

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 2024

2024				2023			
Main Account		Conference		Main Account		Conference	
Total	£	Total	£	Total	£	Total	£
3,000	3,000	2,840	2,840	2,840	2,840	2,708	2,708
Meeting income (entry fees)	1,095	658	658	2,050	2,050	477	477
Raffles, Auctions & Games	163	142	142	335	335	662	662
Merchandise sales	315	414	414	248	248	1,101	1,101
General donations	1,002	1,101	1,101	-	-	-	-
Sponsorship & Advertising	-	-	-	-	-	228	228
Interest earned	226	228	228	5,383	5,383	8,016	8,016
Total Income	5,801	3,019	8,820	5,383	2,633	8,016	8,016
Expenses				Expenses			
Meetings costs	1,351	1,351	774	774	774	774	774
Speakers Travel costs	-	3,807	3,807	-	2,110	2,110	2,110
Postage & Stationery	678	678	662	662	662	662	662
Design & printing	2,845	250	3,095	2,767	292	3,059	3,059
Website support & comms	415	415	420	420	420	420	420
Cost of Sales	242	290	380	380	380	380	380
Sundries	123	413	110	110	110	110	110
Total Expenses	5,654	4,347	10,000	5,113	2,402	7,515	7,515
Surplus from normal activities	147	(1,328)	(1,181)	270	231	501	501
See note 3 Donations made	413			1,443			
Transfers to/(from) surplus	(1,594)			(942)			
Balance sheet	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23	£	31-Dec-23	£	31-Dec-23	£
Cash at Bank	7,687	9,733	9,733	9,733	9,733	9,733	9,733
Cash in hand	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
See note 1 Debtors and prepayments	3,292	3,061	3,061	3,061	3,061	3,061	3,061
10,999	10,999	12,814	12,814	12,814	12,814	12,814	12,814
Brought forward reserves	10,799	11,741	11,741	11,741	11,741	11,741	11,741
Excess of income over expenditure	(1,594)	(942)	(942)	(942)	(942)	(942)	(942)
Total Reserves	9,205	10,798	10,798	10,798	10,798	10,798	10,798
See note 2 Creditors & Accruals	1,795	2,016	2,016	2,016	2,016	2,016	2,016
10,999	10,999	12,814	12,814	12,814	12,814	12,814	12,814

Brendan Meehan
Treasurer

John Lee
President

Notes to the accounts

Note 1 Debtors and Prepayments were:

Bank Interest Accrued	164
Costs prepaid	427
Gift Aid due from HMRC	471
Deposit paid for 2023 conference	2230
	<u>3292</u>

Note 2 Creditors and accruals were:

Costs of the December Crossfire paid in 2024.	1264
Due to treasurer for costs incurred	372
Members' payments received in advance	158
	<u>1795</u>

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.

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.

Note 5 At 31st December 2024 the ACWRT had 128 members (2022: 121).

Independent Examiner's Statement

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



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