	21,577	33,039	-	412,246
RGJ Management Fund	1,235,247	17,737	69,179	102,797	-	1,286,602
Rifles Collection Curators Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Light Infantry Fund	112,836	17,027	760	9,668	-	138,771
	1,783,991	40,866	92,680	148,950	-	1,881,127
TOTAL FUNDS	6,004,625	632,993	427,089	537,115	-	6,747,644

A detailed description of the designated and restricted funds is included in the trustees annual report.

Comparative net movements in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Balance at 01.01.20 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Investment gains/(losses) £	Transfers £	Balance at 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted fund						
General fund	3,828,028	243,614	213,104	204,563	-	4,063,101
Designated funds						
5 (V) RGJ Trust	143,916	2,504	9,526	6,694	-	143,588
Officers Fund	26,567	35,108	47,730	-	-	13,945
	3,998,511	281,226	270,360	211,257	-	4,220,634
Restricted funds						
Hatton Bequest Fund	39,098	730	1,152	1,974	-	40,650
Lawrence Bequest Fund	390,755	7,056	21,479	18,926	-	395,258
RGJ Management Fund	1,190,863	23,104	39,906	61,186	-	1,235,247
Light Infantry Fund	105,567	2,566	584	5,287	-	112,836
	1,726,283	33,456	63,121	87,373	-	1,783,991
TOTAL FUNDS	5,724,794	314,682	333,481	298,630	-	6,004,625

19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 month and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	Balance at 01.01.20 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Investment gains/(losses) £	Transfers £	Balance at 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted fund						
General fund	3,828,028	780,390	508,919	581,042	-	4,680,541
		-	-	-	-	
Designated funds		-	-	-	-	
5 (V) RGJ Trust	143,916	4,459	17,584	18,380	-	149,171
Officers Fund	26,567	88,504	78,266	-	-	36,805
RGBW Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3,998,511	873,353	604,769	599,422	-	4,866,517
Restricted funds						
Hatton Bequest Fund	39,098	1,306	2,316	5,420	-	43,508
Lawrence Bequest Fund	390,755	12,582	43,056	51,965	-	412,246
RGJ Management Fund	1,190,863	40,841	109,085	163,983	-	1,286,602
Light Infantry Fund	105,567	19,593	1,344	14,955	-	138,771
	1,726,283	74,322	155,801	236,323	-	1,881,127
TOTAL FUNDS	5,724,794	947,675	760,570	835,745	-	6,747,644

Transfers between funds
Transfers between funds are made to cover the shortfall on restricted funds.

20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The Rifles Benevolent Trust and The Rifles Officers Fund are both related parties of The Rifles Regimental Trust as all three Charities have the same board of Trustees.

During the year The Rifles Regimental Trust transferred £147,284 (2020: £155,865) to The Rifles Benevolent Trust for Regimental Subscriptions and £116,051 (2020: £53,045) for donations that are received into The Rifles Regimental Trust, but due to The Rifles Benevolent Trust. The Rifles Benevolent Trust reimbursed The Rifles Regimental Trust £24,750 (2020: £26,000) for IT costs paid on their behalf. The Rifles Regimental Trust salaries are paid through The Rifles Benevolent Trust. During the year The Rifles Regimental Trust transferred £17,500 (2020: £5,250) to The Rifles Benevolent Trust for salaries. At the year end The Rifles Regimental Trust owed The Rifles Benevolent Trust £36,526 (2020: £32,922).

The charity is partly administered by employees of the Ministry of Defence. In addition, the charity also makes use of office space and other office facilities provided, including computer equipment, postage and stationery. These support costs are difficult to quantify as they are not discrete activities because personnel and office facilities are used for other Army duties. As such the value of support provided by the Ministry of Defence has not been included in the Charity's Statement of Financial Activities.

21. MATERIAL LEGACIES

Legacy income is only included in incoming resources where the legacy has been received or both the receipt and the amount is known with sufficient certainty. As at 31 December 2021 the Charity had received legacy income totalling £254,537 (2020: £nil).

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Year ended 31.12.2021 £	Year ended 31.12.2020 £
INCOME FROM		
Donations and legacies		
Regimental Subscriptions (Riflemen and Officers)	164,373	149,752
Regimental Subscriptions (Officers)	34,987	34,059
Donations and legacies	262,009	9,989
Donations (Light Infantry)	11	503
Rifles Direct Income	7,595	214
Book sales (Light Infantry)	1,986	1,291
Sale of assets and other items (see note 8)	64,184	-
	535,145	195,808
Other trading activities		
Magazine income	9,227	7,787
Investment income		
Dividends and interest	88,612	111,036
Deposit account interest	9	51
	88,621	111,087
Total	632,993	314,682
EXPENDITURE ON		
Raising funds		
Investment management fees	25,309	23,124
Regimental magazine	16,456	11,493
	41,765	34,617
Charitable activities		
Recruiting costs	19,537	21,685
Honour boards etc	12,805	4,999
Wreaths and rememberance	-	-
Travel expenses (Regional Colonels and Advisory Board)	657	467
Adventure training/sports sponsored through RHQ	1,150	1,650
Band and Bugles expenses	-	-
Officers Fund expenditure	16,561	30,545
Chronicle contribution	2,031	4,000
Rifles Association	4,059	59
Divisional colonal	3,832	3,139
	60,632	66,544

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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	Year ended 31.12.2021 £	Year ended 31.12.2020 £
Charitable activities continued	**60,632**	**66,544**
St Cross Cricket Ground	10,000	10,000
Battlefield study/tours	-	-
Marketing and family support	-	-
Buglers	-	-
Freedom parades	838	-
Grants (see note 8)	168,014	154,531
RCO salary	17,500	5,250
Reunion/gathering costs	-	1,020
RGJ Management Fund costs	16	105
Light Infantry Management Fund costs	114	77
Regimental awards	1,700	-
Awards dinner	19,790	-
	278,604	237,527
Support costs		
Postage and stationery	365	790
Publications	606	2,100
IT and admin support and equipment	7,544	9,582
Membership and subscriptions	153	90
Equipment and maintenance and repairs	6,491	12,022
Trustee honoraria	-	2,500
Staff honoraria	10,000	15,500
Insurance	3,815	4,469
Meeting costs	72	175
Regimental secretary expenses	51	45
Colonel Comdts Expenses	1,284	306
Accountancy	5,390	6,998
Auditors' remuneration	6,765	6,760
Rifles collection - 9 Statuettes from sale of assets by melting down broken and unused silver	64,184	-
	106,720	61,337
Total	427,089	333,481
Net (losses)/gains on investments	537,115	298,630
Net (expenditure)/income	743,019	279,831

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT BY DESIGNATED FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Designated Funds			
	5 (V) RGJ Trust	Officers Fund	RGBW Fund	Total
	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM				
Donations and legacies	-	14,790		14,790
Subscriptions	-	34,987	-	34,987
Investment income	1,955	-	9,419	11,374
Bugle sales	-	3,619	-	3,619
Other income	-	-	644,550	644,550
Total	1,955	53,396	653,969	709,320
EXPENDITURE ON				
Grants	7,500	8,975	-	16,475
Chronicle/Bugle Publications	-	16,561	-	16,561
Chronicle honoraria	-	-	-	-
St Cross	-	5,000	-	5,000
Adventure training		-	-	-
Investment management fees	558	-	2,688	3,246
Total	8,058	30,536	2,688	41,282
Net (losses)/gains on investments	11,686	-	56,314	68,001
Net (expenditure)/income	5,583	22,860	707,596	736,039
Net movement in funds	5,583	22,860	707,596	736,039
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	143,588	13,945	-	157,533
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	149,171	36,805	707,596	893,572

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT BY RESTRICTED FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Hatton Bequest Fund £	Lawrence Bequest Fund £	RGJ Management Fund £	Light Infantry Fund £	Total £
INCOME FROM					
Donations and legacies	-	-	-	15,259	15,259
Book sales	-	-	-	210	210
Investment income	576	5,526	17,737	1,558	25,397
Total	576	5,526	17,737	17,027	40,866
EXPENDITURE ON					
Grants	1,000	20,000	64,116	200	85,316
Meeting costs	-	-	-	-	-
Postage and stationery	-	-	16	114	130
Wreaths and rememberance	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management fees	164	1,577	5,047	446	7,234
Total	1,164	21,577	69,179	760	92,680
Net (losses)/gains on investments	3,446	33,039	102,797	9,668	148,950
Net (expenditure)/income	2,858	16,988	51,355	25,935	97,136
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	2,858	16,988	51,355	25,935	97,136
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward	40,650	395,258	1,235,247	112,836	1,783,991
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	43,508	412,246	1,286,602	138,771	1,881,127

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ANALYSIS OF LONG TERM CREDITORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	DDLI Charities	1 Rifles PRI	2 Rifles PRI	4 Rifles PRI	5 Rifles PRI	6 Rifles PRI	7 Rifles PRI	Rifles & LI Somerset Assn	RGBW Fund	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM										
Donations and legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			-
Investment income	11,827	1,566	2,928	781	915	516	2,360	3,077	9,419	33,389
Other income								-	644,550	644,550
Total	11,827	1,566	2,928	781	915	516	2,360	3,077	653,969	677,939
EXPENDITURE ON										
Grants	58,386	1,572	2,938	784	918	518	7,383	2,778	-	75,277
Capital withdrawal	-	-	-	-	-	-				-
Investment management fees	3,368	447	835	223	261	147	672	878	2,688	9,519
Total	61,754	2,019	3,773	1,007	1,179	665	8,055	3,656	2,688	84,796
Net (losses)/gains on investments	68,890	9,362	17,504	4,670	5,472	3,086	13,757	18,394	56,314	197,449
Net (expenditure)/income	18,963	8,909	16,659	4,444	5,208	2,937	8,062	17,815	707,595	790,592
Net movement in funds	18,963	8,909	16,659	4,444	5,208	2,937	8,062	17,815	707,595	790,592
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS										
Total funds brought forward	846,866	108,723	203,285	54,238	63,551	35,835	164,844	213,304	-	1,690,646
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	865,829	117,632	219,944	58,682	68,759	38,772	172,906	231,119	707,595	2,481,238

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England & Wales - Charity number 1119061

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020 FOR THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2020. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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1119061

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Major General Thomas Richardson Copinger-Symes CBE
Brigadier TH Bewick OBE - Appointed 30 July 2020
Brigadier Charles Seymore Collins DSO OBE
Brigadier Charles Stuart Maconochie – Retired 30 July 2020
Brigadier Daniel Reeve MC
Colonel Ralph Arundell
Colonel Ashley Raymond Fulford OBE
Colonel Nikola Ilic MBE QGM
Lieutenant Colonel Peter James Alexander Balls
Lieutenant Colonel Peter Dominick Browne MBE
Lieutenant Colonel John Alexander Poole-Warren MBE
Lieutenant Colonel Simon David Gray MBE
Captain David Alexander McCutcheon
Jeremy Michael Archer
Simon Charles Hazlitt
Andrew George Wycliffe Jackson
Oliver Rupert Marsh
Andrew Bowring Wimble - Retired 30 July 2020
Henry Charles Steel - Appointed 30 July 2020

The offices of the Charity are based in the Regimental Headquarters of The Rifles which is an MOD establishment and the officials are civil servants employed by the MOD; therefore neither accommodation nor staffing incur any cost to the Charity. Throughout 2020 the person responsible for the day to day running of the Charity was The Rifles Regimental Secretary Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) PJA Balls OBE assisted throughout the year by The Rifles Secretary Finance, Captain (Retired) I I Foster.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Background and Structure

The Charity was established by a Trust Deed approved by the Charity Commission dated 1 April 2007. It was formed to manage the regimental funds of the newly formed regiment, The Rifles, which had been created on 1 February 2007 by the merger of The Devonshire and Dorset Light Infantry (DDLI), The Light Infantry (LI), The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Light Infantry (RGBWLI) and The Royal Green Jackets (RGJ), including their Territorial and Volunteer Units. These are the 'Forming Regiments' and the Trust is sufficiently widely drawn to be able to help not only the Regiment (The Rifles) but also the Forming Regiments and their various Antecedent Regiments, including Reserve units.

The Objects of the Trust are wide: to promote the efficiency of the Regiment in such charitable ways as the Trustees may decide; and to support such other charitable purposes connected with the Regiment or the Forming Regiments as the Trustees may decide. Since the Trust can support the Forming Regiments as well as the Regiment itself, the Forming Regiments were encouraged to transfer into the Trust as much as possible of the money that they were previously managing. Funds can be 'ring fenced' in Restricted Funds for specific purposes, including for example, the ongoing management of Former Regiment associations. In addition, certain regimental funds are held within the Trust for investment purposes only.

The Regimental Trustees are the Finance Committee of The Rifles Council, the governing body of the Regiment. They are the Trustees for all three of the Regimental Charities: The Rifles Regimental Trust, The Rifles Benevolent Trust and The Rifles Officers' Fund, the business of which is conducted at the same meetings of Trustees.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (Continued)

Governance

There are up to eight (currently eight) ex-officio Trustees, being the Colonel Commandant, Deputy Colonel Commandants and other senior serving officers of the Regiment. In 2020 Brigadier TH Bewick was appointed in replacement of Brigadier CH Maconochie as Colonel North. In addition, there are up to twelve (currently eleven) Nominated Trustees the majority of whom have specific skills such as in the investment or legal fields and others have commanded battalions of The Rifles or of Forming Regiments. A Nominated Trustee must be an officer or warrant officer, or former officer or warrant officer, of the Regiment or of a Forming Regiment and may include a wife or widow of such. In making such appointments care is taken to ensure representation from each of the Former Regiments. Nominated Trustees are elected for terms not exceeding four years and may be re-elected for a maximum of 4 terms. Re-elections are rotational and take place annually normally at the April Trustees. In 2020 Mr Andrew Wimble retired and was replaced by Mr Harry Steel and in addition The Chairman Mr Andrew Jackson and Lt Cols John Poole- Warren and Peter Browne were re-elected being over the age of 70. Meetings of the Trustees are held quarterly, normally in January, April, July and October.

The Trustees have a Nomination Sub Committee which, annually and when a vacancy occurs, considers suitable candidates to reinforce the skills or representation of the Trustees and proposes candidates to The Rifles Council for nomination. New nominated candidates, as well as Nominated Trustees seeking re-election, are elected by the Trustees at the Spring (second) meeting each year. New Nominated Trustees are briefed by the Chairman of Trustees and all new Trustees are given an induction pack of background information on each of the Regimental Charities, including copies of Trust Deeds, annual accounts and minutes of recent meetings, and a copy of Charity Commission booklet 'Responsibilities of a Charity Trustee'. Training through seminars etc. is made available for all Trustees.

Other Sub Committees, to cover the work of all The Rifles Charities, have been formed for Governance, Finance, Grants, Remuneration and Investment. In addition, there is a Homes Sub Committee to manage properties (Green Jacket Close) owned by The Rifles. Other Sub Committees, to cover the work of all The Rifles Charities, have been formed for Governance, Finance, Grants, Remuneration and Investment. In addition, there is a Homes Sub Committee to manage properties (Green Jacket Close) owned by The Rifles Benevolent Trust. The Nomination Sub-Committee annually reviews the membership of Sub Committees to ensure that Trustees use their skills appropriately and gain experience from the work of such Sub Committees.

The risks to which the Charity is vulnerable are reviewed annually by the Trustees after detailed work by the Governance Sub Committee. The Trustees consider the major risks to which the Charity could be exposed and review the systems established to mitigate such risks. They are not aware of any irregularities, including fraud, involving management or employees of the Charity; nor are they aware of any instances of actual or possible non-compliance with laws, regulations, contracts or agreements that might result in the Charity suffering significant penalties or other loss. In 2016 a major fraud attack was perpetrated on the Trust which, whilst detected and all monies fully recovered, identified a potential weakness in systems. These were immediately rectified to prevent any such future occurrence. The attempt was reported to the Police fraud unit as well as the Charity Commissioners.

In 2016 by unanimous agreement of the Trustees basic bookkeeping of all the Regimental Trust Accounts was outsourced to a firm of professional bookkeepers in Gloucestershire, The Trust Partnership. The fourth full year of independent operation in 2020 incurred costs of £6,998 (£6,716) once again below the estimated cost and the liaison between Regimental Headquarters and Trust Accounting continues to develop with an excellent service being provided.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Principal Activities and Policies

Income

Apart from investment income, the major regular source of income to the Charity is from Regimental Subscriptions (the Day's Pay Scheme) in which the majority of officers and soldiers throughout the Regiment participate. All income is received into The Rifles Regimental Trust with 51% of the basic income then being passed to The Rifles Benevolent Trust. The balance is retained by The Rifles Regimental Trust, which is able to make grants to The Rifles Benevolent Trust as required and includes additional contributions from officers which are held in a designated fund to support officer related activities. All payments via the Day's Pay Scheme are through Charitable Giving and are therefore inclusive of tax.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (Continued)

Regimental Objectives

The Rifles Council has approved Regimental Objectives, which are reviewed annually, and which Trustees take into account when making grants from The Rifles Regimental Trust. The Objectives were reissued in 2017 with three objectives being set:

1. Realise the potential of every Rifleman and maximise the opportunity of being a large Regiment.

2. Exploit the range of modern roles to enhance the Regiment's reputation for tactical innovation and forward thinking.

3. Capitalise on the five pillars (Regulars, Reserves, Cadets, Associations and Communities) to sustain the Regiment and build esprit de corps, ensuring full manning.

Grants to Regular Battalions

a. Trustees will allocate to Regular battalions an annual block grant that may be expended at CO's discretion, except that a percentage must be expended on Adventurous Training (to meet the terms of the Lawrence Bequest from which part of the income is derived). It is intended to cover such expenditure as official entertainment and the support of Bugle Platoons (but not the repair of bugles).

b. The grant may be drawn down by negotiation with RHQ for expenditure during the year. No part should be reserved for future years, unless agreed through RHQ.

c. The grant is intended to help towards all normal activities of the battalion; requests for additional grants should be for exceptional expenditure. Such additional requests are considered regularly by the Trustees.

d. Major repairs to bugles and chattels - and the insurance thereof - are not covered by the grant. These will be arranged centrally by RHQ, and covered by the RHQ budget.

Grants to Reserve Battalions

a. Reserve battalions and independent Reserve companies will also be given a block grant, part of which will be from a fund restricted for this purpose. The Trustees will consider additional requests for grants which will be weighted by the fact from 2016 when Reserves started limited subscriptions of 14% of a day's pay under the Days Pay scheme as only approximately 20% are contributing. As the numbers grow Trustees will continue to review and hopefully be able to enhance their support given to Rifles Reserve units.

Grants to City/County Offices

a. There are currently City or County Offices in Exeter (incorporates Bodmin sub office), London, Pontefract (incorporates Durham sub office), Shrewsbury, and Taunton. The Salisbury office at The Wardrobe closed in 2019 and the country secretary now works from RHQ in Winchester. The Gloucester office closed in 2017 and the Bodmin office was scheduled to close in 2018 but this is currently under abeyance. The Oxford Office was closed in 2018.

b. Each City/County Office will be allocated a block grant to cover administration, events and Regional Colonel's expenses.

c. The grant may be drawn down by negotiation with RHQ.

d. Offices may bid for additional grants to cover exceptional expenditure planned for the following year.

e. No grants are made to cadets or cadet detachments.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (Continued)

Grants through RHQ

a. RHQ will establish a budget for annual approval by the Trustees to cover all regimental matters that are not covered by grants to Regular and Reserve battalions, or City/County offices.

Designated (Unrestricted) and Restricted Funds

1. **5(V) RGJ Trust** (Designated). These funds derive from a disbanded RGJ TA unit and the income therefrom is applied to grants to the Rifles Reserve Battalions and independent companies.

2. **The Officers' Fund** (Designated) receives income from the Day's Pay Scheme that is specifically intended for officers' subscriptions and welfare.

3. **The Hatton Bequest Fund** (Restricted) derives from a legacy in memory of Corporal Harry Hatton, 2nd Royal Green Jackets, who was injured in Northern Ireland and who subsequently died. It is to be used to provide prizes for the best recruits in the Regiment at the Training Regiment at Catterick.

4. **The Lawrence Bequest Fund** (Restricted). The bequest was made to the Rifle Brigade in memory of Captain F E Lawrence who was killed in East Africa in 1895. It is to be used for the maintenance of his grave in Africa and to support Adventure Training within the Regiment

5. **RGJ Management Fund** (Restricted). This Fund is managed by the Trustees for investment purposes. The income and capital of the Fund are under the control of the Royal Green Jackets Association Management Committee for the business of the Former Regiment

6. **The LI Management Fund**. This fund is managed by the Trustees for investment purposes. The income and capital of this fund have since 2015, when they were incorporated into the Rifles Regimental Trust as a restricted fund, been under the Control of the Light Infantry Committee for the business of the former Regiment.

Funds Under Management

Elements of the current and forming regiments have deposited sums with the Trustees to gain benefit from investment in a larger portfolio. As the funds are assets of their own charities, these are "Funds Under Management" for which the Rifles Trustees act as Custodian Trustees. The funds are:

1. **The DDLI Charities Fund**. These investments belong to The Devon and Dorset Light Infantry for their Former Regiment business and are accounted for through their own charity accounts.

2. **1 Rifles, 2 Rifles, 4 Rifles, 5 Rifles, 6 Rifles and 7 Rifles PRI funds**. These funds belong to their respective battalions and are accounted for through their own PRI's which are charity accounts exempt from registration and controlled by a managing trustee (The Commanding Officer). Trustees may take into account the level of capital held in such PRI accounts when considering requests from battalions for additional grants.

3. **The Rifles and Light Infantry Somerset Association**. These funds were added in 2020 for investment purposes only with the Regimental business being accounted for through their own charity.

All these Funds (Restricted, Designated and Funds Under Management) are invested together with the main Rifles Regimental Trust Unrestricted funds with a strict record being maintained as to the (aliquot) percentage of the capital and income that belongs to each.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (Continued)

Allocation of Grants

The Trustees meet annually to consider the budget for the following year and the block grants that can be made. They will also consider at this time any requests for additional grants. The Trustees are also the Trustees of The Rifles Benevolent Trust who meet quarterly to ratify grants. Such quarterly meetings give the Trustees the opportunity to consider income and expenditure on, and other business of, The Rifles Regimental Trust and any additional grants that have been requested.

Public Benefit

The following statements take into account the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit disclosure.

The Trustees are conscious that the use of charitable funds should have an element of benefit to the public. The object of The Rifles Regimental Trust is to promote the efficiency of the Regiment in its widest sense.

Grants can, for example, be made to the serving elements of the Regiment to support activities which increase the fitness and capability of the serving soldier, such as adventure training, and to activities which help to establish the regimental ethos and culture, such as bugling. Grants may also be made to the other pillars of the Regiment, such as the Reserve units and the Regimental Associations, to help establish the reputation of the Regiment throughout the country and particularly in its recruiting areas. The existence of the Charity helps to ensure high morale and high standards in The Rifles and thus contributes to the effectiveness of the country's armed forces. This in turn brings tangible benefits to the public through the furtherance of peace and stability.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Governance

General Sir Patrick Sanders KCB CBE DSO ADC Gen took over as Colonel Commandant on 20 July 2019 and has now completed over a year as ex-officio Trustee. Additional appointment of ex-officio Trustee was Brigadier TH Bewick OBE. Ex -Officio trustee standing down was Brigadier CH Maconochie. Change in nominated Trustees saw the retirement of Mr AB Wimble who was replaced by Mr HC Steel.

The Governance Sub Committee has again carried out a full review of the risks to which the charity might be exposed and improvements have been made to the risk analysis.

Income

The Care for Casualties Appeal (C4C), which was launched in March 2010, has been a major contributor of income to the Charity. Income to the Appeal. As at 31 December 2016 its assets were Transferred to The Rifles Benevolent Trust (Charity No 1119071) and any subsequent income received is transferred to that Charity on a regular basis including those raised through JustGiving.com.

Subscriptions from officers and soldiers under the Day's Pay Scheme have remained steady. During the year, a total of £149,752 (£148,058) was subscribed under the Scheme of which 49% was retained by The Rifles Regimental Trust and 51% transferred to The Rifles Benevolent Trust. The percentage of all ranks subscribing under this voluntary Scheme has remained at about 95%. In addition, officers subscribed a further £34,059 (£33,103) for officer related activities. An annual review of subscriptions is undertaken and individuals not contributing are identified and encouraged to do so.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (Continued)

Grants

As can be seen from note 7 to the Accounts, grants of a total of £51,980 (£75,590) were made to the five regular and three Reserve battalions as well as the 3 Regimental Bands who received £3,000. The Rifles Company at ITC Catterick received £1,000 (£3,720). Each of the regular battalions receives varying sums based upon their established strength, this includes funding for their regimental sport. It remains the hope of the Trustees to be able to increase the level of grants to battalions in the future. Of the Reserve units, 6 Rifles received £8,000 (£6,000) including £2K for Op Tosca, 7 Rifles (which also receives a grant from the independent Trustees of the 4 (V) RGJ Trust) received £5,000 (£4,750) including £2K for Op Tosca (2018 included additional funding for a Regimental Carol Service and for crockery), 8 Rifles received £6,000 (£6,066) and the independent Reserve units, now only F Coy with the London Regiment, received £500. Grants totalling £5,580 (£14,644) were made to the City and County Offices. Grants to the Rifles Company ITRC Catterick and the City and County Offices were lower due to curtailment of activities due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Regimental Expenses

Expenditure totalling £106,822 (£172,101) was made under the RHQ budget, the largest amounts being spent on the Regimental Magazine (The Bugle - for which income of £7,787 (£11,339 was recovered from sales), on IT consultancy and equipment, and on insurance. In addition, there was support for such activities as freedom and homecoming parades, individual adventure training grants and the St Cross Cricket Ground. A grant of £21,551 (£19,586) was also made to the Rifles Museum CIO. In the course of the year Trustees approved the recognition of a full career by the presentation on completion of 22/24 years or on commissioning of a bugle, in 2020 the cost was £3,265. Additional income has been generated by donations from Battalions and increase in Regimental subscriptions from Warrant Officer and SNCOs the main beneficiaries. RHQ expenses reduced in the year due to cancellation of various events and activities but are likely to return to previous levels by 2022.

Rifles Direct

In early 2017 the sale of Rifles Direct to AMMO (All Arms Marketing and Manufacturing Organisation) was completed with the Regiment retaining control over the Company and Regimental brands. In 2018 the Regiment continued to receive the agreed income of £8,000 per annum (payable 1/12th each month) which was subsequently increased to £9,000 per annum and is reviewed against sales bi-annually. The income was used to clear the original loan to the company of £50,000 which was cleared by the end of 2020. Rifles Direct continues to provide a valuable regimental service, much of which would have to be provided in some form or other and has maintained a worldwide interest online; subsequent income received will be credited to the Trust and will be available to support Battalions and Regimental activities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment Report 2020

As at 31 December 2020 the Regimental Trust had a value of £7,623,919 as part of the consolidated assets across the three Regimental Charities portfolios of £26,238,257.

In spite of renewed lockdowns and mutant virus strains, global equity markets moved to new highs over the quarter, with the S&P 500, the Dow Jones and the MSCI World index all closing at record levels on New Year's Eve. For all of last year's turmoil, including the fastest ever "bear market" and the fastest subsequent recovery in 40 years, 2020 proved a good year for equities, at least outside the UK. This was thanks in large part to the swift interventions from central banks and governments following the onset of the pandemic, as well as the promising vaccine news that arrived in November.

Against this backdrop the Trusts generated a return of +6.7% over 2020 which contrasts with the inflation plus 3.5% target of +4.2%, and the composite benchmark of +1.9%. For context the UK market fell -10% over the year whilst Global equities returned +12%. Over 5 years, the Trusts have returned +7.2% p.a. compared with the inflation +3.5% target of +5.9% p.a. and the composite benchmark of +6.7% p.a.

FINANCIAL REVIEW (Continued)

Investment Report 2020 (Continued)

2020 was a year of winners (Tesla +718%, Peloton +418% & Zoom +380%) and losers (Standard Chartered -34%, Lloyds -42% & BP -42%). A unique set of circumstances forcing changes to working, social and shopping practices have favoured a handful of industries predominantly within the technology sector, while others have faltered under the economic uncertainty. The 'losers' have tended to be industries with greater economic sensitivity such as oil, gas and financials, or those which were effectively shut down by the pandemic – such as hotels, restaurants and leisure enterprises.

Drawing on the lessons learned during the financial crisis of 2008 central banks introduced a range of measures aimed at protecting market liquidity and the flow of credit. Furthermore, Governments around the world have recognised that monetary policy alone will not be able to respond to the economic threat of the pandemic, implementing a range of measures to support markets.

The Trusts prospered by having a good concentration of shares in companies that prospered in the pandemic, and fewer of those that suffered. However, as the year went by we sold some of the strongest performers and picked up shares of some of the losers at good prices. In detail, the strongest performers over the year was our Global equity exposure, particularly within the US and Asia. Given the relative performance of the UK market, the biggest detractors to performance was the exposure to the UK, particularly funds with a "value" approach – those that focus on an area that contained many of the losers in the pandemic.

We continue to expect that a robust economic recovery, and ongoing stimulus measures, will support equity markets. Performance has also been helped by not having too many government bonds, prospects for which look dimmer in the light of announced spending plans. However, while bonds and gold have been under pressure in recent months, we continue to believe they offer valuable diversification benefits in periods when other assets (particularly the fashionable tech companies) might suffer a hangover and we retain a meaningful exposure. We also maintain our conviction in long-term structural themes such as technology, healthcare and global infrastructure, with the latter in particular set to benefit from US President Biden's spending plans.

Investment Policy

The Trustees have an Investment Policy Statement, revised dated 25th April 2020, as required under CC14 guidelines. The Trustees have appointed an Investment Sub-Committee, who have in turn appointed Cazenove Capital Management as the investment manager for the Charity's investable assets, along with portfolios of other of The Rifles charities. Investments are made into 'pooled' investment instruments, such as unit trusts, and not individual company securities. The agreed policy has been to invest for total return whilst (a) generating sufficient income to support the on-going charitable activities, and (b) maintaining the real capital value of the investment funds over the long-term.

The yield in 2020 was greatly reduced due to the COVID 19 epidemic, going down from approximately 2.75% in 2019 to an expected 1.7% in 2021 of the assets under management; however, Trustees have also been able to withdraw up to 1% per annum of capital to support the activities of the Charity. No capital was withdrawn in 2020 from unrestricted funds.

As a consequence a review was undertaken in late 2020 and a new policy, based upon the same principles, established to be effective from January 2021. The Trusts now aim to distribute an allowance (to be the annual "Allowance") of 3% (adjusted for inflation – i.e. 3% plus the inflation rate) of the unrestricted funds every year; for 2021 this will be 3.32% The value of the unrestricted funds used for calculating the Allowance shall be the average of the year-end values of the unrestricted funds in the previous three years.

The benchmark for the portfolio, and the tolerance within each asset class from the benchmark allocation, are agreed with the investment managers and reviewed regularly. The Trustees classify their tolerance for risk as 'moderate' with the long-term target of the portfolio being to exceed CPI + 3.5%. The Trustees are satisfied with the performance of Cazenove. The Trustees believe that a prudent approach is taken by the investment managers with priority given to the long-term preservation of capital rather than the pursuit of short-term performance.

Reserves Policy

The charity has significant reserves which are represented by the listed investments and managed funds. The investments are invested for total return which allows, in addition to the investment income, the drawdown of up to 1% of capital in any given year, from the unrestricted funds, without detriment to the Trustees Investment Strategy. This policy has been reviewed to take into account the substantial reduction over the year in investment income and with effect from 1 January 2021 annual income will be based on an estimated 3% of the average value of the funds over 3 years as at 31 December annually, plus CPI, which for 2021 makes a total of 3.32%.

FINANCIAL REVIEW (Continued)

Risk Management

The principal risk faced by the Trust lie in the performance of the investments and the ability of the Trust to support its beneficiaries through the making of effective grants.

Trustees consider that the variety of investment with a diversified investment portfolio exercised through the fund Managers, Cazenove Charities, along with a "total return" approach, allowing for up to 15 of capital per annum to be withdrawn, helps to stabilise the income and mitigates the risks as far as is possible.

The Trustees will also approve a further drawdown of capital where deemed necessary to meet essential demands in support of the Regiment (serving, former and antecedent) its Rifleman and their dependents. However, in order to meet any extraordinary demands placed upon it a reassessment of the level of grants awarded will take place the January meeting each year and any adjustment necessary being made to ensure the long-term ability to support the Regimental family.

Key Management Personnel Remuneration

The Trustees consider the board of Trustees and The Rifles Regimental Secretary (also a Trustee) and The Rifles Secretary Finance as the Key management personnel of the charity. All Trustees give of their time freely and are not remunerated for their time spent on work on behalf of the charity. The day-to-day management is invested in other senior representatives in RHQ The Rifles who are employed and salaried by The Ministry of Defence. Remuneration of the Regimental Secretary as a Trustee has been approved by the Charity Commissioners and the sum, along with any other ex gratia awards to the other senior representatives of the RHQ Staff are approved by a special meeting of Trustees held every 3 years. All awards are made annually and are scrutinised and approved by the Remunerations Sub-committee. The Remunerations Sub-committee also screens any other ex gratia awards recommended by The Regimental Secretary for other members of the RHQ staff from an agreed budget. Payment of awards will generally be paid in December of each year. Declaration of any related party issues are contained as appropriate in the auditor's notes. In assessing the awards Trustees assess against performance as there is no benchmark with which to compare the ex-gratia payments. Trustees are also required to disclose all relevant interests in connection with any grant application and in accordance with the Trust's policy withdraw from decisions where any conflict of interest arises. There has been no such conflict in the current year.

ASSETS HELD AS CUSTODIAN FOR OTHERS

Upon formation of The Rifles and transfer of funds from the forming Regiments, the Trustees of The Rifles Regimental Trust became de-facto custodian Trustees on behalf of the Regiment for those chattels (silver, pictures and furniture) which were transferred to The Rifles having previously been in the care of the Forming Regiments. The Trustees' responsibility is to ensure that insurance cover (worldwide) continues to be maintained and that checks and safeguards are in place to account for the chattels. These chattels are not carried at any value in the accounts of The Rifles Regimental Trust as no cost was incurred in their acquisition. The day-to-day control of property on loan or gifted to the Regiment is part of the role of RHQ through the Regimental Secretary and the Assistant Regimental Secretary Property. The control and direction of any disposal of property rests with The Rifles Council and/or with representatives of the Former Regiments who have retained that responsibility. Chattels are distributed to and located with each of the Battalions, at RHQ, and various other locations of regimental importance. A database of Regimental chattels is being compiled, including the location of each item. This bringing together of property was completed in 2018 and involves the property of The Light Infantry and the Royal Green Jackets which were transferred upon formation of the Rifles in 2007, followed by the property of the Devon and Dorset Light Infantry which was transferred in 2015 and finally that of the Royal Gloucestershire Berkshire Wiltshire Light Infantry which were transferred in 2018.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

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S C Hazlitt
Trustee

Date: 5 July 2021

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Rifles Regimental Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;

- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and

- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or

- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements ; or

- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or

- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

From discussion with management and those charged with governance information about the entity is documented to assess the activity within the organisation. We discuss managements assessment of risk in respect of irregularities, fraud and going concern.

Based on these discussions and our own assessments we determined that the key risk areas were income recognition in respect of cut off issues concerning subscription income and donations, management override concerning the size of the organisation and grants payable in respect of cut off.

We set financial statement materiality level based on the level of assets at £60,000. As the organisation raises income from it's asset base we have used net assets as the basis to determine the level of materiality. Our overall assessment of risk was used to determine performance materiality of £54,000. Due to income and expenditure being significantly lower than the value of assets a lower level of materiality was used when testing income and expenditure at £9,400 and performance materiality of £8,500.

Substantive audit tests were designed after assessing and testing systems and controls. The systems and controls which have been designed to act as a preventative measure against fraud and error were operating as documented. Substantive testing tested a sample of the population, representative of the population, to identify errors. The testing did not identify any material misstatements in areas tested.

Audit substantive tests concluded no material errors over the key risk areas of income recognition and management override.

The audit considers the organisation is not exposed to material risk of error as a result of assessing laws and regulations that are appropriate to the organisation.

Management assessed there is no going risk. The organisation has regular subscription income and a sufficient level of investments which generate income, both of these sources of income are sufficient to support expenditure. The audit undertook a review of budgets, and the review of board minutes and came to the same conclusion as management.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under Section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Morris Crocker Limited
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors
Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006
Station House
North Street
Havant
Hampshire
PO9 1QU

Date: 26 July 2021

THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Year ended 31.12.2020 Total funds £	Year ended 31.12.2019 Total funds £
INCOME FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	195,199	609	195,808	184,169
Other trading activities	3	7,787	-	7,787	11,339
Investment income	4	78,240	32,847	111,087	170,586
Total		281,226	33,456	314,682	366,094
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	27,777	6,840	34,617	49,596
Charitable activities	6	242,583	56,281	298,864	413,121
Total		270,360	63,121	333,481	462,717
Net (losses)/gains on investments		211,257	87,373	298,630	502,647
Net (expenditure)/income		222,123	57,708	279,831	406,024
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		222,123	57,708	279,831	406,024
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		3,998,511	1,726,283	5,724,794	5,318,769
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		4,220,634	1,783,991	6,004,625	5,724,793

THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	13 & 14	7,624,021	7,206,850
		7,624,021	7,206,850
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	15	60,726	91,089
Cash at bank		64,846	23,041
		125,572	114,130
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	16	(54,322)	(92,874)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		71,250	21,256
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		7,695,271	7,228,106
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	17	(1,690,646)	(1,503,312)
NET ASSETS		6,004,625	5,724,794
FUNDS	18 & 19		
Unrestricted funds		4,220,634	3,998,511
Restricted funds		1,783,991	1,726,283
		6,004,625	5,724,794

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 5/11/21 and were signed on their behalf by:

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S C Hazlitt
Trustee

THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Cash generated from operations	1	77,754	(50,163)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		77,754	(50,163)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of fixed asset investments		(2,733,013)	(2,971,521)
Sale of fixed asset investments		2,697,013	3,019,586
Interest received		51	88
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		(35,949)	48,153
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		41,805	(2,010)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		23,041	25,051
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		64,846	23,041

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2020 £	2019 £
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	279,831	406,024
Loss/(Gain) on investments	(381,171)	(633,485)
Interest received	(51)	(88)
Decrease/(Increase) in stock	-	-
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	30,363	19,341
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	(38,552)	48,981
(decrease)/Increase in long term liabilities	187,334	109,064
	77,754	(50,163)

ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET (DEBT)/FUNDS

	At 01.01.20	Cash flow	At 31.12.20
Net cash			
Cash at bank	23,041	41,805	64,846
	23,041	41,805	64,846
Total	23,041	41,805	64,846

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charity SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective January 2015)', the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties regarding the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming resources
All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy and it is probable the income will be received.

Voluntary income including donations, regimental subscriptions and grants that provide core funding or are of general nature are recognised where there is entitlement, probability of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income received from the sale of Bugle Magazine is recognised at the date of sale.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income is only deferred when:
- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the Charity has unconditional entitlement.

Resources expended
Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.
- Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income.
- Charitable activities include expenditure associated with regimental activities, including grants paid to individual Battalions and City and County offices, they include both direct costs and support costs relating to these activities.
- Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the Charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Grants offered subject to conditions that have not been met at the year-end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Allocation and apportionment of costs
Overhead and support costs have been allocated first between charitable activity and governance. Overhead and support costs relating to charitable activities have been apportioned equally between activities.

Irrecoverable VAT
Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Taxation
The Charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities. Corporation tax is payable by the trading company on its taxable profits.

Financial instruments
The Charity only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other accounts receivable and payable, loans from banks and other third parties and loans to related parties and investments in non-puttable ordinary shares.

Trade and other debtors
Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments and bank overdrafts. In the balance sheet, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities.

Trade and other creditors
Short term trade creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted and designated funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the Trustees Report on page 5.

Realised/Unrealised gains and losses
All gains and losses are taken to the statement of financial activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds and opening market value or purchase date if later. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the end of the year and opening market value, or purchase date if later. Realised and unrealised gains are not separated in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 31.12.20	Year ended 31.12.19
	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions (Riflemen and Officers)	149,752	-	149,752	148,058
Subscriptions (Officers)	34,059	-	34,059	33,103
Donations and legacies	10,203	503	10,706	1,516
Book sales	1,185	106	1,291	185
Sale of assets and other items	-	-	-	1,307
	195,199	609	195,808	184,169

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 31.12.20	Year ended 31.12.19
	£	£	£	£
Magazine income	7,787	-	7,787	11,339
	7,787	-	7,787	11,339

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 31.12.20	Year ended 31.12.19
	£	£	£	£
Deposit account interest	51	-	51	88
Dividend and interest	78,189	32,847	111,036	170,498
	78,240	32,847	111,087	170,586

5. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 31.12.20	Year ended 31.12.19
	£	£	£	£
Investment management fees	16,284	6,840	23,124	22,216
Regimental magazine	11,493	-	11,493	27,380
	27,777	6,840	34,617	49,596

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Direct costs	Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	Support costs (see note 9)	Totals
	£	£	£	£
General (RHQ)	45,270	215	61,337	106,822
Battalions, Reserve Forces, ITC Coy and AFC Harrogate grants	-	51,900	-	51,900
City and County office grants	-	5,580	-	5,580
Officers Fund	37,545	10,185	-	47,730
5 (V) RGJ Trust Fund	-	9,000	-	9,000
Lawrence Bequest Fund	-	20,000	-	20,000
Hatton Bequest Fund	-	1,000	-	1,000
RGJ Management Fund	105	35,000	-	35,105
Light Infantry Management Fund	76	100	-	176
Rifles Collection Curator's wages and costs	-	21,551	-	21,551
	82,996	154,531	61,337	298,864

7. GRANTS PAYABLE

The total of grants paid during the year was as follows:

	Year ended 31.12.20	Year ended 31.12.19
	£	£
Unrestricted funds:		
Battalion, Reserve Forces, ITC Coy and AFC Harrogate	51,900	75,590
Cornwall office	1,500	3,180
Exeter office	-	1,000
London office	-	493
Salisbury office	-	471
Shrewsbury office	1,580	2,000
Taunton office	-	4,000
Yorkshire office	1,000	3,500
South West office	1,000	-
Rifles admin	500	-
RHQ grant	215	2,298
5(V) RGJ Trust	9,000	3,000
Officers fund grant	10,185	14,547
Restricted funds:	-	-
Grants (Hatton Bequest Fund)	1,000	1,000
Grants (Light Infantry Fund)	100	7,061
Adventure Training grants (Lawrence Bequest Fund)	20,000	11,000
RGJ Museum Trust grant (RGJ Management Fund)	35,000	25,000
RGJ Association (RGJ Management Fund)	-	45,500
New museum CIO	21,551	19,586
	154,531	219,226

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Governance (see note 10)	Total
	£	£	£
Postage and stationery	790	-	790
Publications	2,100		2,100
IT admin support and equipment	9,582	-	9,582
Membership and subscriptions	90	-	90
Equipment maintenance and repairs	12,022	-	12,022
Trustee honoraria	2,500	-	2,500
Staff honoraria	15,500	-	15,500
Insurance	4,469	-	4,469
Meeting costs	-	175	175
Regimental Secretary expenses	45	-	45
Colonel Comdts Expenses	306		306
Accountancy	6,998	-	6,998
Auditors' remuneration	-	6,760	6,760
	54,402	6,935	61,337

9. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 31.12.20	Year ended 31.12.19
	£	£	£	£
Meeting costs	175	-	175	1,197
Auditors' remuneration	6,760	-	6,760	6,358
	6,935	-	6,935	7,555

10. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

With the Charity Commission's approval, Lt Col J A Poole-Warren, a Trustee, was paid £nil as recognition for his exceptional contribution to the Charity (2019: £500).

With the Charity Commission's approval, Lt Col P Balls OBE, Regimental Secretary and a Trustee was paid £2,000 for his exceptional contribution to the Charity (2019: £2,000).

Trustees' Expenses
There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2020 or for the period ended 31st December 2019.

11. STAFF COSTS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Rifles Collection Curators gross salaries	-	-
Pension costs	-	-
Employers NI	-	-
Total salary costs	-	-

There was no full time member of direct charitable staff (2019: one).

No employees had remuneration in excess of £60,000 (2019: none)

11. STAFF COSTS - continued

Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Charity comprise the Trustees and the Assistant Regimental Secretary Finance. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the Charity were £1,500 (2019: £2,000). This does not include all remuneration for the Assistant Regimental Secretary Finance, as this role forms part of the day to day management which is invested in other senior representatives in RHQ The Rifles, who are employed and salaried by the Ministry of Defence. Trustee remuneration is reported in note 10.

12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME FROM			
Donations and legacies	182,250	1,919	184,169
Other trading activities	11,339	-	11,339
Investment income	118,869	51,717	170,586
Total	312,458	53,636	366,094
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	42,865	6,731	49,596
Charitable activities	314,741	98,380	413,121
Total	357,606	105,111	462,717
Net gains/(losses) on investments	351,990	150,657	502,647
Net income/(expenditure)	306,842	99,182	406,024
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	306,842	99,182	406,024
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	3,691,669	1,627,101	5,318,770
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	3,998,511	1,726,283	5,724,794

13. FIXED ASSET INVESMENTS

	Listed Investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1st January 2020	7,206,750
Additions	2,733,013
Disposals	(2,697,013)
Revaluation (Charity)	298,630
Revaluation (held for third parties)	82,541
At 31st December 2020	7,623,921
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st December 2020	7,623,921
At 31st December 2019	7,206,750

Investments are held in a portfolio managed by Schroders. The market value of investments by geographical area is as follows:

	Market value £
Within the United Kingdom	2,771,554
Outside the United Kingdom	4,852,367
	7,623,921

14. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - CHARITY ONLY

	2020	2019
	£	£
Listed investments	7,623,921	7,206,750
Investment in unlisted subsidiary	100	100
	7,624,021	7,206,850

The investment in unlisted subsidiary represents the Charity's 100% shareholding in Rifles Direct Limited (registered no. 05682176), being 100 ordinary shares of £1 each.

Rifles Direct Limited was dormant throughout the year.

15. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other debtors	60,726	82,263
Deferred consideration	-	8,000
Amounts falling due in more than one year:		
Deferred consideration	-	826
	60,726	91,089

With effect from January 2017 and the sale to Ammo and Company of the Rifles Direct operation the existing loan agreement ceased to apply. After the income received for stock the balance remaining is to be cleared by the receipt of an annual agreed payment of £8,000, by equal monthly installments, from Ammo and Company until such time as the outstanding amount is cleared. Thereafter the income will be treated as an income source to the Fund.

16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other creditors	21,401	25,480
Rifles Benevolent Trust	32,921	67,394
	54,322	92,874

17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

Group

	2020	2019
	£	£
DDLI Charities	846,866	897,547
1 Rifles PRI	108,723	104,405
2 Rifles PRI	203,285	195,212
4 Rifles PRI	54,238	52,414
5 Rifles PRI	63,551	61,027
6 Rifles PRI	35,835	34,411
7 Rifles PRI	164,844	158,297
Rifles & LI Association Somerset	213,304	-
	1,690,646	1,503,312

Creditors due in more than one year represent funds held as custodian trustee, please refer to the trustees annual report and page 32 of the notes to the financial statements for further details on these funds.

18. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Investments	4,217,852	3,406,169	7,624,021	7,206,750
Current assets	57,104	68,468	125,572	114,130
Current liabilities	(54,322)	-	(54,322)	(92,874)
Long term liabilities	-	(1,690,646)	(1,690,646)	(1,503,312)
	4,220,634	1,783,991	6,004,625	5,724,694

19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Balance at 01.01.20 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Investment gains/(losses) £	Transfers £	Balance at 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted fund						
General fund	3,828,028	243,614	213,104	204,563	-	4,063,101
Designated funds						
5 (V) RGJ Trust	143,916	2,504	9,526	6,694	-	143,588
Officers Fund	26,567	35,108	47,730	-	-	13,945
	3,998,511	281,226	270,360	211,257	-	4,220,634
Restricted funds						
Hatton Bequest Fund	39,098	730	1,152	1,974	-	40,650
Lawrence Bequest Fund	390,755	7,056	21,479	18,926	-	395,258
RGJ Management Fund	1,190,863	23,104	39,906	61,186	-	1,235,247
Light Infantry Fund	105,567	2,566	584	5,287	-	112,836
	1,726,283	33,456	63,121	87,373	-	1,783,991
TOTAL FUNDS	5,724,794	314,682	333,481	298,630	-	6,004,625

A detailed description of the designated and restricted funds is included in the trustees annual report.

Comparative net movements in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Balance at 01.01.19 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Investment gains/(losses) £	Transfers £	Balance at 31.12.19 £
Unrestricted fund						
General fund	3,537,884	274,506	324,258	339,896	-	3,828,028
Designated funds						
5 (V) RGJ Trust	131,299	4,051	3,528	12,094	-	143,916
Officers Fund	22,486	33,901	29,820	-	-	26,567
	3,691,669	312,458	357,606	351,990	-	3,998,511
Restricted funds						
Hatton Bequest Fund	35,829	1,107	1,144	3,306	-	39,098
Lawrence Bequest Fund	358,547	11,208	12,461	33,461	-	390,755
RGJ Management Fund	1,127,709	37,743	79,623	105,034	-	1,190,863
Light Infantry Fund	105,016	3,578	11,883	8,856	-	105,567
	1,627,101	53,636	105,111	150,657	-	1,726,283
TOTAL FUNDS	5,318,770	366,094	462,717	502,647	-	5,724,794

19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 month and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	Balance at 01.01.19 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Investment gains/(losses) £	Transfers £	Balance at 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted fund						
General fund	3,537,884	518,121	537,362	544,458	-	4,063,101
		-	-	-	-	
Designated funds		-	-	-	-	
5 (V) RGJ Trust	131,299	6,555	13,054	18,788	-	143,588
Officers Fund	22,486	69,009	77,550	-	-	13,945
	3,691,669	593,685	627,966	563,246	-	4,220,634
Restricted funds						
Hatton Bequest Fund	35,829	1,837	2,296	5,280	-	40,650
Lawrence Bequest Fund	358,547	18,264	33,940	52,387	-	395,258
RGJ Management Fund	1,127,709	60,847	119,529	166,220	-	1,235,247
Light Infantry Fund	105,016	6,144	12,468	14,143	-	112,835
	1,627,101	87,092	168,233	238,030	-	1,783,990
TOTAL FUNDS	5,318,770	680,777	796,199	801,276	-	6,004,624

Transfers between funds
Transfers between funds are made to cover the shortfall on restricted funds.

20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The Rifles Benevolent Trust and The Rifles Officers Fund are both related parties of The Rifles Regimental Trust as all three Charities have the same board of Trustees.

During the year The Rifles Regimental Trust transferred £155,865 (2019: £154,101) to The Rifles Benevolent Trust for Regimental Subscriptions and £53,045 (2019: £131,409) for donations that are received into The Rifles Regimental Trust, but due to The Rifles Benevolent Trust. The Rifles Benevolent Trust reimbursed The Rifles Regimental Trust £26,000 (2019: £24,000) for IT costs paid on their behalf. The Rifles Regimental Trust salaries are paid through The Rifles Benevolent Trust. During the year The Rifles Regimental Trust transferred £5,250 (2019:£2,400) to The Rifles Benevolent Trust for salaries. At the year end The Rifles Regimental Trust owed The Rifles Benevolent Trust £32,922 (2019: £67,392).

The charity is partly administered by employees of the Ministry of Defence. In addition, the charity also makes use of office space and other office facilities provided, including computer equipment, postage and stationery. These support costs are difficult to quantify as they are not discrete activities because personnel and office facilities are used for other Army duties. As such the value of support provided by the Ministry of Defence has not been included in the Charity's Statement of Financial Activities.

21. MATERIAL LEGACIES

Legacy income is only included in incoming resources where the legacy has been received or both the receipt and the amount is known with sufficient certainty. As at 31 December 2020 the Charity had received legacy income totalling £nil (2019: £7).

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	Year ended 31.12.2020 £	Year ended 31.12.2019 £
INCOME FROM		
Donations and legacies		
Regimental Subscriptions (Riflemen and Officers)	149,752	148,058
Regimental Subscriptions (Officers)	34,059	33,103
Donations and legacies	9,989	1,089
Donations (Light Infantry)	503	427
Rifles Direct Income	214	-
Book sales (Light Infantry)	1,291	185
Sale of assets and other items	-	1,307
	195,808	184,169
Other trading activities		
Magazine income	7,787	11,339
Investment income		
Dividends and interest	111,036	170,498
Deposit account interest	51	88
	111,087	170,586
Total	314,682	366,094
EXPENDITURE ON		
Raising funds		
Investment management fees	23,124	22,216
Regimental magazine	11,493	27,380
	34,617	49,596
Charitable activities		
Recruiting costs	21,685	26,081
Honour boards etc	4,999	2,486
Wreaths and remembrance	-	547
Travel expenses (Regional Colonels and Advisory Board)	467	928
Adventure training/sports sponsored through RHQ	1,650	2,920
Band and Bugles expenses	-	1,766
Officers Fund expenditure	30,545	10,273
Chronicle contribution	4,000	2,500
Rifles Association	59	394
Divisional colonal	3,139	2,540
	66,544	50,434

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	Year ended 31.12.2020 £	Year ended 31.12.2019 £
Charitable activities continued	**66,544**	**50,434**
St Cross Cricket Ground	10,000	10,000
Battlefield study/tours	-	1,311
Marketing and family support	-	82
Buglers	-	619
Freedom parades	-	3,178
Grants (see note 8)	154,531	219,226
RCO salary	5,250	2,275
Reunion/gathering costs	1,020	28,452
RGJ Management Fund costs	105	4,384
Light Infantry Management Fund costs	77	935
Regimental awards	-	1,200
Awards dinner	-	23,841
	237,527	345,937
Support costs		
Postage and stationery	790	322
Publications	2,100	-
IT and admin support and equipment	9,582	22,530
Membership and subscriptions	90	76
Equipment and maintenance and repairs	12,022	12,657
Trustee honoraria	2,500	2,500
Staff honoraria	15,500	10,000
Insurance	4,469	4,729
Meeting costs	175	1,197
Regimental secretary expenses	45	101
Colonel Comdts Expenses	306	-
Accountancy	6,998	6,716
Auditors' remuneration	6,760	6,358
	61,337	67,184
Total	333,481	462,717
Net (losses)/gains on investments	298,630	502,647
Net (expenditure)/income	279,831	406,024

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT BY DESIGNATED FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	Designated Funds		
	5 (V) RGJ Trust	Officers Fund	Total
	£	£	£
INCOME FROM			
Subscriptions	-	34,059	34,059
Investment income	2,504	-	2,504
Bugle sales		1,049	1,049
Total	2,504	35,108	37,612
EXPENDITURE ON			
Grants	9,000	10,185	19,185
Chronicle/Bugle Publications	-	30,470	30,470
Chronicle honoraria	-	2,000	2,000
St Cross	-	5,000	5,000
Adventure training		75	75
Investment management fees	526	-	526
Total	9,526	47,730	57,256
Net (losses)/gains on investments	6,694	-	6,694
Net (expenditure)/income	(328)	(12,622)	(12,950)
Net movement in funds	(328)	(12,622)	(12,950)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	143,916	26,567	170,483
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	143,588	13,945	157,533

THE RIFLES REGIMENTAL TRUST

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT BY RESTRICTED FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	Hatton Bequest Fund £	Lawrence Bequest Fund £	RGJ Management Fund £	Light Infantry Fund £	Total £
INCOME FROM					
Donations and legacies	-	-	-	503	503
Book sales	-	-	-	106	106
Investment income	730	7,056	23,104	1,957	32,847
Total	730	7,056	23,104	2,566	33,456
EXPENDITURE ON					
Grants	1,000	20,000	35,000	100	56,100
Meeting costs	-	-	48	-	48
Postage and stationery	-	-	1	40	42
Wreaths and rememberance	-	-	56	37	93
Investment management fees	152	1,479	4,801	407	6,840
Total	1,152	21,479	39,906	584	63,121
Net (losses)/gains on investments	1,974	18,926	61,186	5,287	87,374
Net (expenditure)/income	1,552	4,503	44,384	7,269	57,708
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	1,552	4,503	44,384	7,269	57,708
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward	39,098	390,755	1,190,863	105,567	1,726,283
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	40,650	395,258	1,235,247	112,836	1,783,991

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ANALYSIS OF LONG TERM CREDITORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	DDLI Charities	1 Rifles PRI	2 Rifles PRI	4 Rifles PRI	5 Rifles PRI	6 Rifles PRI	7 Rifles PRI	Rifles & LI Somerset Assn	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM									
Donations and legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Investment income	16,879	1,985	3,711	990	1,160	654	3,009	3,289	31,677
Other income								200,000	200,000
Total	16,879	1,985	3,711	990	1,160	654	3,009	203,289	231,677
EXPENDITURE ON									
Grants	105,000	2,616	4,892	1,635	1,529	862	3,967	-	120,501
Capital withdrawal	-	-	-	-	-	-			-
Investment management fees	3,479	413	773	206	242	136	626	510	6,385
Total	108,479	3,029	5,665	1,841	1,771	998	4,593	510	126,886
Net (losses)/gains on investments	40,919	5,362	10,027	2,675	3,135	1,768	8,131	10,525	82,541
Net (expenditure)/income	(50,681)	4,318	8,073	1,824	2,524	1,424	6,547	213,304	187,333
Net movement in funds	(50,681)	4,318	8,073	1,824	2,524	1,424	6,547	213,304	187,333
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS									
Total funds brought forward	897,547	104,405	195,212	52,414	61,027	34,411	158,297	-	1,503,312
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	846,866	108,723	203,285	54,238	63,551	35,835	164,844	213,304	1,690,646

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