

Trustees Annual Report for the Period

1.4.2024– 31.3.2025

Reference and administration details			
Charity Name:		Ex-Services Home Mess (Sheffield)	
Registered Charity Number		1161438	
Charity's Principal Address		c/o 17 Welwyn Road, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S12 2JF	
Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity			
Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for the whole year	Name of person (of body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Stephen Halton	Chair & Treasurer		
Adrian Simmons	Trustee		
Patricia Davey	Trustee		
John Chapman	Trustee		
Mark Ellwood	Trustee	Appointed 18.4.2024	
Renate Halton	Secretary (Volunteer)		
Structure, governance and management			
Type of governance document		Constitution adopted	
How the charity is constituted		Charitable Incorporated Organisation	
Trustee Selection methods		Trustees are appointed after a selection process and appointed at Trustees' meetings	
Additional governance issues		Membership of the Charity is open to Ex-Service Personnel of all three Services. All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits.	
Objectives and activities			
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document		The relief in need of former members of all branches of the Armed Forces and their families returning to Sheffield with a view to enabling effective resettlement into civilian Society, in particular but not exclusively by: 1) providing a point of contact for all Ex-Service personnel, and their families; and 2) acting as Advocate and Intermediary between Ex-Service Personnel and local support providers.	
Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects		In planning our undertakings for this year, we keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidelines on public benefits at our Trustees' meetings. The main activities are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To support the Charity's objectives in helping Veterans welfare when leaving the Armed Forces and at subsequent times, referral/signage for Housing and other Matters including Health & Welfare, home visits, socialising in a safe, peer to peer environment. Helping Disabled Veterans with Gardening.- We are fortunate to have a dedicated Veteran's Room at a Sports & Social Club. The refurbishment of the room continued over the 2024-25 period, re-organising donated Military Memorabilia from all three services as well as adding Remembrance & Knitted Poppy Displays. We are grateful for everyone's input and support to make this a	

	<p>comfortable welcoming place to meet and socialise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monthly Social Events (members only and open to Non-Members) - Special Memorial Events: Commemorating VE80, also HMS Sheffield/Falklands and Gathering of Veterans and Serving Members to commemorate the Anniversary of the loss of HMS Sheffield during the Falkland's Campaign - Remembrance Sunday Event for all Serving and Ex-Service personnel
Additional details of objectives and activities	
Contribution made by Volunteers	<p>We are grateful for the many hours volunteers including member volunteers have spent listening and encouraging and supporting our members. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise we would have not been able to achieve so much. We are in particular grateful for the continued support of Volunteers with the refurbishment project of our regular meeting venue and the manning of Exhibition stands at events. Our Volunteer Secretary, with Business Management, Financial and Administration experience has agreed to continue to support the Charity for another year until a suitable replacement is found.</p>
Achievements and performance	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	<p>Our two monthly social events at our own Veterans' Room are continuing to be popular and are firm events in the calendar taking place on 2nd Friday and 3rd Monday of each month.</p> <p>We have been able to make our Veterans room available to other regimental Associations who are struggling to find meeting places of their own. This has brought the Sheffield City Region's Veterans Community closer together.</p> <p>Our Free Garden Service for Veterans has proved popular, with referrals being received by other agencies/contacts.</p> <p>We have experienced a need for increased pastoral care, and have provided support to Veterans with visits, telephone support, as well as providing transport to medical appointments as well as transport to our events to combat loneliness. We have access to free wheelchair loans, which enabled us to support a number of Veterans this year.</p> <p>We have been working more closely with the Sheffield Community Covenant Partnership Board, hosted by the Sheffield City Council, with a number of public representatives such as the NHS and other Charities providing care and support to Veterans.</p> <p>The Charity has been exhibiting at a number of public events/Fairs in Sheffield, raising awareness of the Charity's work. New marketing material have been commissioned to support this awareness raising</p>

campaign. The participation at those events has resulted in a considerable uptake of new Veterans engaging with the Charity and also resulted in new members.

We held a successful VE80 and HMS Sheffield/Falkland event in May, in November we organised our Annual Remembrance event, and in December, we used our Veterans' room for the first time to organise a Christmas gathering, which was open to all Veterans and appreciation was noted by all.

Our plans to introduce a financial coding system for Income and Expenditure has been successful, which allows closer financial monitoring as well as reporting to Trustees and Members at regular intervals.

We have introduced more frequent Communication by dedicated regular newsletters as well as communicating via our Social Media Facebook Group.

Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserve

Cash at Bank 31.3.2025 was £10,372.93 which puts the charity in a fairly stable financial position for the year ahead.

Other optional information

Future Plans

With the increase of pastoral care, we need to look at increased support from Trustees/Volunteers to act upon the need we are experiencing.

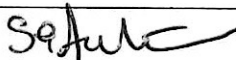
For longer term planning, we are looking to appoint new Trustees who bring value and experience to the Charity, as well as looking to address the gender imbalance within the Charity's Trusteeship.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees

Signature:



Full Name:

Stephen Halton

Position:

Chair

Date:

29TH DECEMBER 2025

Financial Information

Income 1.4.24-31.3.25		Expenditure 1.4.24-31.3.25	
Members Subs	123.00	Repairs & Maintenance (Vet Room)	27.80
Donations - Open Events	246.01	Stationery	59.94
Donations- General - Other	624.43	Printing	3.00
Donations with Restrictions	40.00	Mileage - Trustee & Others	5.00
Raffle (Regular Social Nights)	872.00	Postage	12.75

Social Functions - Themed	1,140.10	Marketing	79.49
Book Exchange	18.50	Tel, Mob, Internet, Subscription IT	13.20
Jigsaws	17.08	Liability Insurance	136.37
Fundraising Other	36.00	Gardening	860.00
HM Tshirts	156.00	Gifted Subsistence	27.00
Lapels	3.00	Raffle Expenses (Regular Social Nights)	51.26
Coop Local Community Fund	1,030.84	Themed Events	305.95
Corporate Donation	221.91	Buffets	258.30
HMRC Claims	60.40	Entertainment - Singer	300.00
		Miscellaneous	28.65
		HM Branded Tshirts	169.82
		Other Expenditure	119.43
Total Income	4,589.27	Total Expenditure	2,457.96

Metro Bank Community Account Statement

BIC: MYMBGB2L IBAN: GB54MYMB23058044902494



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ACCOUNT NAME: EX-SERVICES HOME MESS (SHEFFIELD)

Your account summary

From: 01 MAR 2025	To: 31 MAR 2025
Opening balance	£4,956.93
Total money in	£416.00
Total money out	£0.00
End balance	£5,372.93

Account number	44902494
Sort code	23-05-80
Statement number	35
Overdraft limit	£0.00

Your transactions

Date	Transaction	Money out (£)	Money in (£)	Balance (£)
	Balance brought forward			4,956.93
14 MAR 2025	Inward Payment J Griffin		30.00	4,986.93
21 MAR 2025	Cash Deposit		386.00	5,372.93
	Closing Balance			5,372.93

My Current Account 1

Balance

Account Number MM2512765646

Sort Code

Account Type Community 1 Year Fixed Rate

Transaction details from 01 May to 31 May 2025

Date	Details	Transaction Type	In(£)	Out(£)	Balance(£)
07 May 2025		New Deposit	5000.00		5000.00