

## EX-SERVICES HOME MESS ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020 (1161438)

### INTRODUCTION

This report covers the year from 1 Jan 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2020 and Covid 19 has seriously affected our operations in this period.

### ACTIVITIES

After a reasonably successful 2019 which included the alteration to Committee meetings, resulting in these being held under the auspices of the charity, rather than a separate sub-committee, we looked forward to extending our work in 2020. Our initial plans to make contact with ex-service personnel who did not belong to associations etc., were laid in November 2019. This included the aim of taking qualifying aged Veterans on a subsidised trip to the Arboretum. This plan was shelved when Covid burst upon the scene in February, but could be revived quickly in 2021 when conditions are favourable and funds available. The gardening service was quite under used this year as Veterans defended their families and friends in the lockdowns. Some 7 clients required the service and we undertook to join with other volunteers to refurbish a house for a disabled Veteran and family. We donated 10hrs of our gardener's time to this project.

Our Mess nights have been limited to Jan and Feb before the first lockdown and one attempt in October which was very poorly attended. We look forward to resuming when we are allowed, hopefully in April.

### FINANCE

As one can understand, the fundraising by street collection and open Saturdays this year, has not taken place and small donations amounted to £47.71. Along with necessary expenses for insurance £101.92, Secretary's expenses £120, and office supplies of £203.88 + incidentals about £40, it has been a very poor. The overall deficit of £378 was offset by Gift aid from 2019 of £417.34. This situation left us treading water financially; but we had previously been named as a beneficiary of a donation from Shell refinery at Fawley and did not expect to be included this year. Much to our delight we received the sum of £449 in November. Our current position is therefore sound, at £3865.08 of which £691 is the gardening fund, plus £16.70 in petty cash. In all, our finances have survived Covid, so far. There will be a shortfall next year, as there will be little from HMRC Gift Aid or Esso. Our bank is the Yorkshire bank and they are currently amalgamating with Virgin Money. More details are promised in the coming weeks; however, I have checked that our account will continue to avoid any charges by the bank.

### CORPORATE

Our Trustees continue to operate although we are all getting to advanced years. It is my intention to retire as soon as we have someone to take over. This will be our main aim for 2021 although I shall continue to support the new Principal Trustee in any way I can. We hope to recruit a couple of active Volunteers over the same period.

This concludes our report,

Anthony Cooper (Principal Trustee)

Financial summary

1) DONATIONS

These were limited to small personal sums totalling £19.00, and one major sum from ESSO Refinery in Fawley of £449.

Total £468.

2) OFFICE COSTS

These include Insurance and cartridge costs plus a smaller amount for cleaning materials and maintenance of the Mess room furnishings.

Total £250

3) OPERATIONAL COSTS

Including all expenses of which £120 are Secretary's agreed expenses towards phone and travel costs, purchases of T shirts (£59), raffle prizes, gratuities and stamps/postage. In this category there are two gratuities; one to a civilian helper on case number 45 (£5) and one to the contract gardener.(£5) There was also a purchase of 16 jigsaws from a member, that was not receipted.(£8)

Total £259.

4) SALES AND RAFFLES

This includes sales of T shirts (£60), Raffles (2) resulted in £35.00 and Subs = £69. Subs were not required following the Covid outbreak, those who had paid were credited with the amount for 2021.

Total £164

5) GRANT

We received a grant of £1000 from the South Yorkshire Community Fund for our separate gardening scheme. Because of Covid we had £401 brought forward from 2019 of which £500 was spent before the arrival of the grant and £330 since. That leaves us with £571 in the bank at the end of the year.

CONCLUSION

Our yearend total in the bank includes the £571 for the gardening fund and the £65 outstanding for stamps. The cheque has been issued to the Secretary, but has not yet been cashed. Our gross income for the year was £2064 (net £632).

I trust that this note, and the attached copies of the account sheets with the yearend Bank statement, are sufficient for the purpose of this Annual report.

Respectfully yours,

Anthony Cooper (Principal Trustee)

