



WORLD WAR I AVIATION HERITAGE TRUST LIMITED
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020
DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



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WORLD WAR I AVIATION HERITAGE TRUST LIMITED

GENERAL INFORMATION

SHORT NAME

WW1 AHT

MUSEUM PREMISES AND REGISTERED OFFICE

3 The Willows
North Warnborough
Hook
Hants RG29 1 DR

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER

8753767

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER

1156699

DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES

His Honour P Clegg
Mr MK Drayton
Mr RA Forsythe
Mr JH Martin
Mr OCHW Wulff

HON. SECRETARY

Mr RA Forsythe

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BANKERS

Barclays Bank

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WORLD WAR I AVIATION HERITAGE TRUST LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

This is the seventh annual report. The company was incorporated on the 29 October 2013, to advance the education in the evolution of military aviation and the courage of pilots in the Great War through the establishment of a collection of World War I aircraft. The company is a registered charity, number 8753767 and its income is derived from educational services, donations, sponsorships, and grants.

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The World War I Aviation Heritage Trust is a company without share capital, limited by guarantee, and it is administered in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

ORGANISATION

The day-to-day operation and administration is carried out by the Trustees. The directors of the company, who for the purposes of charity law are the trustees, are people whose knowledge and experience qualify them for election to the Board of the World War I Aviation Heritage Trust Limited.

MISSION STATEMENT

The World War I Aviation Heritage Trust seeks to advance education in the evolution of military aviation and the courage of pilots in the Great War through the establishment and maintenance of a collection of flying, late-model original World War I aircraft.

RESERVES

The directors consider it prudent that, given the nature of the Trust's income, general reserves, whether designated or free, are always equal to the gross operational costs of the Trust for a calendar quarter. This figure should be considered the absolute minimum to permit the Trust to operate with freedom.



RISK

The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees and the Board, have been reviewed and systems are in place to mitigate these risks. The uncertainty of air show combined with the unreliability of aircraft of 1915 design means income has become a risk. However, the number of shows and the reduction of WW1 AHT operated aircraft to two (BE 2 and Albatros DVA) have mitigated this risk.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The Trust has carried this out by:

1. Importing 'late-model original' Great War aircraft into the United Kingdom.
2. Undertaking a series of flying and static displays of the aircraft to illustrate the rapid development of aircraft production and design 1914-1918.
3. Providing a wide-ranging education service to schools and colleges (including pupils with special educational needs), families and adults (including lifelong learning for older people).
4. Working in partnership with other similar organisations to further the Trust's aims.
5. Training and using volunteers in many areas of the Trust's work.
6. Raising funds through applying for grants and encouraging sponsorship and donations.



WORLD WAR I AVIATION HERITAGE TRUST LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020 (continued)

DIRECTORS

The directors in office during the period were:

His Honour P Clegg
Mr MK Drayton
Mr RA Forsythe
Mr JH Martin
Mr OCHW Wulff

R A Forsythe – Chief Trustee

16 June 2021



WORLD WAR I AVIATION HERITAGE TRUST LIMITED

CHIEF TRUSTEE'S STATEMENT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Introduction

Our flying season is between April and September each year. In 2020, the lockdown restrictions immediately affected our plans from March onwards. We did manage some maintenance flying in August 2020 but during the BE2's test flight we had a further problem with a cylinder which we are still addressing with the manufacturer. We applied for a Culture Recovery Fund Grant and were successful in Round One and Round 2 (in 2021). This was a huge relief as we were able to develop a budget to move forward in 2021 when the pandemic restrictions are lifted

The Culture Recovery Fund Grant

The Culture Recovery Fund award was based on expanding and improving our educational reach to all age groups to keep the Aviation Legacy of WW1 alive. The Trust is inordinately grateful to the DCMS and National Lottery Heritage Fund for their generosity and support in making this award. It will allow to service and insure the aircraft, engage a fund-raiser, upgrade the flight simulator (Rocking Nacelle) software and computer, purchase, improve, and paint an Exhibition trailer to move the Rocking Nacelle around, upgrade our website, and allow us evolve online training sessions to up to 500 people at a time. All these improved capabilities will enable us to get our message to many more people

The Trust

The Trust has one main base of operation, the Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome near Maldon in Essex, the only largely intact RFC Home Defence still in existence, which is now a heritage site. The BE 2 now registered G-CJZO, the Albatros DVa G-WAHT, and the Nieuport were based at Stow. We renewed our annual agreement with Stow Maries and Oliver Wulff (Trustee) who owns the BE2 and Albatros. We have an open-ended agreement





with the owner of the Nieuport 17, John Gilbert.

The Collection

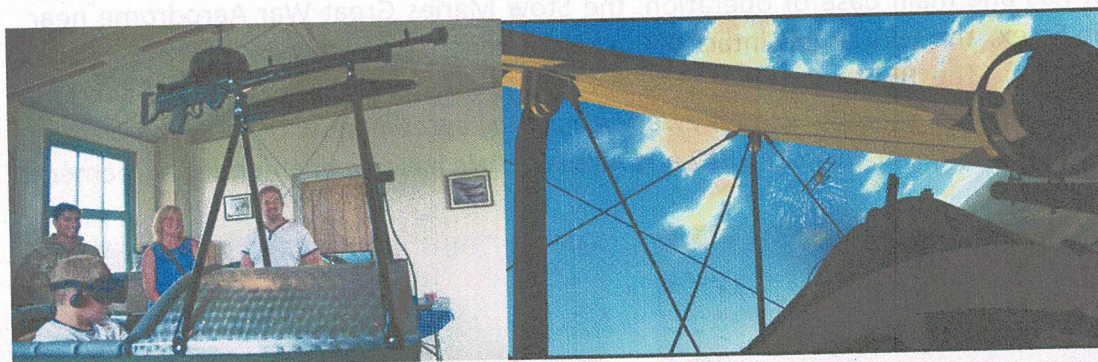
Now that the conservation of Stow Maries is well underway and museum status is expected soon, artefacts have been assembled by WW1 AHT. They include a Maxim gun as was fitted to the Albatros, a Lewis gun and a Le Clerget engine kindly loaned by WW1 AHT to Stow Maries. The full accreditation for Stow Maries had not been achieved by the end of 2020 but WW1 AHT is standing by to complete the paperwork.

Air Shows

All air shows were cancelled in 2020 because of the pandemic. The aircraft were serviceable and pilots current for the Wings and Wheels Show at Stow Maries in May 2020, the first Show of the year, but Maldon Council asked for it to be cancelled with little notice because of the pandemic.

Education

The opportunities to expand our educational reach were severely curtailed by the pandemic. However, the CRF award will allow us to mount the Rocking Nacelle (below) on an Exhibition trailer and take it to our target audiences. Several software upgrades will improve the performance of the VR programme, introduce a new aircraft (a Bristol Fighter shown below) as well as the SE5a, and a composite mission against observation balloons with air combat thrown in. This significant improvement in capabilities and mobility of the Rocking Nacelle will improve its appeal. We still hope to prosper the education side of our objective and develop our schools, STEM, and apprenticeships in a purpose built contemporary -looking hangar. The CRF award has also allowed us to open a dialogue with a funding organisation to secure a self-sustaining future for the Trust.



Activities and Links with Other Agencies

The Trust works with Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome (SMGWA) Trust to meet our aims which are entirely complementary. Our joint aim is to create a dynamic fully-restored aerodrome with its own squadron flying WW1 aircraft as an enduring centre of excellence.



Although this is still the aim, budgetary pressures will delay its achievement.

Patrons of WW1 AHT

Membership has been reviewed and a community of Patrons who share the Trust's ambitions has been set up. The numbers at the end of 2020 were 43– a slight drop due to our reduced profile. They do not have voting rights but do receive a PoW (Patron of WW1 AHT) card and a newsletter.

Finances

The Trust incurred very few costs related to flying the aircraft as virtually no flying took place but recorded a loss of £2,598. However, 90% of the Round One Grant £21,600 was received in December 2020 giving a net surplus of £19,002.

Reserves




The trustees have reviewed the charities reserves policy and have agreed that the board will make a fresh assessment annually of the amount the charity needs to hold in reserve and for it to be approved by the trustees.

For 2020 the designated reserve is £92,071, largely being the amount of the VAT reclaimed from HMRC in prior years. A portion of this is potentially repayable to HMRC should the charity cease trading or the Albatros aircraft cease to be operated by the trust. The trustees intend to repay balance of the funds no longer repayable to HMRC to the exporter of aircraft who seek an early return of the whole amount – discussions continue.

Plans

The objects of the charity, as stated in its Memorandum and Articles of Association, are to advance education in the evolution of military aviation and the courage of pilots in the Great War through the establishment and maintenance of a collection of flying late-model original World War I aircraft.

This will be achieved by the following aims:

-  To bring different aircraft to the UK to tell the story of the development of men and machines in WW1.
-  To establish a permanent squadron of aircraft by getting donors to loan them to WW1 AHT.
-  To establish an engineering base for the visiting and resident aircraft and to encourage volunteer support.



- ✈ To create an enduring educational programme of school visits, a STEM hub and an apprenticeship scheme with TVAL support.

The Trust's priorities for the period 2015-21 have included the following strategic objectives:

- ✈ To increase the size of the collection by loans and leasing.
- ✈ To provide a permanent home for the collection.
- ✈ To secure adequate funds and resources to achieve these goals.

RA Forsythe

RA Forsythe Trustee

16 June 2020








WORLD WAR I AVIATION HERITAGE TRUST LIMITED

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES



The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

-  select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
-  observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
-  make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
-  state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
-  prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors, who are directors for the purposes of company law and trustees for the purposes of charity law, are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the 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 company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the directors are aware:

-  there is no relevant information of which the company's independent examiner is unaware; and
-  the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.



Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies' regime under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed on behalf of the directors

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'RA Forsythe'.

RA Forsythe Director

16 June 2020



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WORLD WAR I AVIATION HERITAGE TRUST LIMITED

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2019, which are set out on pages 8 to 10.

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 Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Charities Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(6) of the Charities 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 the 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 Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

A. Coote

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June 2020



WORLD WAR I AVIATION HERITAGE TRUST LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Total Funds 31.012.20 £	Total Funds 31.12.19 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	2	1,266	1,199
Cash at bank and in hand		118,097	96,202
		119,363	97,401
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	3	(1,370)	(910)
Loans from Directors	4	(2,500)	-
TOTAL NET ASSETS		115,493	96,491
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	5	93,571	96,169
Restricted funds		21,922	322
TOTAL FUNDS		115,493	96,491

For the year ending 31 December 2020, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

RA FORSYTHE

R. Forsythe

M DRAYTON

Michael K. Drayton

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) Directors
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Approved by the Board: 16 June 2020

The notes on pages 18 to 20 form part of these financial statements.



WORLD WAR I AVIATION HERITAGE TRUST LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (incorporating the INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31.12.20 £	Total Funds 31.12.19 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donations, grants and sponsorship		2,349	21,600	23,949	23,149
Charitable Activities		1,098	-	1,098	9,949
Trading Activities		-	-	-	-
Investment Activity		74	-	74	79
Other Income - Refund of VAT	5	0	-	0	94,998
Total incoming resources		3,521	21,600	25,121	128,175
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable Activities		6,119	-	6,119	39,874
Trading Activities		-	-	0	-
Costs of generating funds		6,119	21,600	6,119	39,874
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(2,598)	21,600	19,002	88,301
Total funds brought forward		96,169	322	96,491	8,190
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		93,571	21,922	115,493	96,491



WORLD WAR I AVIATION HERITAGE TRUST LIMITED

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

a) Basis of accounting:

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007). This is in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities.

b) Income and expenditure:

Donations and grants arising in the course of fund raising are credited to the appropriate funds as and when received. Any income arising by entitlement or agreement is accounted for when receivable. Expenditure is accounted for, on the accrual's basis, when incurred. Except for donated equipment, no account is taken of the value of services or facilities provided to the company free of charge.

c) Stock:

Stock is valued at the lower of cost, or the value advised by the donor for donated stock, or net realisable value.

e) Fund accounting:

Unrestricted funds may be used for general charitable purposes at the company's discretion. Restricted funds are those where the donor has imposed or agreed to restrictions, which are legally binding, on the use of funds contributed.

2. DEBTORS

Amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Pre-paid insurance	1,051	1,031
VAT	215	168
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	1,266	1,199



3. CREDITORS

Amounts falling due within one year:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other creditors and VAT	1,370	910

4. RESERVES

	2020	2019
	£	£
Summary of the year's movements		

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Net surplus for the financial year	2,598	88,301
Balance brought forward	96,169	7,868
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Balance carried forward	£93,571	£96,169

These reserves are made up of the following amounts

Designated reserves	92,071	94,988
General reserve	1,500	1,181

Designated reserves consist of the majority of the VAT reclaimed from HMRC in prior years as per note 5 below. This included an amount of £75,990 (2019 £85,498) repayable to HMRC under the rules of the Capital Goods Scheme should the Trust cease to operate its Albatros aircraft. This amount reflects the remaining period of usage of the aircraft under the scheme. The repayable amount will reduce with every further year of usage. The balance of £16,081 (2019 £9,490) represents the amount the trustees intend to repay to the exporting company as and when funds allow.

5. OTHER INCOME

Other Income consists of VAT reclaimed from HMRC in respect of the importation of an Albatross aircraft owned by Mr Wulff, one of the trustees, but operated by the Trust under an agreement with Mr Wulff.

6. TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING DIRECTORS

There were no transactions in the year involving directors other than in the normal course of activity.



7. NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR

In accordance with the company's articles, directors are not entitled to remuneration.

The appointment of Secretary is honorary.

No remuneration or expenses were paid to directors or to connected persons.

The company employed nil staff and no employee received emoluments exceeding £60,000 per annum.

8. GUARANTEES

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £1) to the company's assets if it should be wound up while he is a member or within one year after he ceases to be a member.

9. TAXATION

As a registered charity, the company is exempt from taxation on its income and gains.

10. FUTURE COMMITMENTS

There were no capital expenditure or revenue commitments authorised or contracted for at 31 December 2020.

11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

One of the trustees, Mr O Wulff has made a short-term loan to cover operating expenses of the charity, repayable as funds allow and the loan was outstanding at the year end.

12. CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The Charity qualifies as a small charity and taken advantage of the exemption provided by SORP (FRS 102) as amended by Bulletin 1, not to prepare a cash flow statement



13 DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Charitable Activities (incoming resources)		
Appearance and other fees	-	2,770
Membership fees and merchandise	1,098	2,179
Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome support	-	5,000
	<u>1,098</u>	<u>9,949</u>
	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Bank Interest Receivable	79	79
	Total Funds 2019 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Charitable Activities (resources expended)		
Bank and other finance costs	700	895
Retainer for expert support	600	600
Appearance costs	-	120
Aircraft maintenance and other running costs	473	2,354
Insurance	2,594	1,489
Merchandise	-	179
Aircraft restoration	692	32,277
Legal and administrative costs	1,060	1,460
Telephone costs	-	500
Restricted Project Technical Expenditure	-	-
	<u>6,119</u>	<u>39,874</u>

This page does not form part of the financial statements