

***THE WARRANT OFFICERS' AND SENIOR  
RATINGS' MESS  
HMS RALEIGH***

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For Period**

**1 November 2022 to 31 October 2023**

**Registered Charity No. 1137449**

## **Trustees' Annual Report and Comments**

### **Warrant Officers' and Senior Ratings' Mess HMS RALEIGH**

Charity Registered No:	1137449
Covering the Accounting Year:	1 November 2022 to 31 October 2023
Address:	HMS Raleigh Trevol Road Torpoint E Cornwall PL11 2PD
Governing Document:	Constitution (and Mess Rules)
Object:	Promotion of the Military Efficiency and Operational Effectiveness of the Armed Forces by the provision of mess facilities to Warrant Officers, Senior Ratings and Senior Non-Commissioned Officers serving in HMS Raleigh
Trustee:	Captain R J Roe ADC Royal Navy
Trustee selection method:	Appointed as such by the Naval Secretary.
Bankers:	Lloyds TSB Royal Parade Plymouth
Independent Examiner:	Marianne Butcher FMAAT 5 Nursery Road Havant Hants PO9 3BG
Activities and Achievements:	To have resources available for expenditure on improvements to the quality of life, and the engenderment of esprit de corps.
Financial Review:	The value of the fund had increased by £8.8K to £89K including property and stock worth £18.7K. The main reasons for this were: Subscription income exceeded running costs by £13.5K. Bar profit not covering function subsidies by £2.3K Christmas Raffle subsidy of £3K. The bank and deposit assets totalling £74.7K covered the £8.5K liabilities.
Financial Reserves Policy:	The Trustee has considered the level of reserves that is required, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is the £7.3K held in the CCLA deposit account. The Trustee aims to ensure that the charity will be able to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income and unexpected expenditure. The Trustee will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

Risk Assessment: The Trustee reviews the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and systems have been established to manage those risks and believes that by maintaining the free reserves stated it will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. Independent examination of the accounts by a Service fund specialist will mitigate the risk of any mismanagement by the mess committee.

Public Benefit Statement: This fund provides public benefit by assisting Service personnel to perform their roles more effectively within the Armed Forces of the Crown. It does this by providing and supporting mess facilities and social activities. This assistance enables Service personnel to face the challenges and danger associated with military service by developing and maintaining teamwork, spirit and attitude, and morale. As a result, the fund promotes the efficiency of the Armed Forces of the Crown by enhancing the Royal Navy's and Royal Marines' capability to undertake the roles demanded of it including the defence of the United Kingdom and its interests.

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 Captain R J Roe Royal Navy

Appointment Commanding Officer and Sole Managing Trustee

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