

BENTWATERS AVIATION SOCIETY

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CHARITY NUMBER 1124197

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

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For the year ended 31 March 2025

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Registered Address:

Building 134  
Bentwaters Park  
Rendlesham  
Woodbridge  
Suffolk  
IP12 2TW

Trustees:

Graham Haynes (Chairman)  
Andrew Horrex (Vice Chairman)  
Karen Haynes (Treasurer)  
Gary Stanley (Secretary) (resigned 31 December 2024)  
Sarah Brown  
Erroll Frost  
Graham Gilbert  
Jonathan Saunders  
Simon Gladas  
Christopher Balmer (resigned June 2024)  
Dennis Crowe  
Kevin Ellis (appointed 14 November 2024)  
Julie Mayhew (appointed 9 February 2025)

Independent Examiners:

Ensors  
Blyth House  
Rendham Road  
Saxmundham  
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IP17 1WA

Bankers:

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## BENTWATERS AVIATION SOCIETY

### TRUSTEES' REPORT

For the year ended 31 March 2025

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity was established on 1 February 2006 and operates as an Association, governed by its Constitution. New trustees are elected by the existing Bentwaters Aviation Society trustees.

### TRUSTEES

Graham Haynes	(Chairman)
Andrew Horrex	(Vice Chairman)
Karen Haynes	(Treasurer)
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### ADVISOR

John Delaney	Curatorial	Imperial War Museum, Duxford, Cambs. CB22 4QR
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## BENTWATERS AVIATION SOCIETY

### TRUSTEES' REPORT

For the year ended 31 March 2025

#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

To advance the education of the public in the history of RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge, in particular, but not exclusively by the provision of a museum.

Bentwaters Aviation Society was formed primarily to operate and administer the Bentwaters Cold War Museum.

The purpose of the Bentwaters Cold War Museum is to collect, preserve, display, and provide for scholarship, material relating to the history of RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge and aviation generally where a link with Bentwaters and Woodbridge is established, for the public benefit in perpetuity.

As well as museum tasks, the Society meets on a monthly basis in a dedicated meeting room within the museum itself. The meetings take the form of slide shows and talks from guest speakers. Talks and slide shows are intended to further promote and preserve the history of RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge.

Membership to the Society is open to anyone on receipt of an annual subscription fee.

The Society and museum are entirely run by volunteers.

#### ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Society now has 251 members in total, including 39 members located in the United States of America, 2 in Poland and 1 each in France, the Netherlands, Ireland and Switzerland.

Visitor numbers have continued to increase with the museum continuing to grow in popularity. The shop and café remain very popular with visitors and hence consolidating the charity's income stream.

A few improvements have been carried out which include installing LED lighting in the museum main corridor to replace failing fluorescent tubes and adding several new exhibits. The biggest of these is the installation of a 1/6 scale F-16 model on a plinth outside the museum entrance.

Plans are well underway to install a large hardstanding area outside the museum to improve the display of our vehicles and aircraft. This is a costly project so its implementation will be determined by available funds.

The trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011.

BENTWATERS AVIATION SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity had income of £44,293 and expenditure of £36,636 for the financial year ended 31 March 2025. This resulted in a net surplus for the year of £7,657. With opening bank and cash balances of £40,212 available, there is a closing total funds position of £47,869.

It is the Trustee's intention to achieve a minimum cash reserve of no less than £6,000 by the end of each financial year. This reserve is held to cover any unplanned expenses relating to building repairs and exhibit conservation and restoration costs.

The museum is largely self-funding due to the policy of charging for admission to adults (children are free). Additional income is derived from net revenues generated by fundraising events, Society membership subscriptions, a shop and cafe, donations and local authority grants to support specific restoration or display projects.

The trustees have considered whether the charity is a going concern and have concluded that there are no uncertainties affecting the charity's ability to continue at this time.

  
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Graham Haynes Chairman

  
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Andrew Horrex Vice Chairman

13/11/2025  
.....  
Date



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BENTWATERS AVIATION SOCIETY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bentwaters Aviation Society for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



David Fairbank FCCA  
Ensors

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Date 03/12/2025

# BENTWATERS AVIATION SOCIETY

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<b>Receipts</b>						
<i>Voluntary Income:</i>						
Donations		100	-	-	100	500
Membership		5,250	-	-	5,250	5,287
Gift Aid		721	-	-	721	712
<i>Activities for generating funds:</i>						
Museum admissions		20,247	-	-	20,247	25,403
Shop sales		4,437	-	-	4,437	5,902
Café sales		5,689	-	-	5,689	4,459
Open day income		7,225	-	-	7,225	-
Jaguar run days income		-	-	-	-	3,138
Private tours and trips		-	-	-	-	732
TV filming fees		-	-	-	-	250
Photography rights		-	-	-	-	773
Bank interest		624	-	-	624	170
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>44,293</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,293</b>	<b>47,326</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Museum	<b>2a</b>	17,247	-	-	17,247	21,159
Premises expenses	<b>2b</b>	15,028	-	-	15,028	12,586
Motor running costs	<b>2c</b>	1,038	-	-	1,038	-
Fundraising	<b>2d</b>	453	-	-	453	-
Administration	<b>2e</b>	2,870	-	-	2,870	1,846
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>36,636</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,636</b>	<b>35,591</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments</b>		<b>7,657</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,657</b>	<b>11,735</b>
<b>Transfer of funds</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net movement of funds</b>		<b>7,657</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,657</b>	<b>11,735</b>
Bank/cash balance at 1 April 2024		40,212	-	-	40,212	28,477
Bank/cash balance at 31 March 2025		<b>47,869</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,869</b>	<b>40,212</b>



# BENTWATERS AVIATION SOCIETY

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 March 2025

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£	£	Total	Total
				£	£
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>					
HSBC Community Account	25,380	-	-	25,380	18,347
HSBC Business Manager	22,149	-	-	22,149	21,525
Barclays Community Account	-	-	-	-	-
Cash in hand	340	-	-	340	340
	<u>47,869</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,869</u>	<u>40,212</u>

### Assets retained for the charity's own use

Jaguar Aircraft	13,133
Jaguar engines	15,000
Hawker Hunter	8,113
Lightning	6,700
Harrier	25,000
Phantom	25,000
Bloodhound missile launcher	5,196
Café diner/shop building	32,704
Staffroom building	2,040
Portacabin	100
Access equipment	446
Hard standing	9,948
Ground power unit	5,100
Ground power	1,800
Office furniture	1,052
Display case	708
Shop desk	60
Ice cream machine	900
Ipad	379
Minibus (second hand)	1,200
Coffee machines	615
Ipad	231
Gazebo	180
Matting for picnic area	600
Picnic benches	1,750
	<u>157,955</u>

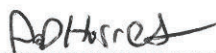
### Stock

Stock of museum shop contents	5,138
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### Liabilities

Independent examiners fee (inc VAT)	552
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Approved by the Board of Trustees on 13/11/25 and signed on its behalf by:



Andrew Horrex - Vice Chairman



Karen Haynes - Treasurer

## **BENTWATERS AVIATION SOCIETY**

### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

#### **1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Basis of preparation**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and using the Receipts and Payments basis.

##### **Fixed Assets**

Assets owned by the Society are shown at cost. Assets recognised but not valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities include:

Jaguar XX741 Aircraft purchased for renovation and display.

Hawker Hunter GA11 purchased for renovation and display.

Lightning F53 donated by British Aerospace.

Harrier GR3 purchased for renovation and display. A donation from Brian Smee assisted this purchase.

Phantom FGR2 purchased for renovation and display. A donation from Brian Smee assisted this purchase.

Bloodhound missile launcher donated by the RAF Museum.

##### **Restricted Funds**

The restricted fund comprises donations and grants which are given for a specific purpose and are only expended for that purpose.

# BENTWATERS AVIATION SOCIETY

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 March 2025

### 2 EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>2a Museum</b>					
Shop and café	7,249	-	-	7,249	8,735
Collection care	4,863	-	-	4,863	5,357
Insurance	3,062	-	-	3,062	3,038
Open day expenses	639	-	-	639	788
Banners	306	-	-	306	-
Signs	59	-	-	59	-
Repairs and maintenance	178	-	-	178	186
Ipad for café	-	-	-	-	231
Coffee machine	192	-	-	192	-
Staff training and welfare	57	-	-	57	311
Staff uniforms and clothing	642	-	-	642	713
GPU for aircraft	-	-	-	-	1,800
	<u>17,247</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,247</u>	<u>21,159</u>
<b>2b Premises expenses</b>					
Rent and service charges	4,261	-	-	4,261	2,543
Insurance	2,942	-	-	2,942	4,133
Electricity	4,700	-	-	4,700	4,117
Water	107	-	-	107	121
Repairs and maintenance	753	-	-	753	559
Refuse collection	515	-	-	515	513
Picnic benches	1,750	-	-	1,750	-
Picnic area matting	-	-	-	-	600
	<u>15,028</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,028</u>	<u>12,586</u>
<b>2c Motor running costs</b>					
Minibus maintenance	1,038	-	-	1,038	-
<b>2d Fundraising</b>					
Leaflets	453	-	-	453	-
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>453</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>453</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>2e Administration</b>					
Subscriptions	343	-	-	343	311
Printing and stationery	490	-	-	490	434
Postage	378	-	-	378	216
Broadband charges	212	-	-	212	190
Website costs	-	-	-	-	14
Accountancy	534	-	-	534	570
Bank charges	93	-	-	93	111
Other fees	820	-	-	820	-
	<u>2,870</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,870</u>	<u>1,846</u>