

LEGASEE EDUCATIONAL TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1145354

Details

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE SUBJECT AND EFFECT OF MILITARY ACTIVITY AND TO PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION OF RECORDS OF VETERANS' PERSONAL EXPERIENCES AND COMMENT FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT.

Activities: Legasee works with veterans to advance the education of the public in the effects of military activities and to promote the conservation of records of veterans who have been involved in military conflict. We achieve this by capturing these experiences and observations on digital film for future generations and developing projects that educate and inform the students and general public of today.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£38,108	£65,542	-	-
2024-03-31	£59,852	£15,950	-	-
2023-03-31	£2,636	£8,482	-	-
2022-03-31	£1,905	£18,066	-	-
2021-03-31	£41,949	£40,938	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Albert John Berritt		2014-09-25
DARREN RICHARDS BA HONS		2012-01-10
JAMES KENNETH BUTLER		2012-01-10
Richard Bewley		2023-01-01
Ronald CD Hicks		2016-10-17

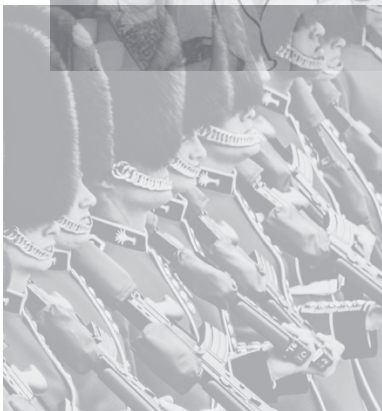
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LEGACY /'lɛgəsi/

NOUN

1. The long-lasting impact of particular events, actions, etc. that took place in the past, or of a person's life.
2. An amount of money or property left to someone in a will.

Oxford Languages Dictionary

It costs money to preserve and maintain the Legasee archive — let alone to film and add new veteran interviews.

If you value the work we do, please consider leaving just 1% of your estate to Legasee when you update your will. Your gift will help ensure that future generations can learn from the experiences and sacrifices of the British Armed Forces.

Legacy gifts are generally exempt from inheritance tax, making them a tax-efficient way to support our work.

To find out more about remembering Legasee in your will, please call **+44 (0)788 1814 707**.

Thank you.



OUR MISSION

Legasee Educational Trust works with British veterans to preserve their stories and deepen public understanding of military life, conflict, and service.

We film in-depth interviews with veterans, capturing their personal reflections and lived experiences. These recordings are made freely available for future generations and form the foundation of educational and community projects that engage and inform.

We are committed to using our resources responsibly, working professionally and respectfully with every veteran we meet, and ensuring transparency in everything we do.



FROM THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES


2024/25 has been a year of momentum for Legasee. As we look back, I'm proud to say we've not only delivered on the ambitions outlined in last year's report, but we've also laid firm foundations for the future.

Our flagship National Lottery Heritage Fund project, Journey to the Frontline: Trailblazing Women of the British Army, is nearing completion. It has exceeded expectations. This collaborative effort has brought together students, veterans, volunteers, and museum professionals to create a remarkable new resource, both as an archive of filmed interviews and as an exhibition. We now have a deeper and more nuanced understanding of the changing role of women in the British Army, thanks to those who generously shared their stories, and to the many who helped preserve them.

This work has been ably led by Lucy Smith, our Project Manager, whose energy and organisation have been instrumental. She brought over 100 volunteers on board, all of whom have contributed across areas ranging from curation and research to editing, outreach, and the improved functionality of our website.

Speaking of which, thanks to funds raised in the autumn of 2023 (most notably via the daring abseil off London's ArcelorMittal Orbit) we've launched a new, much-improved website. Visitors can now explore the archive in greater depth, thanks to enhanced search tools and restructured metadata, a significant effort led by Martin Bisiker.

Our volunteers, both new and longstanding, have become the lifeblood of our organisation. Their skills, enthusiasm, and generosity have brought fresh energy to everything we do. We're proud to support them in return, offering meaningful experience, training, and



professional references as they continue their own journeys.

In another exciting development, we've taken our first steps into podcasting. The Veterans'Voice, our debut five-part series centred on D-Day testimony, was released in time for the 80th anniversary commemorations. It has already been praised for the emotional power of its storytelling and the way it foregrounds veterans' own voices.

All of this activity signals a period of real growth. As we look to the future, we're focused on strengthening our governance and bringing new trustees onto the Board who can support our ambitions with fresh insight and expertise. If this might be of interest to you, please do contact us.

Finally, on behalf of the Trustees, I would like to thank everyone who has supported Legasee this year. From our volunteers and donors to the veterans who have generously shared their memories, your

contributions are deeply valued. Together, we are preserving voices that deserve to be heard, and ensuring that future generations understand the sacrifices made in service to our country.



Darren Richards
Chair

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Those who fail to
learn from history are
doomed to repeat it.

Winston Churchill

OBJECTIVES

Our Charitable Purpose

Legasee Educational Trust is an unincorporated charity established to advance public education on the effects of military conflict, by means recognised as charitable in law.


To achieve this, the charity is empowered to:

- Promote, organise and support education about the subject and consequences of military activity, including the preservation of veterans' experiences for future generations;
- Collaborate with partner organisations to advance understanding of military history and service;
- Undertake research and provide accessible information relating to military activity and veteran testimony;
- Raise funds to support its charitable aims and activities.

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Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding.

Albert Einstein



What We Want to Achieve

Over the coming year, Legasee's priorities are to:

- Secure funding for at least one new oral history project, focusing on an under-represented aspect of British military experience, adding to the depth and breadth of the Legasee Archive;
- Develop and pilot an educational programme that empowers young people to collect oral histories from within their own communities.
- Review and strengthen the long-term sustainability of the Legasee Archive, exploring strategic partnerships and seeking guidance from experts, including The National Archives, to ensure this rich and valuable resource is safeguarded for future generations;
- Continue expanding Legasee's volunteer programme, broadening the range of opportunities and building pathways for new skills, experience and contribution.

How We Measure Impact

Legasee is committed to learning from its work and maintaining high standards. We evaluate each project through feedback from our partners, funders and volunteers, and use these insights to refine and improve our approach.

Reports are available upon request by contacting: info@legasee.org.uk

HOW WE MET OUR 2024-25 OBJECTIVES

JOURNEY TO THE FRONTLINE: TRAILBLAZING WOMEN OF THE BRITISH ARMY

The main focus of our work this year has been the completion of the Trailblazer project. Thanks to a grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund at the end of 2023, and in collaboration with the WRAC Association and the AGC Museum in Winchester, Legasee has been able to record, preserve and share the testimonies of former members of the Women's Royal Army Corps (WRAC).

Over the past year, we completed filming the 30 interviews with WRAC veterans to add to the archive. These first-hand accounts offer powerful insight into how women's roles evolved within the British Army during the Cold War, decolonisation, and beyond. The interviews were researched, edited, transcribed, and summarised thanks to the dedicated support of Legasee's volunteers, whose





contribution has been essential to the project's depth and accessibility.

Engagement with schools has been a key part of this project. Working with Year 10 students from Wildern School in Hampshire, Legasee designed and delivered a programme of workshops introducing pupils to the WRAC's history, oral history as a method, and the work of museums in curating memory. This culminated in students preparing for and filming an interview with WRAC veteran Lt Col (Ret'd) Sue Westlake MBE, an experience that built confidence, curiosity, and critical thinking. The school has since used these skills to film an interview for VE Day 80 with someone who remembers the end of the Second World War, demonstrating the programme's lasting impact.

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It became obvious that we could do more, and we should be allowed to do more. We were an untapped resource.

Mary Woollard

On the disbandment of the WRAC in 1992



All interview material has been shared with the Adjutant General's Corps Museum in Winchester, where it will add valuable and unique testimony to their archive. This collaboration extends the reach of the project, ensures sustainable access to the material, and supports the museum's efforts to embed women's stories more visibly in the public history of the British Army.

Finally, to ensure the project also contributes to the academic record, we are delighted to be submitting an article to the British Journal for Military History for publication. Drawing on insights from the interviews, it explores key themes such as gender, service, and institutional change, placing WRAC veterans' voices firmly within the historical canon. Special thanks to Joan Turner for sharing her skills and expertise to make this happen.

This project has once again powerfully demonstrated Legasee's commitment to recording service, promoting understanding, and ensuring that those who served are not forgotten.



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Within six weeks we're all in uniform and it was amazing to see the transformation in all of us really.

Lieann Andrew

On the six-week basic training programme



THE LEGASEE ARCHIVE

A key deliverable of the Trailblazer project was the development of a standalone microsite. However, through close collaboration with Anna Ewing and her team at Creative Asset, it became clear that the functionality we envisaged for the microsite could be integrated into the main Legasee website. Thanks to the funds raised through the previous year's orbital abseil, we had the resources to do just that.

In March 2025, after considerable work by Martin Bisiker, Creative Asset, and a brilliant team of volunteers, we were proud to launch a major update to the website. The result is a transformed user experience that significantly improves access to Legasee's growing archive of oral history interviews. Designed with educators, researchers, and the general public in mind, the new platform offers greater clarity, structure, and powerful new functionality.



Interviews are now organised into Collections, and further grouped into Projects, such as the recent WRAC series (Women of the Army 1949-1992). A refined search function enables users to explore the archive by keyword, with results ranked according to relevance — whether the term is mentioned in passing, highlighted as a key theme, or featured in the veteran's summary profile. This layered approach helps users quickly find the content most suited to their needs.

New tools also allow users to share interviews directly via social media or email. For academic users, citation details are now provided, enhancing the archive's value as a credible resource for students and researchers at every level.

While the migration of existing content is still in progress, early feedback has been unanimous: the redesigned site marks a significant improvement, delivering a cleaner interface and much greater educational utility.

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Pleased to have contributed my story to this brilliant new website (recommending to others in education and research).

Julia C



OUR VOLUNTEER STRATEGY

The Trailblazer project created an opportunity to test and refine Legasee's volunteer recruitment strategy, and the results exceeded expectations. Recruitment was primarily conducted through the Charity Jobs website, supported by local Hampshire-based volunteer services in keeping with the project's regional focus. What followed was an overwhelmingly positive response, with applicants ranging from students and graduates to those on career breaks, sabbaticals and retirees, as well as individuals in full-time work seeking meaningful ways to contribute.

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I took early retirement to be a carer. When I joined Legasee as a voluntary transcriber I felt I had a purpose.

Wendy C



Volunteer Esta Pitney



Many were drawn in by the WRAC story and the opportunity to help surface the voices of women in the Army – a group historically under-represented in mainstream narratives of British military history. The opportunity to contribute to telling those stories resonated strongly with our volunteers, who responded with both energy and commitment.

The programme's success meant we were able to extend volunteer support beyond the core project to include the wider website transformation. Volunteers were not only fascinated by the oral histories they helped preserve but also expressed deep appreciation for the chance to listen to veterans recount their experiences of momentous events.

Our approach combined clear structure with a flexible, responsive ethos. Every volunteer took part in an onboarding call, received a volunteer agreement and role description tailored to their interests and skills, and was supported through regular updates and emails. Some volunteers stayed with us briefly, others became long-term contributors. All added enormous value.

In total, we recorded over 2,000 hours of volunteer time in the past year, and we estimate the true figure to be much higher. Quite simply, we could not have achieved what we have without them. We are enormously grateful to every individual who gave their time, skills and support to the charity.

THE VETERANS' VOICE PODCAST

Our expanded volunteer base brought with it a rich variety of skills and fresh perspectives. Among them was a volunteer who recognised the untapped potential of the Legasee archive to produce a podcast series exploring major moments in British military history, told directly by those who lived them.

Thanks to the dedication and expertise of volunteer, Kate Haddock, the first series of The Veterans' Voice was launched in June 2024 to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day. The response was overwhelmingly positive, with listeners praising the series for its authenticity, intimacy, and emotional power.

Building on this success, production has begun on two new series: one amplifying the voices of WRAC veterans, and another

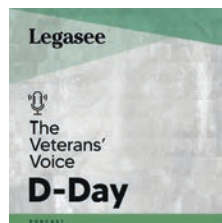
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Brilliant and a privilege to listen. Great Job.

Apple review

exploring the Berlin Airlift. Each series centres testimony over commentary, creating a powerful record of lived experience for audiences today and for future generations.

<https://shows.acast.com/the-veterans-voice>



THE ROYAL FUSILIERS

BREAKING THE GOTHIC LINE

Legasee has continued its valued partnership with The Fusilier Museum in London, working closely with Colonel (Ret'd) Simon Diggins OBE.

The third and concluding film in a three-part series — which began production in March 2025 — explores the role of the Fusiliers in the closing stages of the Italian Campaign, often referred to as the “forgotten front” of the Second World War. Spanning from the capture of Rome on 4th June 1944 to the German surrender on 25th April 1945, the film draws on expert commentary from Colonel Diggins and features contributions from journalists Gabriella Incalza and Mia Jeronimus, helping to bring this overlooked chapter of the war vividly to life.



*Images from
The Fusilier
Museum*



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Supporting the Italian people as they threw-off the Fascist yoke is an achievement for aeons, not just decades.

Colonel (Ret'd) Simon Diggins OBE

LOOKING AHEAD: FUTURE DIRECTION

Legasee's work in 2024–25 has affirmed both the value and the potential of our unique archive. Looking forward, our focus is twofold: securing the long-term sustainability of the charity, and continuing to uncover and preserve under-represented stories from Britain's post-Second World War military history.

We are committed to finding ways to meet the charity's ongoing running costs and to future-proof the archive. This means ensuring the platform remains accessible, secure and meaningful for the next generation of users. In 2025–26, we will explore partnerships and draw on best practice from institutions such as The National Archives, whose guidance is helping us shape our long-term vision.



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Twenty4Seven Education is proud to support Legasee Educational Trust in its mission to preserve and share the personal histories of British military veterans.



Thanks to the success of our work with Wildern School, we have also seen the transformative educational potential of embedding oral history into the classroom. The WRAC interviews provided powerful material for a critical-thinking curriculum, and students developed confidence, oracy, teamwork and a tangible sense of connection to their local and national history. Building on this success – and initial work by one of our brilliant volunteers, Jo Atherton – we are now looking to pilot a practical and accessible educational programme. This will support schools in running their own oral history projects, helping students preserve the voices of their own communities and build valuable life skills in the process.

We are also delighted to have secured our first corporate sponsor, Twenty4Seven, an education recruitment company. Their backing represents a significant step in diversifying our income and building the financial resilience of the charity.

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Can't thank yourself, Lucy, and Col Sue enough. I've been telling my colleagues about the interview and they've been in awe!

Michael Morrison
Wildern School



The road ahead is ambitious, but it is grounded in everything we have learned so far: that there is deep value in preserving these stories, that oral history can have a lasting impact on education, and that with the right partnerships, we can grow Legasee into an enduring national resource.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Legasee views partnership working as essential to fulfilling our charitable objectives. We have invested time and care in developing relationships that not only add value to our own projects, but also offer meaningful benefit to our partners.

Whether through collaboration on educational initiatives, sharing expertise, or co-producing resources, these partnerships have significantly strengthened the reach and impact of our work.




These include:

- Adjutant General's Corps Museum
- Cobseo
- Creative Asset
- Everything-Connected
- Fusiliers Regiment, London
- Holy Sepulchre Church, Holborn
- The Imperial War Museum
- Innovistory
- The Oral History Society
- People of Prominence
- Secret WW2 Learning Network
- Twenty4Seven Education
- Women's Royal Army Corps Association






GOVERNANCE AND DECISION MAKING



Legasee Educational Trust is managed by an Executive Committee of Trustees, elected by the charity's members. The Committee meets quarterly to oversee the strategic direction and governance of the organisation. The Development Director attends all meetings in an advisory capacity, and all members of the charity are welcome to attend.

We are currently looking to broaden the range of skills and experience represented on our Board of Trustees. If you are interested in contributing to our work in this way, please get in touch at: info@legasee.org.uk



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If no one can
tell you no,
consequences will.

Frank Halden

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2025

This year's financial performance reflects the delivery of the Trailblazer project (funded by players of the National Lottery through the Heritage Fund) and the upgrade to the Legasee website.

By year end, much of the National Lottery Heritage Fund grant had been spent on ensuring smooth delivery of the project and the filming of all 30 WRAC veteran interviews. Work was also well underway on the development of the additional materials needed to bring the Trailblazer stories to life for schools, researchers, and the wider public. In addition, we invested unrestricted funds raised in previous years to enhance the searchability and accessibility of the whole website, ensuring that our resources are easier to find, use, and share.

We were also pleased to secure our first corporate sponsor, Twenty4Seven Education. This marks an important step towards diversifying our income and building a more sustainable fundraising base. Their commitment will not only provide financial support through dedicated fundraising activities, but also open up valuable opportunities to connect with schools and extend the reach of Legasee's educational work.

Financial Review

Total income for the year was **£38,108**, comprising **£35,390 restricted grant income** and **£2,718 unrestricted donations and bank interest**. Total expenditure was **£65,542**, resulting in a planned net deficit of **£27,431**.

At year end, the charity held reserves of **£35,259**, of which **£10,501** are restricted.

Future Developments

Looking ahead, we remain committed to strengthening Legasee's long-term sustainability by diversifying income, building partnerships, and developing new ways for schools and communities to engage with our archive. The figures this year reflect not just costs, but investments in resources and infrastructure that will ensure the stories we safeguard continue to have real impact.

With the continued support of funders, partners and donors, I am confident that Legasee will build on its achievements and deliver even greater value in the years ahead.



James Butler
Treasurer

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We make a living by
what we get, but we
make a life by what
we give.

Winston Churchill

LEGASEE VOLUNTEERS

2024-25

Jo Adams
Atiyah Afzal
Charlie Akhlaq
Amanda Akhuemokhan
Tomisin Akinbami
Anna Alcock
Toby Analwenze
Ella Ashwell
Zak Awes
Vita Banducci
Vicky Barnes
Caroline Barratt
Matilda Barton
Sam Bennett
Chloe Bicker
Lewis Blades
Toby Boddy
Amelia Bolton
Alexandra Booth
Danny Booth
Melanie Boulton
Hannah Bowers
Eamonn Bownes
Léonie Briendo

Anna Bristow
Rin Butler
Wendy Campion
John Chamberlain
Nina Chana
Darren Chin
Mary Chude
Katie Clark
Georgina Close-Smith
Dani Cole
Alex Cook
Gillian Cousins
Louie Craft
Julia M. Crockett
Jennifer Darvill
Sian Dennis
Lynsey Ford
Carolyn Foster
Kate Foxton
Laura G
Steven George
Tobias Gibson
Ellie Goodson
Joanna Grace

Leon Graham
Lizzie Gray
Katie Greenaway
Kate Haddock
Suzanne Hagan
Olivia Hannam
Megan Hardwick
Anita Hewitson
Francesca Holt
Rebecca Hoskins
Leo Hynett
Zain Jarjis
Marta Jastrzebska
Rachel Jennings
Ayeasha Johnson
Gemma Jones
Kathryn Jones-Mamba
Aarti Joshi
Emily King
Louis King
Iain Kitching
Indianna Knight
Nina Kumari
Jenny La Fontaine

Papadopoulos
Tim Laulik-Walters
David Maguire
Mary Makinde
Fiona Marshall
Amy Martin
Susanna Mason
Mark Mason
Scott McDonald
Melanie McGarry
Marguerita Misconi
David Mishan
Consuelo Monson
Olaitan Moore
Lily Morgan
Lucy Morris
Nour Mostafa
Nadine Muir
Rae Murphy
Leila Nairne
Katie Newbery
Wanjira Ngunju
Natasha Norris
Evie Painter

Alexander Parnham-Cope
Louise Pemble
Alex Piele
Brooke Piper
Esta Pitney-Hall
Matt Pitt
Lucy Raymundo
Lesley Rhind
Eleanor Rodrigues
Marisa Sankar
Jo Sayer
Meghan Shaw
Kerry Shaw
Jeremy Sidgwick
Amelia Smith
Kye Alexander Sparks
Emilie Stewart
Gemma Suyat
Ed Thorns
Harriet Toeman
Isobel Troni
Joan Turner
Nithilan Vimalakannan
Andy Voase

Dawn Walker
Steve Ward
Gary Washbrook
Sian Webb
Liz White
Jamie Whiting
Harvey Wood
Jake Woods
Kitty Wright

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Alone we can
do so little,
together we can
do so much.

Helen Keller



THANK YOU

To everyone who has supported Legasee this year — by visiting our website, listening to our podcast, donating time or money, agreeing to be interviewed, or simply sharing one of our films — thank you.

Your encouragement, generosity, and belief in the power of storytelling has helped us preserve and share voices that might otherwise be lost. We quite simply couldn't do it without you.

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No one has ever become poor by giving.

Anne Frank



CAN YOU HELP?

Our Annual Report illustrates some of the work we do to record, store and share the personal stories of our Veterans.

If you believe that what we are doing is important please help us by sending a donation. Any amount, however small is sincerely appreciated; it all goes towards our work to inform and educate future generations about the bravery and heroism of our armed forces.

I would like to help Legasee record more interviews with veterans.

As a single donation (enclosed) of: £.....

A regular monthly gift of: £.....

Name

Address

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Postcode

Tel

Email

Signed

Date

I am a UK taxpayer and DECLARE that I want Legasee Educational Trust to treat all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid donations.





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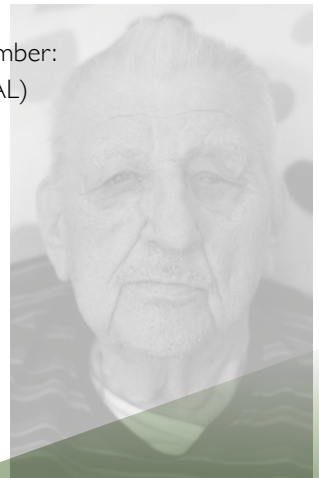


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LEGACY - LEG·A·CY [LEG-UH-SEE] NOUN, *PLURAL* LEG·A·CIES.

1. Anything handed down from the past, as from an ancestor or predecessor: the legacy of Britain.
2. Law. a gift of property, especially personal property, as money, by will; a bequest.

When you write or update your will, please think of the work we do at Legasee.

By leaving just 1% of your estate, you can make sure that future generations will learn of the sacrifices made by the British military.

Legacies are generally exempt from IHT, so a gift to Legasee is likely to be free of tax for us and an efficient way to enable us to capture the stories of other Veterans.

Find out more about remembering Legasee in your will by calling **+44 (0)788 1814 707**.

Thank you.

MISSION STATEMENT

Legasee is a charity working with veterans to advance the education of the public in the effects of military activity and to promote the conservation of records of veterans who have been involved in military conflict.

We achieve this by capturing these experiences and observations on digital film for future generations and developing projects that educate and inform the students and general public of today.

We aim to be accountable for the funds we use, cost-effective in carrying out our purpose, caring, respectful and professional in the way we work and transparent in all our activities.

INTRODUCTION

FROM THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

Following the rather fallow year of 2022-23 which was common across the vast majority of charitable trusts, in all sectors of the voluntary sector; we are delighted to state that things are again on the up.

Most significantly, we are thrilled to be able to start The National Lottery Heritage Funded project, 'Journey to the Frontline: Trailblazing Women of The British Army'. Development started with the Heritage lottery in September 2022 but stalled in December of that year following the tragic and sudden passing of the wonderful Ellen Clark, who had been Legasee's "engine room extraordinaire". We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Cheryl Butler who was took on the writing of the project and got us over the line.

In May and September of 2023, we partnered with The Fusilier Museum London on the creation of two

documentary films about the Regiment of the Royal Fusiliers; 'The Fusiliers in Korea' and 'The Ballad of Salerno'. Both films were presented to a captive audience at St Sepulchres Church, Holborn which is the dedicated Memorial Chapel of the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). A third film is in development.

In October, 2023, 30 intrepid volunteers abseiled from the top of the Arcelor Mittal Tower in London's Olympic Park to raise monies for the charity. The brainchild of Ian Tate, a freelance charities events co-ordinator we thank him for his efforts in helping us to raise a remarkable £14,598.43.

Legasee continues with its modus operandi of keeping the overheads and administration costs extremely low due to the dedicated support of my fellow trustees and the charity's founder Martin Bisiker who somehow continues to contribute so much of his time to Legasee, despite his corporate life proper as a film producer.

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If at first you don't succeed, try, try, and try again.



We continue to work to improve and grow the archive and add to the educational materials that we can offer on the website.

Finally, on behalf of the Trustees I would like to thank:

- The volunteers that support the charity with help from administration to research and filming. We could not manage without you.
- Our freelance workers who always give more of their time than we expect.
- All of the veterans who let us into their homes and share their amazing stories so candidly, with such modesty, insight and humour so that we can remember what they did and our children can learn from them.
- The individuals that have provided funds to support the charity during the year.
- The National Lottery Heritage Fund for their invaluable contribution towards our projects and whom we have recognised within this annual report.

- The partners we have worked with during the year: you have helped us to deliver our projects and made it all so enjoyable and rewarding; we hope we have made a positive contribution to your work.

We hope that within this annual report we have been able to show how much the charity has achieved since its creation in 2011. That we have recognised the contribution made by our volunteers and demonstrated how much we value them. That we have expressed our appreciation to our funders and donors and shown the care we have taken to deliver the best possible outcomes with the resources we have.

As we do every year, we always seek ways to improve and learn and so in whatever context you are reading this report, we would be delighted to receive your feedback.

Darren Richards
Chair

OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Constitution

Legasee Educational Trust operates as an unincorporated charity whose object is to advance the education of the effects of military conflict in any manner which now or hereafter may be deemed by law to be charitable.

The relevant powers granted to it by the constitution to achieve this are:

- To encourage, promote, organise and advance the education of the public in the subject and effects of military activity and promote conservation of actual veteran experiences for future benefit;
- To work in partnership with other organisations for the advancement of education in military activities;
- To engage in research and the provision of information related to veteran experiences and military activity;
- To raise funds to support the work of the charity.

Current Objectives

Legasee's priorities for 2024-25 will be:

- To successfully deliver The National Lottery Heritage Fund project, 'Journey to the Frontline: Trailblazing Women of The British Army'.
- To work with The Fusilier Museum London to deliver another documentary film exploring the role of the Fusiliers in Italy during the Second World War.
- To conduct a 5-year review of Legasee; it's objectives and the strategy to be adopted to achieving those goals.
- To continue to enhance the search functionality of the Legasee website and to optimise it's usage as an educational tool by students of all ages.
- To develop the charity's volunteer programmes.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The charity continues to develop its best practice procedures for the monitoring and evaluation of its work. We do this by reviewing our individual projects and looking at the feedback we receive from partners, funders and volunteers. These reports are available by email request: info@legasee.org.uk

ACTIVITIES

JOURNEY TO THE FRONTLINE: TRAILBLAZING WOMEN OF THE BRITISH ARMY

The Women's Royal Army Corps (WRAC) was instrumental in reshaping societal perceptions and expectations of women in the British Army between 1949 and 1992. Supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, Legasee is proud to be shining a light on the WRAC, celebrating the pioneering spirit of those who courageously challenged norms and pushed boundaries, while recognising the dedication and commitment of all WRAC veterans who served their country.



Thanks to National Lottery players who have made this project possible, our goal is to capture the essence of WRAC history through personal interviews with 30 veterans. As well as adding new perspectives to our video archive, these interviews will serve as the foundation for an exhibition at the Adjutant General's Corps (AGC) Museum in Winchester – an exhibition that we hope to share more widely across the country. Additionally, we plan to create some educational resources for secondary school students to help build understanding of oral history, curation and the changing role of women in the British Army in recent history.



Progress

Since receiving funding in October 2023, Legasee has approached over 50 WRAC veterans and conducted initial research calls with many of them. By the end of March 2023, 11 interviews have been filmed, with more scheduled. Two WRAC interviews have been added to the Legasee website.

Following the recruitment of a project manager, who works 3 days a week, Legasee has advertised a number of different volunteer opportunities related to the project. Recruitment efforts have yielded several highly skilled and motivated individuals from a range of backgrounds who are now helping us to edit, transcribe, research and share the WRAC accounts. This growing community of volunteers will continue to add significant value to the project and what we are able to achieve.



In partnership with Wildern School, Hedge End, we have been developing ideas for student workshops to be run in the summer term 2024. The workshops will offer students insight into oral history, curation, and the changing role of women in the British Military.

A project steering group representing key stakeholders has been set up to ensure collaborative decision-making and diverse perspectives.



What's next?

Legasee is committed to expanding our digital footprint and broadening the reach of WRAC stories through social media channels. Additionally, we're excited to embark on a joint podcast series with the AGC Museum, offering a fresh platform to share the captivating narratives of WRAC veterans with a wider audience.

As we continue our journey, we're honoured to shine a light on these remarkable women and their enduring contributions to the history of the British Military.



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To be as good as the men, we had to be better than the men.

WRAC veteran



“
So long as there are men, there will be war.

Albert Einstein





“

East Germany was my focus, and I had a map—kind of like doing the weather, you know, but the weather I was looking at was the movement of troops from one place to another in East Germany, the movement of tanks from one place to another.

Julia Crockett served with Intelligence Corps in Holland



“

Helicopter came. We walked into it, I sat there. Guys had the combats on, face[s] all blacked out. I had my skirt on, my very posh cap, and the guy next to me went, “When we get there, just jump”.

Diane Pratt on her experiences in Northern Ireland



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We were never armed. And we were told that, looking at it logically, if you were armed, you became a target.

Sylvia Adams was Provost RMP in Northern Ireland



“

When there's a war on you know you need your rear party because all those things have still got to be done behind the scenes, you know, things don't always just turn up in these countries when there's a war on, you know, there's all the logistics have got to be put in place.

Katherine McMullin was trained for duty in Iraq but was then assigned to the rear party





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It's a bit of a shock because, you know, we were a very proud Corps of women. And then you're going to have to wear someone else's cap badge. And I think that was the biggest shock.

Patricia Rosewell



“

It wasn't a nice feeling because I'd gone in there as a child, basically - a 17-year-old - and come out as a woman, you know. So, I was a completely different person.

Pauline Milne on leaving the WRAC



Watch all interviews in full at www.legasee.org.uk

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The beginning was beautiful, but the ending was bitter because everything that you wanted to be, it's taken away from you just like that [snaps fingers].

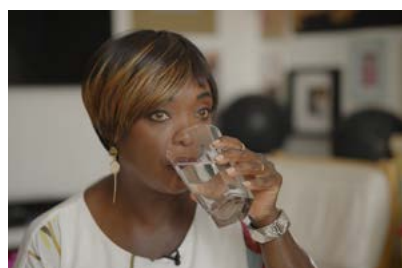
Roxanne Lawton who's career as a Steward was terminated as 'Free on marriage' in August 1978



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I was very loyal to my Corps, and still am today, but I was ready for change a decade before it changed.

Janet Brodie-Murphy on the disbandment of the WRAC



ACTIVITIES

ST SEPULCHRES

In May of 2023, Legasee was commissioned by the Reverend Nick Mottershead of Holy Sepulchre Church, Holborn to create a documentary film about the actions of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (London) Branch in Korea.

'The Fusiliers in Korea' featured two interviews with veterans held within Legasee's archive of British Korean veterans, Mike Mogridge and Gerry Farmer and also a new interview with George Hodkinson DSM. This was particularly pleasing because George had been reticent to record his memories. Collectively they provided details on the involvement of the Fusiliers in Korea, including the Battles of the Hook and the ill fated Operation Pimlico, a snatch raid in which George was injured and taken POW.

The film was shown to an audience at an Evensong service at the church which was attended by many Korean veterans including the actor, Sir Michael Caine.



George passed away on January 11th 2024. RIP.

In September 2023, work started on a trilogy of films on the involvement of the Royal Fusiliers in World War Two's Italian campaign. 'The Ballad of Salerno', was produced and directed by Legasee's Trustee, Martin Bisiker. The series features military analyst, Colonel (Ret'd) Simon Diggins OBE, Journalist Gabriella Incalza and other contributors talking about the actions of the Royal Fusiliers in Italy. Often described as the forgotten front, the first film focussed on the Salerno Landings with footage provided by the Imperial War Museum. The premiere was also shown at Holy Sepulchre Church to coincide with the 80th Anniversary of the landings.

The second episode, 'Breaking the Gustav Line' is currently in the edit suite with a premiere in May.



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Martin Bisiker worked with us to produce a film commemorating the Korean War. He conducted wonderful veteran interviews, combined video, images, text and music to tell a story that will help educate and preserve memories for generations. He went way beyond the small investment available for this project and we are truly grateful.

The Reverend Nick Mottershead

ACTIVITIES

THE ABSEIL

October 14, 2023, will forever hold a special place in the Legasee archives. This date marks the occasion of our inaugural event, which proved to be a monumental success.

On this day, 32 volunteers, aged between 14 and 76, some traveling from as far as Wales, gathered to participate in a free abseil from the top of the Arcelor Mittal Tower in London's Olympic Park. This abseil, towering 30 meters—higher than Nelson's Column—was a first for many participants. Despite the windy conditions and the daunting height, every volunteer conquered their fears and completed the challenge.

The collective efforts of our volunteers exceeded their personal fundraising goals, enabling Legasee to raise an impressive sum exceeding £15,000. This outstanding achievement is a testament to the dedication and courage of all involved.



We extend our deepest gratitude to each volunteer for their unwavering support and bravery. Special thanks go to Ian Tate, our events consultant, who not only conceived the abseil idea but also meticulously managed the entire event, ensuring the safety and success of every participant.

The funds raised are being invested in enhancing and streamlining the search functionality of the Legasee website and establishing a program to recruit more full-time volunteers.

This event not only demonstrated the spirit and commitment of our community but also set a high benchmark for future endeavours.

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It doesn't have to be fun to be fun.

Mark Twight



PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Legasee views partnership working as essential in carrying out our charitable objectives and we have worked hard to develop relationships that have added value to our work and where we have added value to others.

These include:

- Defence Relationship Management
- Cobseo
- The Imperial War Museum
- Saint Sepulchres Church, Holborn
- Fusiliers Regiment, London
- Women's Royal Army Corps Association
- Adjutant Generals' Corps Museum
- University of Westminster
- Solent University, Southampton
- Everything-Connected
- Hummingbird Communications
- The Oral History Society
- Branches of the Royal British Legion
- Secret WW2 Learning Network
- Innovistory



Martin Bisiker with Betty Webb



Martin with Janet Brodie-Murphy

GOVERNANCE AND DECISION MAKING

The body responsible for the management of the charity is the Executive Committee of Trustees. The Executive Committee meets four times a year and is elected by the members of the charity.

The Development Director attends all Executive Committee Meetings and members of the charity are invited to attend.

Executive Committee:

Trustees

Mr Darren Richards	Chair
Mr James Butler	Treasurer
Mr Martin Bisiker	
Mr Ronald Hicks	
Mr Albert Berritt	
Mr Richard Bewley	

Staff / Freelance

Lucy Smith	Project Director, Trailblazers
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Volunteers

Nadine Muir	Audio and Podcasts
Tomisin Akinbami	Video Editor
Jodie Price	Social Media
Nina Chana	Social Media
Steve Ward	Researcher
Emilie Stewart	Podcaster
Julia Crockett	Education
Julia Zhu	Social Media

TREASURERS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2023

Achievements and Performance

2023 feels like a break through year as the impact of Coronavirus listens its grip on the Third sector.

In November we received notification of significant financial support from the The National Lottery heritage fund. Thanks to players of the national Lottery, we received a grant of £88,474 for the project, Journey to the frontline: Trailblazing Women of the British Army. More detail about our successes are detailed earlier in the report but we are pleased with progress and a special mention goes to Lucy Smith, the Project Manager we recruited in January who is doing sterling work to ensure we remain on budget and deliver on all of the key outcomes expected of us.

Financially, the Abseil was a resounding success for the charity. With Giftaid and after all expenses, we banked over £11,000. The money will be used to further develop the user experience of visitors to the website, in particular the search function.

Financial Review

The Statement of Financial Activities shows a net surplus for the year of £43,902. The charity's reserves total £62,693 of which £33,772 are restricted funds. The administration overhead for the charity was less than 1% of turnover. The Charity operates with very low overheads as it benefits from free office space and most of the work is carried out by volunteers and freelancers who are attached to specific projects.

Future Developments

Our key objectives for next year are detailed within the "Objects and Activities" page of this report. In 2024/25 in addition to delivering on our commitments to the Heritage Lottery Fund, we plan to put governance structures in place that will secure the foundations for our future. Key expenditure will be in strengthening our core support structure. We will also look to develop our fundraising programme with the objective of raising long term and sustainable unrestricted funds whilst building our donor base.

Health and Safety Policy and Risk Assessment Policy

The charity has documented Health and Safety Policies, these are available on request. Policies are updated in light of current legislation and changes within Legasee's working practices.

Reserves Policy

The Charity's policy will be to maintain a reserve fund (unrestricted) that covers six months operating costs



James Butler

Treasurer

This report contains insufficient information to allow a full understanding of the financial affairs of the charity. For further information the full accounts should be consulted: copies are available for inspection at Legasee Educational Trust, 13 Mornington Road, Chingford, E4 7DT.

FUNDRAISING

We thank all our donors and supporters that we have recognised in this section of our report.

We would especially like to thank the National Lottery players for the funding that has made our Trailblazer project possible.

We are extremely grateful to everyone who has supported our work whether you have given us your money or your time. Thank you for your help.

List of Supporters

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Rodney Bisiker	Kate and Steve Forss
Rachel McSweeney	James Andrews
Natalie Bisiker	Jason Herbert
Anthony Ever	Matt Britton

CAN YOU HELP?

Our Annual Report illustrates some of the work we do to record, store and share the personal stories of our Veterans.

If you believe that what we are doing is important please help us by sending a donation. Any amount, however small is sincerely appreciated; it all goes towards our work to inform and educate future generations about the bravery and heroism of our armed forces.

I would like to help Legasee record more interviews with veterans.

As a single donation (enclosed) of: £.....

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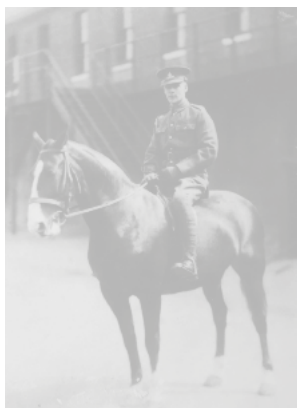
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Statement of Accounts for Year Ended

31st March 2024

Legasee
The Veterans Video Archive

Legasee Educational Trust

Report to the Management Committee for the year ended 31st March 2024

The Management Committee presents its report and unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2024

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name	Legasee Educational Trust
Charity Registration Number	1145354 (England and Wales) SCO047748 (Scotland)
Registered Office	13 Mornington Road London E4 7DT

Trustees

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Legasee Educational Trust

Statement of Financial Activities (Including Income and Expenditure account) for the year ended 31st March 2024

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Incoming Resources	2				
Grants		44,237	-	44,237	-
Donations		-	14,810	14,810	2,575
Fees and other income		-	-	-	-
Bank interest		-	805	805	61
Total Incoming Resources		44,237	15,615	59,852	2,636
Resources expended	3				
Charitable activities		10,465	4,885	15,350	8,302
Governance costs		-	600	600	180
Total resources expended		10,465	5,485	15,950	8,482
Net incoming (outgoing) resources for the year		33,772	10,130	43,902	(5,846)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		33,772	10,130	43,902	(5,846)
Funds at 31st March 2023			18,791	18,791	24,637
Funds at 31st March 2024		33,772	28,921	62,693	18,791

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		66,567		24,637	
Creditors: amount falling due in less than one year					
Trade creditors		1,162		-	
Accruals		<u>2,712</u>			
Net current assets			<u>62,693</u>		<u>24,637</u>
Total assets less current liabilities					
			<u>62,693</u>		<u>24,637</u>
Reserves					
Unrestricted funds			18,921		8,791
Designated funds			10,000		10,000
Restricted funds			<u>33,772</u>		<u>-</u>
			<u>62,693</u>		<u>18,791</u>

Legasee Educational Trust

Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2024

2 Incoming Resources

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Grants				
National Heritage	44,237	-	44,237	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>44,237</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,237</u>	<u>-</u>
Donations	-	14,810	14,810	2,575
Bank interest received		805	805	61
	<u>-</u>	<u>15,615</u>	<u>15,615</u>	<u>2,636</u>
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3 Resources expended

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Salaries/freelance/professional fees	7,400	4,059	11,459	7,200
Recruitment costs	713	-	713	-
Travel and subsistence	1,132	171	1,304	58
Training	-	-	-	-
Volunteer expenses	-	-	-	46
Postage/stationery/literature	183	201	383	546
Technology/website/Equipment	-	-	-	-
Administration costs	-	240	240	452
Publicity and promotion	1,037	214	1,251	-
	<u>10,465</u>	<u>4,885</u>	<u>15,350</u>	<u>8,302</u>
Governance Costs				
Accountancy fees	-	600	600	180
Total Resources Expended	<u>10,465</u>	<u>5,485</u>	<u>15,950</u>	<u>8,482</u>

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Legasee Educational Trust

Herewith is my report on the accounts of Legasee Educational Trust for the year ended 31st March 2024 which are set out on pages 8 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for independent examination, 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 2011 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from you as Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act, and to prepare accounts which accord with accounting records, and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understating of the accounts to be reached

Robin Whelan
Elms, Samsons Road,
Brightlingsea,
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Signed.....*R. Whelan*.....
Date.....*27/08/24*.....

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- 1. Anything handed down from the past, as from an ancestor or predecessor: the legacy of Britain.**
- 2. Law. a gift of property, especially personal property, as money, by will; a bequest.**

When you write or update your will, please think of the work we do at Legasee.

By leaving just 1% of your estate, you can make sure that future generations will learn of the sacrifices made by the British military.

Legacies are generally exempt from IHT, so a gift to Legasee is likely to be free of tax for us and an efficient way to enable us to capture the stories of other Veterans.

Find out more about remembering Legasee in your will by calling **+44 (0)788 1814 707**.

Thank you.

**MISSION
STATEMENT**

Legasee is a charity working with veterans to advance the education of the public in the effects of military activity and to promote the conservation of records of veterans who have been involved in military conflict.

We achieve this by capturing these experiences and observations on hi-definition video for future generations, and by developing projects that educate teachers, students and the general public.

We aim to be accountable for the funds we use, cost-effective in carrying out our purpose, caring, respectful and professional in the way we work and transparent in all our activities.

INTRODUCTION

FROM THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEE

Like many charities and heritage organisations across the country, our ability to work this year has been severely affected by Covid -19.

We recognise also, the devastating affect that this virus has had on the veterans that have had to shield and those that lost their lives. Our thoughts continue to be with them and their families.

We were pleased to be able to complete the interviews for our "Band of Sisters" project, capturing the testimonies of the families of wounded veterans but had to put other aspects of the project on hold including the exhibitions and school sessions.

As we only employ freelance staff and rely mainly on volunteers, we did not qualify for the government furlough or grant schemes. We were grateful, however, to receive funding from the Lottery Heritage Fund to maintain our archive and secure the sustainability of the organisation going forward.

On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to thank our freelance workers and volunteers for sticking with us and helping each other through this difficult time.

We hope that next year will allow all of us to get back to some degree of normality so that we can once again, start interviewing and add more incredible testimonies to our Archive.



DARREN RICHARDS
CHAIR

“They're ashamed of their past, they're ashamed of what's happened to them and they don't know how to cope with that shame. It's helping them understand that there's no need to feel shame. That actually that it's not their fault they're broken. I need other people to understand that.”

Teri Turner - responding to the question, 'why she wanted to share her story' The Military Family: A Lifelong Service



Mark Turner

OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Constitution

Legasee Educational Trust operates as an unincorporated charity whose object is to advance the education of the effects of military conflict in any manner which now or hereafter may be deemed by law to be charitable.

The relevant powers granted to it by the constitution to achieve this are:

- To encourage, promote, organise and advance the education of the public in the subject and effects of military activity and promote conservation of actual veteran experiences for future benefit.
- To work in partnership with other organisations for the advancement of education in military activities.
- To engage in research and the provision of information related to veteran experiences and military activity.
- To raise funds to support the work of the charity.

Current Objectives

The continuing uncertainty around the length of time the COVID-19 pandemic will affect us, creates difficulties in setting firm objectives for 2021/22.

Our plan will be to complete the National Lottery Heritage Fund 'Band of Sisters' project as far as we can and to start planning for a Falkland's War project in 2022.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The charity continues to develop its best practice procedures for the monitoring and evaluation its work from the learning gained from the projects it has undertaken. Each project identifies areas that can be improved. The monitoring and evaluation reports from our projects are available by email request to info@legasee.org.uk

ACTIVITIES THE SECRET WAR

On the 80th anniversary of the capture of the first naval Enigma machine from U-110 in the North Atlantic in May 1941, by British Sailors from HMS Bulldog, it is fitting that Alan Turing has been commemorated on this year's £50 note.

In September 1941 Churchill was introduced to Alan Turing during a visit to Bletchley Park and the following month Alan and three other cryptographers wrote directly to Churchill asking for more administrative resources, a request which the Prime Minister immediately granted.

Many have since recognised the significant role played by the team at Bletchley park in shortening the war and saving many lives. This quote being attributed to Winston Churchill:

“Alan Turing made the single biggest contribution to Allied victory in the war against Nazi Germany.”

In 2016, Legasee joined forces with oral historian Martyn Cox to release and record 70 remarkable interviews with men and women who played vital roles in the clandestine operations of the Second World War.

A number of these interviewees worked at or had contact with Bletchley Park and in this anniversary year we felt it appropriate to feature some of these stories from our Archive. We hope you enjoy them.



Sub-Lieutenant “Jimmy” Green was serving onboard HMS Bulldog when they managed to depth charge a German U-Boat.

“The Captain had signalled back to the Admiralty and they knew that we’d captured an Enigma machine and the papers relating to it and it was set for that day. So we were ordered to leave the convoy, go hell for leather back to Scapa Flow with our prisoners. And of course the Enigma machine was sent off to Bletchley Park so the code breakers had this Enigma machine in their hands and they broke the German code and we were able to intercept U-boats and lots of their supply ships as a result of that exploit of the Bulldog.”



Mavis Batey was one of ‘Dilly’s fillys’. Early in the war she was working for Dilly Knox.

He said, “We are breaking machines, have you got a pencil?” And I had no idea, I didn’t even know about the Enigma machine. And then he handed me a whole pile of rubbishy messages, all nonsense of course, gibberish, and these were made worse by his scribbles on them, and he said, “Here, have a go.” And that was how I got through into the German Enigma messages!





Ruby Marchant worked in the main house in Bletchley Park and had not told anyone about it until she met us.

“We were just given sheets of paper with long lists of numbers on it. And we had to go through all these numbers in the list and we had to extract the sections which were headed with the code for England. When you found numbers you were over the moon but, generally speaking you were very bored and you just didn’t talk to people. That was the trouble you weren’t even allowed to talk to people in the next room. So what they were doing you don’t know.



Doreen Page had been studying German at a London University before she became a Marker in Hut 8.

“I was doing the ‘home waters’ section which covered all the coast from north Norway right the way down to the south of France and all along the Dutch, Belgium and French coasts. I got to know all the ports where they were all coming from, and what we were doing of course, was tracking the U boat movements for the Atlantic, I mean that was what I was doing and the other half worked on the other shift were doing the Med.



Joy Aylard operated Turing’s Bombe machines at both Eastcote and Bletchley Park.

“The most tedious part was that these BOMBES had little, you’ve probably seen them, little brushes all-um, wired brushes in, in layers, all round the inside. We had to tweeze those so you didn’t get a short circuit. You had to be very careful to tweeze all these wretched things. they were little um (unclear) not spreading around. And if, um, if there was a problem, you’d be, you know, if you did something wrong, they would find out that you’re BOMBE should have broken the code earlier. You’d be in dead trouble but um.



As part of the Secret War project, Legasee created a mobile phone App which enables users to learn about the “secret war” history of some of the buildings and streets of our capital city. ‘Spooks, Spies and Videotape - London’s Secret War’, is a free download on all Apple iPhones.

The App features 28 different locations around London that were requisitioned and played vital roles in clandestine operations throughout Europe and the wider world.

Each location reveals interesting factual detail on their specific use and many feature video of the veterans who worked there. We have also included documents and audio recordings from the National Archives and the Imperial War Museum.

Use this URL to download:
shorturl.at/cpuxR

ACTIVITIES A NEW WEBSITE DESIGN

Whilst our core work has been adversely affected we have taken the opportunity to redesign our website.

Using extensive feedback and the expertise of the digital design agency Everything-Connected, we have significantly improved the user experience for both the general public and the many teachers who regularly download our lesson plans.

In the 9 years that Legasee has been operating as a registered charity, we have grown our archive considerably. We now

have more than 650 veteran interviews who collectively account for over 3800 individual written entries and 90,000 assigned tags. Whilst this data is a fantastic resource, the detail brings with it complexity.

By utilising advanced search tools within our content management system, we intend to make the browsing experience a more productive and enjoyable experience. Developments will take place over the course of the year ahead.



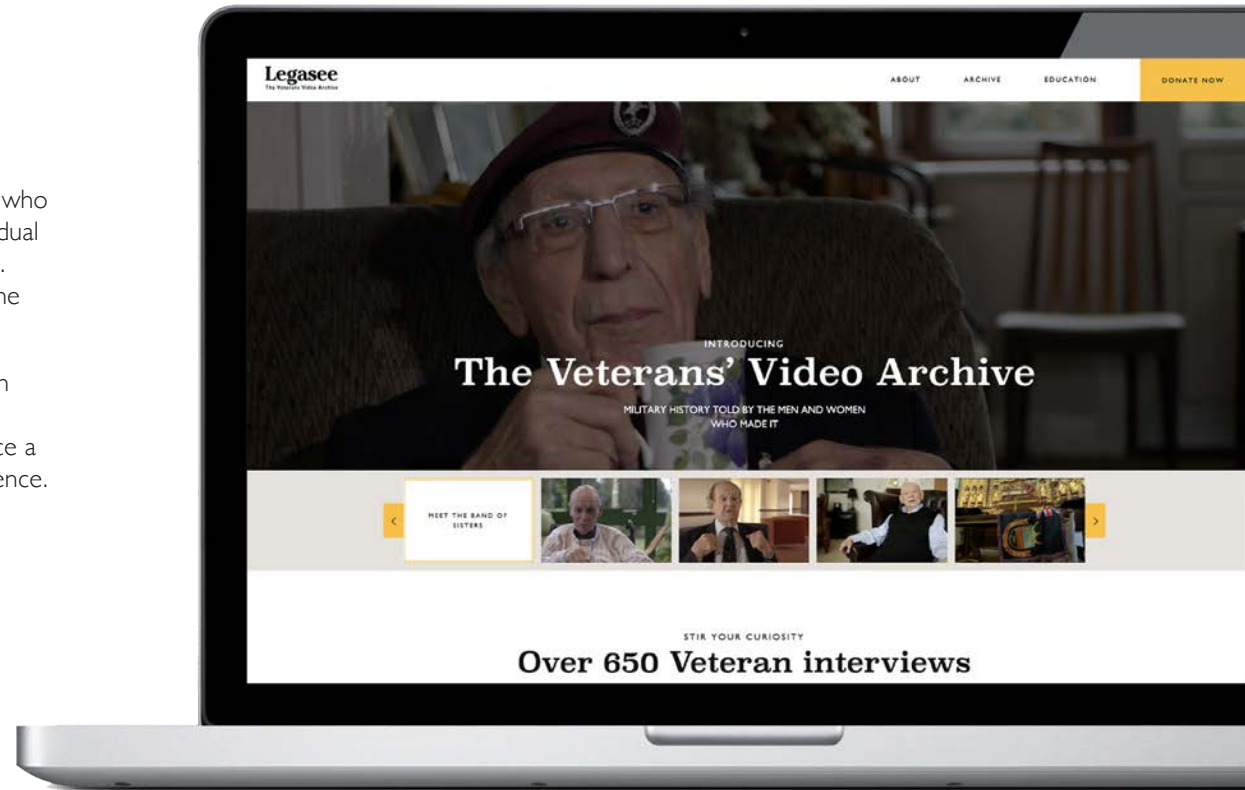
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ACTIVITIES

“THE MILITARY FAMILY: A LIFELONG SERVICE”

During 2020 we continued work on this project, as far as we could, within the boundaries set by the Government’s COVID-19 guidelines.

The project aimed to capture the stories of 30 families living with wounded veterans of conflict.

The inspiration for this project came from veterans with whom we have worked in the past – veterans who had experienced injury themselves and spoke about the support they had received from their families, and how their families often suffered themselves. Having recorded the stories of veterans of many conflicts and operations, we felt that this was an important aspect of our military heritage to capture, raise awareness of, and create understanding.



Working with Help for Heroes our aims were to:

- Undertake oral history interviews of 30 families' personal experiences (WWII – present) and produce film for online and social media.
- Create a learning pack for schools and deliver learning sessions
- Create an exhibition
- Conduct archival research

We are delighted that prior to lockdown in March 2020 and after the easing of the lockdown in the summer, we have been able to complete all 30 interviews including two children who agreed to be interviewed but do not appear on the website.

The interviews include individuals whose stories cover a wide range of experiences including loss of limbs; internal injuries; PTSD, trauma and depression. We heard from people from the Army, Navy and Royal Air Force, from all across Great Britain and Northern Ireland – men and women who are parents, partners and children of service personnel whose career has changed them forever.



“ The impact on the family is very often a hidden impact and whilst the focus is quite rightly on the veterans there’s also a gap in a recognition of just how much support the families give and the impact it has on the families. That impact permeates into not just the immediate family but the wider family and how that family functions in society. Everything changes.”

Extract from interview with Michele Apter

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Exhibition

We were able to construct an exhibition and install it for a short period of time, before the COVID-19 lockdown, into Catterick Library. Prominently displayed next to the study zone, it caught the eye as visitors entered the building, it was attracting attention even as we constructed it. We selected five participants to feature, who's stories exemplified the various aspects of caring for injured service personnel, and who's quotes had the most power to draw people in to find out more. In addition, a 20- minute film montage with sound and subtitles captured many of our interviewees at their most candid allowing library users to make use of the available seating and watch our film.

Catterick Library's Events Co-ordinator Jane Greenwood told us:

“It has been a pleasure to host the exhibition which far exceeded our expectations. We pride ourselves on being an interactive library, so it has been great to see so many people stop to watch the film and read the words. It is regrettable that the COVID-19 outbreak cut this short.”

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Book

Throughout the project, interviewees have spoken consistently about the impact of military service on younger members of the family. This has led us to write and publish a children's book supporting military families living with PTSD, injury and upheaval.



Information around upheaval for military children was specifically highlighted as a need by local Catterick schools and the CRACCL library service, and so we are very pleased that we have been able to create this.

"One Hundred Jumping Beans" was written by Paula Rogers and illustrated by Geraldine Sierra. You can order a copy via our website or through Waterstones.

The book played a central role to a series of lesson plans which Le Cateau school in Catterick used with their pupils. Aimed at developing empathy and understanding of the impact of military service on young children, the school were delighted with the opportunity to get involved.

“Ollie’s dad’s a soldier and he thinks that’s pretty cool,

But it means his life is different to most other kids at school,

‘Cause when your dad’s a soldier, moving isn’t all that strange

Though it still makes Ollie worry when he knows that things will change...”



“ I liked doing all of the activities from this book. I wish there was another one.”

Pupil, Le Cateau School



Archival research

Through our work with the Band of Sisters we were struck by comments made comparing modern experiences of PTSD with those through the last 100 years. "The progression of the understanding and treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder from WWI to the present day" is a published paper on the changing attitudes to PTSD from WWI to the present day. The paper notes the broad improvements in attitudes and treatment, whilst finding significant failings in the system, notably within the NHS who lack the expertise regarding the combat role, and within the Armed Forces which continue to harbour pockets of denial regarding PTSD. The paper also notes the changing causes of PTSD, with service personnel increasingly exposed to violence towards civilians, especially children, for which they are psychologically unprepared. Additionally, as women have joined regiments and

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gone on to take combat roles, some have experienced PTSD as a result of abuse from their own colleagues.

“An unexpected finding was the role which family, especially women, has played in improving access and outcomes. As women's voices grew louder through the 20th century, and women's status within relationships became equal, so their ability to advocate for their partners (sometimes adult child or parent) increased.”

The paper is available to download on our website or request a copy from: info@legasee.org.uk



Central to the success of this entire project has been a strong, collaborative relationship with Help for Heroes Band of Sisters, including their media relations team, their events team and most significantly their project management team.

Lucy Wray, Band of Sisters Manager for the North region told us:

“The family members who have taken part have got so much from the project. Feedback suggests that having been given the opportunity to share their story, has improved their confidence, given their wider families an honest sense of how they suffer as well, and most significantly they have felt more comfortable in coming forward to ask for support.”

We thank Help for Heroes for all the support they have given us and the families who have shared their stories with us. Their fortitude and resilience is both inspirational and humbling.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Legasee views partnership working as essential in carrying out our charitable objectives and we have worked hard to develop partnerships that have added value to our work and where we have added value to others. These include:

- AP Archive
- Association of Wrens
- BFBS
- British Korean Society
- Campaign Force
- Catterick Library (CRACCL)
- Defence Relationship Management
- Doc Productions
- Everything Connected
- Help for Heroes
- Hill Print Limited
- Historical Association
- Innovistory
- Kualo Limited
- Le Cateau Community Primary School
- Normanhurst School
- Jordan Atkinson Studio
- The Oral History Society
- The Royal British Legion
- University of Portsmouth
- Volunteer Centre Hackney

GOVERNANCE AND DECISION MAKING

The body responsible for the management of the charity is the Executive Committee of Trustees. The Executive Committee meets four times a year and is elected by the members of the charity.

The Development Director attends all Executive Committee Meetings and members of the charity are invited to attend.

Executive Committee

Trustees

Mr Darren Richards *Chair*
Mr James Butler *Treasurer*
Mr Martin Bisiker
Mr Ronald Hicks
Mr Albert Berritt

Staff / Freelance

Mrs Ellen Clark
Ms Paula Rogers

Ambassador

Mr Martyn Cox

TREASURERS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2021

Achievements and Performance

We are pleased with what we were able to accomplish under the restrictions introduced to control Covid-19 epidemic.

We have made progress with our "Band of Sisters" project, namely completing all 30 interviews, redesigned our website and, importantly, secured our Archive and the future of the organisation during this difficult time.

Financial Review

The Statement of Financial Activities shows a net surplus for the year of £1,011. The charity's reserves total £40,798 of which £21,646 are restricted funds and £10,000 designated funds for website and digital updates. The administration overhead for the charity was less than 1% of turnover. The Charity operates with very low overheads as it benefits from free office space and most of the work is carried out by volunteers and freelance workers for specific projects.

Future Developments

Our key objectives for next year are detailed within the "Objects and Activities" page of this report, mainly to remain solvent. In these difficult times, the Trustees have, again, made the decision not to transfer assets to the CIO at this point in time but having taken advice from the Charity Commission, leave the CIO as a dormant charity if needed in the future e.g. the charity owns or leases a building. We will file accounts for the CIO showing a zero value that reference this charity's accounts and annual report.

Health and Safety Policy and Risk Assessment Policy

The charity has documented Health and Safety Policies, these are available on request. Policies are updated in light of current legislation and changes within Legasee's working practices.

Reserves Policy

The Charity's policy will be to maintain a reserve fund (unrestricted) that covers six months operating costs.



JAMES BUTLER
TREASURER

This report contains insufficient information to allow a full understanding of the financial affairs of the charity. For further information the full accounts should be consulted: copies are available for inspection at Legasee Educational Trust, 13 Mornington Road, London E4 7DT

FUNDRAISING

We thank all our donors and supporters that we have recognised in this section of our report we know what a difficult time it has been for our supporters.

We especially thank the people who play the Lottery and the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) for continuing to value and support our work. We have appreciated the support we have had from NHLF to protect our Archive and sustain our charity during this period.

We are extremely grateful to everyone who has supported our work whether you have given us your money or your time. Thank you for your help.

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CAN YOU HELP?

Our Annual Report shows you some of the work we do to capture, store and share the personal stories of our Veterans.

If you believe that what we are doing is important please help us by sending a donation. Any amount, however small is sincerely appreciated; it all goes towards our work to inform and educate future generations about the bravery and heroism of our armed forces.

I would like to help Legasee record more interviews with veterans.

As a single donation (enclosed) of: £.....

A regular monthly gift of: £.....

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Signed

Date

I am a UK taxpayer and DECLARE that I want Legasee Educational Trust to treat all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid donations.



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Report to the Management Committee for the year ended 31st March 2021

The Management Committee presents its report and unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name	Legasee Educational Trust
Charity Registration Number	1145354 (England and Wales) SCO047748 (Scotland)
Registered Office	13 Mornington Road London E4 7DT

Trustees

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James Butler (Treasurer)
Martin Bisiker
Albert Berritt
Ron Hicks

Independent Examiner

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STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Documents

The charity is an unincorporated association and is governed by its constitution dated September 2011 (England & Wales) and September 2017 (Scotland). It is registered as a charity with the charity commission in England and Wales since 2011 and Scotland since 2017. The Trustees have the power to admit any person and organisation to membership and also have the power to remove members. There are currently 22 members of the charity.

Appointment of Trustees

The Trustees are appointed by members in a general meeting. Officers and Trustees retire each year and Officers are available for re-election for up to 8 consecutive years and Trustees for 6 consecutive years. The number of Trustees should not be less than three but there is no upper limit on numbers.

The Trustees who served during the period, together with any changes up to the date are listed on page 1

Trustee recruitment, induction and training

Trustees are recruited based on the skills and experience required for successful governance of the organisation. All Trustees receive a copy all the charity policies, the charity trustee handbook and undertake an induction training session at the charities base in London.

Organisation

The Trustees meet as required and not normally less than 4 times a year. The charity had one paid staff in the period under review and the Trustees took direct responsibility for the management and direction of the charity, as well as governance and strategy.

Risk Management

The Trustees have undertaken a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Periodic reviews are made to ensure that the charity continues to identify and mitigate any major risks that may arise.

Objectives and activities

The Charity exists to advance the education of the effects of military conflict in any manner which now or hereafter may be deemed by law to be charitable. The relevant powers granted to it by the constitution to achieve this are:

- To encourage, promote, organise and advance the education of the public in the subject and effects of military activity and promote conservation of actual veteran experiences for future benefit.

- To work in partnership with other organisations for the advancement of education in military activities.
- To engage in research and the provision of information related to veteran experiences and military activity.
- To raise funds to support the work of the charity.

Public Benefit

In seeking to achieve its objectives the charity has had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission and OSCR in respect of public benefit.

Achievements

Details of the charity's achievements can be found within the annual report 2020 to 2021 which should be read in conjunction with the accounts.

Like many charities and heritage organisations, in our sector, across the country, we have been severely affected by the Covid-19 epidemic.

Our work has, therefore, been limited by what we were able to do under Covid-19 restrictions and the need to keep our volunteers and veterans safe.

Transfer of Assets

The Trustees reviewed the decision to transfer assets to the new Charity CIO but decided to continue working through the current non-incorporated charity so as not to lose important history at this stage. Having taken advice from the Charity Commission the Charity are able to leave the CIO dormant in the event of changes to our circumstances (e.g. we own property) and we need to transfer assets in future. We will need to publish annual accounts showing no turnover or assets and refer to the accounts of this Charity for England and Wales. This does not apply in Scotland where the CIO is not registered.

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Report to the Management Committee for the year ended 31st March 2021

Financial Review

The Statement of Financial Activities shows a net deficit for the year of £867. The charity's reserves total £40,798 of which £21,646 are restricted funds. The administration overhead for the charity was less than 1% of turnover. The Charity operates with very low overheads as it benefits from free office space and most of the work is carried out by volunteers and freelance workers for specific projects.

In addition to the money disclosed in the accounts the charity enjoys "in kind" support from a range of volunteers. In kind support calculated for the projects funded by the Heritage Fund for the year was calculated as £24,282. This does not include volunteer time in support of other work. This year it has been minimal due to the Covid-19 epidemic. In addition, the charity enjoys rent free office space. Due to the difficulty of valuing this support, this amount has not been included within the accounts.

Reserves Policy

The level of unrestricted reserves held at 31 March 2021 was £19,152 (2020 £17,274). This is in line with the policy of holding 12 months core expenditure in reserves at the end of 2021.

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Report to the Management Committee for the year ended 31st March 2021

Statement of Management Committee responsibilities

The Management Committee is responsible for preparing the Report of the Management Committee and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Charity law requires the Management Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Management Committee has elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (published January 2015) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting practice applicable to Smaller Entities) and on a receipts and payments basis. Under charity law the Management Committee must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Management Committee is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue operating.

The Management Committee is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with Charity Law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustees for the purpose of charity law who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (Updated in January 2015).

Approved by the Management Committee and signed on its behalf:

..... Signature

..... Date

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Legasee Educational Trust

Herewith is my report on the accounts of Legasee Educational Trust for the year ended 31st March 2021 which are set out on pages 8 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for independent examination, 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 2011 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from you as Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act, and to prepare accounts which accord with accounting records, and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understating of the accounts to be reached

Robin Whelan
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Signed.....*R. Whelan*.....
Date.....*17/05/21*.....

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Statement of Financial Activities (Including Income and Expenditure account) for the year ended 31st March 2021

	Note	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Incoming resources	2				
Grants		39,564	-	39,564	32,380
Donations		-	1,005	1,005	5,094
Fees and other income		-	1,380	1,380	-
Bank Interest		-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		39,564	2,385	41,949	37,474
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	3	40,431	327	40,758	46,695
Governance costs		-	180	180	180
Total resources expended	5	40,431	507	40,938	46,875
Net incoming (outgoing) resources for the year		(867)	1,878	1,011	(9,401)
Transfer between funds	6	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(867)	1,878	1,011	(9,401)
Funds at 31 st March 2020		22,513	17,274	39,787	49,188
Funds at 31st March 2021		£21,646	£19,152	£40,798	£39,787

All of the charity's operations are classed as continuing from 1 April 2021
Movements on reserves and all recognised surpluses or deficits are shown above
The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these accounts.

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021

	Note	2021	2021	2020	2020
		£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		40,798		39,787	
Creditors: amount falling due in less than one year					
		-		-	
Net current assets			<u>40,798</u>	<u>39,787</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>£40,798</u>	<u>£39,787</u>	
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Reserves					
Unrestricted funds			9,152	7,274	
Designated Funds	9		10,000	10,000	
Restricted funds	9		21,646	22,513	
			<u>£40,798</u>	<u>£39,787</u>	
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For the year in question the charity was entitled to exemption from an audit under the Charities Act 2011.

Trustees responsibilities:

- The members of the charity have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year.
- The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance for the provisions applicable to small charities under the Charity Act 2011. Approved by the Management Committee and signed on their behalf by:

Signed.....

Date.....

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Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2021

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. They have been consistently applied during the year.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2008. Accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payment basis.

Fund accounting

- Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.
- Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor, funder or the terms of an appeal.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants and donations and is included in full in the Statement of Financial activities when received.
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. There were no quantifiable items this year. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.
- Investment income is included when and if received.
- Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when and if earned.
- Incoming resources from grants, where related to specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on a payment basis when the liability is paid. The charity is not registered for VAT, any VAT costs are included in expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Individual items costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised.

Cash flow Statement

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard 1 from preparing Cash Flow Statement on the grounds that it is a small charity and not a company.

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Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2021 (continued)

2 Incoming Resources

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Grants				
HF London	-	-	-	7,280
HF North East	20,080	-	20,080	25,100
HF Covid Recovery Grant	19,484	-	19,484	-
	<u>39,564</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,564</u>	<u>32,380</u>
Donations	<u>-</u>	<u>1,005</u>	<u>1,005</u>	<u>5,094</u>
Fees and other income	<u>-</u>	<u>1,380</u>	<u>1,380</u>	<u>-</u>
Bank Interest	<u>-</u>	<u>2,385</u>	<u>2,385</u>	<u>5,094</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,385</u>	<u>2,385</u>	<u>5,094</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u>£39,564</u>	<u>£2,385</u>	<u>£41,949</u>	<u>£37,474</u>
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Notes to the accounts
for the year ending 31st March 2021 (continued)

3 Resources Expended

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Charitable Activities				
Salaries/freelance/professional fees	29,900	-	29,900	35,069
Recruitment costs	450	-	450	-
Travel	511	-	511	3,882
Training	-	-	-	-
Volunteer expenses	117	-	117	2,093
Postage/stationery/literature	1,671	3	1,674	136
Technology/website/Equipment	7,782	-	7,782	5,413
Administration costs	-	324	324	102
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	40,431	327	40,758	46,695
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Governance Costs				
Accounting	-	180	180	180
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Total Resources Expended	£40,431	£507	£40,938	£46,875
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Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2021 (continued)

4 Corporation tax

The charity is unincorporated and is exempt from corporation tax liability.

5 Net Incoming (outgoing) resources

There is a charge credited under this section for £180 covering an independent examiner fee.

7 Staff Costs

The charity did not employ any staff in 2020/21

8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No Trustees received travel and subsistence expenses during the year,

The charity paid its Trading Company Legasee Ltd £1,500 for filming and editing support to deliver projects in 2020. Martin Bisiker, the charity Trustee is a Director of Legasee Ltd.

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Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2021 (continued)

9 Restricted Funds

	As at 1 April 2020	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	As at 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
HF North East	22,513	20,080	(22,682)	-	19,911
HF Covid Support Grant	-	19,484	(17,749)	-	1,735
	<u>£22,513</u>	<u>£39,564</u>	<u>(£40,431)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£21,646</u>
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Restricted funds represent monies to be used for the following specific purposes:
 HF North East: for a project filming families of veteran's in partnership with Help for Heroes.
 HF Covid Support Gant: to cover core costs during the epidemic

A fund of £10,000 has been designated in the accounts for website re-design, software and equipment.

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 st March 2021 are represented by:	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Net current assets	21,646	19,152	40,798
Total net assets	<u>£21,646</u>	<u>£19,152</u>	<u>£40,798</u>
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Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2021

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Report to the Management Committee for the year ended 31st March 2021

The Management Committee presents its report and unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name	Legasee Educational Trust
Charity Registration Number	1145354 (England and Wales) SCO047748 (Scotland)
Registered Office	13 Mornington Road London E4 7DT

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STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Documents

The charity is an unincorporated association and is governed by its constitution dated September 2011 (England & Wales) and September 2017 (Scotland). It is registered as a charity with the charity commission in England and Wales since 2011 and Scotland since 2017. The Trustees have the power to admit any person and organisation to membership and also have the power to remove members. There are currently 22 members of the charity.

Appointment of Trustees

The Trustees are appointed by members in a general meeting. Officers and Trustees retire each year and Officers are available for re-election for up to 8 consecutive years and Trustees for 6 consecutive years. The number of Trustees should not be less than three but there is no upper limit on numbers.

The Trustees who served during the period, together with any changes up to the date are listed on page 1

Trustee recruitment, induction and training

Trustees are recruited based on the skills and experience required for successful governance of the organisation. All Trustees receive a copy all the charity policies, the charity trustee handbook and undertake an induction training session at the charities base in London.

Organisation

The Trustees meet as required and not normally less than 4 times a year. The charity had one paid staff in the period under review and the Trustees took direct responsibility for the management and direction of the charity, as well as governance and strategy.

Risk Management

The Trustees have undertaken a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Periodic reviews are made to ensure that the charity continues to identify and mitigate any major risks that may arise.

Objectives and activities

The Charity exists to advance the education of the effects of military conflict in any manner which now or hereafter may be deemed by law to be charitable. The relevant powers granted to it by the constitution to achieve this are:

- To encourage, promote, organise and advance the education of the public in the subject and effects of military activity and promote conservation of actual veteran experiences for future benefit.

- To work in partnership with other organisations for the advancement of education in military activities.
- To engage in research and the provision of information related to veteran experiences and military activity.
- To raise funds to support the work of the charity.

Public Benefit

In seeking to achieve its objectives the charity has had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission and OSCR in respect of public benefit.

Achievements

Details of the charity's achievements can be found within the annual report 2020 to 2021 which should be read in conjunction with the accounts.

Like many charities and heritage organisations, in our sector, across the country, we have been severely affected by the Covid-19 epidemic.

Our work has, therefore, been limited by what we were able to do under Covid-19 restrictions and the need to keep our volunteers and veterans safe.

Transfer of Assets

The Trustees reviewed the decision to transfer assets to the new Charity CIO but decided to continue working through the current non-incorporated charity so as not to lose important history at this stage. Having taken advice from the Charity Commission the Charity are able to leave the CIO dormant in the event of changes to our circumstances (e.g. we own property) and we need to transfer assets in future. We will need to publish annual accounts showing no turnover or assets and refer to the accounts of this Charity for England and Wales. This does not apply in Scotland where the CIO is not registered.

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Financial Review

The Statement of Financial Activities shows a net deficit for the year of £867. The charity's reserves total £40,798 of which £21,646 are restricted funds. The administration overhead for the charity was less than 1% of turnover. The Charity operates with very low overheads as it benefits from free office space and most of the work is carried out by volunteers and freelance workers for specific projects.

In addition to the money disclosed in the accounts the charity enjoys "in kind" support from a range of volunteers. In kind support calculated for the projects funded by the Heritage Fund for the year was calculated as £24,282. This does not include volunteer time in support of other work. This year it has been minimal due to the Covid-19 epidemic. In addition, the charity enjoys rent free office space. Due to the difficulty of valuing this support, this amount has not been included within the accounts.

Reserves Policy

The level of unrestricted reserves held at 31 March 2021 was £19,152 (2020 £17,274). This is in line with the policy of holding 12 months core expenditure in reserves at the end of 2021.

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Statement of Management Committee responsibilities

The Management Committee is responsible for preparing the Report of the Management Committee and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Charity law requires the Management Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Management Committee has elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (published January 2015) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting practice applicable to Smaller Entities) and on a receipts and payments basis. Under charity law the Management Committee must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Management Committee is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue operating.

The Management Committee is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with Charity Law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustees for the purpose of charity law who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (Updated in January 2015).

Approved by the Management Committee and signed on its behalf:

..... Signature

..... Date

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Legasee Educational Trust

Herewith is my report on the accounts of Legasee Educational Trust for the year ended 31st March 2021 which are set out on pages 8 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for independent examination, 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 2011 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from you as Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act, and to prepare accounts which accord with accounting records, and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understating of the accounts to be reached

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Signed.....*R. Whelan*.....
Date.....*17/05/21*.....

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Statement of Financial Activities (Including Income and Expenditure account) for the year ended 31st March 2021

	Note	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Incoming resources	2				
Grants		39,564	-	39,564	32,380
Donations		-	1,005	1,005	5,094
Fees and other income		-	1,380	1,380	-
Bank Interest		-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		39,564	2,385	41,949	37,474
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	3	40,431	327	40,758	46,695
Governance costs		-	180	180	180
Total resources expended	5	40,431	507	40,938	46,875
Net incoming (outgoing) resources for the year		(867)	1,878	1,011	(9,401)
Transfer between funds	6	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(867)	1,878	1,011	(9,401)
Funds at 31 st March 2020		22,513	17,274	39,787	49,188
Funds at 31st March 2021		£21,646	£19,152	£40,798	£39,787

All of the charity's operations are classed as continuing from 1 April 2021
Movements on reserves and all recognised surpluses or deficits are shown above
The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these accounts.

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021

	Note	2021	2021	2020	2020
		£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		40,798		39,787	
Creditors: amount falling due in less than one year					
		-		-	
Net current assets			40,798	39,787	
Total assets less current liabilities			£40,798	£39,787	
Reserves					
Unrestricted funds			9,152	7,274	
Designated Funds	9		10,000	10,000	
Restricted funds	9		21,646	22,513	
			£40,798	£39,787	

For the year in question the charity was entitled to exemption from an audit under the Charities Act 2011.

Trustees responsibilities:

- The members of the charity have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year.
- The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance for the provisions applicable to small charities under the Charity Act 2011. Approved by the Management Committee and signed on their behalf by:

Signed.....

Date.....

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Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2021

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. They have been consistently applied during the year.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2008. Accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payment basis.

Fund accounting

- Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.
- Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor, funder or the terms of an appeal.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants and donations and is included in full in the Statement of Financial activities when received.
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. There were no quantifiable items this year. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.
- Investment income is included when and if received.
- Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when and if earned.
- Incoming resources from grants, where related to specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on a payment basis when the liability is paid. The charity is not registered for VAT, any VAT costs are included in expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Individual items costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised.

Cash flow Statement

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard 1 from preparing Cash Flow Statement on the grounds that it is a small charity and not a company.

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2 Incoming Resources

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Grants				
HF London	-	-	-	7,280
HF North East	20,080	-	20,080	25,100
HF Covid Recovery Grant	19,484	-	19,484	-
	<u>39,564</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,564</u>	<u>32,380</u>
Donations	<u>-</u>	<u>1,005</u>	<u>1,005</u>	<u>5,094</u>
Fees and other income	<u>-</u>	<u>1,380</u>	<u>1,380</u>	<u>-</u>
Bank Interest	<u>-</u>	<u>2,385</u>	<u>2,385</u>	<u>5,094</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,385</u>	<u>2,385</u>	<u>5,094</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u>£39,564</u>	<u>£2,385</u>	<u>£41,949</u>	<u>£37,474</u>
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3 Resources Expended

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Charitable Activities				
Salaries/freelance/professional fees	29,900	-	29,900	35,069
Recruitment costs	450	-	450	-
Travel	511	-	511	3,882
Training	-	-	-	-
Volunteer expenses	117	-	117	2,093
Postage/stationery/literature	1,671	3	1,674	136
Technology/website/Equipment	7,782	-	7,782	5,413
Administration costs	-	324	324	102
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	40,431	327	40,758	46,695
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Governance Costs				
Accounting	-	180	180	180
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Total Resources Expended	£40,431	£507	£40,938	£46,875
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4 Corporation tax

The charity is unincorporated and is exempt from corporation tax liability.

5 Net Incoming (outgoing) resources

There is a charge credited under this section for £180 covering an independent examiner fee.

7 Staff Costs

The charity did not employ any staff in 2020/21

8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No Trustees received travel and subsistence expenses during the year,

The charity paid its Trading Company Legasee Ltd £1,500 for filming and editing support to deliver projects in 2020. Martin Bisiker, the charity Trustee is a Director of Legasee Ltd.

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9 Restricted Funds

	As at 1 April 2020	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	As at 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
HF North East	22,513	20,080	(22,682)	-	19,911
HF Covid Support Grant	-	19,484	(17,749)	-	1,735
	<u>£22,513</u>	<u>£39,564</u>	<u>(£40,431)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£21,646</u>
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Restricted funds represent monies to be used for the following specific purposes:
 HF North East: for a project filming families of veteran's in partnership with Help for Heroes.
 HF Covid Support Gant: to cover core costs during the epidemic

A fund of £10,000 has been designated in the accounts for website re-design, software and equipment.

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 st March 2021 are represented by:	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Net current assets	21,646	19,152	40,798
Total net assets	<u>£21,646</u>	<u>£19,152</u>	<u>£40,798</u>
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