

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1119071

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

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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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

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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 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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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 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 by 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.

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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 possible 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 fifth full year of independent operation in 2022 incurred costs of £7,083 (£7,279) 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 the Day's Pay Scheme (Regimental Subscriptions) in which the majority of officers and soldiers throughout the Regiment participate. All income from the Scheme is received into The Rifles Regimental Trust with 40% 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 if required. All payments via the Day's Pay Scheme are through Charitable Giving and are therefore inclusive of tax. In addition, a major Regimental appeal for funds the "Care for Casualties" (Appeal) was launched in 2010 and in 2017 was adopted as a "strap line" to The Rifles Benevolent Trust. Fundraising under the appeal has continued, not the least to enable families of the injured and fallen to raise funds in their memory and in 2022 raised £64,560 (£130,764).

Grants

The day-to-day work of The Rifles Benevolent Trust is the provision of grants to those in need. These grants are managed through a team at RHQ headed by Assistant Regimental Secretary Welfare with The Assistant Regimental Secretary Finance maintaining accounting oversight and covering during any absences.

Requests for grants are normally received in RHQ via MOSAIC, the SAAFA Case Management System, through SSAFA or The Royal British Legion (TRBL). All cases were initially assessed by the Assistant Regimental Secretary Welfare who is authorised to make awards of up to £2,000 (£2,000), after which an application may be made to ABF The Soldiers' Charity for additional support. RHQ also deals with all cases involving officers, normally in collaboration with The Officers' Association and/or The Rifles Officers Fund as well as all cases involving serving personnel.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (Continued)

Grants (Continued)

Difficult cases, including those identified as requiring additional Regimental funding, may be referred to a quorum of staff at RHQ, to whom the Trustees have delegated authority to approve individual grants of up to £4,000. All these decisions are reported to Trustees monthly and ratified at their next quarterly meeting. Requests for grants that are beyond the delegated powers will either be deferred to a meeting of Trustees or, between meetings, considered by the Grants Sub Committee. This may award a grant of up to £5,000 or, if appropriate, circulate a recommendation for a higher grant for email approval by the Trustees. Grants are normally paid to SSAFA or TRBL who will administer the payment to the applicant to ensure that the funds are used for the purpose intended. On transfer of C4C funds from The Rifles Regimental Trust the previous authority was carried forward to make awards in respect of individual grants, under the C4C criteria, by the Assistant Regimental Secretary Welfare or the Assistant Regimental Secretary Finance of up to £3,000 with an uplift to £5,000 by using the RHQ Quorum.

Grants are also made to Battalions and to Reserve Companies deployed on operations to assist with the welfare of families at home. At the end of each year, grants to other Charities assisting ex-riflemen are considered.

Always a Rifleman Program (AARP)

Trustees approved the setting up of The Always a Rifleman Program (AARP) at the July 21 Trustees meeting. The programme was in recognition of the need to support former Riflemen and their dependants who were suffering from mental health issues (including PTSD) which had already resulted in the deaths of 12 Riflemen in the previous 2 years. Whilst the numbers were no worse than other Regiments and Corps it was significant due to the size of the Regiment.

A head of programme, Lt Col (Retd) Baz Melia MBE, was recruited through open competition and the Trustees approved a budget of £250K per annum to support the programme for as long as it was deemed necessary. The programme set out to identify those in crisis and provide immediate support (within hours), through a network of trained mentors and peer to peer support, until such time as they could be entered on an appropriate recovery programme.

The programme is also backed up by a dedicated support line as well as having two qualified counsellors who can be called upon, with where necessary, other qualified professionals providing the guidance and mentorship which is tailored to suit each individual case. All mentors are required to attend a course which gives them a Level 3 qualification in Mental Health First Aid from the University of Birmingham with Trustees assessing the risks around the program and including details in the 2022 Risk Register.

Since the start of the programme over 100 Riflemen and (or) their families suffering from extremely complex mental health problems have been supported by a trained force of over 70 AARP volunteers. Training is running at a rate of one course per quarter and conducted where the need is greatest. The battle rhythm of the programme is now established, and the operating model has been refined. 260 volunteers are registered as mentors and a further 200 as emergency response volunteers. The AARP has developed a global reach, helping Riflemen in America, Canada, Australia, Europe, and Hong Kong. The programme has conducted 25 interventions and as a conservative estimate, it has saved nine lives. 24 hours a day, every day, the AARP connects with, advocates for, and negotiates for the safety of many others. The Trustees remain fully committed to the AARP and its long-term funding.

Care for Casualties (C4C)

The formal Care for Casualties Appeal period ended in March 2015 but informal fund raising has continued and the Care for Casualties brand continues to be used to describe all the Regiment's Benevolent fund-raising activity

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (Continued)

Care for Casualties (Continued)

- a. Acting as the interlocutor on behalf of the The Regimental Casualty Capability (RCC) the Trust operates within, and in support of, the Army Recovery Capability (ARC) which creates bespoke Individual Recovery Plans for each of our wounded Riflemen to assist with their transition into civilian life. The ARC cannot provide the level of pastoral care and attention that we would wish to provide from a Regimental perspective, nor does it have any responsibility once a Rifleman has become a veteran. In 2021 initially the Assistant Regimental Secretary Welfare supported by the Rifles Regional Offices continued to provide an enduring link between our bereaved families and the Regiment, and from July 2021 worked alongside and in support of the Rifles Always a Rifleman Program (AARP). The RCC brings added value to these plans by:
- b. Regiment, in support of the individual, whether serving or a veteran, with other charities and agencies
- c. Utilising regimental contacts for work placements and job opportunities,
- d. Identifying the need for education, re-skilling and re-training,
- e. Funding sporting and adventure training challenges to help improve confidence and self-esteem.
- f. Maintaining contact with and supporting bereaved families.

RHQ and the Assistant Regimental Secretary Welfare co-ordinates this for the Regiment and is in regular touch with many of our operational casualties and with the families of the bereaved. A total of £42,968 (£63,851) was spent under the Care for Casualties banner during 2022. The money has been spent on direct and indirect support, through grants to help individuals with their recovery, recuperation breaks, support to commemorative events, and casualty packs for our wounded. Examples of support during the past year include:

- The Regiment continues to support initiatives which uses archaeology as a means of rehabilitation for recovering Riflemen. 'Digs' for this year working with Waterloo Uncovered was again unfortunately cancelled.
- Funding for veterans with severe mental health issues is increasing. C4C is seeing many more cases where Combat Stress and the NHS are unable to help and so smaller bespoke charities are being asked to fill the gap. Cost in this area will continue to arise through the activities and support being provided through the AARP.
- Grants have been allocated towards the installation of wet rooms for veterans where the MOD is no longer liable.
- C4C has paid for re-training, re-skilling and education. Injured Riflemen are now attending vocational training courses and college courses, all funded, at least in part, by Care for Casualties. Examples include plumbing courses, training for those hoping to work in the security industry and those aspiring to be physical fitness
- C4C continues to support bereavement counselling for family members of our fallen Riflemen.
- Funding fitness equipment such as adapted bicycles, kayaks and home gym equipment for those recovering from injury and supporting those in achieving their goals through sport including participation in The Invictus games and Para Olympics
- Holiday and respite breaks for our injured and their families and for members of our bereaved families.

Where possible the Regiment works with the MOD and with other charities such as ABF The Soldiers' Charity, Help for Heroes, Combat Stress, SSAFA and Just Rifles to provide the support that is needed. However, the Regiment will step in alone to help where not to do so would mean an unacceptable delay in meeting the need or where restrictions on who can benefit from other charities means that a need is not being met.

Green Jacket Close

The Rifles Benevolent Trust administers the Charity's cottage homes at Green Jacket Close, Stanmore Lane, Winchester. There are 21 units providing one or two bedroomed accommodation for retired riflemen or their widows who are in need of appropriate housing. RHQ keeps a record of applications for accommodation, which are considered by the Trustees on a points basis when a vacancy occurs. Applications are open to retired riflemen from The Rifles and from all its Forming and Antecedent Regiments. There is a waiting list and the dominant priority in awarding accommodation to those on the list is derived from an assessment of "need". The Trustees are also giving consideration as to how best to meet the preferences of those who served in elements of a Regiment now derived from a more widespread geographical base. The monetary assets of Green Jacket Close are retained within a Restricted Fund of The Rifles Benevolent Trust.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (Continued)

Royal Green Jackets Ladies Guild Fund

The investments of The Royal Green Jackets Ladies Guild Fund are held within the Trust in a Restricted Fund. The main work of the Ladies Guild is to maintain contact with twenty eight (twenty eight) Royal Green Jacket widows, helping with fuel bills in winter for older widows and making small grants as required to those in need or with dependent children under 18. Christmas cards and newsletters are sent to all and advice can be given to those with problems or in financial difficulties. The Ladies Guild is not taking on any further RGJ widows who, together with widows from all other Forming Regiments, are now looked after as required by The Rifles Families Network through RHQ and County and City offices.

Peter Bateman Bursary

This is an educational bursary received in 2011 as part of the Legacy of Mrs Una Dunklin. It is held in a Restricted Fund. Priority is given to Riflemen leaving the services as a result of injury and to the wives and children of those killed on operations.

Joanne Booth Mason Memorial Fund

This Restricted Fund was established in 2012 in memory of Mrs Joanne Booth-Mason and is expended on selected cases recommended by the Assistant Regimental Secretary Welfare or the assistant Regimental Secretary Finance and approved by the Controller of the Fund, Major (Retd) Simon Booth-Mason, with the agreement of The Rifles Trustees.

Margaret Phillips Request

This Restricted fund was established in 2018 in memory of Margaret Phillips and allows the Assistant Regimental Secretary Welfare to make grants to former members of The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment and its antecedent regiments as well as any member of the Rifles or its other forming and antecedent regiments living in or born in Devon and Dorset.

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 Benevolent Trust is to provide relief to those who are or have been in the Regiment who are suffering from hardship or distress. The Trustees believe that this demonstrates the Charity's adherence to the spirit and principle of public benefit. The beneficiary class is wide and, although it includes current serving personnel, the main beneficiaries are veterans, widows and dependants.

Grants are targeted and based solely upon need – such relief does not duplicate state benefit. It is therefore considered that there is an identifiable benefit and it is to the individual and to the nation at large.

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 and this 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.

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Income

The Care for Casualties Appeal (C4C), which was launched in March 2010, has again been a substantial source of funds. Although the pace of donations has inevitably slowed given the passage of time and the political decision to withdraw from active engagement in Afghanistan the appeal brand is well established and will be maintained. The original target of £4 million by the end of March 2015 was not met by that date (at the end of December 2018 it had reached the £4 million target and as at 31 December 2022 stood at £4,532,353 (£4,467,793)).

Income to the appeal has been until 31 December 2016 credited in the first instance to The Rifles Regimental Trust, and 51% is then transferred to The Rifles Benevolent Trust for the long-term care of casualties and other beneficiaries of the Trust. The balance was retained in the Casualty Support Fund, a Designated Fund in the Regimental Trust, to give more immediate support to casualties. With effect from 31 December 2016 all C4C Funds were transferred to The Rifles Benevolent Trust and included in the unrestricted funds of the Charity. However, expenditure under C4C criteria will continue to be identified separately to ensure full accountability and in order that those who contributed to the appeal can see how the funds are being expended.

Total voluntary income to the Trust was £782,614 (£651,298), of which £64,560 (£130,764) was accounted for by C4C from donations. Another main source of income is the subscriptions from officers and soldiers under the Day's Pay Scheme. These totalled £131,299 (£147,284) the income over the year has reduced as the Trustees have approved a reduction in income from the Day's Pay Scheme from October 2021 from 51% to 40%. This will be reviewed annually and was reaffirmed in October 2022 This has been possible due to other income to the Trust from legacies enabling the changes to be made without any detriment to existing beneficiaries. The percentage of all ranks subscribing under this voluntary Scheme remains above 95%. Investment income (Restricted & Unrestricted Funds) totalled £306,952 (£231,774) which was increased after two years of reduced income due to COVID 19.

The online giving facility through JustGiving.com continues to be highly successful in gathering donations for C4C and is particularly useful in that it automatically reclaims Gift Aid on qualifying donations. Several individual donors raising sponsorship for specific activities have set up their own JustGiving accounts for the C4C Appeal. Some funds will continue to be received into the Rifles Regimental Trust which will be transferred across to The Rifles Benevolent Trust on a regular basis.

Other General donations totalled £101,565 (£7,369) including a donation of £87,500 from the "Antioch Settlement" and legacies totalling £484,216 (£364,748) were received in the year.

Grants

As can be seen from Note 7 to the Accounts, grants to a total of £544,747 (£427,944) were made of which £491,680 (£393,818) were made from unrestricted funds, during the year. All grants were processed via RHQ with individual grants totalling £378,480 (£273,818) made in support of a total of 620 (442) of a total of 697 (505) cases, (including a small number of Homes Fees) and 5 (6) were granted small pensions. £53,200 (£60,000) was granted to battalions to help with the support of families whilst the battalion was on active service as well as in recognition of separation due to other deployments overseas. At the end of the year, a grant of £60,000 (£60,000) was again made to ABF The Soldiers' Charity in recognition of the support that it gives to individual benevolent cases and to other service charities that support Riflemen and, currently, to the Regiment's Casualty Capability. In 2022 saw an increase in applications from 505 to 697 for which the main reasons for which were a falling away of Government support given during COVID 19, inflation and the introduction of the AARP which in itself increased cases dealing with Mental Health and PTSD from 19 to 149.

Tesco Grocery Voucher Scheme

In 2022 due to inflation as well as other factors Trustees identified a need to in some way support families through difficult time in a simple efficient manner. Having consulted with the Charity Commission and auditors an online scheme using the Regiments online presence in conjunction with Tesco's was devised whereby individuals could apply for a £100 grocery card.

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Tesco Grocery Voucher Scheme (Continued)

Verification of entitlement as a member of the Regiment was carried out by them registering with The Rifles Network where they were only allowed access once their connection to the regiment was established. The initial phase allocated £100K to the project this was extended with a further £100K in a second tranche. In addition a small number of cards were held by RHQ which enabled support to be given to those who did not have access to on line facilities. As at 31 December £156,175 had been distributed and the initiative remains ongoing.

RGJ Ladies Guild Fund

The Ladies Guild had a quiet year with no specific individual request they having been met from the main Benevolence Trust, 16 (15) widows received a grant with their Christmas Card and a further 12 (13) a Christmas Card only.

Green Jacket Close

Of the 22 cottages, including that of the Property Manager (formerly Warden), and flats in Winchester 21 were occupied or allocated with a healthy waiting list. One flat was given over in January 2022 to act as a welfare flat to support the AARP and provide a safe place, in the short term, for those most in immediate need of accommodation whilst the AARP engaged in securing more permanent accommodation, jobs and with mental health support.

Most of the remaining properties are occupied by ex-Royal Green Jackets or its antecedent regiments, although ex-soldiers of the other Forming Regiments are actively encouraged to put their names on the waiting list. Recently awareness has been raised through the Regiment's various social media outlets and additional applications are being received. Ongoing maintenance and modernisation continues to be carried out where required to maintain and enhance the properties and living conditions of the residents. Improvements are also made with adaptations identified and supported by Winchester Council through disabilities facilities grants (DFGs).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment Report 2022

As at 31 December 2022 The Rifles Benevolent Trust had a value of £17,173,745 (£18,270,924).

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.

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.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW (Continued)

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.

Financial Review

During the year incoming resources totalled £1,152,730 (£946,688). Investment income, including Restricted Funds, totalled £306,952 (£231,755) and subscriptions under the Day's Pay Scheme totalled £131,299 (£147,284). General donations amounted to £101,473 (£7,369). Grants from the main fund for benevolence totalled £378,480 (£273,818). Total resources expended totalled £1,009,344 (£691,221). Loss on investment assets totalled £1,327,179 (2021 gain of £1,496,849). Total funds carried forward amounted to £22,688,281 (£23,872,074) of which £5.345m (£5.345m) is represented by the properties in Green Jacket Close which are only revalued every 5 years, the next being in 2026.

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 2022) 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.

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.

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Reserves Policy (Continued)

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 2022 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.

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.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing 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:



S Hazlitt
Trustee

Date:

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE RIFLES BENEVOLENT TRUST**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Rifles Benevolent 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

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- 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, rental and donation income, 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 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.

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THE RIFLES BENEVOLENT TRUST**

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

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Date:

31 August 2023

THE RIFLES BENEVOLENT TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Year ended 31.12.22 Total funds £	Year ended 31.12.21 Total funds £
	Notes				
INCOME FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	781,995	619	782,614	651,299
Investment income	3	287,387	19,565	306,952	231,775
Charitable activities					
Green Jacket Close	4	-	63,164	63,164	63,614
Total		<u>1,069,382</u>	<u>83,348</u>	<u>1,152,730</u>	<u>946,688</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	70,589	4,713	75,302	74,154
Charitable activities	6	795,127	138,915	934,042	617,066
Total		<u>865,716</u>	<u>143,628</u>	<u>1,009,344</u>	<u>691,221</u>
Net (losses)/gains on investments		(1,244,998)	(82,181)	(1,327,179)	1,496,849
Net (expenditure)/income		(1,041,332)	(142,461)	(1,183,793)	1,752,316
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(1,041,332)	(142,461)	(1,183,793)	1,752,316
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		17,281,670	6,590,404	23,872,074	22,119,758
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>16,240,338</u></u>	<u><u>6,447,943</u></u>	<u><u>22,688,281</u></u>	<u><u>23,872,074</u></u>

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	13	5,345,000	5,345,000
Investments	14	<u>17,173,745</u>	<u>18,270,924</u>
		22,518,745	23,615,924
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	15	103,559	195,187
Cash at bank	16	<u>137,650</u>	<u>129,803</u>
		241,209	324,990
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>(71,673)</u>	<u>(68,840)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>169,536</u>	<u>256,150</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>22,688,281</u>	<u>23,872,074</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>22,688,281</u></u>	<u><u>23,872,074</u></u>
FUNDS	19		
Unrestricted funds		16,240,338	17,281,670
Restricted funds		<u>6,447,943</u>	<u>6,590,404</u>
		<u><u>22,688,281</u></u>	<u><u>23,872,074</u></u>

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



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S Hazlitt
Trustee

THE RIFLES BENEVOLENT TRUST

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Cash generated from operations	1	237,535	144,255
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		<u>237,535</u>	<u>144,255</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of fixed asset investments		(4,773,957)	(5,176,499)
Sale of fixed asset investments		4,543,957	5,051,499
Interest received		311	10
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		<u>(229,689)</u>	<u>(124,990)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		7,846	19,264
		129,804	110,540
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		137,650	129,804

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)	(1,183,793)	1,752,316
(Gain)/Loss on investments	1,327,179	(1,496,849)
Interest received	(311)	(10)
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	91,628	(104,178)
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	2,833	(7,025)
	<u>237,535</u>	<u>144,255</u>

ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET (DEBT)/FUNDS

	At 01.01.22	Cash flow	At 31.12.22
Net cash			
Cash at bank	129,804	7,846	137,650
	129,804	7,846	137,650
Total	<u>129,804</u>	<u>7,846</u>	<u>137,650</u>

THE RIFLES BENEVOLENT TRUST

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 and Green Jacket Close 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 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.

Income is deferred when the donor attaches conditions outside the charity's own control or specifies that the resources are to be used in a future accounting period.

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

Resources expended

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 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.

Tangible fixed assets

Freehold property represents Green Jacket Close, no depreciation is provided for on this asset.

Taxation

The Charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trust.

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 4 and the notes to the accounts.

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 £
Regimental subscriptions	131,299	-	131,299	147,284
Subscriptions - RGJ Ladies Guild	-	-	-	565
Donations - general	101,473	92	101,565	7,369
Donations - C4C appeal	64,560	-	64,560	130,764
Donations - Joanne Booth-Mason Memorial Fund	-	527	527	569
Legacy income	484,216	-	484,216	364,748
	<u>781,995</u>	<u>619</u>	<u>782,614</u>	<u>651,299</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Year ended 31.12.22 £	Year ended 31.12.21 £
Investment income - general	287,075	-	287,075	216,377
Investment income - RGJ Ladies Guild	-	4,160	4,160	3,170
Investment income - GJ Close	-	7,234	7,234	5,556
Investment income - Peter Bateman bursary	-	282	282	230
Investment income - Joanne Booth Mason Memorial Fund	-	173	173	210
Investment income - Margaret Phillips Legacy	-	7,716	7,716	6,222
Deposit account interest - general	311	-	311	10
	<u>287,387</u>	<u>19,565</u>	<u>306,952</u>	<u>231,775</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		Year ended 31.12.22 £	Year ended 31.12.21 £
Maintenance charge	Green Jacket Close	<u>63,164</u>	<u>63,614</u>

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5. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Year ended 31.12.22 £	Year ended 31.12.21 £
Investment management fees	69,151	4,713	73,863	71,141
C4C fundraising costs	1,438	-	1,438	3,013
	<u>70,589</u>	<u>4,713</u>	<u>75,302</u>	<u>74,154</u>

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 7) £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
RHQ	213,492	491,680	89,955	795,127
Green Jacket Close	85,367	-	357	85,723
RGJ Ladies Guild	-	3,950	125	4,075
Peter Bateman bursary	-	5,605	-	5,605
Joanne Booth-Mason Memorial Fund	-	3,478	-	3,478
Margaret Phillips Legacy Fund	-	40,034	-	40,034
	<u>298,858</u>	<u>544,747</u>	<u>90,436</u>	<u>934,042</u>

7. GRANTS PAYABLE

	Year ended 31.12.22 £	Year ended 31.12.21 £
Grants to other Charities	60,000	60,000
Through RHQ	431,680	333,818
RGJ Ladies Guild	3,950	2,625
Grants through Peter Bateman Bursary	5,605	2,670
Grants through Joanne Booth Mason Memorial Fund	3,478	4,836
Grants through John Harris (DLI) Bequest Fund	-	-
Grants through Margaret Phillips Legacy Fund	40,034	23,995
	<u>544,747</u>	<u>427,944</u>

Total of grants paid during the year was as follows:

	Year ended 31.12.22 £	Year ended 31.12.21 £
ABF (The Soldiers' Charity)	60,000	60,000
Grants to battalions (Through RHQ)	53,200	60,000
C4C (Through RHQ)	63,586	42,968
Through RHQ	314,894	230,850
	<u>491,680</u>	<u>393,818</u>
RGJ Ladies Guild Christmas grants	3,950	2,625
Peter Bateman bursary grants	5,605	2,670
Joanne Booth-Mason Memorial Fund grants	3,478	4,836
Margaret Phillips Legacy Fund	40,034	23,995
	<u>544,747</u>	<u>427,944</u>

All grants through RHQ are for the benefit of individuals.

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8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Governance	Year ended 31.12.22	Year ended 31.12.21
	£	£	£	£
RHQ	82,937	7,018	89,955	66,681
Green Jacket Close	357	-	357	348
RGJ Ladies Guild	-	-	-	-
	<u>83,294</u>	<u>7,018</u>	<u>90,312</u>	<u>67,030</u>

9. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Year ended 31.12.22	Year ended 31.12.21
	£	£	£	£
Fidelity insurance	-	-	-	1,116
Auditors' remuneration	7,018	-	7,018	6,354
	<u>7,018</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,018</u>	<u>7,470</u>

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: £4,500).

11. STAFF COSTS

	Year ended 31.12.22	Year ended 31.12.21
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>65,043</u>	<u>42,269</u>

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

	Year ended 31.12.22	Year ended 31.12.21
Green Jacket Close and RHQ support	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No staff were paid emoluments greater than £60,000 (2021: none).

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 £2,500 (2021: £2,500). 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.

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12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME FROM			
Donations and legacies	649,756	1,543	651,299
Investment income	216,387	15,388	231,775
Charitable activities			
Green Jacket Close	-	63,614	63,614
Total	<u>866,143</u>	<u>80,545</u>	<u>946,688</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	69,450	4,704	74,154
Charitable activities	500,436	116,631	617,067
Total	<u>569,886</u>	<u>121,335</u>	<u>691,221</u>
 Net gains/(losses) on investments	1,397,261	99,588	1,496,849
Net income/(expenditure)	1,693,518	58,798	1,752,316
 Transfer between funds	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	1,693,518	58,798	1,752,316
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	15,588,152	6,531,606	22,119,758
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>17,281,670</u></u>	<u><u>6,590,404</u></u>	<u><u>23,872,074</u></u>

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13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £
MARKET VALUE	
B/fwd	5,345,000
Revaluation	-
	<u>5,345,000</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2022	<u>5,345,000</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>5,345,000</u>

Freehold properties, were revalued as at 17th July 2020 by Messrs. Strutt & Parker of Winchester, on an open market value basis.

The original cost of freehold land and buildings was £137,852.

14. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 January 2022	18,270,924
Additions	4,773,957
Disposals	(4,543,957)
Revaluation	(1,327,179)
At 31 December 2022	<u>17,173,745</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2022	<u>17,173,745</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>18,270,924</u>

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

	Market value £
Within the United Kingdom	6,845,047
Outside the United Kingdom	10,328,698
	<u>17,173,745</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

15. DEBTORS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>103,559</u>	<u>195,187</u>

16. CASH AT BANK

Cash at bank is represented by:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash held by RHQ	132,190	128,332
Cash held by RGJ Ladies Guild	5,242	1,203
Cash held by Rifleman's Air Society	218	269
	<u>137,650</u>	<u>129,803</u>

17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>71,673</u>	<u>68,840</u>

THE RIFLES BENEVOLENT TRUST

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18. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	720,000	4,625,000	5,345,000	5,345,000
Investments	16,116,384	1,057,360	17,173,744	16,649,073
Current assets	(524,601)	765,810	241,210	201,549
Current liabilities	(71,445)	(228)	(71,673)	(75,865)
	<u>16,240,338</u>	<u>6,447,943</u>	<u>22,688,281</u>	<u>22,119,758</u>

19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Balance at 01.01.2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Investments gains/(losses)	Transfers	Balance at 31.12.2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds						
General	17,281,670	1,069,382	865,716	(1,244,998)	-	16,240,338
Restricted funds						
RGJ Ladies Guild	256,495	4,252	5,077	(17,887)	-	237,783
Green Jacket Close	5,793,361	70,398	87,466	(30,270)	-	5,746,023
Peter Bateman Bursary	23,239	282	5,673	(934)	-	16,915
Joanne Booth-Mason	15,414	700	3,518	(469)	-	12,126
John Harris (DLI) Bequest Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Margaret Phillips Legacy Fund	501,895	7,716	41,894	(32,621)	-	435,096
	<u>6,590,404</u>	<u>83,348</u>	<u>143,628</u>	<u>(82,181)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,447,943</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>23,872,074</u>	<u>1,152,730</u>	<u>1,009,344</u>	<u>(1,327,179)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,688,281</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	Balance at 01.01.2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Investments gains/(losses)	Transfers	Balance at 31.12.2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds						
General	15,588,152	866,143	569,886	1,397,261	-	17,281,670
Restricted funds						
RGJ Ladies Guild	235,291	4,373	3,597	20,428	-	256,495
Green Jacket Close	5,772,602	69,170	84,210	35,799	-	5,793,361
Peter Bateman Bursary	24,270	230	2,741	1,480	-	23,239
Joanne Booth-Mason	18,414	550	4,900	1,350	-	15,414
John Harris (DLI) Bequest Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Margaret Phillips Legacy Fund	481,029	6,222	25,887	40,531	-	501,895
	<u>6,531,606</u>	<u>80,545</u>	<u>121,335</u>	<u>99,588</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,590,404</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>22,119,758</u>	<u>946,688</u>	<u>691,221</u>	<u>1,496,849</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,872,074</u>

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19. MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS - continued

General fund

This consists of the general, unrestricted activities of the charity.

RGJ Ladies Guild

This is a project to maintain contact with about twenty eight Royal Green Jacket widows, helping with small grants if required.

Green Jacket Close

This is a project to manage the administration of the Charity's cottage homes at Green Jacket Close. The balance includes an Extraordinary Repair fund within the investment portfolio.

Peter Bateman Bursary

This is an educational bursary received in 2011 as part of the "Dunklin" legacy. Priority is given to Riflemen leaving the services as a result of injury and to the wives and children of those killed on operations.

Joanne Booth-Mason

This was established in 2012 in memory of Joanne Booth-Mason and is expended on selected cases recommended by the Regimental Welfare Officer.

Margaret Phillips Legacy

The Margaret Amy Phillips Legacy is to support past members of the Devon and Dorset Regiments and their successors. In detail, it will give support to members and dependants of the Devon and Dorset Regiment and their Antecedent Regiments, to members of the serving Regiment who transferred to The Rifles on formation from 1st Bn The Devon and Dorset Regt and support to members of the Regiment who were born or reside within the confines of Devon and Dorset.

20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The Rifles Regimental Trust and The Rifles Officers Fund are both related parties of The Rifles Benevolent 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 and Gift Aid that are received into The Rifles Regimental Trust, but due to The Rifles Benevolent Trust. The Rifles Regimental Trust also paid IT costs of £25,750 (2021: £24,750) on behalf of the Rifles Benevolent Trust.

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).

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20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES - continued

The Rifles Regimental Museum Trust salaries are paid through The Rifles Benevolent Trust. During the year The Rifles Regimental Museum Trust transferred £14,432 (2021: £58,655) to The Rifles Benevolent Trust for salaries.

At the year end The Rifles Regimental Museum Trust owed The Rifles Benevolent Trust £nil (2021: £14,432)

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 £484,216 (2021: £364,748).

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

	Year ended 31.12.22 £	Year ended 31.12.21 £
INCOME FROM		
Donations and legacies		
Regimental subscriptions	131,299	147,284
Subscriptions - RGJ Ladies Guild	-	565
Donations - general	101,565	7,369
Donations - C4C appeal	64,560	130,764
Donations - Joanne Booth-Mason Memorial Fund	527	569
Legacy income	<u>484,216</u>	<u>364,748</u>
	782,614	651,298
Investment income		
Investment income - general	287,075	216,377
Investment income - RGJ Ladies Guild	4,160	3,170
Investment income - GJ Close	7,234	5,556
Investment income - Peter Bateman bursary	282	230
Investment income - Joanne Booth Mason Memorial Fund	173	210
Investment income - Margaret Phillips Legacy	7,716	6,222
Deposit account interest - general	<u>311</u>	<u>10</u>
	306,952	231,774
Charitable activities		
Green Jacket Close maintenance charge	<u>63,164</u>	<u>63,614</u>
	<u>1,152,730</u>	<u>946,686</u>
EXPENDITURE ON		
Raising funds		
Investment management fees	73,863	71,141
C4C fundraising	<u>1,438</u>	<u>3,013</u>
	<u>75,302</u>	<u>74,153</u>
Charitable activities		
Wages	68,742	46,200
Insurance - Green Jacket Close	3,018	2,327
Green Jacket Close - general maintenance	27,820	39,396
Green Jacket Close - major repairs and contingency	39,562	26,677
Casualty support	260	3,300
Wreaths/ Remembrance	3,182	4,193
Grants	544,747	427,944
Tesco vouchers	<u>156,274</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>843,605</u>	<u>550,037</u>

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YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

	Year ended 31.12.22 £	Year ended 31.12.21 £
Support costs		
Postage and stationery	484	460
Telephone	856	449
IT support costs	26,667	28,813
Rifles database	5,000	-
Training	5,220	-
Staff honoraria	12,000	12,000
Fidelity insurance	-	1,116
Professional fees	1,590	-
Accountancy	7,083	7,279
Auditors remuneration	7,018	6,354
Interest paid	9	-
Travel	24,507	10,557
	<u>90,436</u>	<u>67,030</u>
Total	<u>1,009,344</u>	<u>691,220</u>
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Net (losses)/gains on investments	(1,327,179)	1,496,849
Net (expenditure)/income	<u><u>(1,183,793)</u></u>	<u><u>1,752,315</u></u>

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT BY RESTRICTED FUNDS
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	RGJ Ladies Guild Fund £	Green Jacket Close £	Peter Bateman Bursary £	Joanne Booth-Mason Memorial Fund £	John Harris (DLI) Bequest Fund £	Margaret Phillips Legacy Fund £
INCOME FROM						
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment income	4,160	7,234	282	173	-	7,716
Green Jacket Close maintenance charge	-	63,164	-	-	-	-
Donations	92	-	-	527	-	-
Total	4,252	70,398	282	700	-	7,716
EXPENDITURE ON						
Wages	-	14,967	-	-	-	-
Insurance	-	3,018	-	-	-	-
Telephone	-	357	-	-	-	-
General maintenance	-	27,820	-	-	-	-
Major repairs	-	39,562	-	-	-	-
Postage and stationery	125	-	-	-	-	-
Grants payable	3,950	-	5,605	3,478	-	40,034
Investment management fees	1,002	1,742	68	41	-	1,859
Total	5,077	87,466	5,673	3,518	-	41,894
 Net (losses)/gains on investments	 -17,887	 -30,270	 -934	 -469	 -	 -32,621
Net (expenditure)/income	-18,712	-47,338	-6,324	-3,288	0	-66,799
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	-18,712	-47,338	-6,324	-3,288	0	-66,799
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward	256,495	5,793,361	23,239	15,414	-	501,895
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	237,783	5,746,023	16,915	12,126	-	435,096

