

**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 08230197 (England and Wales)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1151194**

**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**  
**for**  
**Veterans in Communities**  
**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

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## Veterans in Communities

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Veterans in Communities

Reference and Administrative Details  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

**TRUSTEES**

R Barker MBE Chairman  
B G Hyde  
J B Payton MBE  
D A Peat OBE  
Retired Major C R Smethurst  
C Gill  
Q Zhou (appointed 12.8.21)  
A Woods (appointed 16.8.22)  
M Procter (appointed 16.8.22)

**COMPANY SECRETARY**

J B Payton MBE

**REGISTERED OFFICE**

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**REGISTERED COMPANY  
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**REGISTERED CHARITY  
NUMBER**

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## Veterans in Communities

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 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 March 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**

### **Charitable Objects**

The charitable objects of VIC as registered with the Charity Commission are:

To relieve need, suffering and distress amongst veterans of all branches of the Armed Forces and their partners, spouses and dependents in such ways as the Trustees shall think fit, particularly but not exclusively, by providing a comprehensive and diverse outreach programme developed, designed and delivered by veterans for veterans in the North West which supports veterans suffering the effects of war and have found the transition from military to civilian life difficult as a means to preserve and protect their physical and mental health; support their resettlement, rehabilitation, if needed, and their retraining to help them obtain employment.

### **VIC Mission Statement**

To ensure that ex-service personnel and their families can return to, belong and prosper in their communities.

### **Objectives**

- To provide open access to a trusted single point of contact ensuring all who may experience immediate and future difficulty in transitioning from military to civilian life in any way know where to go, who to see and what to do
- To provide a range of interventions to meet the individual need of the AFC member to accomplish transition
- To provide access to every opportunity available to maintain health and wellbeing and achieve a return to economic activity
- To provide ongoing support to veterans and their families that promotes continuing recovery for as long as is required and recognition that family and dependants as integral to recovery
- To deliver back to the community the benefit of their service skills and knowledge
- To provide subject matter expertise and support to Local Authorities and their Armed Forces Community Covenant partners in gaining a 'veterans eye-view' and assistance in engaging with the community
- To highlight and promote awareness of veterans needs
- To establish pathways and partnerships for joint working to achieve mutual outcomes and resource efficiencies

Veterans in Communities is founded on peer support and committed to partnership and collaborative working to achieve positive outcomes that result in returning, belonging and prospering.

## Veterans in Communities

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **VIC Aims**

- To provide support for ex-military personnel, ex-emergency services and prison service personnel and their families
- To encourage others to bring their knowledge, experience and expertise to provide help, support and advice to members of the Armed Forces and uniformed civilian communities and build on existing services and develop others
- To encourage the integration of former service personnel into civilian life by encouraging them to contribute their service experience and skills to help the local community
- To work together in partnership with others to support the Armed Forces Community Covenant in recognising in-service and ex-service personnel and their families.
- To establish partnerships through pledges which while not replacing statutory services, work towards addressing issues which affect former armed forces personnel and their families.

##### **Volunteers**

VIC could not function without its volunteers. They are found in every area of VIC, contributing their time, skills, knowledge and effort. They plan and deliver so many activities; art group, choir, craft group, walks, allotment, pyrography, sublimation, outreach, peer support, woodworking, skills training and learning, stalls and information stands, fundraising assistance and running our social activities.

VIC volunteers continued marshalling at vaccination hubs across our area of benefit helping their communities return to some semblance of normality.

Over the year we have calculated the hours that VIC volunteers have provided to our members and the wider community. The volunteers accumulated over 7,000 voluntary hours and if those hours had been paid at national minimum wage VIC would have needed an additional £63,234 of funding.

We are indebted to their commitment, generosity and support and grateful for each and every one of our volunteers.

## Veterans in Communities

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

#### **STRATEGIC REPORT**

##### **Fundraising activities**

Members of VIC and the public continued to be very generous with donations and their own fundraising initiatives, raising much needed funds for VIC. The VIC Choir have not been able to fundraise for us for the most part of the year due to ongoing restrictions within the communities.

Sales of arts and crafts products have continued to improve this year and sales of Veterans in Production products have substantially increased this year, primarily due to the sales of "We Salute You" silhouettes which were sold over the Remembrance period.

Members of the public continued to be very generous, particularly at Christmas. Thanks to the donations of food and toiletries we were able to distribute over 60 hampers to those living alone or with limited income.

##### **Achievement and performance**

Highlights of the achievements of Veterans in Communities during the year can be found from page 27 of this document.

We were pleased to be able to open our door again on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 following Covid-19 guidance,, in-line with the Government's Roadmap. There were still restrictions of numbers allowed to partake in activities.

VIC were represented at Remembrance Day services across East Lancashire and Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale, with wreaths laid in many places.

VIC are delighted to have been selected as a partner, along with Turn to Starboard and Waterloo Uncovered, to take part in a research programme. The Stories in Transition aims to explore how veterans author their own stories about life after military service through participation in arts, sport and culture activities, and through producing creative documentary films. The project is unique because it engages with veterans in a creative and empowering way. Unlike measuring instrumental transition 'outcomes', like scores on a questionnaire, the project explores what transition itself really means to veterans and what they think they get out of participating in arts, sport and culture activities.

##### **Financial review**

##### **Financial position**

The Statement of Financial Activities set out on page 10 shows how our funds were raised and applied during the year. This statement separates funds, which the charity itself controls - unrestricted funds, from funds which have to be spent in a manner determined by the donor - restricted funds.

The trustees are guarantors of the company. Their liabilities as set out in the memorandum are limited to £10 per guarantor.

## Veterans in Communities

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

#### **STRATEGIC REPORT**

##### **Financial review**

##### **Principal funders**

Veterans in Communities is grateful to all the funders who have made the delivery of services possible during the year:

- East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group
- NHS Northern Care Alliance
- Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust
- Power to Change
- Changing Futures project, part of the Building Better Opportunities Fund jointly funded by the Big Lottery Fund and the European Social Fund
- The Big Salute
- Asda Foundation
- Rossendale Borough Council
- Department for Work and Pensions (Kickstart programme)

VIC is also part of the partnership delivering the Integrated Neighbourhood Teams contract across Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale.

VIC are delighted to have new and continued relationships and support with Catherine Smyth Media, Stonegate IT, Veterans into Logistics, Meg Training Solutions, Stitches R Us, JJ Ormerod, Greggs, Emotive Capture, Mulberry Roots, Unlock Your You, Asda, Tesco and Morrisons.

Partnership working has proved how vital collaboration and joint working is in meeting the needs of our members. We are fortunate and pleased to have worked with all of our partners; Lancashire Armed Forces Covenant Hub, Citizen's Advice Rossendale and Hyndburn, Military Veterans Service, Royal British Legion, Rochdale Metropolitan Council, MIND (Rochdale), Inspire, Armed Forces Covenant Groups in Burnley, Pendle and Rochdale, to name just a few. The support of local businesses and organisations has also been gratefully received and is essential to our development.

##### **Investment policy**

The Trustees of Veterans in Communities review the Investment Policy on an annual basis, considering cash flow needs of the organisation and the level of reserves available for investment.

At this time the Trustees feel there are not sufficient assets available for investment without creating a high risk level for cashflow.

The Trustees do take into consideration the limits of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). Consequently Veterans in Communities holds bank accounts at two separate institutions; National Westminster and CAF Bank. This enables the distribution of funds to mitigate the risks in accordance with FSCS limits.

The Financial Policy and Procedures outlines the checks and balances in place to regulate financial transactions and handling of money within VIC.

## Veterans in Communities

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

## **STRATEGIC REPORT**

### **Financial review**

#### **Reserves policy**

The Trustees of Veterans in Communities review the Reserves Policy on an annual basis, considering the reserves available, the need to designate funds against potential redundancy costs, future commitments and the level of risk acceptable to the Trustees.

The Trustees have determined that Veterans in Communities will maintain free reserves equivalent to approximately 25% of the projected expenditure for the following year. At 31st March 2022 VIC has £46,382 as free reserves after designated funds are accounted for. This represents 18.6% of budgeted expenditure for the financial year 2022/23. In the event that all or any funding is lost, the reserves will enable VIC to maintain a service for 2.2 months whilst researching and sourcing other funding.

VIC is fortunate to hold the asset of the VIC building within its accounts. However, this building is held in trust for the community and its value cannot be realised to the benefit of VIC.

#### **Designated Funds**

The Trustees of Veterans in Communities have considered the development of the organisation and the length of employment of a number of staff. In order to mitigate against any funding risks in the coming year, the Trustees have deemed it prudent to designate funds to cover any required redundancies. As at 31st March 2022 the designated fund will increase to £15,000.

Veterans in Communities owns a vehicle purchased through grant funding, which has been depreciated over a number of years. Due to the age of the vehicle, the Trustees recognise that there will be additional expenditure to maintain it to an acceptable standard. As in the previous three years, the Trustees have designated a further £10,000 for the year to the 31st March 2022 to increase the designated funds reserve for vehicle replacement to a total £50,000.

The Trustees have felt it prudent to designate funds towards ongoing staff costs in order to retain staff beyond the life of the project funding until additional funding can be secured. As at 31st March 2022, the designated fund will be £10,000.

The Trustees have also designated funds across various projects:

Veterans in Production	£2,692
Creative Community Hub	£3,632
VIC Hyndburn	£426
VIC Heywood	£523
Veterans Places, Pathways and People	£2,178



## Veterans in Communities

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

Veterans In Communities (VIC) is a registered charity operating within a company limited by guarantee. VIC incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee in September 2012 and achieved charitable status in March 2013.

VIC currently has a Board of 9 Trustees responsible for governance and developing and driving strategy. A sub-group of senior staff and 3 Trustees form the Executive Group that has a day-by-day management role. The Trustees are voluntary social entrepreneurs who are passionate about the area and have worked for years to make it a better place to live and work. They are all local people chosen for their skills and experience. They give generously of their private time, at their own expense, with a shared commitment to building a better future for ex-services personnel, their families and the wider community.

The Trustees are bound by a Code of Conduct and receive induction upon appointment. One third of the Directors, being longest in office, retire annually and are able to be re-elected by the members, if the individual is willing.

The Trustees have not claimed any expenses or received any remuneration during the year.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Trustees of Veterans in Communities recognise their responsibility to identify, assess and manage all areas of risk in relation to the organisation. The Risk Management Policy outlines the principles of our risk management approach, the processes for identifying risk, and the methods used to assess those risks and mitigate against them.

It covers all matters where risk can arise, compromising staff and visitor safety. Risk management is undertaken in all areas of the organisation. Overall responsibility for risk management lies with the Board of Trustees. However, it is expected that all staff, volunteers and members will play their part in ensuring risk is minimised on a day to day basis.

The main areas of risk are considered to be:

- Governance
- Operational
- Financial
- Environmental or external
- Compliance (law and regulation)

The aim of the Risk Management Policy is to create robust structures, systems and processes that will minimise or eliminate, so far as is reasonably practicable, risks to staff, members, volunteers, the general public and the organisation by promoting consistency in practice. This policy is aimed at creating a strong understanding of the responsibility for the assessment and management of risk at all levels whether through individual practice or in management arrangements.

## Veterans in Communities

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

#### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Veterans in Communities for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"

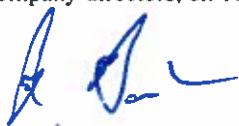
Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 18 August 2022 and signed on the board's behalf by:



R Barker MBE - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Veterans in Communities

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Veterans in Communities ('the Company')**

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

N. Grindrod

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18 August 2022

**Veterans in Communities**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Voluntary income		164,490	200	164,690	122,250
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Charitable Activities		35,510	36,606	72,116	58,401
Activities for generating funds	2	12,410	-	12,410	7,996
Investment income	3	<u>19</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>61</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b><u>212,429</u></b>	<b><u>36,806</u></b>	<b><u>249,235</u></b>	<b><u>188,708</u></b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds		5,949	5,454	11,403	16,155
<b>Charitable activities</b>	4				
Charitable Activities		<u>164,948</u>	<u>25,627</u>	<u>190,575</u>	<u>202,708</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b><u>170,897</u></b>	<b><u>31,081</u></b>	<b><u>201,978</u></b>	<b><u>218,863</u></b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>41,532</b>	<b>5,725</b>	<b>47,257</b>	<b>(30,155)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>89,300</b>	<b>36,742</b>	<b>126,042</b>	<b>156,197</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b><u>130,832</u></b>	<b><u>42,467</u></b>	<b><u>173,299</u></b>	<b><u>126,042</u></b>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Veterans in Communities

Statement of Financial Position  
31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	9	-	270,000	270,000	270,165
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	10	(26,470)	42,466	15,996	16,522
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>170,180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>170,180</u>	<u>121,452</u>
		143,710	42,466	186,176	137,974
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(12,877)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(12,877)</u>	<u>(12,097)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>130,833</u>	<u>42,466</u>	<u>173,299</u>	<u>125,877</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		130,833	312,466	443,299	396,042
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	12	<u>-</u>	<u>(270,000)</u>	<u>(270,000)</u>	<u>(270,000)</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>130,833</u>	<u>42,466</u>	<u>173,299</u>	<u>126,042</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

## Veterans in Communities

### Statement of Financial Position - continued

31 March 2022

	Notes	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
<b>FUNDS</b>	<b>13</b>		
Unrestricted funds:			
General fund		46,322	24,401
HMR-INT		60	6,303
Vehicle Replacement Fund		50,000	40,000
Redundancy Contingency Fund		15,000	13,000
VIP		2,692	1,758
The Community Creative Hub		3,632	2,495
VIC Hyndburn		426	790
VIC Heywood Sandbag		523	553
VPPP		2,178	-
Ongoing staff costs		10,000	-
		<u>130,833</u>	<u>89,300</u>
Restricted funds:			
DCEPT		7,736	7,736
Building Better Opportunities		3,036	3,122
Hardship Fund		1,708	1,508
Armed Forces Covenant Trust		22,128	8,902
VIC Sublimation		869	1,185
Awards For All		3,455	3,455
Armed Forces Covenant - VSNBF		1,438	3,840
Prince of Wales Charitable Fund		1	5,000
Developing Veterans		1	1,994
Middleton Mess Tin		2,094	-
		<u>42,466</u>	<u>36,742</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>173,299</u>	<u>126,042</u>

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

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 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

Veterans in Communities

Statement of Financial Position - continued  
31 March 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 18 August 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Barker', with a stylized flourish at the end.

R Barker MBE - Trustee

## **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.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- not provided
Plant and machinery	- 25% on cost
Fixtures, fittings and office equipment	- 33% on cost and 25% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 25% on cost

The property is shown at the value when gifted and is not to be depreciated as it has no specific useful life. Its full value is shown within 'Tangible Fixed Assets' (note 9) and 'Contingent liability' (note 12) and will remain there indefinitely. Correspondingly, the 'Contingent liability' (note 12) will remain there indefinitely until VIC no longer has use for the property and it is gifted back to the Haslingden Community.

### **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.



## Veterans in Communities

### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

#### **2. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS**

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Fundraising events	2,032	471
Rental income	4,830	3,163
Art sales	1,884	1,930
Craft sales	1,076	1,016
Other sales	1,267	43
Mini bus hire	458	142
VIP income	<u>863</u>	<u>1,231</u>
	<u>12,410</u>	<u>7,996</u>

#### **3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Bank interest	<u>19</u>	<u>61</u>

#### **4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs £	Totals £
Charitable Activities	<u>187,755</u>	<u>2,820</u>	<u>190,575</u>

#### **5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Accountancy fees	2,820	3,276
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>165</u>	<u>248</u>

#### **6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

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

##### **Trustees' expenses**

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

## Veterans in Communities

### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

#### **7. STAFF COSTS**

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
Support staff	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

#### **8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Voluntary income	122,050	200	122,250
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable Activities	4,165	54,236	58,401
Activities for generating funds	7,996	-	7,996
Investment income	<u>61</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>134,272</u>	<u>54,436</u>	<u>188,708</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	1,645	14,510	16,155
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable Activities	<u>131,285</u>	<u>71,423</u>	<u>202,708</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>132,930</u>	<u>85,933</u>	<u>218,863</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>1,342</b>	<b>(31,497)</b>	<b>(30,155)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	<u>87,959</u>	<u>68,238</u>	<u>156,197</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u><b>89,301</b></u>	<u><b>36,741</b></u>	<u><b>126,042</b></u>

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**9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures, fittings and office equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>					
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	<u>270,000</u>	<u>14,632</u>	<u>29,920</u>	<u>17,994</u>	<u>332,546</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>					
At 1 April 2021	-	14,632	29,755	17,994	62,381
Charge for year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>165</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>14,632</u>	<u>29,920</u>	<u>17,994</u>	<u>62,546</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
At 31 March 2022	<u>270,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>270,000</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>270,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>270,165</u>

Depreciation on the property is no longer required and has therefore been written back to its original gifted value on the basis that VIC will enjoy use during its lifetime and will not benefit from any appreciation in value after any transfer of ownership.

**10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Trade debtors	15,236	10,159
Other debtors	(5,328)	(2)
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>6,088</u>	<u>6,365</u>
	<u>15,996</u>	<u>16,522</u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

#### **11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Trade creditors	5,719	2,281
Social security and other taxes	-	2,405
Accruals	<u>7,158</u>	<u>7,411</u>
	<u>12,877</u>	<u>12,097</u>

#### **12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Contingent liability in respect of Gifted Property	<u>270,000</u>	<u>270,000</u>

#### **13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.21	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	24,401	43,921	(22,000)	46,322
HMR-INT	6,303	(6,243)	-	60
Vehicle Replacement Fund	40,000	-	10,000	50,000
Redundancy Contingency Fund	13,000	-	2,000	15,000
VIP	1,758	934	-	2,692
The Community Creative Hub	2,495	1,137	-	3,632
VIC Hyndburn	790	(364)	-	426
VIC Heywood Sandbag	553	(30)	-	523
VPPP	-	2,178	-	2,178
Ongoing staff costs	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	89,300	41,533	-	130,833
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
DCEPT	7,736	-	-	7,736
Building Better Opportunities	3,122	(86)	-	3,036
Hardship Fund	1,508	200	-	1,708
Armed Forces Covenant Trust	8,902	13,226	-	22,128
VIC Sublimation	1,185	(316)	-	869
Awards For All	3,455	-	-	3,455
Armed Forces Covenant - VSNBF	3,840	(2,402)	-	1,438
Prince of Wales Charitable Fund	5,000	(4,999)	-	1
Developing Veterans	1,994	(1,993)	-	1
Middleton Mess Tin	<u>-</u>	<u>2,094</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,094</u>
	<u>36,742</u>	<u>5,724</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,466</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>126,042</u>	<u>47,257</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>173,299</u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

#### **13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	59,061	(15,140)	43,921
East Lancs CCG	80,000	(80,000)	-
HMR-INT	38,230	(44,473)	(6,243)
VIP	863	71	934
The Community Creative Hub	3,567	(2,430)	1,137
VIC Hyndburn	277	(641)	(364)
VIC Heywood Sandbag	55	(85)	(30)
Power To Change	20,000	(20,000)	-
Railway Club	345	(345)	-
VPPP	8,750	(6,572)	2,178
Clitheroe	<u>1,281</u>	<u>(1,281)</u>	<u>-</u>
	212,429	(170,896)	41,533
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Building Better Opportunities	10,290	(10,376)	(86)
Hardship Fund	200	-	200
Armed Forces Covenant Trust	23,363	(10,137)	13,226
VIC Sublimation	-	(316)	(316)
Armed Forces Covenant - VSNBF	-	(2,402)	(2,402)
Prince of Wales Charitable Fund	-	(4,999)	(4,999)
Developing Veterans	-	(1,993)	(1,993)
Middleton Mess Tin	<u>2,953</u>	<u>(859)</u>	<u>2,094</u>
	<u>36,806</u>	<u>(31,082)</u>	<u>5,724</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>249,235</u>	<u>(201,978)</u>	<u>47,257</u>

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**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	33,152	1,249	(10,000)	24,401
HMR-INT	9,100	(2,797)	-	6,303
Vehicle Replacement Fund	30,000	-	10,000	40,000
Redundancy Contingency Fund	13,000	-	-	13,000
VIP	809	949	-	1,758
The Community Creative Hub	166	2,329	-	2,495
VIC Hyndburn	790	-	-	790
VIC Heywood Sandbag	942	(389)	-	553
	87,959	1,341	-	89,300
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
DCEPT	7,736	-	-	7,736
Building Better Opportunities	-	3,122	-	3,122
Hardship Fund	1,408	100	-	1,508
Armed Forces Covenant Trust	31,820	(22,918)	-	8,902
Santander Discovery Grant	1,618	(1,618)	-	-
VIC Sublimination	1,185	-	-	1,185
Awards For All	7,049	(3,594)	-	3,455
Armed Forces Covenant H&RV	17,422	(17,422)	-	-
Armed Forces Covenant - VSNBF	-	3,840	-	3,840
Prince of Wales Charitable Fund	-	5,000	-	5,000
Developing Veterans	-	1,994	-	1,994
	68,238	(31,496)	-	36,742
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>156,197</u>	<u>(30,155)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126,042</u>

## Veterans in Communities

### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

#### 13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	11,822	(10,573)	1,249
East Lancs CCG	80,000	(80,000)	-
HMR-INT	38,230	(41,027)	(2,797)
VIP	1,231	(282)	949
The Community Creative Hub	2,989	(660)	2,329
VIC Heywood Sandbag	-	(389)	(389)
	134,272	(132,931)	1,341
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Building Better Opportunities	13,981	(10,859)	3,122
Hardship Fund	200	(100)	100
Armed Forces Covenant Trust	-	(22,918)	(22,918)
Santander Discovery Grant	-	(1,618)	(1,618)
Awards For All	-	(3,594)	(3,594)
Armed Forces Covenant H&RV	-	(17,422)	(17,422)
Armed Forces Covenant - VSNBF	16,034	(12,194)	3,840
Armed Forces Covenant - COVID19	14,269	(14,269)	-
Prince of Wales Charitable Fund	5,000	-	5,000
Developing Veterans	4,952	(2,958)	1,994
	54,436	(85,932)	(31,496)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>188,708</b>	<b>(218,863)</b>	<b>(30,155)</b>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

#### **13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	33,152	45,170	(32,000)	46,322
HMR-INT	9,100	(9,040)	-	60
Vehicle Replacement Fund	30,000	-	20,000	50,000
Redundancy Contingency Fund	13,000	-	2,000	15,000
VIP	809	1,883	-	2,692
The Community Creative Hub	166	3,466	-	3,632
VIC Hyndburn	790	(364)	-	426
VIC Heywood Sandbag	942	(419)	-	523
VPPP	-	2,178	-	2,178
Ongoing staff costs	-	-	10,000	10,000
	<u>87,959</u>	<u>42,874</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>130,833</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
DCEPT	7,736	-	-	7,736
Building Better Opportunities	-	3,036	-	3,036
Hardship Fund	1,408	300	-	1,708
Armed Forces Covenant Trust	31,820	(9,692)	-	22,128
Santander Discovery Grant	1,618	(1,618)	-	-
VIC Sublimination	1,185	(316)	-	869
Awards For All	7,049	(3,594)	-	3,455
Armed Forces Covenant H&RV	17,422	(17,422)	-	-
Armed Forces Covenant - VSNBF	-	1,438	-	1,438
Prince of Wales Charitable Fund	-	1	-	1
Developing Veterans	-	1	-	1
Middleton Mess Tin	-	2,094	-	2,094
	<u>68,238</u>	<u>(25,772)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,466</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>156,197</u>	<u>17,102</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>173,299</u>



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**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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 £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	70,883	(25,713)	45,170
East Lancs CCG	160,000	(160,000)	-
HMR-INT	76,460	(85,500)	(9,040)
VIP	2,094	(211)	1,883
The Community Creative Hub	6,556	(3,090)	3,466
VIC Hyndburn	277	(641)	(364)
VIC Heywood Sandbag	55	(474)	(419)
Power To Change	20,000	(20,000)	-
Railway Club	345	(345)	-
VPPP	8,750	(6,572)	2,178
Clitheroe	<u>1,281</u>	<u>(1,281)</u>	<u>-</u>
	346,701	(303,827)	42,874
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Building Better Opportunities	24,271	(21,235)	3,036
Hardship Fund	400	(100)	300
Armed Forces Covenant Trust	23,363	(33,055)	(9,692)
Santander Discovery Grant	-	(1,618)	(1,618)
VIC Sublimination	-	(316)	(316)
Awards For All	-	(3,594)	(3,594)
Armed Forces Covenant H&RV	-	(17,422)	(17,422)
Armed Forces Covenant - VSNBF	16,034	(14,596)	1,438
Armed Forces Covenant - COVID19	14,269	(14,269)	-
Prince of Wales Charitable Fund	5,000	(4,999)	1
Developing Veterans	4,952	(4,951)	1
Middleton Mess Tin	<u>2,953</u>	<u>(859)</u>	<u>2,094</u>
	<u>91,242</u>	<u>(117,014)</u>	<u>(25,772)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>437,943</u>	<u>(420,841)</u>	<u>17,102</u>

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**14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

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

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>				
<b>Voluntary income</b>				
Donations	46,143	200	46,343	3,997
Gift aid	231	-	231	23
East Lancs CCG	80,000	-	80,000	80,000
HMR-INT	38,230	-	38,230	38,230
The Community Creative Hub	(114)	-	(114)	-
	164,490	200	164,690	122,250
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>				
Fundraising events	2,032	-	2,032	471
Rental income	4,830	-	4,830	3,163
Art sales	1,884	-	1,884	1,930
Craft sales	1,076	-	1,076	1,016
Other sales	1,267	-	1,267	43
Mini bus hire	458	-	458	142
VIP income	863	-	863	1,231
	12,410	-	12,410	7,996
<b>Investment income</b>				
Bank interest	19	-	19	61
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Grants	35,510	36,606	72,116	58,401
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	212,429	36,806	249,235	188,708
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
<b>Other trading activities</b>				
Purchases	-	-	-	3,530
Bad debts	388	-	388	-
Projects costs	5,561	5,454	11,015	12,625
	5,949	5,454	11,403	16,155
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Wage costs	129,128	23,970	153,098	145,575
Carried forward	129,128	23,970	153,098	145,575

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## Veterans in Communities

### Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

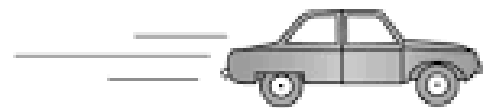
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Brought forward	129,128	23,970	153,098	145,575
Gas, electricity and water	7,994	-	7,994	4,823
Telephone and computer costs	4,147	200	4,347	2,757
Post, stationery and adverts	6,114	49	6,163	1,942
Motor expenses	2,332	-	2,332	2,100
Travel and refreshments	2,451	571	3,022	2,007
Insurance	3,225	-	3,225	3,848
Professional fees	1,000	-	1,000	8,582
Repairs	2,599	-	2,599	24,936
Cleaning and hygiene	750	-	750	953
Depreciation	165	-	165	248
Staff training	8	-	8	53
Bank charges	137	-	137	87
Event costs	-	-	-	60
Subscriptions	214	-	214	1,085
Sundries	<u>1,863</u>	<u>838</u>	<u>2,701</u>	<u>376</u>
	162,127	25,628	187,755	199,432
<b>Support costs</b>				
<b>Governance costs</b>				
Auditors' remuneration	<u>2,820</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,820</u>	<u>3,276</u>
Total resources expended	<u>170,896</u>	<u>31,082</u>	<u>201,978</u>	<u>218,863</u>
Net expenditure	<u>41,533</u>	<u>5,724</u>	<u>47,257</u>	<u>(30,155)</u>

# Summary of Achievements and Performance 2021/22



**Providing support  
towards  
addressing issues  
affecting former  
Armed Forces  
service personnel  
and their families**

Over 300 outreach sessions delivered across Pendle, Burnley, Hyndburn, Rossendale, Rochdale, Heywood and Middleton



VIC was able to re-open the doors on 12th April 2021 allowing full access to our services and activities once again

Launching in June 2021, we opened up a new support hub in Clitheroe supporting veterans and their families across Ribble Valley

Social inclusion trips re-started with trips to Bolton Abbey, the National Memorial Arboretum and the Army Foundation College

**Over 110 new members  
identified, registered and  
supported.**





## Providing support towards addressing issues affecting former armed forces service personnel and their families

- 74 beneficiaries access our weekly social groups, services and support at our outreach areas
- The VIC Centre was open each weekday day over the Christmas period recognising that it is a difficult time for veterans who are most isolated
- 63 Christmas hampers delivered to those alone on Christmas Day
- Model railway club started at VIC Hyndburn

### Across the year:

26 people accessed the the VIC art group



9 people accessed the VIC craft group



19 accessed choir rehearsals and performances



21 people take part in the quiz afternoon held on Thursdays at the centre



**Over 1,300 people accessed the VIC centre between April 2021 and March 2022.**



## Integration of former service personnel into civilian life by encouraging them to contribute their service experience and skills to benefit the local communities

**VIC members are involved in community projects benefiting all. This year these have included:-**

- The Whitaker – groundworks and refurbishment work
- Haslingden Community Link – Groundworks and erection and installation of sheds
- Mulberry Roots – putting together furniture and creating a seating area for the children
- Team of volunteers marshalling at the Sabre Challenge for Rossendale Hospice
- Refurbishment of garden benches to make stunning memorial benches
- Dismantling, transportation and installation of a donated kitchen at Whitehough outdoor activity centre (Burnley FC in the Community)
- Painting concrete fences in a back street in Clayton creating lots of positive local interest from the local community



VIC members were instrumental in help a work experience placement from NLTG to develop woodworking skills resulting in an apprenticeship in joinery.



**NLTG**  
NORTH LANCS TRAINING GROUP



VIC welcomed a volunteer as part of the DofE scheme. He applied his IT skills to create some new marketing literature for VIC and our social enterprises

VIC members continued with the marshalling programme up until June. They volunteered their skills and experience supporting our communities by providing a further 850 hours of outdoor marshalling in April and May at vaccination centres in Rawtenstall, Accrington and Darwen





## Working in partnership to support the Armed Forces Covenant - supporting those who serve or who have served in the armed forces and their families

- Full partner in the delivery of the Integrated Neighbourhood Team contract in HMR
- Representations and active participation on Armed Forces Covenant Groups
- Partnership work with Lancashire Armed Forces Covenant Hub

A VIC member of staff received a collaboration award from the RBL recognising her work in strengthening the links between the RBL and VIC. As a result she was invited to a service at Westminster Abbey attended by the Queen

Two VIC beneficiaries assisted local RBL Poppy Appeals in November 2021

Attended several Remembrance Day parades and services across our areas of benefit

Member of Lancashire Armed Forces Network working together with statutory and other third sector organisations improving inter agency partnerships







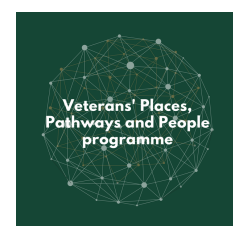
## Working in partnership to support the Armed Forces Covenant - supporting those who serve or who have served in the armed forces and their families

- Continue to work collaboratively with the Burnley Football Club in the Community, the Royal British Legion, Lancashire Adult Learning, Citizens Advice, SSAFA and Military Veterans Services to name but a few
- New collaborations with Accrington Stanley Community Trust and Blackburn Rovers Community Trust.

Invited to participate in the MOD's NW regional focus group relating to the new Armed Forces Covenant legislation

Collaboration with Burnley FC in the Community to hold a veterans art exhibition at the football club

VIC were selected to be a part of the NW portfolio of the Veterans' Places, Pathways and People programme, entitled North West Armed Forces Wellbeing Network.





## Supporting the health and wellbeing of our members

Peer support  
Art Group  
VIC Choir  
Craft Group  
Veterans in Production  
Allotment project in Rossendale  
Pyrography  
Walks  
Training and learning  
Social events and trips

44 people have participated in our annual programme of countryside walks

Over 60 people attended social inclusion trips to Queen St Mill, Bridgewater Canal

50 people attended Xmas lunch at Rose and Bowl  
The VIC Centre was open on Bank Holidays

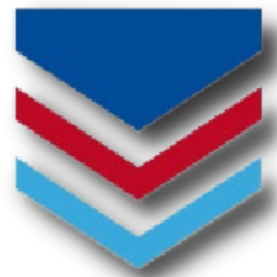
Use of VIC Centre for appointments with specialist psychological services such as Military Veterans' Service and Combat Stress. Our centre is also used by partners such as Citizens Advice and Inspire.

**Over 90 people attended the VIC Open Day, Operation Return in October 2021**

### **Over 50 people directly benefited from our Veterans Should Not Be Forgotten funding:-**

- One to one appointments
  - Access to learning opportunities
  - Maintaining social contact
  - Talking to family members





**Training and support providing access to opportunities available to return to economic activity**

**VIC volunteer attending accredited course relating to Digital Marketing**

- One to one support tailored to meet the needs of the individual and an action plan developed to help them achieve skills, confidence and move towards finding employment
- Delivery of courses to improve skills and increase confidence
- Supported beneficiaries into HGV training, business start up advisors, PIP applications, assessments and appeals
- Supported participants through programmes which have helped them to become more self-confident and assisted with personal development

**Staff, volunteers and VIC members attended SafeTALK training**

**Information, Advice and Guidance training provided for staff and volunteers**





**Changing Futures**

Building Better Opportunities

## Training and support providing access to opportunities available to return to economic activity

VIC are a delivery partner within the Building Better Opportunities, Changing Futures project, funded by The Community Fund and the European Social Fund.

The project provides intensive one to one support enabling veterans to move closer to employment

- Project staff help with PIP, UC and ESA applications, assessments and appeals
- Support provided to beneficiaries with housing providers
- VIC provide access to on-line training relating to mentoring, mindfulness and home exercise
- Support in applying to have a participant's daughter's birth re-registered to include his name on the certificate

- **27 participants signed up to the project**
- **6 are now in employment**
- **4 have gone into formal training and/or job search**
- **12 are still on the programme and we are working towards results for those**



# Fundraising

- Over £60,000 in grants were secured



- Over £10,000 in trading income



- Over £1,000 raised by the VIC Choir from collections during performances along with VIC fundraising events



- Over £45,000 of donations raised





# Volunteers



**VIC is extremely grateful to each and every one of our volunteers who give so generously of their time and skills**

Volunteers are involved in:

- organising and leading groups and activities
  - administration
- organising walks and social inclusion activities
  - fundraising events
    - Peer Support
    - Welfare checks
    - Marshalling
  - VIC Choir members
    - allotment
  - manning outreach posts
    - VIC Hyndburn
  - VIC Heywood (Sandbag café)
- VIC Middleton (Middleton Mess Tin)
  - Veterans in Production (VIP)
    - Art and crafts groups
    - Coffee social groups
- Veterans mental health caseworker
  - Decorating and DIY skills
  - Trustees



**7000+ volunteer hours gifted to  
VIC**

**Equated to £63,234 if paid at  
minimum wage**





## Awards and Recognition

VIC were finalists in the Not For Profit category of Rossendale Business Awards 2021



VIC applied for the Légion d'Honneur award for a VIC beneficiary. The French government make these awards to D-Day veterans as a way of honouring and thanking those who fought and risked their lives to secure France's liberation during the Second World War



**GOUVERNEMENT**

*Liberté  
Égalité  
Fraternité*



VIC have been selected as a partner by the Veterans & Families Institute team of Anglia Ruskin University as part of their new research programme







## Awards and Recognition

Retired Colonel David Richmond CBE, Independent Veterans Advisor to UK Government Ministers at the Cabinet Office, visited the VIC centre in January 2022.

He was keen to learn more about VIC and the work we do; he spent time talking to several veterans to learn what improvements they think could be made to help veterans successfully transition from military to civilian life.



Invited by Forces in the Community to join a multi-agency pilot project focusing on a veterans virtual hub. As a result of this one of our VIC volunteers has received accredited training in Digital Marketing



VIC were short listed in the 'The Armed Forces Community Lockdown Awards' in the Most Outstanding Charitable Contribution or Gesture in Lockdown category.







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## Case study 1:



Self-referral in Accrington



Veteran in late thirties



Required help with finances and housing



At risk of eviction just before Christmas



Unemployed

Mark came to the drop in centre at Accrington as a self-referral.

Mark, in his late thirties, suffers injuries sustained from his military service and these cause daily issues for him.

He was seeking help relating to housing; his private landlord was suing Mark and trying to evict him. A personal plan was devised and staff members at VIC liaised with the the housing officers ensuring they were aware of his veteran status.



In December 2021, new social housing was secured for Mark and he was able to move in prior to his eviction date.

VIC staff also placed a referral with Military Veterans Service and Mark received treatment with his mental health.

*"I'm really grateful for the work that VIC have done for me. I don't know how I would have got by without you."*

Mark spent Christmas decorating his new flat, he is now happy, more confident and more motivated.

Mark has now embarked on a college course and is moving towards employment

**Mark is very thankful for all the support that VIC has given him during this distressing period in his life**

Wanting to engage and help others, Mark asked VIC if we knew of someone who required his almost new, old bed. VIC staff and volunteers helped to take the bed from Mark's flat to the house of another veteran in need.



## Case study 2:



Two veterans in late eighties



Recently bereaved



Isolated and lonely

Bernard was encouraged to come to VIC by his daughter, following the passing of his late wife. Bernard was isolated and lonely and would visit the centre for a brew and a chat a couple of times a week.



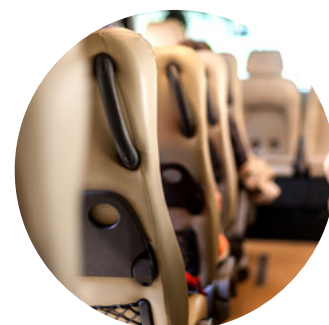
Not long after, Jim came to VIC following a referral by the Rossendale INT team after becoming recently widowed. Jim has no family or children, only a brother who lives in Canada. It took 3 or 4 attempts for Jim to walk over our threshold and ask for help.



*VIC staff saw the commonality between them and addressed the immediate issue of social isolation for both gentlemen by introducing them to each other. The two former service men realised they had much in common and began to visit the centre together on a regular basis.*

Jim was loaned a tablet by VIC from our Veterans Should Not Be Forgotten programme. With some IT help from his young neighbour, which resulted in her assisting him with a video call with his brother in Canada for the very first time on the evening of 5th August 2021. Jim told us he was "over the moon".

Bernard and Jim are now firm friends. They have signed up together for our trips and activities, often travel to various VIC social groups in Accrington and Ribble Valley as well those based in Rossendale.



***"VIC has given us a new lease of life, the chance to make some new friends and have a reason to live"***