

Registered Charity no. 1155164

The Waddington Flying Club

Operating as

The Waddington Flying School

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2024

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Annual Report for year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024. 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

The Royal Air Force Waddington Flying Club was established in 2003 and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission as The Waddington Flying Club in 2013. In 2021 the overseeing body, The Royal Air Force Flying Clubs Association (RAFFCA) was superseded by a new organisation, The Royal Air Force Sport Aircraft (RAFSA). As a result, the operating name of the club was changed to the Waddington Flying School (WFS) but the charity remains The Waddington Flying Club.

The object of the Waddington Flying School is:

‘The promotion of efficiency of the armed forces of the Crown by the provision and support of facilities and activities for the efficiency and well-being of Service personnel’.

This object presents the Trustee with wide powers, enabling them to provide charitable assistance to all elements of the Royal Air Force Community. The Waddington Flying School (WFS) has a main aim set by the Trustee:

‘To be respected for our professional and safe approach to flying training, management and airmanship, and to be admired for our friendly and welcoming atmosphere’.

Specifically, the aims of WFS are:

- a) To provide effective flying training for Service and associated personnel in a professional manner, at the lowest possible cost.
- b) Offer flying instruction leading to the award of a civil flight crew licence or rating.
- c) Provide facilities that enable members to engage in flying related activities.
- d) Encourage and promote an interest in aviation and aviation competition.

The charity delivers public benefit as it assists in providing Royal Air Force personnel with the necessary skills to carry out the Royal Air Force contribution to the defence of the United Kingdom and its interests.

Service Funds are established for the benefit of Service personnel to promote military efficiency which underpins esprit de corps and team working, and they help to encourage personnel to develop the character, spirit and attitude to face challenges associated with military service.

As a result, the Fund delivers a benefit to the general public in helping to provide personnel who are motivated, have high morale and are willing to serve the needs of their country and that of its public, at all times

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Achievements and Performance

Following a 3-year period of uncertainty and change, The Waddington Flying School (WFS) has stabilised during the subject reporting period, albeit at an overall reduced level of operation due to factors beyond its control. Whilst the RAF Waddington Exec Team has been proactive and highly supportive of the School, the busy local airspace, and restrictions placed on WFS flying during the working week, resulted in a reduced flying rate and associated income.

However, The Junior Rank and Junior Officer Pilot Scholarship Scheme (JRPSS & JOPSS) remained a key deliverable and, to some extent, served to maintain a core operation. Supporting pilots to maintain or regain their currencies safely has been the main effort for the cadre of flying instructors. New and prospective members continued to engage with the School which is encouraging and offers evidence that the demand for flying and flying training remains.

Other successes include 5 students achieved their PPL, 2 pilots qualified to fly at night, 2 pilots revalidated their Restricted Instrument Ratings, and 3 flight Instructors revalidated their Instructor ratings.

Since 2016, WFS has operated 2 Tecnam type aircraft which were purchased by the RAF Charitable Trust and granted to RAF Sport Aircraft. However, the reduced flying rate focused the Trustees' mindsets in regard to the operating cost of the aircraft which could no longer be sustained by the WFS business model. Accordingly, it was agreed that the aircraft should be returned to RAF Sport Aircraft and that the School should lease and operate a single PA28 type only with a view to sourcing a second aircraft of the same type in the near future.

Turning to the year ahead, the Trustees' primary objectives will be to generate growth within the membership and work with RAF Waddington to identify planning efficiencies that will afford additional flying opportunities. There is no doubt that the WFS is widely regarded as an excellent flying and flying training facility that continues to provide significant benefit to Service personnel and entitled members.

Financial Review

Total incoming resources decreased by 13% in the year to £87,678 (2023: £100,446). Income from flying fees and instruction fell to £48,050 (2023: £63,980). Subscriptions also decreased slightly to £12,915 (2023: £13,445).¹

Total operating resources fell substantially by over 29% to £70,710 (2023: £100,038). Management and administration costs fell slightly to £12,597 (2023: £14,825). As a result WFS reported an operating surplus of £4,371 (2023: deficit of £14,148).

At 31 March 2024 WFS had total liquid funds of £37,530 (2023: £40,452).

Principle funding is received from subscriptions and flying activities from School members.

Some additional funding, for specific equipment or activity, is obtained from the RAF Central Fund and the RAF Charitable Trust through the over-arching organisation – the RAF Sports Aircraft Association.

All expenditure is made for the ultimate benefit and provision of services to School members.

The WFS needs a relatively low level of reserves, mainly to cover for the fluctuating aviation supplies market, principally due to the volatile nature of the price of oil. Additional reserves are created and held from time to time when future liabilities and expenditure is identified and the trustees consider it prudent to earmark funds to cover the outlay.

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Structure, Governance and Management

As an approved RAF Sport, overall governance of the Waddington Flying School (WFS) falls to the RAF Sport Aircraft Association (RAFSA). RAFSA is itself a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). However, the day-to-day management and control of the WFS falls to the Trustees and general management committee.

The Managing Trustee, Principal Trustee (also appointed as the Chairman) and the committee members are appointed by the membership of the School. The WFS Officer in Charge heads the general committee. However, all management decisions, acquisitions and expenditure are subject to the Principal Trustee's approval.

Committee/Board of Trustee meetings take place every three months. The budget for the next financial year is set in April by the School Executive Committee for approval by the Members at a General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting ratifies the annual audited accounts of the School. Minutes are taken at each Committee and General meeting and are circulated electronically to reach the Trustee within 10 working days of the meeting for their approval. In 2023, due to COVID 19 restrictions the AGM was held electronically with sufficient time allowed for personnel to read and digest committee decisions and to comment / vote as necessary on issues of the day.

The Trustees have continued a programme of work to identify procedures to mitigate risk and to minimise potential impact should risks materialise.

Administrative Information

The company is registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales – Charity number 1155164

The correspondence address is: RAF Waddington Flying Club, RAF Waddington, Lincoln, LN5 9NB

The charity is governed by its constitution which was adopted on 4 September 2013

Trustees

The trustees who served from 1 April 2023 to the date of this report are:

Air Cdre (retd) A Seymour

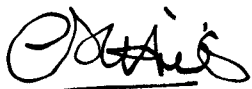
Sqn Ldr C Hives

Flt Lt M Chapman

Flt Lt N Whitehead

Flt Lt K Fyfield (to Feb 24)

Approved by the Trustees on the 1 day of **AUGUST** 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Sqn Ldr C Hives

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Independent Examiner's report to the trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Waddington Flying Club for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). 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 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 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 material matters have come to my attention:

a) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

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

have not been met; or

b) 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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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES	3				
Charitable Activities		62,021		62,021	79,137
Other Trading		10,677		10,677	8,508
Grants and Donations		14,979	-	14,979	9,512
Investments		655		655	83
Other		-		-	3,206
Total		88,333	-	88,333	100,446
RESOURCES EXPENDED	4				
Raising Funds		-		-	-
Charitable Activities		70,546	-	70,546	100,038
Management and administration		12,597		12,597	14,825
Other		-		-	
Total		83,143	-	83,143	114,863
NET (DEFICIT)/INCOME		5,190	-	5,190	(14,417)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Return of Engine Replacement Fund to RAFSA		-		-	(27,943)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		5,190	-	5,190	(42,360)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total Funds brought forward		73,234	-	73,234	115,594
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		78,424	-	78,424	73,234

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	2	46,693	-	46,693	46,693
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock - fuel		5,760		5,760	7,909
Debtors		-		-	-
Prepayments		-		-	-
Bank	5	37,530		37,530	40,452
		<u>43,290</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,290</u>	<u>48,361</u>
CREDITORS	6	11,559		11,559	21,820
Amounts falling due within one year					
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>31,731</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,731</u>	<u>26,541</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		78,424	-	78,424	73,234
CREDITORS: amounts falling due in more than one year					
NET ASSETS		<u>78,424</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,424</u>	<u>73,234</u>
RESERVES	7				
Operational Reserve		12,000		12,000	12,000
Engine Replacement Reserve		-		-	-
Project Reserves		-		-	-
General Reserve		66,424		66,424	61,234
		<u>78,424</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,424</u>	<u>73,234</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements 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)'. 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.

Plant and machinery - 20% on reducing balance

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

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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2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Buildings £	Plant & Equipment £	TOTAL £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	60,440	25,910	86,350
Additions			-
Disposals			-
	<u>60,440</u>	<u>25,910</u>	<u>86,350</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	15,083	24,574	39,657
Disposals	-	-	-
Charge for year	- 334	334	-
	<u>14,749</u>	<u>24,908</u>	<u>39,657</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	<u>45,691</u>	<u>1,002</u>	<u>46,693</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>45,357</u>	<u>1,336</u>	<u>46,693</u>

3. ANALYSIS OF INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	2023 £
a) Charitable Activities				
Flying/instruction fees	48,050		48,050	63,980
Exam fees	1,056		1,056	1,702
Subscriptions	12,915		12,915	13,455
	<u>62,021</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,021</u>	<u>79,137</u>
b) Trading				
Sales - fuel and oil	10,677		10,677	8,508
Other			-	-
	<u>10,677</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,677</u>	<u>8,508</u>
c) Grants and Donations				
RAF Charitable Trust - Scampton hangar	-		-	-
RAFFCA/RAFSF	8,500		8,500	-
Gift-Aid receipts	2,916		2,916	3,155
Closed ELC	3,563		3,563	6,357
	<u>14,979</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,979</u>	<u>9,512</u>
d) Investments				
Bank interest	655		655	83
<i>Suspense</i>	-		-	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>88,333</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,333</u>	<u>97,240</u>

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4. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	2023 £
a) Raising Funds				
Functions	-	-	-	-
b) Charitable Activities				
Fuels	21,038		21,038	19,474
Aircraft Hire	15,380		15,380	23,065
Aircraft maintenance	17,820		17,820	20,446
Insurance	5,116		5,116	5,894
Instruction costs	9,155		9,155	12,125
Training	137		137	1,163
Hangar relocation costs	818		818	11,842
Other direct costs	1,081		1,081	529
Depreciation	-		-	5,500
	<u>70,546</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,546</u>	<u>100,038</u>
c) Management and Administration				
Manager	6,548		6,548	6,657
Sundry admin exps	486		486	724
Cleaning & maint	90		90	1,385
IT, software	1,741		1,741	2,389
Telephone, internet etc	120		120	242
Travel & sub	25		25	418
Professional and consultancy	-		-	-
Independent Examiner Fee	810		810	750
Insurance	158		158	158
RAFFCA Subscription	1,464		1,464	1,312
Bank charges	1,155		1,155	791
	<u>12,597</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,597</u>	<u>14,826</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>83,143</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,143</u>	<u>114,864</u>

5. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	2023 £
HSBC Current	6,394		6,394	9,955
Reserve	21,135		21,135	20,481
Bond	10,000		10,000	10,000
Engine Replacement Fund	-		-	-
Cash	<u>0</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16</u>
	<u>37,530</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,530</u>	<u>40,452</u>

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6. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS: Falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	2023 £
Creditors	-		-	-
Accruals	810		810	913
Payments received in advance	10,748		10,748	20,906
	<u>11,559</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,558</u>	<u>21,819</u>

7. MOVEMENT ON RESERVES

	Operational Reserve £	Project Reserves £	Engine Replacement £	General Reserve £	TOTAL £
Balance at 1 April 2022	12,000	7,814	27,943	67,838	115,595
Transfers to/(from)		(7,814)	(27,943)	7,814	(27,943)
Deficit for year				(14,418)	(14,418)
Balance at 1 April 2023	<u>12,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,234</u>	<u>73,234</u>
Transfers to/(from)					
Surplus for year				5,190	5,190
Balance at 31 March 2024	<u>12,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,424</u>	<u>78,424</u>