

Army Widows Association
Registered Charity Number 1127921
Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2022



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Report of the Trustees For The Year Ended 31 March 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. 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
SP11 8HU

Trustees

Mrs Eileen Kelly-McGregor (Tenure ended January 2022)
Mrs Raqual Harper-Titchener (Appointed as Chair January 2022)
Miss Rachel Prosser (Tenure commenced January 2022)
Mrs Patricia Wall
Col (Retd) K T Haugh
Revd Nicola Frail
Mrs Margaret Pedder
Mrs Margaret Rennie
Mr David Roberts
Lt Col Joseph Petty

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, widowers 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.

As a result of the Covid Pandemic, the Association has had to adopt a hybrid approach, this year, to ensure the best support for all our members.

The Trustees and Management Committee have been fully committed to providing continued and effective support to members. There has been the usual, regular contact via mail shots, AWA social media platforms and emails, as well as online competitions, to engage members and encourage peer support. The Anniversary card that is sent to each member, on the anniversary of the death, continues to be well received.

We have continued to supply financial assistance, to enable access to counselling support, for members and their dependents, as and when needed.

The commencement of this financial year sadly saw the death of The Duke of Edinburgh, which caused much sadness and was a distressing trigger for many of our members- as a direct response the Management Committee were reactive in offering extra support via Zoom and chat forums, which was greatly received.

This year, we were grateful to be able to return to in person gatherings, which enabled us to hold our three main annual events, with some necessary restrictions.

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The AGM /respite weekend was merged with our weekend visit to the National Memorial Arboretum. This was not only a time to provide an opportunity for quiet reflection and continued practical support, such as finance guidance and life skills, but it was a celebration of friendships made and provided the opportunity for members to forge new ones, whilst supporting those attending for the first time. These relationships are proving to be a great comfort and aid members in gaining confidence in rebuilding their lives. In many cases, the soft counselling, gained through the regular chats/gatherings, meets required needs, just as well as professional counselling does.

Remembrance Weekend was particularly emotional for our members, as the Pandemic had prevented this much needed event, which gives time to come together, in a safe environment, to remember and benefit from each other's support.

We continue to maintain a close link with the military and other relevant support agencies/charities/groups,

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 £38,966 and we have cash funds of £112,135, 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 2022.

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:

28/2/23

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Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	2021 £
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Income				
Donations	3,907	-	3,907	2,409
Contribution to trips from members	8,800	-	8,800	1,360
Grants	30,250	-	30,250	31,250
Membership	150	-	150	105
	<u>43,107</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,107</u>	<u>35,124</u>
Activities for generating funds				
Fundraising events	1,779	-	1,779	1,637
Investment Income	-	-	-	26
	<u>1,779</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,779</u>	<u>1,662</u>
Total Receipts	<u><u>44,886</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>44,886</u></u>	<u><u>36,786</u></u>

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PAYMENTS				
Costs of generating voluntary income				
Committee Expenses	2,154	-	2,154	75
Gifts	204	-	204	75
Memberships	415	-	415	65
Advertising	-	-	-	-
Fundraising	216	-	216	216
	<u>2,989</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,989</u>	<u>431</u>
Charitable activities				
Events	26,242	240	26,483	1,874
Less Refund	-	-	-	(4,680)
Counselling	1,025	-	1,025	1,210
Newsletters	-	-	-	1,796
VO Training	-	-	-	-
AWA Helpline	110	-	110	154
Website costs	312	-	312	246
Members event calendars	1,508	-	1,508	2,143
Management Committee Meeting	1,103	-	1,103	-
Board of Trustees Meeting	181	-	181	-
Anniversary cards for members	607	-	607	330
Party at the palace allowance	-	-	-	-
	<u>31,088</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>31,329</u>	<u>3,073</u>
Support costs				
Accountancy	500	-	500	500
Insurance	567	-	567	567
Telephone	85	-	85	-
Postage and Stationery	1,721	-	1,721	1,247
Printing	1,126	-	1,126	277
Computer cost	207	-	207	80
IT Equipment	-	45	45	-
Sundries	398	-	398	-
	<u>4,604</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>4,649</u>	<u>2,671</u>
Total Payments	<u>38,681</u>	<u>285</u>	<u>38,966</u>	<u>6,175</u>
Net receipts/(payments)	6,205	(285)	5,920	30,611
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	<u>6,205</u>	<u>(285)</u>	<u>5,920</u>	<u>30,611</u>
Reconciliation of funds:				
Cash funds last year end	<u>93,371</u>	<u>12,845</u>	<u>106,216</u>	
Cash funds this year end	<u>99,576</u>	<u>12,560</u>	<u>112,136</u>	

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	2021 £
Cash Funds				
Cash at bank and in hand	99,576	12,560	112,136	106,216
Total Cash Funds	99,576	12,560	112,136	106,216

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 21 Feb 23 and were signed on its behalf by:

Margaret Rennie

Mrs Margaret Rennie

General Secretary to the Board of Trustees

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Analysis of Restricted Funds as at 31 March 2022

	Balance B/F	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance C/F
	£	£	£	£	£
The Veterans Foundation	12,845	-	(285)	-	12,560
	<u>12,845</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(285)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,560</u>

Purpose of Restricted Funds:

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