

## American Civil War Round Table (UK)

### Trustee's Report 2023

In 2023 the American Civil war Round Table (UK) continued to pursue its charitable objectives of enhancing education around the American Civil War and protecting the war's heritage.

Six lecture meetings were held during the year, 3 physical meetings in London and 3 via zoom, with subjects as diverse as British 'Bluejackets' in the Union Navy and the vital partnership between Generals Lee and Jackson. A very successful weekend conference took place on the theme of the 1864 Overland Campaign. Our thrice yearly magazine Crossfire continued to cover a wide range of Civil War related topics and our regular email newsletter Vedette kept members up to date with news and events.

We were able to financially support a number of heritage related projects during the year ie

- The Sultana Disaster Museum (US\$500)

- Monuments for UK Veterans of the Civil War (£400)

- Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Trust for the Piedmont battlefield (US\$500)

- Restoration of the grave of Colonel Arthur Freemantle (£216)

Financially the Round Table continues to be in very good health. With income of just over £8,000 in 2023 a surplus was produced on day to day activities of £501, with a transfer from reserves of £942 to support our donations to heritage projects. The charity had reserves at the end of the year of £10,798 and a cash balance of £9,753. At the end of 2023 the Round Table had 122 members, up from 118 in 2022.

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**Financial Statements for the year ending 31st December 2023**

	<b>2023</b>			<b>2022</b>		
	<b>Main Account</b>	<b>Conference</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Main Account</b>	<b>Conference</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Income</b>	£	£	£	£	£	£
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
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5,383</b>	<b>2,633</b>	<b>8,016</b>	<b>5,962</b>	<b>2,938</b>	<b>8,901</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
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
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5,113</b>	<b>2,402</b>	<b>7,515</b>	<b>5,079</b>	<b>3,754</b>	<b>8,833</b>
Surplus from normal activities	<b>270</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>(816)</b>	<b>68</b>
See note 3 Donations made			1,443			805
Transfers to/(from) surplus			(942)			(737)
<b>Balance sheet</b>			<b>31-Dec-23</b>			<b>31-Dec-22</b>
			£			£
Cash at Bank			9,733			10,348
Cash in hand			20			20
See note 1 Debtors and prepayments			3,061			3,182
			<b>12,814</b>			<b>13,550</b>
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
			<b>12,814</b>			<b>13,550</b>
Balance sheet check			(0)			
P&L check			-			
<b>Note 1</b>	<b>Debtors and Prepayments were</b>		£			
	Bank Interest Accrued		191			
	Costs prepaid		300			
	Gift Aid due from HMRC		370			
	Deposit paid for 2023 conference		2200			
			<b>3061</b>			
<b>Note 2</b>	<b>Creditors and accruals were</b>		£			
	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			
			<b>2016</b>			
<b>Note 3</b>	<b>The following donations were made during the year:</b>					
	The Sultana Disaster Museum (\$500)					
	Monuments for UK Veterans of the Civil War (£400)					
	Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Trust for the Piedmont battlefield (\$500)					
	Restoration of the grave of Arthur Freemantle (£216)					
<b>Note 4</b>	<b>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.</b>					
<b>Note 5</b>	<b>At 31st December 2023 the ACWRT had 122 members (2022: 118).</b>					
	Mike Somerville	Brendan Meehan	Bryan Douglas			
	President	Treasurer	Independent Examiner			