

WIGHT MILITARY AND HERITAGE (CHARITABLE INCORPORATED) ORGANISATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1159529

Details

Other names	THE CONFLICT HISTORY AND REMEMBRANCE ORGANISATION, C H A R M
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2014-12-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN MILITARY AND SOCIAL HISTORY BY THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A MUSEUM. TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT THE PHYSICAL , ECONOMIC AND MENTAL HEALTH OF :-HM FORCES LEAVERS.YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVING CARE.PEOPLE WITH LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITIONS OR DISABILITIES. PEOPLE WITH CARING RESPONSIBILITIES. YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING.PEOPLE WITH LITERACY AND OR NUMERACY SKILLS DEVELOPMENT NEEDS.PEOPLE WITH BARRIERS TO ACCESSING THE LABOUR MARKET AND / OR IN PARTICIPATING AND CONTRIBUTING WITH AND TO SOCIETY. THROUGH THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, SUPPORT, EDUCATION AND PRACTICAL ADVICE.

Activities: The operation of a museum providing educational instruction in military history and preservation of heritage.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Armed Forces/emergency Service Efficiency
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Isle Of Wight

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	-	-	-	-
2023-12-31	£141,955	£138,317	-	-
2022-12-31	£196,688	£193,222	-	-
2021-12-31	£144,098	£86,413	-	-
2020-12-31	£109,223	£84,991	-	-
2019-12-31	£147,544	£149,349	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Barry Price		2019-02-21
David John Edwards		2019-02-21
Dennis Bradbury		2022-07-18
Elizabeth Taylor		2016-09-01
JONATHAN WILLIAM HINCHLIFFE BSC HONS		2014-12-14
Jessica Elizabeth Taylor		2019-02-21
John Fisher		2016-10-01
John Phillip Flynn		2022-07-18
Karen Thorn		2022-07-18
Kristina Taylor		2019-02-21
Martin Paul Thorn		2022-07-18
ROGER WILLIAM RICE		2014-12-14
Roger Steven Taylor		2015-09-01

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2023 started reasonably and similarly to 2022. Funds from 2022 were sufficient to meet running costs during the quiet early part of the year with no difficulties. At a meeting in early March however the CEO gave a warning that the minimum wage was increasing by £1.02 an hour from 6th April, and the electricity contract expired in June and the new rate was approximately double the existing rate.

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The effect of these increases produced a prediction of a cash flow deficit of £15000 in early 2024. In order to offset this deficit the CEO proposed to instigate a cut back in staffing and steps to attempt to improve the income.

The first stage was met with difficulty as we lost a member of staff to long term illness. Those hours had to be covered by some means in addition to finding the statutory sick pay. Instead of being able to cut back, it was almost impossible to maintain the existing level of staff costs. A small increase in entry fees was made, and other cost cutting measures put in place. By the end of the year the forecast deficit in the cash flow had been reduced to £5000.

In April, there was a change in the cafe management and thanks goes to Brenda Bush for the time she spent maintaining the kitchen and providing a first class service in Churchills. Shortly after the change, the cafe was awarded 5 stars by the local environment department and continued to thrive during the year. Christmas meals were offered for December that were very successful. The increase in the cafe turnover during the winter months contributed greatly to easing the Cashflow issues.

In the Museum, work continued on the PLUTO exhibit, ably organised and financially supported by Jon Fisher and supported by Tim Rushton.

Armoured vehicle rides continued and were very popular, giving another much needed boost to the income. However, maintenance of the two vehicles was becoming an issue. Thanks to Will Compton and Jon Hinchliffe the owners of the vehicles for allowing them to be used.

The bookshop which opened in September 2022 continued to grow, and contributed over £4000 to the funds for little or no cost. All the stock is donated, and there are no wage costs, it being organised and staffed totally by volunteers, mainly Elizabeth Taylor and her sister Marion Hunnisett.

There were visits from four local schools during the year, all of which were given subsidised entry and organised tours. A number of coach visits took place, but this still appears to be a difficult market to break into. We were able to secure free access to the coach operators show at the Birmingham NEC and hundreds of our leaflets were distributed but it appears to have had only marginal success. Thanks to Kristina Taylor for arranging this.

The VOS continued to meet monthly in the cafe and on average there are 20 plus veterans every month. We continued to support two Island organisations, No Barriers and St Catherine's School by providing work experience and social practice to some of their members.

As a summary, the wider economy has definitely impacted on our ability to operate profitably although the final situation for the year is better than originally anticipated

STATEMENT OF PROFIT
WMAHM CHARITY 1159

INCOME

ENTRY FEES
RETAIL SALES
RENTS RECEIVED
RIDE RECEIPTS
DONATIONS RECEIVED
OTHER INCOME
TOTAL

OPENING STOCK
ADD PURCHASES
DEDUCT CLOSING STOCK
COST OF GOODS SOLD

EXPENSES

ADVERTISING AND MARKETING
RENT
STAFF AND VOLUNTEER COSTS
EQUIPMENT LEASING
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE
OFFICE EXPENSES
INSURANCE
FUEL AND VEHICLE MAINTENANCE £2519
SUNDRIES £791
PROFESSIONAL FEES £11338
RATES £1510
UTILITIES £12702
CLEANING £505
FINANCIAL CHARGES £2035
BAD DEBTS £4010
DEPRECIATION £0
TOTAL EXPENSES £140037

NET PROFIT

AND LOSS FOR THE PERIOD 1.1.2023 TO 31.12.2023

£78,712	
£25,712	
£20,913	
£8,540	
£2,786	
£5,292	
£141,955	£141,955

£2,200	
£7,985	
£5,076	
£5,109	£5,109

£5,929	
£42,000	
£48,503	
£257	
£4,071	
£4,675	
£1,504	
£1,893	
£18	
£12,005	
£583	
£9,235	
£755	
£1,406	
£194	
£180	
£133,208	£133,208

£3,638

INSPECTORS REPORT AND CERTIFICATION AWAITED. DOCUMENTS BEING PASSED TO INSPECTOR AND NO CONCERNS RAISED. THE INFORMATION IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF

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ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Once again the Covid pandemic played havoc with the Museum opening but in May we were allowed to open and try to get back to normal again after the past couple of years. Fortunately the government has continued to support us and the Charity has survived the closures in a reasonable financial position.

Our first Trustee meeting and AGM for almost 3 years as everyone was permitted to be in the same room again. There was a good turnout and we welcomed back Karen and Martin Thorn onto the Board of Trustees and have two new trustees Dennis Bradshaw and John Flynn were appointed.

In December 2021 we lost the services of two Trustees Andy Fisher and Maria Filby, when they moved to the Orkneys.

During the year, it was decided to change the mess bar which was very under utilised into a second hand Book Store, also selling collectibles. This first became a reality two car loads of very good military books were donated from the collection of a gentleman who had passed away.

During the year, we also had the bad news that Owen Hinchliffe had passed away,. Owen was one of our trustees and co owner with his brother Jon. Jon very kindly donated a large amount of Owen's and Jon's mothers books and many other items. The Charity should record it's thanks to Jon and also to our Trustee

Elizabeth Taylor, who with her sister Marion spent many hours sorting and pricing all the donations.

The book shop known as Barrack Room books was opened at the end of September by the Council leader Lora Peacey Wilcox. By the end of 2022 the shop had generated just over £1000 of income and the costs of setting up were less than £200 for second hand shelving. The eventual plan is for a reference library and a research room complete with computers for military and family research. David Wilkinson, one of our members kindly donated £1000 to improve the security of the barrack room and enabled us to purchase and have fitted three new doors and locks. Following the opening, donations continued to come in and by the end of the year it was estimated that there were some 3000 books for sale.

On the financial front, regrettably the summer heatwave had a negative effect on visitor numbers as the beach was obviously a greater attraction. However over the year despite not opening until May, we had 8114 visitors.

There were 3 school visits including one on remembrance day, and 5 coach parties. Coach visits are some thing which will be receiving some marketing during next year.

The accounts show that in the year, income totalled £196688 and expenses were £193222 with a notional profit of £3466

The Pluto pump has been reassembled thanks to Barry Price and Jon Fisher and plans are now in place for a larger Pluto exhibition as Tim Rushton has agreed to build glass cabinets in the area allocated to the pump.

Once more, the Charity has supported various groups providing work experience on a number of placements, mainly No Barriers and the Isle of Wight college. This is an ongoing arrangement.

We are now looking forward to a successful 2023

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS FOR THE PERIOD 1.1.2022 TO 31.12.2022					
WMAHM CHARITY 1159529					
INCOME					
ENTRY FEES			£68540		
RETAIL SALES			£28170		
RENTS RECEIVED			£34531		
RIDE RECEIPTS			£10309		
DONATIONS RECEIVED			£4937		
OTHER INCOME			£6667		
TOTAL			£153154		
OPENING STOCK			£1557		
ADD PURCHASES			£7934		
DEDUCT CLOSING STOCK			£2200		
COST OF GOODS SOLD			£7291		
EXPENSES					
ADVERTISING AND MARKETING			£4072		
RENT			£36000		
STAFF AND VOLUNTEER COSTS			£44317		
EQUIPMENT LEASING			£2157		
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE			£11200	£147328	
OFFICE EXPENSES			£4480		
INSURANCE			£2400		
FUEL AND VEHICLE MAINTENANCE			£2519		
SUNDRIES			£791		
PROFESSIONAL FEES			£11338		
RATES			£1510		
UTILITIES			£12702		
CLEANING			£505		
FINANCIAL CHARGES			£2035		
BAD DEBTS			£4010		
DEPRECIATION			£0		
TOTAL EXPENSES			£140037		
				£147328	
NET PROFIT			£5827		

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR CHARITY NUMBER 1159529 WIGHT MILITARY AND HERITAGE CIO FOR THE YEAR 1.1.2022 TO 31.12.2022 HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO AN AUTHORISED PERSON FOR INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION AS CORRECT. FULL CERTIFICATION TO BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS RECEIVED.

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2021 Report to Members

Once again the start of the year was overshadowed by Covid and in the event we were not permitted to reopen until 17th May. A lot of effort had to go into preparing the site for visitors to satisfy the health and safety requirements to the satisfaction of the local council. As expected, the early weeks after reopening were very quiet and without the government grants received it would have been impossible to survive. However, with foreign travel difficult we were able during the summer months to benefit from an increase in visitors to the Island. By the end of the year, there had been a total of 6678 visitors, an increase of 25% on 2020 but still 20% less than 2019. By contrast in the first 6 months of 2022 we have already had 3000 visitors and the main season is still to come.

Armoured Personnel rides have not been possible for a couple of years partly due to Covid and partly due to maintenance required to the vehicle. During the Covid periods, Ginge West decided to sell his vehicle and fortunately it has been purchased by one of our staff Will Compton. By the end of 2020 work was still progressing on the vehicle with a view to recommencing rides in 2022.

There were no major additions to the Museum during 2021 although constant improvements and minor alterations were made as the year progressed in an attempt to keep the Museum interesting for repeat visitors. We did however have a major donation of items from a family in Wootton, including a Morrison shelter. This is presently awaiting reassembly in its new home.

At the beginning of December, Andy Fisher handed back his workshop to the Charity and took the major step of moving to a remote Scottish island. We wish him and Maria well in their new life. The workshop is temporarily sub let but it is intended that during 2022 it will become a fully operational workshop for the Charity.

Once again, the Charity was well supported by the government and a total of £51925.78 was received in grants and furlough payments. Whilst the final accounts are yet to be inspected by the Charity Commission appointed inspector, a draft version is attached to this report.

We promised an update regarding the lease position and we are pleased to report that following the sad death of Owen Hinchliffe, Jon Hinchliffe the surviving landowner was able to find time to attend a Trustees' meeting at which he has agreed that the Charity should have a new lease for 490 Newport Road Cowes. Subject to time constraints, it was agreed that if possible a new lease will be in place by 1st January 2023. Negotiations will commence shortly and the members will be kept informed of any major developments.

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS FOR THE PERIOD 1.1.2021 TO 31.12.2021				
WMAHM CHARITY 1159529				
INCOME				
ENTRY FEES			£53862	
RETAIL SALES			£23693	
RENTS RECEIVED			£22570	
RIDE RECEIPTS			£3837	
DONATIONS RECEIVED			£12136	
OTHER INCOME			£28000	
TOTAL				£144098
OPENING STOCK			£973	
ADD PURCHASES			£8478	
DEDUCT CLOSING STOCK			£1557	
COST OF GOODS SOLD				£7894
EXPENSES				
ADVERTISING AND MARKETING			£2621	
RENT			£30240	
STAFF AND VOLUNTEER COSTS			£21493	
EQUIPMENT LEASING			£2033	
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE			£7256	
OFFICE EXPENSES			£975	
INSURANCE			£1772	
FUEL AND VEHICLE MAINTENANCE			£856	
SUNDRIES			£218	
PROFESSIONAL FEES			£7881	
RATES			£51	
UTILITIES			£8184	
CLEANING			£654	
FINANCIAL CHARGES			£757	
BAD DEBTS			£622	
DEPRECIATION			£800	
TOTAL EXPENSES				£86413
NET PROFIT				£49792

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REPORT TO MEMBERS AT AGM 18.7.2022

Due to Covid restrictions the last AGM took place in February 2020. As a result this report to members will be in two parts the first being the period from the last AGM to the 31st of December 2020 and the second part will be for the period 1st January 2021 to the 31st December 2021.

Before we start the formalities of the meeting we must mention the sad loss of Bert Draper and Ted Green both stalwarts of our charity and Museum in providing their time and experience and regular attendance. They will be sadly missed.

As most of you will be well aware, shortly after the last AGM the government announced a general lockdown which took effect on the 27th of March 2020 we were unable to reopen until July 2020 and then only for four months before a further lockdown took place for the whole of November and although we were able to open during December it was a very quiet month for obvious reasons and we were then not permitted to reopen until May 2021. During that time the charity benefited from government grants and the staff furlough scheme. More information and details will follow later in this report.

At the end of 2019, final arrangements were made for the Islander aircraft to be brought to the Museum and it was delivered in pieces in December 2019. Obviously Covid once again restricted the necessary work, but BNAPS pulled together so that at least the exhibit was in place and presentable to the public. Work continued through the year resulting in an open day in September which was very well attended.

Prior to lockdown, we were approached by Bembridge Heritage Centre regarding the PLUTO pump that had been in their centre for a number of years. They were moving and had no space in their new location for it and wished to donate it to us. We were obviously very pleased to take this on but were not really aware of the difficulties that removing it from their site would entail. Nevertheless Jon Fisher and Barry Price set about the task of totally dismantling the pump and with the help of others managed what at first appeared to be an almost impossible task. It is now fully reassembled in an area awaiting further development to provide a comprehensive PLUTO experience together with the other Pluto artefacts in our possession.

During the early part of lockdown, Jon Hinchliffe the landlord, started to carry out developments around the site with a view of assisting us in honouring the aspect of our lease committing us to maintain the whole of Northwood camp, by utilising the space available for more rental units. These have now come on stream and the rents are paid direct to the landlord together with certain other rents that had been previously paid to the charity to offset obligation for the money spent in carrying out maintenance to the site. An update on the situation will appear in the latter part of this report relating to 2021

Financially 2020 was obviously a bit of a challenge particularly as lockdown occurred just prior to Easter when our income normally rises from the winter months. At the time of the lockdown we had very little in the way of reserves, totalling less than £2000, and we had a winter electricity bill to find almost immediately. This would not have been a problem had we continued trading, however it was expedient at the time to cancel the direct debit which was due to be taken from our account to avoid bank charges and penalties. There were a number of potential grants available and on investigation the CEO made application for assistance. The electricity bill as a result was paid in full within seven days of it falling due.

In addition the furlough system for staff was tapped into enabling all staff to receive 80% of their normal salary. In total during 2020 the charity received £46008.93 in grants and furlough payments. In 2019 the last full year of opening, a total of 8379 visitors went through the museum. In contrast, during 2020, there were only 4976 visitors, a drop of 40% . A copy of the profit and loss account for the year 1.1.2020 to 31.12.2020 is attached to this report.

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Account Periods: 1/2021 to 12/2021 (01/01/21 to 31/12/21) 'YearToDate' is to 31/12/21
 Department: CAFE

A/c.	Description	Periods	YearToDate
SALES			
4000	Income - Museum Entry	103.60	103.60
4030	Income - Cafe Sales	17,811.70	17,811.70
4031	Income - Hire of Cafe	329.50	329.50
4040	Income - Mess Bar Sales	71.28	71.28
4041	Income - Hire of Mess Bar	1.52	1.52
4060	Income - Shooting Range	27.00	27.00
4080	Miscellaneous Income	8,000.00	8,000.00
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		26,344.60	26,344.60
COST OF SALES			
5030	Cost of Goods Sold - Cafe	7,091.38	7,091.38
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		7,091.38	7,091.38
EXPENSES			
6100	Museum Cleaning Materials etc	157.94	157.94
6110	Cafe Cleaning Materials etc	290.25	290.25
7100	Salaries	11,146.29	11,146.29
7410	Staff and Volunteer Amenities	46.90	46.90
7420	Volunteer Transport Payments	76.47	76.47
7450	Equioment Leasing	284.96	284.96
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		12,002.81	12,002.81
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Profit/Loss:		7,250.41	7,250.41

*** end of Statement of Income by Department report ***

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Independent Examiner's Report

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above Charity for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Society's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Signed by: *T. W. Woodcock*

Dated: 14th November 2021

Qualifications: Bookkeeper & Charity Treasurer; Company Director