

THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE (UK)

England & Wales · Charity number 1172422

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2017-04-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE ACWRT (UK) ARE TWO-FOLD:(A)THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION REGARDING THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR, AND OTHER MILITARY HISTORY RELATED TOPICS; (B)THE PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE HERITAGE OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR,INCLUDING SITES OR ARTEFACTS RELEVANT TO THE CONFLICT, ITS ORIGINS, OR CONSEQUENCES.

Activities: The ACWRT (UK) organises events relating to the study of the American Civil War, publishes a magazine about the War 3 times per year, as well as a regular e-bulletin, and maintains a website with useful information and sources about the War. ACWRT (UK) also contributes towards the preservation of sites or artefacts associated with the War, mostly in the USA.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- United States
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£8,820	£10,413	-	-
2023-12-31	£8,016	£8,958	-	-
2022-12-31	£8,900	£9,637	-	-
2021-12-31	£6,979	£6,578	-	-
2020-12-31	£3,345	£3,876	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BRENDAN MEEHAN		2017-04-04
Darren Rawlings		2024-11-15
GREG BAYNE		2017-04-04
John Lee		2024-11-15
Neil Morley		2019-11-16
Peter Barrett		2019-11-16
Ryan Diamond		2024-11-15

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2024		2023	
Main Account Conference		Main Account Conference	
Total	Total	Total	Total
£	£	£	£
3,000	3,000	2,840	2,840
Subscriptions			
1,095	2,100	658	2,050
Meeting income (entry fees)			
163	445	142	335
Raffles, Auctions & Games			
315	93	414	248
Merchandise sales			
1,002	-	1,101	-
General donations			
-	381	-	-
Sponsorship & Advertising			
226	226	228	228
Interest earned			
5,801	3,019	5,383	2,633
Total Income			
1,351	3,807	774	774
Meeting costs			
-	3,807	-	2,110
Speakers Travel costs			
678	678	662	662
Postage & Stationery			
2,845	250	2,767	292
Design & printing			
415	415	420	420
Website support & comms			
242	242	380	380
Cost of Sales			
123	290	110	110
Sundries			
5,654	4,347	5,113	2,402
Total Expenses			
(1,181)	(1,328)	501	501
Surplus from normal activities			
413	413	1,443	1,443
See note 3 Donations made			
(1,594)	(1,594)	(942)	(942)
Transfers to/(from) surplus			
Balance sheet			
31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23		
£	£		
7,687	9,733		
Cash at Bank			
20	20		
Cash in hand			
3,292	3,061		
See note 1 Debtors and prepayments			
10,999	12,814		
Brought forward reserves			
10,799	11,741		
Excess of income over expenditure			
(1,594)	(942)		
Total Reserves			
9,205	10,798		
See note 2 Creditors & Accruals			
1,795	2,016		
10,999	12,814		

Brendan Meehan
Treasurer



John Lee
President



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Independent Examiner: Kevan Rowe B.A., F.C.A.



In connection with my examination, no matters 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 2011 and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011 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

Independent Examiner's Statement

- Note 3 A donation of US\$ 500 was made during the year to the Blue and Gray Education Society for the erection of interpretive signs on the Bermuda Hundred.
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Notes to the accounts	
Note 1	Debtors and Prepayments were:
	Bank Interest Accrued
	Costs prepaid
	Gift Aid due from HMRC
	Deposit paid for 2023 conference
	<u>2230</u>
	£
Note 2	Creditors and accruals were:
	Costs of the December Crossfire paid in 2024.
	Due to treasurer for costs incurred
	Members' payments received in advance
	£
	1264
	372
	158
	<u>3292</u>
	£
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	<u>2023</u>			<u>2022</u>		
	Main Account	Conference	Total	Main Account	Conference	Total
<u>Income</u>	£	£	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions	2,840		2,840	2,780		2,780
Meeting income (entry fees)	658	2,050	2,708	929	1,715	2,644
Raffles, Auctions & Games	142	335	477	164	305	469
Merchandise sales	414	248	662	1,191	718	1,910
General donations	1,101	-	1,101	781	-	781
Sponsorship & Advertising	-	-	-	-	200	200
Interest earned	228		228	117		117
Total Income	5,383	2,633	8,016	5,962	2,938	8,901
Expenses						
Meeting costs	774		774	1,088		1,088
Speakers Travel costs	-	2,110	2,110	68	3,466	3,534
Postage & Stationery	662		662	569		569
Design & printing	2,767	292	3,059	2,564	218	2,782
Website support & comms	420		420	368		368
Cost of Sales	380		380	308		308
Sundries	110		110	113	70	183
Total Expenses	5,113	2,402	7,515	5,079	3,754	8,833
Surplus from normal activities	270	231	501	884	(816)	68

See note 3 Donations made 1,443 805

Transfers to/(from) surplus (942) (737)

Balance sheet

	<u>31-Dec-23</u>	<u>31-Dec-22</u>
	£	£
Cash at Bank	9,733	10,348
Cash in hand	20	20
See note 1 Debtors and prepayments	3,061	3,182
	12,814	13,550
Brought forward reserves	11,741	12,478
Excess of income over expenditure	(942)	(737)
Total Reserves	10,798	11,741
See note 2 Creditors & Accruals	2,016	1,809
	12,814	13,550
Balance sheet check	(0)	
P&L check	-	

Note 1 Debtors and Prepayments were £

Bank Interest Accrued	191
Costs prepaid	300
Gift Aid due from HMRC	370
Deposit paid for 2023 conference	2200
	3061

Note 2 Creditors and accruals were £

Costs of the December Crossfire paid in 2024.	936
Due to treasurer for costs incurred	880
Members' payments received in advance	175
Due to OCT	25
	2016

Note 3 The following donations were made during the year:

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Mike Somerville President	Brendan Meehan Treasurer	Bryan Douglas Independent Examiner
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	<u>2022</u>			<u>2021</u>		
	Main Account	Conference	Total	Main Account	Conference	Total
<u>Income</u>	£	£	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions	2,780		2,780	2,930		2,930
Meeting income (entry fees)	929	1,715	2,644	264	1,350	1,614
Raffles, Auctions & Games	164	305	469	100	253	353
Merchandise sales	1,191	718	1,909	912	382	1,294
General donations	781	-	781	680	50	730
Sponsorship & Advertising	-	200	200	-		-
Interest earned	117		117	58		58
Total Income	5,962	2,938	8,900	4,944	2,035	6,979
Expenses						
Meeting costs	1,088		1,088	226		226
Speakers Travel costs	68	3,466	3,534	-	886	886
Postage & Stationery	569		569	555		555
Design & printing	2,564	218	2,782	2,384	268	2,652
Website support & comms	368		368	252		252
Cost of Sales	308		308	727		727
Sundries	113	70	183	129		129
Total Expenses	5,078	3,754	8,832	4,274	1,154	5,428
Surplus from normal activities	884	(816)	68	671	881	1,552
See note 5 Donations made			805			1,151
Transfers to/from surplus			(737)	671	881	400
Balance sheet			<u>31-Dec-21</u>			<u>31-Dec-20</u>
			£			£
Cash at Bank			10,348			12,052
Cash in hand			20			20
See note 1 Debtors and prepayments			3,182			1,110
			13,550			13,182
Brought forward reserves			12,478			12,078
Excess of income over expenditure			(737)			400
Total Reserves			11,741			12,478
See note 2 Creditors & Accruals			1,809			704
			13,550			13,182
Balance sheet check			-			
P&L check			-			
Note 1 Debtors and Prepayments were			£			
Bank Interest Accrued			102			
Costs prepaid			319			
Gift Aid due from HMRC			636			
Deposit paid for 2023 conference			2125			
			3182			
Note 2 Creditors and accruals were			£			
Costs of the December Crossfire paid in 2023.			1112			
Due to treasurer for costs incurred			242			
Fort Blakeley donation approved but not yet paid			405			
Members' payments received in advance			50			
			1809			
Note 3	A donation of £400 was made to the University of Northumbria Civil War 'Blue Jackets' project and a donation of \$500 approved but not yet paid to Fort Blakeley in Mobile.					
Note 4	The accounts have been prepared on an 'accruals' basis matching income/activities as far as possible with the associated expenses, with the exception of merchandise. The costs of acquiring merchandise for sale are expensed at the time of purchase irrespective of whether that merchandise has been sold. This is not felt to have a material impact on the accounts overall.					
Note 5	At 31st December 2022 the ACWRT(UK) had 118 members (2021: 124).					
Mike Somerville	Brendan Meehan	Bryan Douglas				
President	Treasurer	Independent Examiner				

The American Civil War Round Table (UK)

Trustees' report for 2022

In 2022 the ACWRT (UK) continued to pursue its charitable objectives by enhancing knowledge and understanding of the American Civil War and contributing to heritage and education projects relating to the conflict.

Six lectures were organised using a combination of on line and physical meetings in London. Three publications of our magazine 'Crossfire' were produced and eight editions of our online newsletter 'Vedette'. In May a very successful residential conference was held from a Friday evening to Sunday afternoon on the topic of the war in the Trans-Mississippi.

A donation of £400 was made to the University of Northumbria Civil War 'Blue Jackets' project researching the background of Union navy crews and a donation of US\$500 approved to Fort Blakely in Mobile, Alabama to fund an interpretive sign at the site of one of the fort's redoubts.

In 2022 the ACWRT (UK) made a surplus, before donations to heritage projects, of £68. To support those donations £737 was transferred from reserves.

The Round Table continues to be in a robust financial position overall with reserves of £ 11,471 and cash balances of £ 10,348.

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Trustee's Report 2021

In 2021, for the first time in many years, our membership has increased. We had 124 members at the end of the year compared with only 105 at the start. The launch of our new website in 2020 and the facility to attend our meetings via zoom have improved our profile and reach and the possibility of payment by PayPal or credit card makes it easier to renew or join, especially for overseas members.

It was also an excellent year from the point of view of the sales of books and clothing with £1,294 in sales. We benefitted from legacies of books which could be re-sold and our range of new clothing has proved very popular.

Thankfully we were able to hold a conference in 2021, after a 1 year 'hiatus' for covid, albeit with a somewhat reduced number of physical attendees.

We were able to support 3 heritage projects in the US in 2021 with donations of \$500 each to Gaines Mill battlefield, the Cape Charles Civil War Trail and the Champion Hill battlefield.

Our activities in 2020 produced a surplus overall of £ 1,552. After making our three donations £ 421 was transferred to reserves.

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	2021			See note 2		2020
	Main Account	Conference	Total	Main Account	Conference	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income						
Subscriptions	2,930		2,930	2,477		2,477
Meeting income (entry fees)	264	1,350	1,614	271		271
Raffles, Auctions & Games	100	253	353	65		65
Merchandise sales	912	382	1,294	113		113
General donations	680	50	730	353		353
Sponsorship & Advertising	-		-	-		-
Interest earned	58		58	66		66
Total Income	4,944	2,035	6,979	3,345		3,345
Expenses						
Meeting costs	226		226	381		381
Speakers Travel costs	-	886	886	-		-
Postage & Stationery	555		555	844		844
Design & printing	2,384	268	2,652	2,410		2,410
Website support & comms	252		252	241		241
Cost of Sales	727		727	-		-
Sundries	129		129	-		-
Total Expenses	4,273	1,154	5,427	3,876		3,876
Surplus from normal activities	671	881	1,552	(531)		(531)
See note 5 Donations made			1,151			-
See note 1 Exceptional item - new website						1060
Transfers to/from surplus			401			(1,591)
Balance sheet						
			31-Dec-21			31-Dec-20
			£			£
Cash at Bank			12,053			9,848
Cash in hand			20			20
See note 3 Debtors and prepayments			1,110			3,019
			13,183			12,887
Brought forward reserves			12,078			13,669
Excess of income over expenditure			401			(1,591)
Total Reserves			12,479			12,078
See note 4 Creditors & Accruals			704			809
			13,183			12,887

Note 1 The exceptional item relates to the one off cost of designing and building the new ACWRT website in 2020. This cost £1500 which is partly offset by the release of the release of £440 Advertising and Publicity sub fund brought forward. The sub fund was the remainder of a legacy left to the ACWRT in 2012.

Note 2 There was no conference in 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Note 3 Debtors and Prepayments were

	£
Bank Interest Accrued	34
Costs prepaid	763
Gift Aid due from HMRC	313
	1110

Note 4 Creditors and accruals were

	£
Costs of the December Crossfire paid in 2022.	554
Members' payments received in advance	150
	704

Note 5 Donations of \$500 each were made to preservation and interpretation projects at Gaines Mill, the Cape Charles Civil War Trail and Champion Hill.

Note 6 At 31st December the ACWRT had 124 members (2020: 105).

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Covid-19 impacted our activities in 2020 as it did for so many other organisations. We were only able to hold one of our lecture meetings in London before restrictions occurred, but we rearranged the rest of the planned meetings as 'zoom' calls which worked very well. Sadly we were unable to hold our annual conference. During the year we invested further in our capability to educate regarding all aspects of the American Civil War by designing and launching a new website with enhanced access for members and others to information and analysis.

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	See note 2		2020			2019
	Main Account	Conference	Total	Main Account	Conference	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income						
Subscriptions	2,477		2,477	2,800	-	2,800
Meeting income (entry fees)	271		271	1,454	2,150	3,604
Raffles, Auctions & Games	65		65	275	489	764
Merchandise sales	113		113	30	107	137
General donations	353		353	756	3	759
Sponsorship & Advertising	-		-	413	137	550
Interest earned	66		66	97	-	97
Total Income	3,345		3,345	5,825	2,886	8,711
Expenses						
Meeting costs	381		381	1,081	-	1,081
Speakers Travel costs	-		-	193	2,236	2,429
Postage & Stationery	844		844	553	-	553
Design & printing	2,410		2,410	2,494	323	2,817
Website support & hosting	241		241	234	-	234
Sundries	-		-	25	-	25
Total Expenses	3,876		3,876	4,580	2,559	7,139
Surplus from normal activities	(531)		(531)	1,245	327	1,572
Donations made			-			1,156
See note 1 Exceptional item - new website	1,060		1,060			
Transfers to/from surplus	(1,591)		(1,591)	1,245	327	416
Balance sheet						
			31-Dec-20			31-Dec-19
			£			£
Cash at Bank			9,848			12,637
Cash in hand			20			20
See note 3 Debtors and prepayments			3,019			2,790
			12,887			15,447
Brought forward reserves			13,669			13,253
Excess of income over expenditure			(1,591)			416
Total Reserves			12,078			13,669
See note 1 Advertising and publicity sub fund						440
See note 4 Creditors & Accruals			809			1,338
			12,887			15,447
Balance sheet check			0			
P&L check			0			

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Note 3 Debtors and Prepayments were

	£
Deposit paid for 2021 Conference	2000
Bank Interest Accrued	38
Costs prepaid	717
Gift Aid due from HMRC	264
	3019

Note 4 Creditors and accruals are

	£
Costs of the December Crossfire paid in 2021.	350
Due to Treasurer for ACWRT expenses paid.	386
Members' payments received in advance	73
	809

Note 5 At 31st December the ACWRT had 105 members (2019: 117).

Mike Somerville President	James Carroll Vice President	Brendan Meehan Treasurer	Bryan Douglas Independent Examiner
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