

Army Widows Association
Registered Charity Number 1127921
Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2021



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Report of the Trustees For The Year Ended 31 March 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 (effective 1 January 2015).

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name

Army Widows Association

Registered Charity Number

1127921

Principal Address

C/O Bereavement and Aftercare Support
Personal Services Branch
HQ Home Command
IDL 428, Ramillies Building
Marlborough Lines
Andover, Hants
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Trustees

Mrs Eileen Kelly-McGregor
Mrs Raqual Harper-Titchener
Mrs Patricia Wall
Col (Retd) K T Haugh
Revd Nicola Frail
Mrs Margaret Pedder
Mrs Margaret Rennie

Chairwoman of Board of Trustees

Mrs Eileen Kelly-McGregor

General Secretary to Board of Trustees

Mrs Margaret Rennie

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document and Constitution

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

Trustee Selection Methods

New Trustees are approached and interviewed, with references and CV obtained.

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Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Objectives and Activities

Objectives of the Charity

The Charity's objectives are to provide widows and their dependent children with relief from the effects of bereavement and loss and the impact on their personal circumstances and wellbeing by providing:

- Comfort support hope and a special understanding;
- Information, guidance and assistance on financial matters and other benefits;
- Professional counselling.

Summary of main activities undertaken for the public benefit

The Army Widows' Association offers comfort, support, friendship and a special understanding to widows and widowers of service men and women. We help them resolve some of the difficulties they may face after the death of their spouses by:

- providing information and practical help with financial matters and other benefits;
- assisting in the provision of professional counselling and life skills;
- addressing issues relating to widows/widowers and their children with Army authorities;
- offering advice and experience to improve the Army's approach to widows/widowers in the future;
- regional and national support groups and social events;
- working closely with other ex-service specialist organisations in support of widows/widowers and their children.

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of main achievements during the year.

Due to the Covid Pandemic the Association has had to resort to supporting our widows remotely.

The Trustees and Management Committee have been fully committed to providing continued support to members. There has been Regular contact via mail shots, AWA social media platforms, emails and welfare telephone calls. We have continued to supply counselling support to those as and when needed.

There have been regular support events taking place via Zoom meetings, ranging from virtual get-togethers, Bingo, Quizzes which have proved to be of huge emotional support to our members. The support and friendships made are a great comfort and our members find the soft counselling at our regular virtual meet ups as good as professional counselling as they are surrounded by people who understand.

The Management Committee telephone welfare checks to all members were well received Small token gifts of support were also sent at Easter and occasionally throughout the year.

We have maintained a close links with military throughout to keep abreast of developments and how best to support members during the pandemic.

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Throughout the past year the Association has continued to assist and supply counselling to its members, aid development of friendships, and support through virtual media and direct contact. Sadly our normal activities during the year have been disrupted by the pandemic so some of our regular events such as regional coffee mornings, fish and chips at various locations around the country and cookery courses have been unable to take place. The continued support and friendships made are proving to be a great comfort and aid members in gaining confidence in rebuilding their lives. In many cases the soft counselling and the regular meet ups cover the needs as good as professional counselling in some cases.

Financial Review


Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our policy is to have sufficient unrestricted reserves to cover 12 months activities and administration costs. Total expenditure in the year amounted to £6,175 and we have cash funds of £106,216, the trustees consider the level of cash funds appropriate.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Mrs Margaret Rennie

General Secretary to the Board of Trustees

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Army Widows Association

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Army Widows Association for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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



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Date: 15/9/21

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Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	2020 £
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Income				
Donations	2,409	-	2,409	3,502
Contribution to trips from members	1,360	-	1,360	9,805
Grants	26,250	5,000	31,250	42,500
Membership	105	-	105	180
	<u>30,124</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>35,124</u>	<u>55,987</u>
Activities for generating funds				
Fundraising events	1,637	-	1,637	3,582
Investment Income	26	-	26	26
	<u>1,662</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,662</u>	<u>3,608</u>
Total Receipts	<u>31,786</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>36,786</u>	<u>59,594</u>

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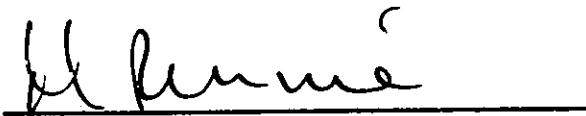
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PAYMENTS				
Costs of generating voluntary income				
Committee Expenses	75	-	75	6,890
Gifts	75	-	75	206
Memberships	65	-	65	65
Advertising	-	-	-	754
Fundraising	216	-	216	216
	<u>431</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>431</u>	<u>8,131</u>
Charitable activities				
Events	270	1,604	1,874	37,327
Less Refund	(4,680)	-	(4,680)	-
Counselling	1,210	-	1,210	1,745
Newsletters	1,473	323	1,796	2,869
VO Training	-	-	-	534
AWA Helpline	154	-	154	284
Website costs	246	-	246	180
Members event calendars	2,143	-	2,143	1,152
Management Committee Meeting	-	-	-	3,181
Board of Trustees Meeting	-	-	-	1,869
Anniversary cards for members	330	-	330	563
Party at the palace allowance	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,147</u>	<u>1,926</u>	<u>3,073</u>	<u>49,704</u>
Support costs				
Accountancy	500	-	500	500
Insurance	567	-	567	567
Telephone	-	-	-	-
Postage and Stationery	1,018	229	1,247	1,239
Printing	277	-	277	553
Computer cost	80	-	80	104
IT Equipment	-	-	-	-
Sundries	-	-	-	1,593
	<u>2,442</u>	<u>229</u>	<u>2,671</u>	<u>4,556</u>
Total Payments	<u>4,020</u>	<u>2,155</u>	<u>6,175</u>	<u>62,391</u>
Net receipts/(payments)	27,767	2,845	30,611	(2,797)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	<u>27,767</u>	<u>2,845</u>	<u>30,611</u>	<u>(2,797)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:				
Cash funds last year end	<u>65,605</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>75,605</u>	
Cash funds this year end	<u>93,371</u>	<u>12,845</u>	<u>106,216</u>	

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	2020 £
Cash Funds				
Cash at bank and in hand	93,371	12,845	106,216	75,605
Total Cash Funds	93,371	12,845	106,216	75,605

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 15 SEPTEMBER 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mrs Margaret Rennie

General Secretary to the Board of Trustees

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Analysis of Restricted Funds as at 31 March 2021

	Balance B/F	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance C/F
	£	£	£	£	£
The Veterans Foundation	10,000	5,000	(2,155)	-	12,845
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>(2,155)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,845</u>

Purpose of Restricted Funds:

The Veterans Foundation

Funds received to cover the costs of the NMA and Remembrance events.