

Trustees Report 22-23

Introduction

This reporting year, we can celebrate some incredible and transformational achievements and successes as we move forward into the next phase of our project.

Ten years ago this month in 2012 we successfully secured a 25 year lease for the old derelict airmen's mess building and a small plot of land, on the edge of the former RAF Ingham airfield. Our aim and objective was to create a Heritage Centre to tell the story of the airfield during ww2. Over ten years the project has grown and evolved, and we are now the globally unique focal point for the Polish Air Force Bomber Squadrons.

Our success is due entirely to two main factors: our success in attracting significant grant funding and donations; and our incredible hardworking and dedicated team of community Volunteers.

All of last year's endeavours, have brought us to the point where we are now on the cusp of creating our exciting new **Main Exhibition Centre** (MEC), with the opening planned for August this year.

Assets

Through this reporting year we have been extremely fortunate to continue to receive memorabilia and artefacts from families and descendants of former Polish Air Force personnel, whether donated or on long-term loan. The artefacts will help us to bring individual stories to life.

We have also received several donations of machinery and equipment, which will be very beneficial for use in the Workshop.

With the sad demise and closure of RAF Scampton, we have been fortunate enough to acquire a wide variety pieces of equipment and furniture, that would otherwise have been scrapped; these will be essential for use in the Heritage Centre. On a similar note, we've had to retrieve all our old display cabinets, which were being used by RAF Scampton Heritage Centre. These will now be refurbished and recycled for short-term use in the MEC, whilst we await funding for Museum quality cabinets, hopefully next year.

Activities

First full year out of Covid, proved to be extremely eventful.

- In May, Geoff was invited to the Constitution Day Reception at the Polish Embassy, London.
- Mid May saw the unveiling of our Polish Air Force Bomber Squadron Trail, at former RAF Swinderby, by Michal Mazurek, Consul General.
- July saw us once again attend the Woodhall Spa 1940s Weekend. Thanks to Petwood Hotel for looking after us in their gardens.
- In July, Carol represented us at 86th Anniversary of Bomber Command, held at IBCC.
- In Sep, Geoff was invited to attend the Polish Air Force Commemoration Ceremony, at RAF Northolt.
- Also in Sep, we hosted a group of Polish Scouts from Edinburgh.

- Later in Sep, Michael Czajkowski delivered his eagerly awaiting annual fundraising lecture at Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa. However, this year, whether due to Covid, or some unknown factor, the event wasn't the usual success it has always been.
- Nov saw our Sunday Remembrance event, and we then attended a scaled-down service at Ingham Church.
- Finally, and for the first time since 2018, our Volunteers were able to hold their Christmas Meal, which was enjoyed by all, and a great way to end the year.

Works Projects

Our works projects have accelerated beyond any expectations through this Reporting Year with the focus being on the Main Exhibition Centre and has seen the installation by contractors of:

- Entire new roof.
- 3 perimeter security doors.
- Lighting, power and media installed throughout the building.
- 40+ Crittall Windows throughout the building.

Our Volunteer Team not to be out-done, have:

- Built the Cinema room.
- Painted the interior of the building.
- Installed windowsill quarry tiles.
- Chamfering window surrounds.
- Rendered the front face of the building.
- Installed remaining fencing.
- Installed guttering and downpipes to the Workshop.
- Constructed our remaining paths, to provide level accessibility around the entire Site.
- Installed the majority of drain-water system.
- Renovating display cabinets.
-And I'm sure many more tasks that I've forgotten to include.

Grant Funding Activities:

It's true to say, that Fundraising, and in particular Grant Funding has become very polarised since Covid. A large proportion of grant funders are now heavily focused on sectors of the community that have found the pandemic more challenging, in all respects; and rightly so.

Despite these challenges through the reporting year we have managed to secure the grant fund from Museum Development East Midlands in the form of 'Reset & Recovery Grant' to purchase the catering equipment for the Cafe.

We would like to sincerely thank all of our funders for their continued support and belief in us and our goals.

General Finances

Our general finances (as you'll shortly hear), are in a stable condition. However, with heavy expenditure on many different aspects of the Main Exhibition Centre project, coupled with infrastructure costs to both the Workshop and pathways etc, our funding balance has been dramatically reduced.

Most grant funding is usually tied to a particular project or theme and cannot be used across the piste. Consequently, through this coming year, we will need to double our efforts to remain sustainable, until income starts to flow from our Entrance Fees, Shop, and Cafe.

Recognition & Awards

This year could best be described as the 'bath tub effect'. In May, it was announced that Brendan and Geoff were being awarded the 'Bene Merito' medal, by the Polish Minister for Foreign Affairs. This was a huge honour and very unexpected. The medals were presented by the Consul General, at Constitution Day Reception, at Polish Consulate, Manchester. We were very humbled and accepted them on behalf of the whole team.

In the autumn, after an incredible amount of work over the preceding year, we submitted our application for Museum Accreditation, to Arts Council England. At the end of the year we were informed we had been unsuccessful; however, they stated that '*we had a very strong case*', and our only short-fall was that we had nowhere to display our collection to the public. Hopefully, this should be rectified in the summer.

And finally, through Graham Rowles-Nicholson DL, we were nominated for the 'new' Kings Award for Voluntary Service. We have since been assessed on-Site by Sue Liburd DL, an independent assessor, and our nomination has now progressed to the panel in London, so fingers crossed.

Volunteers

Our incredible and vibrant team of volunteers are the life-blood of our organisation. With no paid staff, we are wholly reliant on the good-will, enthusiasm and tireless energy and dedication of both our Committee and our Volunteer Team.

Our Volunteer numbers are now back to our pre-pandemic levels, with a wider and more diverse demographic. Our friends from White and Red Eagle Association, based in the Polish communities in Lincolnshire and Yorkshire continue to play a valuable part in the creation of our new Centre. They are proud to be helping to preserve part of their countries heritage.

Last summer, as part of their volunteering with Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, we were joined by Air Cadets from 204 (Lincoln) Squadron. They were heavily involved with painting the internal walls of the MEC.

The Management Committee, have continued their roles and responsibilities, and post-Covid have continued to hold the monthly Committee Meetings via Zoom.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, everyone connected with our organisation, should feel justifiably proud of our/your achievements over the last 12 months, whether as Committee, Volunteer, Member, or those who support us in a myriad of different ways. We could not have achieved what we have without all of your belief and support.

So looking forward, this next year will be a busy and very exciting time. With the launch and opening of our new Main Exhibition Centre, Cinema and Cafe. We will finally be able to offer all our guests, a wonderful visitor experience and give them the opportunity to learn about the men and

women of the Polish Air Force Bomber Squadrons and those who worked, lived and flew from RAF Ingham.

Geoff Burton (Trustee)
On behalf of the Trustees

FY	Date	Remarks	Ref	Payments	Ref	Receipts	Balance	Code	Subcode
22/23	1-Mar-20	OPENING BALANCE					£20,345.33		
22/23	3-Mar-22	Membership Deposit			Membership	£50.00	£20,395.33	RF7	RF7.06
22/23	15-Mar-22	G.Burton - Van Hire & Diesel	100600	£57.00			£20,338.33	RF7	RF7.09
22/23	15-Mar-22	G.Burton - Ink Cartridge	100603	£33.30			£20,305.03	RF7	RF7.05
22/23	18-Mar-22	Membership Deposit			Membership	£85.00	£20,390.03	RF7	RF7.06
22/23	18-Mar-22	PAFMC - Donation 2	BACS			£30,000.00	£50,390.03	RF10	
22/23	22-Mar-22	C.Breareley - Storage Boxes	100576	£9.99			£50,380.04	G9.1	
22/23	22-Mar-22	West Lindsey Distr				£2,667.00	£53,047.04	RF7	RF7.00
22/23	24-Mar-22	TIMMINS - Deposit 30%	BACS	£3,286.80			£49,760.24	G18	
22/23	30-Mar-22	M.Erentraud - Tyre	100598	£50.00			£49,710.24	RF7	RF7.10
22/23	1-Apr-22	The Barratt Develo				£3,000.00	£52,710.24	RF10	
22/23	6-Apr-22	AG Rose - B.Pritchard Paid Cash	100606	£0.00	VOID		£52,710.24	VOID	RF7.01
22/23	6-Apr-22	Membership / Donation Deposit				£205.00	£52,915.24	RF7	RF7.06
22/23	7-Apr-22						£52,915.24	VOID	
22/23	12-Apr-22	B.Pritchard - Wickes - Paint		£14.00			£52,901.24	RF10	
22/23	12-Apr-22	B.Pritchard - Toolstation - Brick Ties	100602	£49.92			£52,851.32	RF10	
22/23	12-Apr-22	B.Pritchard - Toolstation - Coach Bolts	100605	£5.64			£52,845.68	RF10	
22/23	12-Apr-22	G.Burton - Tesco - AGM Materials	100607	£7.65			£52,838.03	RF7	RF7.05
22/23	14-Apr-22	G.Burton - Postage	100609	£31.68			£52,806.35	RF7	RF7.04
22/23	14-Apr-22	G.Burton - Postage	100809	£31.68			£52,774.67	RF7	RF7.04
22/23	14-Apr-22	G.Burton - Collections Trust	100610	£380.97			£52,393.70	RF7	RF7.05
22/23	19-Apr-22	Wave - Anglian Water	100612	£14.07	10109295		£52,379.63	RF7	RF7.02
22/23	20-Apr-22	Travis Perkins - Bricks	100611	£922.83			£51,456.80	RF10	
22/23	26-Apr-22	Membership Deposit			Dep 1 of 2	£55.00	£51,511.80	RF7	RF7.06
22/23	26-Apr-22	Donation Deposit			Dep 2 of 2	£100.00	£51,611.80	RF10	
22/23	27-Apr-22	G.Burton - B&Q - Valspar Paint	100604	£38.00			£51,573.80	RF10	
22/23	9-May-22	Wave - Anglian Water	100613	£64.61	10109297		£51,509.19	RF7	RF7.02
22/23	16-May-22	Travis Perkins - Timber / Roof	100617	£690.72	0446 AT1357		£50,818.47	RF10	
22/23	16-May-22	Travis Perkins - Timber / Elec Cupboard	100618	£142.03	0446 AT1769		£50,676.44	RF10	
22/23	16-May-22	Travis Perkins - Blocks	100619	£196.99	0446 AT1773		£50,479.45	RF10	
22/23	16-May-22	Travis Perkins - Cement /Postcrete	100620	£371.66			£50,107.79	RF10	
22/23	15-Jun-22	B.Pritchard - Wickes - Restaurant Strap, Trim	100614	£19.80			£50,087.99	RF10	
22/23	15-Jun-22	B.Pritchard - Countdown - Dec Hardware	100615	£9.62			£50,078.37	RF10	
22/23	15-Jun-22	B.Pritchard - Wickes - Paint	100616	£14.00			£50,064.37	RF10	
22/23	15-Jun-22	B.Pritchard - Toolstation - Lock & Brackets	100621	£38.33			£50,026.04	RF10	
22/23	15-Jun-22	B.Pritchard - Petrol	100622	£20.01			£50,006.03	RF7	RF7.09
22/23	15-Jun-22	Dambusters - Consul General - Bomber Trail	100623	£79.75			£49,926.28	RF7	RF7.03
22/23	21-Jun-22	M.Sanderson Corningham - Strimmer Line	100624	£40.00			£49,886.28	RF7	RF7.10
22/23	21-Jun-22	M.Sanderson - Greenstripe - Strimmer Grommet	100625	£4.26			£49,882.02	RF7	RF7.10
22/23	30-Jun-22	Crown Paints Limited - Paint & Materials	DD	£1,635.12			£48,246.90	RF10	
22/23	6-Jul-22	Timmins - Porch Roof	BACS	£718.69			£47,528.21	RF10	
22/23	6-Jul-22	Membership Deposit			Dep	£125.00	£47,653.21	RF7	RF7.06
22/23	8-Jul-22	B.Burnby - Donation				£50.00	£47,703.21	RF7	RF7.00
22/23	14-Jul-22	Core Electrical	BACS	£2,749.09			£44,954.12	RF10	
22/23	14-Jul-22	Membership Deposit				£20.00	£44,974.12	RF7	RF7.06
22/23	15-Jul-22	G.Burton - Perspex	100632	£44.00			£44,930.12	RF7	RF7.08
22/23	18-Jul-22	Travis Perkins - Cafe Timber	100626	£145.17			£44,784.95	RF10	
22/23	18-Jul-22	Travis Perkins - Blocks	100627	£362.88			£44,422.07	RF10	
22/23	18-Jul-22	Travis Perkins - Plasticiser	100628	£5.44			£44,416.63	RF10	
22/23	18-Jul-22	Travis Perkins - Blocks & Sand	100629	£190.78			£44,225.85	RF10	
22/23	26-Jul-22	G.Burton - Wreaths	100633	£89.95			£44,135.90	RF7	RF7.08
22/23	27-Jul-22	02LINCOLN TRITTON - City Scrap				£374.60	£44,510.50	RF7	RF7.00
22/23	28-Jul-22	G.Burton - PAFMC London Rail	100631	£58.05			£44,452.45	RF7	RF7.12
22/23	29-Jul-22	FCC COMMUNITIES FO				£3,286.80	£47,739.25	G18	
22/23	5-Aug-22	G.Burton - Greenstripe - Strimmer Repairs	100634	£60.64			£47,678.61	RF7	RF7.10
22/23	5-Aug-22	ANGLIAN WATER		£20.30			£47,658.31	RF7	RF7.02
22/23	5-Aug-22	7 CORE ELECTRICAL		£1,127.10			£46,531.21	RF10	
22/23	5-Aug-22	DONATION				£20.00	£46,551.21	RF7	RF7.00
22/23	8-Aug-22	Travis Perkins - 12No Cement	100630	£81.22			£46,469.99	RF10	
22/23	15-Aug-22	7 CORE ELECTRICAL		£859.51			£45,610.48	RF10	
22/23	15-Aug-22	BTPYMT				£205.21	£45,815.69	RF7	RF7.02
22/23	15-Aug-22	MEMBERSHIP				£25.00	£45,840.69	RF7	RF7.06
22/23	16-Aug-22	G.Burton - Rhino Van Hire	100636	£42.00			£45,798.69	RF7	RF7.09
22/23	16-Aug-22	G.Burton - Zurich Insurance - PLI	100637	£157.10			£45,641.59	RF7	RF7.07
22/23	16-Aug-22	ANGLIAN WATER BUSI		£7.00			£45,634.59	RF7	RF7.02
22/23	23-Aug-22	E.ON NEXT	DD	£72.45			£45,562.14	RF7	RF7.02
22/23	31-Aug-22	CROWN PAINTS LIMIT 0000215125 DDR	DD	£74.76			£45,487.38	RF10	
22/23	7-Sep-22	P.B.Taylor Electrical	BACS	£6,336.00			£39,151.38	RF10	
22/23	7-Sep-22	Membership	Cash Deposit			£60.00	£39,211.38	RF7	RF7.06
22/23	7-Sep-22	Donation				£100.00	£39,311.38	RF7	RF7.00
22/23	7-Sep-22	Collection Tins				£84.95	£39,396.33	RF7	RF7.00
22/23	8-Sep-22	G.Burton - Northolt - Transport	100640	£65.80			£39,330.53	RF7	RF7.12
22/23	8-Sep-22	G.Burton - Northolt - PAFMC Fee	100641	£50.00			£39,280.53	RF7	RF7.08
22/23	8-Sep-22	G.Burton - Stationary	100642	£39.00			£39,241.53	RF7	RF7.05
22/23	12-Sep-22	Travis Perkins	100639	£182.64			£39,058.89	RF10	
22/23	16-Sep-22	Anglian Water	DD	£7.00			£39,051.89	RF7	RF7.02
22/23	21-Sep-22	E.ON NEXT		£268.85			£38,783.04	RF7	RF7.02
22/23	29-Sep-22	Coburn - Door Runner System	BACS	£429.59			£38,353.45	RF10	
22/23	29-Sep-22	Membership Deposit				£130.00	£38,483.45	RF7	RF7.06
22/23	30-Sep-22	B.Pritchard - Listers - Guttering	100635	£71.98			£38,411.47	RF10	
22/23	30-Sep-22	Travis Perkins	100643	£181.04			£38,230.43	RF10	
22/23	30-Sep-22	B.Pritchard - Polish Models	100644	£150.00			£38,080.43	RF7	RF7.10
22/23	30-Sep-22	CROWN PAINTS LIMIT	DD	£773.47			£37,306.96	RF10	
22/23	13-Oct-22	PAYPAL	Transfer			£100.44	£37,407.40	RF7	RF7.06
22/23	19-Oct-22	ANGLIAN WATER BUSI	DD	£7.00			£37,400.40	RF7	RF7.02
22/23	21-Oct-22	E.ON NEXT	DD	£520.74			£36,879.66	RF7	RF7.02
22/23	28-Oct-22	KJA - Crittall Windows / Entrance Doors	BACS	£12,339.67			£24,539.99	RF10	
22/23	28-Oct-22	Membership RF7				£80.00	£24,619.99	RF7	RF7.06
22/23	28-Oct-22	Donation RF10				£200.00	£24,819.99	RF10	
22/23	28-Oct-22	Lecture RF7				£52.00	£24,871.99	RF7	RF7.08
22/23	2-Nov-22	Petwood Hotel - Room Rental	100645	£40.00			£24,831.99	RF7	RF7.08
22/23	15-Nov-22	G.Burton - Print Cartridges	100651	£28.00			£24,803.99	RF7	RF7.05
22/23	16-Nov-22	ANGLIAN WATER BUSI	DD	£7.00			£24,796.99	RF7	RF7.02
22/23	28-Nov-22	Travis Perkins	100646	£36.34			£24,760.65	RF10	
22/23	28-Nov-22	Travis Perkins - Breaker Hire	100649	£79.58			£24,681.07	RF10	
22/23	29-Nov-22	G.Burton - Postage	100650	£35.85			£24,645.22	RF7	RF7.04
22/23	7-Dec-22	Membership Deposit				£60.00	£24,705.22	RF7	RF7.06
22/23	7-Dec-22	DONATION				£40.00	£24,745.22	RF10	
22/23	16-Dec-22	ANGLIAN WATER BUSI	DD	£7.00			£24,738.22	RF7	RF7.02
22/23	20-Dec-22	ALPHA CONCRETE		£305.76			£24,432.46	RF10	
22/23	20-Dec-22	02LINCOLN TRITTON				£60.00	£24,492.46	RF7	RF7.06

			£41,358.16	£47,695.55	£26,682.72
RIHG 2022-23	Opening Balance £20,345.33	TTL Payments £41,358.16		TTL Receipts Balance £47,695.55	£26,682.72

Grants / Projects - 2022-2023		Payments	Receipts
RF2	Hangar Doors - PAFAC	£0.00	£0.00
RF7	Runnings Costs*	£3,482.76	£4,974.20
	General	£0.00	£3,296.55
	Rent	£0.00	£0.00
	Utilities	£1,400.98	£205.21
	Marketing	£0.00	£0.00
	Postage	£399.21	£0.00
	Stationery/Printing	£549.62	£0.00
	Membership		£1,420.44
	Insurance	£157.10	£0.00
	Events	£223.95	£52.00
	Fuel	£161.01	£0.00
	Materials/Parts	£304.90	£0.00
	Admin	£0.00	£0.00
	Travel	£137.05	£0.00
		£3,482.76	£4,974.20

RF10	Heritage Centre Project	RF10	\$33,737.83	\$33,340.00
UR	Unrestricted Funds	UR	\$815.79	
G9.1	Learning - AHL 2122	G9.1	\$34.98	\$0.00
G9.2	Learning - SC 2122	G9.2	\$0.00	\$0.00
G13	PHD - Polish Heritage Day	G13	\$0.00	\$0.00
G16	MOEM Small Grants 2122	G16	\$0.00	\$0.00
G17	Business Revival Grant	G17	\$0.00	\$0.00
G18	FCC Project & RHC Contributions	G18		
G19	GCF Cafe Grant	G19	\$0.00	\$5,000.00



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

RAF INGHAM HERITAGE LTD

On accounts for the year
ended

28/12/2023

Charity no
(if any)

1142147

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 28/12/2023

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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

6/4/23

Name:

Anne Prowse

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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.

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