



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Period start date 1 November 2022

To Period end date 31 October 2023

Charity name: THE BASTION BATON

Charity registration number: 1135897

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	1. Promote the sufficiency of the Armed Forces 2. The relief of members and former members of armed forces who are in need 3. Raise awareness
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Donations of support and welfare payments to individuals in need, many through requests from SSAFA, plus donations to other charities. This year worked on delivering a project on the impact of suicide on family members of armed forces personnel
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	

Other		
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Following the Covid restrictions, income streams have increased again. The charity has continued to make donations to the needy where required. The research project on suicide impact with funding from The Armed Forces Covenant has continued with reports and conclusions and action plans coming in early 2024.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity has sufficient reserves to meet expected demand in the short term
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Funds built up over time, required to fund demand in case of dips (such as covid and lockdown). Future fundraising is reduced due to change in employment status of main driving individual.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£40160
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	none

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Registered at Charity Commission
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated charity
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	none

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	THE BASTION BATON
Other name the charity uses	THE BATON
Registered charity number	1135897
Charity's principal address	22 OAKLEA HONITON DEVON EX14 1XH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	ALAN ROWE	FOUNDER		
2	PAULINE ROWE			
3	BARRY GRAY			
4	IAN SCOTT			
5	PAUL WATSON			
6	HELEN TAILYOUR		Resigned 2023	
7	DEBORAH HARRISON		Resigned 2023	
8	FIONA YATES		Appointed 9 June 2023	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

ALAN ROWE

Full name(s)

ALAN JOHN ROWE

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

FOUNDER TRUSTEE

Date

27/8/2024



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THE BASTION BATON

No (if any)
1135897

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01-Nov-22

To

Period end date
31-Oct-23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations, fundraising and sponsors	25,474	-	-	25,474	11,697
Fees for project administration	13,486	-	-	13,486	2,121
Gift Aid tax receipt	212	-	-	212	485
Sale of kit and equipment	273	-	-	273	-
Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust Funding	-	73,728	-	73,728	110,583
Bank interest	-	161	-	161	6
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	39,445	73,889	-	113,334	124,892
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	39,445	73,889	-	113,334	124,892
A3 Payments					
Grants to beneficiaries	23,105	-	-	23,105	14,063
Donations to other charities	2,000	-	-	2,000	5,700
Marketing and administration	1,240	-	-	1,240	2,512
Project running costs	-	55,823	-	55,823	147,423
Fundraising costs - Dinner	-	-	-	-	2,563
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	26,345	55,823	-	82,168	172,261
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	26,345	55,823	-	82,168	172,261
Net of receipts/(payments)	13,100	18,066	-	31,166	- 47,369
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	27,060	2,667	-	29,727	77,096
Cash funds this year end	40,160	20,733	-	60,893	29,727

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account	40,098	-	-
	Project bank account	-	20,794	-
	Antarctica bank account	1	-	-
	Total cash funds	40,099	20,794	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK

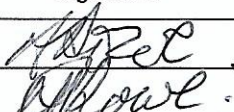
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Debtor from Restricted Fund	61	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Creditor to Unrestricted Fund		61	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Mr Alan Rowe	05-Mar-24
	Mrs Pauline Rowe	05-Mar-24



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
The Bastion Baton

On accounts for the year ended

31 October 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1135897

Set out on pages

1-2

1-2(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 10 / 2023**.

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 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 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 accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than 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:

Date:

22/08/2024

Name:

David Tucker

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Address:

1 Colleton Crescent, Exeter Devon EX2 4DG

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.