

***OFFICERS' MESS***  
***NORTHWOOD HEADQUARTERS***

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For Period**

**1 May 2022 to 30 April 2023**

**Registered Charity No. 1129854**

## Trustees' Annual Report and Comments

Officers' Mess, Northwood Headquarters

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Trustee selection method:	Appointed as such by the Air Force Secretary.
Bankers:	HSBC Northwood
Independent Examiner:	Peter Nicholls MBE MAAT 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

Colonel Clinton Read RM

Appointment

Commanding Officer and sole Managing Trustee

Date

15 June 2023

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustee of the Officers' Mess Northwood  
Headquarters. Registered Charity No. 1129854**

I report to the trustee on my examination of the accounts of the Officers' Mess Northwood Headquarters.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustee is 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. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a licenced member of the Association of Accounting Technicians.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination; I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- 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 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.

*Signed on Original*

P A Nicholls MBE MAAT  
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15 June 2023



# NORTHWOOD HEADQUARTERS OFFICERS' MESS

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

**Twelve Months to 30 Apr 23**

*Note*

### Income from:

Previous Year

Charitable Activities	£ 285,814.47	£ 171,049.87
Other Trading Activities	£ 8,186.60	£ 8,738.73
Investments	£ 607.18	£ 19.74
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Total Income	4 £ 294,608.25	£ 179,808.34

### Expenditure on:

Raising Funds	£ 7,454.88	£ 8,504.63
Charitable Activities	£ 286,638.37	£ 146,800.03
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Total Expenditure	5 £ 294,093.25	£ 155,304.66
Net Income (Expenditure)	£ 515.00	£ 24,503.68
Plus (Less) Unrealised Gain/Loss on Investments	£ (2,230.56)	£ 1,370.10
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Net movement in funds	£ (1,715.56)	£ 25,873.78
Total Funds brought forward	£ 233,173.43	£ 207,299.65
Total Funds carried forward	<u>£ 231,457.87</u>	<u>£ 233,173.43</u>

## Notes to the Accounts dated 30 April 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 Mess 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 Mess receives no unpaid volunteer help.

#### Expenditure and Liabilities

a. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Mess 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. Depreciation is straight line over the estimated life. In view of the diverse nature and multi use, non bar depreciation is not allocated to any of the other activity costs.
- b. Stocks are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

### Note 2 - Tangible Fixed Assets - Property Account - Fixtures & Fittings

Property Valuation as at 30 Apr 22	£ 40,926.57
Additions	£ 40,969.79
Less Depreciation	<u>£ (10,231.36)</u>
Property Valuation at 30 Apr 23	<u>£ 71,665.00</u>

#### Note 2A - Stocks

Cellar	£ 509.67
Tobacco Stock	£ 1,324.17
Shop Stock	£ 712.32
Messing and Coffee stocks	£ 1,373.21
Stamps	<u>£ 69.36</u>
	<u>£ 3,988.73</u>

### Note 3 - Investments

	Cost	
Premier Capital Builder	£ 50,000.00	<u>£ 54,921.85</u>
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# **NORTHWOOD HEADQUARTERS - OFFICERS MESS**

## **Notes to the Accounts dated 30 Apr 23**

### **Note 4 - Income**

			<u>Previous Year</u>
<u>Charitable Activities</u>			
Entertainment Levy	£ 60,609.62		£ 47,240.98
Mess Subscriptions	£ 75,787.66		£ 61,132.46
Associate Members	£ 24,697.38		£ 16,492.04
Function Income	£ 87,110.34		£ 32,195.96
Christmas Raffle Tickets	£ 1,721.00		£ -
Chesterfield Sales	£ 3,400.00		£ -
Gainshare	£ 12,487.40		£ -
Laid Down Wines/Port	£ 7,199.42		£ 4,347.78
Bar Commission	£ 12,801.65		£ 9,640.65
		<u>£ 285,814.47</u>	<u>£ 171,049.87</u>
<u>Other Trading Activities</u>			
Shop	£ 945.09		£ 503.61
Tobacco	£ 7,241.51		£ 8,235.12
		£ 8,186.60	£ 8,738.73
<u>Investments</u>			
Bank/Deposit Interest		<u>£ 607.18</u>	<u>£ 19.74</u>
Total Income		<u><u>£ 294,608.25</u></u>	<u><u>£ 179,808.34</u></u>



## Note 5 - Expenditure

		<u>Previous Year</u>	
<u>Cost of Generating Funds</u>			
Tobacco Sales	£ 6,620.31	£ 7,719.12	
Shop Sales	<u>£ 834.57</u>	<u>£ 785.51</u>	
	£ 7,454.88		£ 8,504.63
<u>Cost of Charitable Activities</u>			
Items funded by Profits & Entertainment Levy			
Cost of Laid Down Wines/Port	£ 7,424.65	£ 5,015.88	
Bar Expenses	£ 309.05	£ 85.85	
Function Expenses (from subsidies)	£ 106,594.26	£ 47,878.89	
Function Expenses (from tickets)	£ 87,110.34	£ 32,195.96	
Halloween Function with WOSR	£ 41.66	£ 380.72	
Christmas Prizes	£ 2,040.43	£ -	
Television/Video/Audio	£ 3,715.21	£ 3,296.70	
Performing Rights	£ 1,076.04	£ 896.30	
Items Funded From Subscriptions			
Mess Guests	£ 350.50	£ 106.55	
Christmas Decorations	£ 183.02	£ -	
Newspapers & Magazines	£ 12,401.24	£ 11,879.42	
Coffee	£ 22,248.28	£ 16,513.86	
Coffee Machines moved (Skanska)	£ 4,131.80	£ -	
Welfare Fund	£ 13,285.00	£ 13,464.00	
Films	£ 441.23	£ 455.43	
Repairs and Renewals	£ 2,559.75	£ 1,490.09	
BBQ Area Refurbishment	£ 4,924.55	£ -	
Plants and Flowers	£ 42.98	£ 137.46	
Insurance	£ 2,186.24	£ 2,145.07	
Internet costs	£ 782.56	£ 667.40	
Office Expenses	£ 522.65	£ 495.19	
Governance Costs			
Bank & BACS charges	£ 1,471.17	£ 1,235.61	
Mess Committee Expenses	£ 554.40	£ 169.70	
Independent examination	£ 2,010.00	£ 2,163.40	
Support Costs			
Depreciation	<u>£ 10,231.36</u>	<u>£ 6,126.55</u>	
	<u>£ 286,638.37</u>		<u>£ 146,800.03</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>£ 294,093.25</u>		<u>£ 155,304.66</u>

## Note 6 - Debtors and Prepayments

PJHQ 25th Anniversary Gin Fund	£ 278.93
PJHQ 25th Anniversary Whisky	£ 192.00
J1/4 Tea Fund	£ 414.21
CCLA Interest	£ 15.00
BT Internet	£ 70.00
SKY/BT TV	£ 299.00
Aramark	£ 3,292.77
Twickenham 23 - Prepaid Tickets	£ 3,620.00
TV Licence prepaid	£ 40.00
Insurance prepaid	£ 734.00
PRS/PPL prepaid	£ 189.00
	<u>£ 9,144.91</u>

**Note 7 - Trading Creditors**

Aramark Cash	£ 701.72
Aramark	£ 13,073.67
Aramark PAYD	£ 51,156.21
BT Sport - Credit	£ 408.88
HSBC - Bank Charges	£ 115.25
	<u>£ 65,455.73</u>

**Note 7A - Miscellaneous Creditors**

Crystal Replacement Fund	£ 1,227.16
Charity Funds - Leaving Funds	£ 7.00
Locker keys	£ 3,465.15
Summer Ball 23 - Pre-paid Tickets	£ 8,587.00
PNIE	£ 1,020.00
	<u>£ 14,306.31</u>

**Note 8 - Funds using Officers' Mess as their Bank**

PJHQ J1/J4 Leaving Gift fund	£ 94.44
PJHQ J1/J9 Tea Fund	£ 574.99
PJHQ Joint Effects Leaving Fund	£ 127.00
PJHQJ1/J3 Leaving Fund	£ 45.00
J3/J5 Tea Bar	£ 302.21
Joint Warfare Tea Boat	£ 372.49
Joint Warfare Social Fund	£ 1,121.23
MOC Tea Boat Fund	£ 1,273.02
MOC Social Fund	£ 2,656.31
JP22 Paul Eaton	£ 4,490.33
J1/J4 Top Table Tea Fund	£ 45.00
	<u>£ 11,102.02</u>

**Note 9A - Shop Trading Account to 30 Apr 23**

Sales	£ 945.09	
Cost of Sales	£ (834.57)	
Gross Profit	<u>£ 110.52</u>	12%

**Note 9B - Tobacco Trading Account to 30 Apr 23**

Sales	£ 7,241.51	
Cost of Sales	£ (6,620.31)	
Gross Profit	<u>£ 621.20</u>	9%

**Note 10 - Endowment or Restricted Income Funds**

There are only unrestricted funds

**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
- The fund has no designated funds
- All the fund's operations are continuing operations and there were no discontinued operations.
- The fund has no marketable intangible assets
- 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.

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