

WARDROOM MESS

HMS EXCELLENT

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For Period

1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

Registered Charity No. 1129719

Trustee's Annual Report and Comments

Wardroom Mess HMS EXCELLENT

Charity Registered No:	1129719
Covering the Accounting Year:	1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023
Address:	HMS EXCELLENT Whale Island Portsmouth PO2 8ER
Governing Document:	Constitution (Mess Rules)
Object:	Promotion of the Military Efficiency and Operational Effectiveness of the Armed Forces by the provision of mess facilities to Commissioned Officers serving in Whale Island.
Trustee:	Commander S J L Turnbull Royal Navy (until 2 October 22) Commander S Gale Royal Navy (from 3 October 22)
Trustee selection method:	Appointed as such by the Naval Secretary.
Bankers:	RBS Holts
Independent Examiner:	Marianne Butcher FMAAT 5 Nursery Road Havant Hants PO9 3BG
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I confirm that I have paid due regard to the Charity Commission of England and Wales's guidance on public benefit when deciding what activities, the charity should undertake.

Declaration:

I declare, in my capacity of Charity Trustee, that I have approved the above report.

Signature *Signed on Original*

Name Commander S Gale Royal Navy.

Appointment Commanding Officer and Sole Managing Trustee

Date 29 April 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustee of the Wardroom HMS Excellent. (Charity Registration No 1129719)

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out in pages 1 to 6 and accompanying notes.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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Independent examiner's statement

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- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than in any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I 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.

Signed on Original

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29 April 2023

HMS EXCELLENT WARDROOM MESS FUND

Registered Charity 1129719

BALANCE SHEET

31-Mar-23

		Notes			31-Mar-22
<u>ASSETS</u>					
<u>Fixed Assets</u>					
Mess Property	7		£ 25,978.00		£ 26,532.00
<u>Current Assets</u>					
Stocks at Cost:	7A	£ 8,238.16		£ 6,489.96	
Messbills and Function payments		£ 21,250.67		£ 32,620.46	
Misc debtors and prepayments	8	£ 6,686.63		£ 1,343.76	
Cash		£ 1,385.49		£ 4,368.88	
Current Account		£ 177,117.78		£ 147,354.20	
Charity Deposit Account		£ 10,000.00		£ 10,000.00	
Total Current Assets		<u>£ 224,678.73</u>		<u>£ 202,177.26</u>	
<u>LIABILITIES</u>					
Creditors	9/9A	£ 20,941.61		£ 20,264.20	
Central Bank for other Funds:					
CFS Fund		£ 5,740.66		£ 8,763.30	
LLS Fund		£ -		£ 577.58	
VAT		£ (987.31)		£ 37.66	
Current Liabilities		<u>£ 25,694.96</u>		<u>£ 29,642.74</u>	
Net Current Assets			£ 198,983.77		£ 172,534.52
Net Assets			<u>£ 224,961.77</u>		<u>£ 199,066.52</u>

Approved on 29 April 2023

Signed on Original

Commander S Gale Royal Navy

Sole Managing Trustee

HMS EXCELLENT WARDROOM MESS FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For year to 31 Mar 23

	Note	Year to Mar 22
Income		
Donations and Grants	£ -	£ 773.00
Charitable activities	£ 200,239.35	£ 105,875.76
Other Trading Activities	£ 35,320.91	£ 21,611.03
Investment Income	£ 208.93	£ 4.24
Total Income	3 £ 235,769.19	£ 128,264.03
Expenditure		
Charitable Activities	£ 178,774.25	£ 85,923.05
Raising Funds	£ 32,511.93	£ 17,824.00
Other	£ 667.41	£ 81.45
Total Expenditure	4 £ 211,953.59	£ 103,828.50
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	£ 23,815.60	£ 24,435.53
Previous Year Corrections	£ 2,079.65	£ -
Net movement in Funds	£ 23,815.60	£ 24,435.53
Total Funds Brought Forward	£ 199,066.52	£ 174,630.99
Total Funds Carried Forward	£ 224,961.77	£ 199,066.52

HMS EXCELLENT WARDROOM MESS FUND

Notes to the Accounts dated 31 March 2023

Note 1 - Accounting policies

a. The financial statements are prepared under the historic cost convention (as modified by the revaluation of fixed asset investments) and in accordance with applicable accounting standards: Charities Statement of Recommended Practice, UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Acts.

Income

- a. Donations are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the fund becomes entitled to the donation or grant and it is reasonably certain that it will be received.
- b. Incoming resources from fund raising are reported gross in the SOFA
- c. Intangible income is not included in the accounts.
- d. The fund receives no unpaid volunteer help.
- e. Interest is included in the accounts when receivable.

Expenditure and Liabilities

- a. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the fund to the expenditure.

Assets

- a. Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £50. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt. The fund does not have a policy of revaluation. Depreciation is 50% initial then six monthly, straight line and over the estimated life of the item. Depreciation is not allocated to activity costs.
- b. Stocks are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

Note 2 - Investments - There are none

Note 3 - Income

	<u>Year to Mar 23</u>	<u>Year to Mar 22</u>
<i>Voluntary Income</i>		
Donations& Grants	£ -	£ 773.00
<i>Charitable Activities</i>		
Mess Subs	£ 84,467.46	£ 69,039.76
Associate Subscriptions	£ 6,974.75	£ 6,157.50
Bar Sales	£ 42,681.65	£ 21,667.01
Mess Functions	£ 66,032.86	£ 8,686.09
Misc income	£ 82.63	£ 325.40
	<u>£ 200,239.35</u>	<u>£ 105,875.76</u>
<i>Other Trading Activities</i>		
Private Functions	£ 32,192.86	£ 16,868.45
Private Function Surplus	£ 2,652.64	£ 3,741.88
Shop Sales	£ 475.41	£ 1,000.70
	<u>£ 35,320.91</u>	<u>£ 21,611.03</u>
<i>Investment Income</i>		
Interest	£ 208.93	£ 4.24
Total Income	<u>£ 235,769.19</u>	<u>£ 128,264.03</u>

Note 4 - Expenditure

	<u>Year to Mar 23</u>	<u>Year to Mar 22</u>
<i>Charitable Activities</i>		
Trading		
Cost of Bar sales & other costs	£ 32,930.64	£ 17,784.58
Function Expenditure from Tickets	£ 66,032.86	£ 8,686.09
Function Expenditure from Subsidies	£ 29,430.35	£ 5,599.30
Additional VAT Cost	£ 1,548.87	£ -
Free Entry Functions	£ -	£ 96.36
Xmas Draw Subsidy	£ 2,644.16	£ 2,735.44
Running Costs		
Performing Rights	£ 2,651.94	£ 1,400.00
Dining Hall Extras	£ -	£ 4.00
Mess Guests	£ 542.49	£ 348.82
Newspapers & Periodicals	£ 1,361.30	£ 1,736.15
Coffee	£ 18,067.56	£ 13,670.89
Refurbishments	£ -	£ 11,053.94
Repairs & Renewals	£ 801.47	£ 698.23
TV and Audio	£ 333.92	£ 305.25
Presentations/Leavers Gifts	£ 799.00	£ 1,316.11
Welfare & Sports	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00
Christmas Decorations	£ 91.83	£ 720.76
Insurances & Security	£ 2,090.78	£ 2,349.98
Trophy Hire	£ 789.18	£ 305.50
Internet	£ 500.00	£ 683.00
Grant	£ -	£ 500.00
Misc Expenses	£ 334.06	£ 117.95
Governance Costs		
Accounts and examination	£ 2,460.00	£ 2,410.00
Support Costs		
Bank charges	£ 2,961.96	£ 2,131.54
Card Machine	£ 1,932.56	£ 1,613.45
Printing, Postage & Stationery	£ 241.92	£ 289.92
Sage/Tills	£ 4,573.97	£ 3,562.80
Depreciation	£ 4,653.43	£ 4,802.99
	<u>£ 178,774.25</u>	<u>£ 85,923.05</u>
<i>Raising Funds</i>		
Private Functions	£ 32,192.86	£ 16,868.45
Shop Costs	£ 319.07	£ 955.55
	<u>£ 32,511.93</u>	<u>£ 17,824.00</u>
<i>Other Costs</i>		
Write off (Mess Bills/PAYD/Bistro)	£ 667.41	£ 81.45
Total Expenditure	<u>£ 211,953.59</u>	<u>£ 103,828.50</u>

Note 5 - Paid Employees

- a. There were no paid employees.

Note 6 - Trustees and Other Related Parties

- a. No expenses or emoluments had been paid to the Sole Managing Trustee
- b. There were no amounts due to or from the Sole Managing Trustee

Note 7 - Tangible Fixed Assets - Property Account - Fixtures & Fittings

Property Valuation as at 31 Mar 22	£ 26,532.00
Additions	£ 4,099.43
Depreciation	£ (4,653.43)
Property Valuation at 31 Mar 23	<u>£ 25,978.00</u>

Note 7A - Stocks

Bar Stock	£ 7,406.97
Shop Stock	£ 831.19
	<u>£ 7,406.97</u>

Note 8 - Miscellaneous Debtors and Prepayments

HMS Nelson Wardroom	£ 283.63
COIF - Charities Deposit Interest - Mar 23	£ 33.00
Performing Rights	£ 1,463.00
Chubb Prepaid	£ 205.00
TV Licence prepaid	£ 106.00
PCCW Global - Internet	£ 100.00
Coffee Lease	£ 519.00
Private Functions - Money Owed	£ 3,977.00
	<u>£ 6,686.63</u>

Note 9 - Trade Creditors

Bookers	£ (170.56)
ESS - Non Mess	£ (1,033.64)
Liquidline	£ 604.68
	<u>£ (599.52)</u>

Note 9A - Miscellaneous Creditors

D94/D95 Accommodation Repayments	£ 8,542.29
Bar Purchases - Greenking	£ 572.51
BOC Gas	£ 7.30
HMS Nelson Wardroom	£ 1,714.44
ATC Fund	£ 445.58
Armistice Day Fund	£ 41.21
PAYD	£ 4,990.17
Dry Cleaning	£ 93.16
PRS/PPL (estimated)	£ 2,174.39
Functions	£ 28.00
PNIE	£ 630.00
Additional VAT on Mess Functions	£ 1,548.87
Card Charges	£ 18.00
Coffee - Liquidline	£ 735.21
	<u>£ 21,541.13</u>

Note 10 - Endowment or Restricted Income Funds

There were none.

Note 11 - Other Information

- The fund does not have any material commitments not provided for in the accounts
- The fund has not given any guarantees to any third party that could be called on at the year end.
- The fund has not granted any loans.
- The fund did not make any ex gratia payments during the year.

Declarations

- The Trustee has not changed the year end date nor the length of the fund's financial year
- All the fund's operations are continuing operations and there were no discontinued operations.
- No funds are in deficit.
- The fund has no marketable intangible assets
- There were no interfund loans outstanding at the balance sheet date.
- None of the funds functional assets have been revalued during the year and the fund does not have a policy of revaluation of these assets.
- The fund has no material fixed assets which have not been capitalised and included in the Balance Sheet.

Bar Trading Account

Year to 31 March 2023

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Sales		£ 42,681.65		£ 21,667.01
Cost of Sales:		<u>£ 31,347.38</u>		<u>£ 16,388.83</u>
Gross Profit		£ 11,334.27		£ 5,278.18
Less: Spillage/Pipecleaning	£ 785.93		£ 496.07	
Bar Sundries	<u>£ 797.33</u>		<u>£ 899.68</u>	
		<u>£ 1,583.26</u>		<u>£ 1,395.75</u>
Net Profit		<u>£ 9,751.01</u>		<u>£ 3,882.43</u>
Gross Profit to Sales	26.6%		24.4%	
Gross Profit to Cost of All Sales (or average mark up)	36.2%		32.2%	

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