



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	01 08 2022	To	31 07 2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Armed Forces Community Support Hub
Other names charity is known by	Armed Forces Community Support
Registered charity number (if any)	1168398
Charity's principal address	Orford Park Community Centre (Off Alder Lane) Warrington Postcode WA2 8AG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David Chandler	Lead Trustee		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods
(eg. Appointed by, elected by)

Appointed at a quorate meeting of the trustees properly notified as per our constitution and considered to have the skills which would be an asset to the charity.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Organisation is currently viewing increasing our Trustee portfolio.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Armed Forces Community Support Hub Objectives

The Armed Forces Community Support Hub is built upon a unique working partnership between, Warrington Borough Council, Cheshire West and Chester Council, Citizens Advice, The Royal British Legion, ASDIC, SSAFA, DMWS, AFCTF, NHS, Cheshire Police, CGL, Pathways to Recovery.

We promote social inclusion, wellbeing, and reintegration back into

civilian life after service utilising peer support and well-being projects. We are here to support the need of individuals and family members living in Warrington and Cheshire who are currently serving or who have served in the Armed Forces.

1 weekly Veterans Breakfast Club in Warrington (Coffee Morning)

Fortnightly "Naafi Break Drop-Ins" within Ellesmere Port Library and Hydrogen Centre

Day trips for Veterans and family members – 85

A combined number of 89 fully supported activities have taken place through this reporting year with 157 individuals taking part.

Our Veteran volunteers continue to play a major role in the support of the Charity. We have always been peer-support led which is the fundamental part of the transition back into the Community for many. All veterans have signed terms of agreements and a Code of Conduct as guided by our policies and procedures.

The Veteran volunteer peer support group meet each week to discuss any issues or concerns they have or any ideas on what our next project would be to support further clients. Any outcomes that require CEO approval would then be presented and if needed further agreement from the Trustees if the idea requires funding.

For example, should the volunteer group wish to purchase new items for the good and benefit of the group the CEO could grant the request (subject to financial limits imposed). If further or larger amounts of funds is required, then the CEO would request funds through the Trustees.

All newly appointed volunteers and veterans requiring assistance complete a Needs Assessment to identify any issues. Early intervention reduces further deterioration and promotes mental health recovery.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The contribution made by our volunteers is paramount to the daily running and provision of services to our veterans' community. Without our volunteers we would have difficulty in providing.

The CEO is responsible for funding applications in discussion with the Trustee. All applications for funding made during this reporting period were for specific projects. No Core costs funding has been applied for or received.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We have assisted 18 veterans who were designated as homeless into supported living accommodation during this reporting year. This has been through the continued support of outside agencies who support veterans e.g. "Under One Roof".

Approximately 265 Veterans, dependants and families have accessed our activities through this reporting period covering a wide range of activities.

278 referrals have been recorded through our services following Needs Assessments which has provided guidance and support/assistance to veterans, dependants and families.

Our Bicycle Recycle project working in conjunction with Cheshire Police and West Cheshire Freemasons charity has now for a third year been proven a success for the community we support. Supporting 31 veterans with free bicycles during this period which has and will always be our priority. However, we have identified a need within the local civilian community who we support daily have managed to supply repaired bicycles to our local community who had been referred from local community agencies for assistance.

Due to the success, we now have a converted Minibus which is now set up as a mobile bicycle workshop, allowing us to reach more isolated areas within Cheshire.

We have received continued commissioning from Greater Manchester Mental Health for our wrap around support – (NHS Veterans in Mind).

We have received continued commissioning from Cheshire West and Chester Council to provide support to veterans and dependants within the CWaC area. This has included an additional location within CWaC's area for us to support.

Our 17 Seater minibus has been used throughout this reporting period to great extent to provide support and assistance to veterans who engage with us. Throughout this reporting year the minibus has provided the following assistance:

Delivering Food Parcels.

Moving Military Veterans personal belongings in and out of storage

House Removals

Trips and visits

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We have continued to fundraise throughout this reporting year to maintain funds sufficient to cover our operational costs for three months minimum.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

n/a

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charities principal source of funding this reporting period has been the West Lancashire Freemasons Charity and the Veterans Foundation.

Expenditure has increased during this reporting period due to the electricity costs and the Cost-of-living Crisis.

Section F

Other optional information

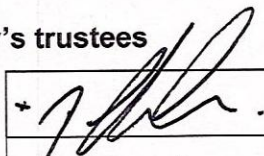
Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

David Chandler

Position (e.g., Secretary, Chair, etc)

Lead Trustee

Date

10 April 2024

ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY SUPPORT HUB

Statement of Financial Activities

For year End 31ST JULY 2023

Heading	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	YR Ended 31.7.23 Total Funds	Period 01.08.21 - 31.07.22 Total Funds
INCOME & Endowments from Donations and Legacies		£ 36,448.57	£ 31,500.00	£ 67,948.57	£ 106,380.21
TOTAL					£ 106,380.21
EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities General		£ 45,844.43	£ 67,852.17	£ 113,696.60	£ 87,505.97
NET INCOME (EXPENDITURE)		-£ 9,395.86	-£ 36,352.17		
Transfers between funds					
NET MOVEMENT OF FUNDS				-£ 45,748.03	£ 18,874.24
RECONSILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward 2021/2022		£15,184.23	£43,574.86		£58,759.09
CASH IN HAND 2022/2023		£ 17.39			
TOTAL FUNDS					
CARRIED FORWARD 2023/2024		£ 5,805.76	£ 7,222.69		FORWARD 23/24
				TOTAL CARRIED	£ 13,028.45

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR 31st JULY 2023

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

	Year Ended 31.7.23	Year Ended 31.7.22
Donations & legacies	£ 67,948.57	£ 106,380.21
Total Incoming Resources	£ 67,948.57	£ 106,380.21

Payments

Charitable Activities	£ 1,350.00	£ 1,500.00
Payroll	£ 6,000.00	£ 3,815.25
Insurance	£ 3,375.24	£ 2,483.84
Telephone/Internet	£ 1,967.93	£ 779.81

Postage & Stationary		£	570.80		
Rent/ Building Maint		£	18,514.22	£	13,234.15
Computer Equipment		£	494.94		
Hospitality				£	474.51
Volunteer Expenses		£	614.85		
Fuel		£	4,473.78		
Storage Unit		£	8,482.67		
Living History Project	Restricted Funds	£	3,184.66		
Bike Project	Restricted Funds	£	25,000.00		
Veterans Foundation Project	Restricted Funds	£	30,000.00		
CWAC Breakfast Club	Restricted Funds	£	9,667.51		
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		£	113,696.60		

Armed Forces Community Support Hub

Balance Sheet

At 31st July 2023

HEADING	NOTES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	YR Ended 31.7.23 Total Funds	Period 01.08.21 - 31.07.22 Total Funds
FIXED ASSETS					
IPAD & IZETTLE					
GENERATORS					
MARQUEES/GAZEBO		£ 1,223.00	£ 1,883.00	£ 3,106.00	
WW1 & 2 UNIFORMS					
BAR FRIDGE					£ 1,000.00
HOOVER					
ID CARD PRINTER					£ 720.00
AIRCON UNITS					£ 521.65
FLOOR CLEANER					
MINI BUS		£ 2,000.00		£ 2,000.00	£ 4,499.00
TOTAL		£ 3,223.00	£ 1,883.00	£ 5,106.00	£ 6,740.65

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WARRINGTON
ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY SUPPORT REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1168398

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Armed Forces Community Support for the year ended 31st July 2023 (The Trust)

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Charity Trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the trusts accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiners Statement

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act, or
2. The Accounts do not accord with those records.

I confirm that there are no matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the account is reached.

Clients Account Manager

AFCS

Veteran Support Centre

(Off Alder Lane)

Warrington

WA2 8AG

Signed:



Date:

26/2/24

Chair of Trustees: David Chandler

Signed:



Date:

25/3/24