

Trustee Report for The 353 Trust 2022/23

This financial year saw a change on how funds were distributed, while support for the established charity partners continued there was a significant increase in direct interventions and individual grants.

It may be the passage of time since the conflict in Afghanistan but more serving soldiers and veterans made direct contact with the trust and requested support. Their needs were established by the relevant professionals that the trust works with and their advice on appropriate support actions were reviewed and funds allocated in line with their needs. The trust is delighted with the monitored outcomes of that support and thankful to our advisers and clinical professionals.

Income was steady for the year and reserves are in place to ensure the Trust can continue to offer support in coming years.

Fundraising Events organised by 353:

The 353 Black Tie Dinner was attended by 286 supporters and generated an income of £29 278 before costs.

Fundraising Events organised by others:

25 3rd party events were held on our behalf which we know of, together with donations raised a total of £26 325

Events included:

- Team 'Dig Deeper' event raised £20 000
- Two events by Old Leamingtonians Rugby Club raised £1 700
- A collection at the wake of Mr B Dennis raised £708
- A raffle by The Fubars raised £500
- The weekly quiz night at the Durham Ox raised £265

Donations of funds include:

Grants and payments totalled £5 995 which directly supported and improved the lives of four veterans of the war in Afghanistan

A donation to SAFFA of £358 Charity Number 210760

Investments:

No investments were made this year.

Income

Ball	£	29,278
Conrads Ride		£0 Cancelled
JustGiving	£	6,187
3rd Party	£	26,325
Total	£	61,790

Costs

Spending		£4,320
Grants IND		£5,995
Grants CH's		£358
Ball		£26,306
Conrad's Ride		£2,382
Total		£39,361

Balance	£	22,429
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The 353 Trust accounts

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 16 September 2023, which are set out on pages 01 to 02.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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
- 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 15th July 2024

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