

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07835310 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1145778

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022
FOR
UK ARMED FORCES POLO ASSOCIATION**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

To promote the efficiency of Her Majesty's Armed Forces (the "Armed Forces") by increasing physical fitness, fostering the esprit de corps and raising morale of members of the Armed Forces, in particular (but not by way of limitation) through facilitating and encouraging participation by members of the Armed Forces in polo and providing, facilitating or assisting in the provision of polo for the Armed Forces.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The military polo community was very grateful for the grant made to it by the HPA Polo Charity last year. The grant was split equally between the individual Service Polo Associations and the UK Armed Forces Polo Association (UKAFPA). Financing Service polo relies firstly on significant individual contributions. However, all 3 Services and the UKAFPA seek to subsidise individual training and playing costs as much as they are able. Income to facilitate this comes from a number of sources including the valuable and greatly appreciated grant from the HPA. In addition, the Services may apply to their individual Sports boards but monies from these sources come under increasing pressure and can never be taken for granted. Sponsorship is continually sought but continues to be difficult to secure.

The Services were delighted that the 2022 season was a success. There was an incoming touring team from the US Military which competed in a 3 match series for the Chapple Cup. A full programme of military tournaments took place and the highlight of the Services season Rundle Cup day was a marvellous occasion. Once again this season the weather and pony availability were as much of a constraint as anything. Service players directly benefited from the grant monies in the form of subsidised training events, practice chukkas and tournament and match play.

The Royal Navy undertook individual and group training mainly at Tedworth Park Polo Club (TPPC) using HPA Charity money to support new and developing RN players. The RN entered military tournaments including the Adjutant Generals Cup and 2 teams in the Royal Artillery Cup. The RN team was defeated by the Army in this years Rundle Cup but it was a great game on a wonderful day for Services polo in front of some 5000 spectators. On the same day an UKAFPA team played against the visiting US military team for the Indian Cavalry Officers Association (ICOA) Trophy. This day is the biggest in the Services calendar and it was wonderful to see it take place in glorious sunshine and so well attended. The RN also had 2 players represent the UKAFPA team in the Chapple Cup series.

The Army also supported individual and group coaching as well as practice chukkas and a slightly reduced programme of matches and tournaments took place. Difficulties that needed to be overcome included pony availability and the significant cost of hire, increased military deployments and dry hard grounds. However a successful season was had which included a tour by an Army team to Egypt and several players representing the UKAFPA team over the summer. The Army saw the end of a 15 year sponsorship arrangement this year and as yet no replacement has been found. The HPA grant takes on particular significance.

The Royal Air Force has had a busy season and the bulk of the HPA grant was used to support training programmes for developing players. They played 20 fixtures overall including winning the Captains and Subalterns Tournament and reaching the final of the Inter Regimental. Two RAF players represented UKAFPA.

UKAFPA had a busy and enjoyable season in 2022. The highlight was the visit of a touring team from the US Military to compete in a 3 match series for the Chapple Cup. The first match was for the Malta Cup, and took place at Druids Lodge Polo Club on the splendid Stonehenge Ground. After being behind at half time UKAFPA ran out the winners. The second match was for the Indian Cavalry Officers Association Trophy played at TPPC on Rundle Cup day an occasion enjoyed by all with UKAFPA narrowly victorious. The third game took place at Guards Polo Club alongside the final of the Inter Regimental and the US team had a well deserved victory in the United Services Cup. The Inter Regimental was won by the Queens Royal Hussars and the Captains and Subalterns by the Royal Air Force. The relatively new fixture against Cirencester Park Polo Club again went ahead. Whilst successful the season has been particularly expensive with mounting the US team (hire and transport of ponies) a significant single cost. As every one knows costs of polo have markedly increased over a short period of time.

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The Services use of their share of the HPA grant has the additional benefit of supporting Service polo clubs (TPPC, RAF Cranwell and Royal Military Academy Sandhurst) in very difficult times. The Services in a typical year have between 2 and 3 hundred members many being introduced to polo for the first time and therefore represent a rich source of new polo players in this country. Traditional sources of funds for military polo are already much reduced and this is likely to continue for the foreseeable future. Thus any grant from the Polo Charity to support Armed Forces polo next season will be extremely valuable and enormously appreciated.

Investment performance

The market value of the Association's investments decreased by £16,450 over the financial year (2021: £33,022 increase).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

In accordance with guidelines issued by the Charity Commission, the Trustees have adopted a policy regarding reserves which should ensure there are adequate funds to ensure the Association is able to meet all current and known future liabilities.

At 31 October 2022 the Association had reserves totalling £312,384 (2021: £327,071) all of which were unrestricted.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Association was incorporated on 4 November 2011 under its Memorandum and Articles of Association as amended by special resolutions dated 24 January 2012 and 29 June 2018, which establish the objects and powers of the charitable company. The Association is a company limited by guarantee, and in the event of the company being wound up, members would be required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 each towards any debts and liabilities of the company.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07835310 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1145778

Registered office

1 Kelham Gardens
Marlborough
SN8 1PW

Trustees

R T Brown
Brigadier N D Cowley

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20th Feb 23 and signed on its behalf by:



Brigadier N D Cowley - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
UK ARMED FORCES POLO ASSOCIATION**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of UK Armed Forces Polo Association ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 October 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Stephen Dickens
FCA, ICAEW

Date: 28th February 2023

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022**

		31.10.22 Unrestricted funds £	31.10.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations		24,000	12,000
Investment income	2	29	3
Total		24,029	12,003
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	3	612	-
Charitable activities			
Sponsored event expenses		9,277	-
Grant given out		12,380	15,954
Other		-	792
Total		22,269	16,746
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(16,450)	33,022
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(14,690)	28,279
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		327,074	298,795
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		312,384	327,074

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET
31 OCTOBER 2022**

	Notes	31.10.22 Unrestricted funds £	31.10.21 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Property incl cups	5	51,500	51,500
Debtors	6	20,000	20,000
Investments	7	203,412	219,862
Cash at bank		38,079	36,319
		312,991	327,681
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(607)	(607)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		312,384	327,074
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		312,384	327,074
NET ASSETS		312,384	327,074
FUNDS	9		
Unrestricted funds		312,384	327,074
TOTAL FUNDS		312,384	327,074

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 October 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 OCTOBER 2022

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20 Feb 23 and were signed on its behalf by:



Brigadier N D Cowley - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Property including cups

Included in current assets are tangible assets of the association including cups and trophies held at valuation and assessed for impairment each year.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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	31.10.22	31.10.21
	£	£
Bank interest received	29	3

3. RAISING FUNDS**Raising donations and legacies**

	31.10.22	31.10.21
	£	£
Support costs	612	-

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 October 2022 nor for the year ended 31 October 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 October 2022 nor for the year ended 31 October 2021.

5. PROPERTY INCL CUPS

	31.10.22	31.10.21
	£	£
Property including cups	51,500	51,500

6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.10.22	31.10.21
	£	£
Amounts due in respect of Polo 150 and King of Games	20,000	20,000

7. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	31.10.22	31.10.21
	£	£
Investments	203,412	219,862

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8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.10.22	31.10.21
	£	£
Taxation	7	7
Accruals	600	600
	<u>607</u>	<u>607</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.11.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.10.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	218,558	(14,690)	16,450	220,318
Unrealised Investment Gains	108,516	-	(16,450)	92,066
	<u>327,074</u>	<u>(14,690)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>312,384</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>327,074</u>	<u>(14,690)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>312,384</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	24,029	(22,269)	(16,450)	(14,690)
	<u>24,029</u>	<u>(22,269)</u>	<u>(16,450)</u>	<u>(14,690)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>24,029</u>	<u>(22,269)</u>	<u>(16,450)</u>	<u>(14,690)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.11.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.10.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	223,301	28,279	(33,022)	218,558
Unrealised Investment Gains	75,494	-	33,022	108,516
	<u>298,795</u>	<u>28,279</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>327,074</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>298,795</u>	<u>28,279</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>327,074</u>

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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	12,003	(16,746)	33,022	28,279
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>12,003</u>	<u>(16,746)</u>	<u>33,022</u>	<u>28,279</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.11.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.10.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	223,301	13,589	(16,572)	220,318
Unrealised Investment Gains	75,494	-	16,572	92,066
	<u>298,795</u>	<u>13,589</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>312,384</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>298,795</u>	<u>13,589</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>312,384</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	36,032	(39,015)	16,572	13,589
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>36,032</u>	<u>(39,015)</u>	<u>16,572</u>	<u>13,589</u>

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10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 October 2022.