

Copy of the Chairman's Address Given by Steve Shirley MBE

This has been another difficult year for the Museum as we have had to cope with not being able to open to the public which in turn has meant that we have been unable to generate any significant revenue from admission fees. Luckily our financial position has remained stable thanks to regular monitoring by our treasurer and strictly controlled outlay.

The loss of our under-cover storage at Sandtoft was a real blow to us especially with the unprecedented extremes of weather that we saw throughout 2022. We were, however, very lucky that the landowner has continued to support us by giving up some of this own storage space free of charge to us to keep our more precious vehicles under cover. He allowed us to park vehicles on his land free of charge and for that we must remain very grateful indeed. Clearly, we need to find under cover storage for our artefacts and the solution to this came in the form of articulated box trailers. These are currently being rented from a local company at a considerable discount but regrettably this monthly out-going often exceeds our income. Again, this is being very carefully monitored. We continue to generate income through our outstanding order supporters scheme, loan of a vehicle to Brighton City Airport, Amazon Smile, PayPal [and] JustGiving. We also received a sizeable donation from the RAF & Defence Fire Services Association specifically to help cover the cost of the trailer rental. We also enjoy subsidised outdoor yard space rental from a local haulage company which allows us to keep vehicles off site in a secure location. Several vehicles are also stored on a MOD establishment free of charge.

We have continued to meet every weekend at all our locations throughout the year and generally we have been engaged on the maintenance of the collection and the development of the Museum for the future. We have attended a few shows with vehicles and equipment which has kept the Museum in the public eye. The Mobile Display Unit has proved its worth [on] several occasions and this will continue to be developed this year. The team has remained strong, and our volunteer numbers remained constant.

Our focus this year has been to work with Scampton Holdings [Ltd] as they prepare their bid for the potential buy up of the former RAF base at Scampton. We had hoped to have news by now of their bid being successful but sadly, the timeframe keeps slipping. This is a multi-million-pound bid and clearly everything needs to be right before a successful outcome can be achieved. Both the trustees and Scampton holdings remain positive and hope that the successful bidder is announced soon.

The Museum is trying very hard to build on its relationship with the RAF & Defence Fire Services Association in the hope that eventually the Museum will be able to provide a spiritual home for the Association which will, in turn, lead to more volunteers and greater awareness of military firefighting in general. Hand in hand with this, approaches have been made to senior management in the RAF, Defence Fire Rescue and CAPITA to try and attract more interest with the next generation of serving firefighter. It is hoped that the Museum will be successful in receiving a donated Major Foam Vehicle from the MOD soon!

In closing, I would like to thank all of you for your continued support over the last year. The scale of the issues that we have dealt with over the last year. The scale of the issues that we have dealt with over the last year are huge, complex and often way outside of the norm associated with running a Museum.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Museum of RAF Fire Fighting	No (if any) 1172939
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1/1/2023	To	Period end date 12/31/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Members Donations	1,560	-	-	1,560	-
Monthly Donations	3,171	-	-	3,171	-
Brighton City Airport (hire of vehicle)	5,760	-	-	5,760	-
Additional Donations (paypal)	3,707	-	-	3,707	-
Shop Sales (net)	513	-	-	513	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	14,711	-	-	14,711	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	14,711	-	-	14,711	-
A3 Payments					
Fuel/Vehicle parts	5,709	-	-	5,709	-
Insurance	4,761	-	-	4,761	-
Vehicle Tax	520	-	-	520	-
Telephone/Internet	663	-	-	663	-
Catering Supplies	87	-	-	87	-
Vehicle Storage	1,440	-	-	1,440	-
Trailer Storage	9,177	-	-	9,177	-
Subscriptions	30	-	-	30	-
Vehicle equipment & maintenance	280	-	-	280	-
Purchase of Marque	2,343	-	-	2,343	-
Stationary/Multimedia	209	-	-	209	-
expenses refunded in 2024	65	-	-	65	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	25,284	-	-	25,284	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	25,284	-	-	25,284	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	10,573	-	-	10,573	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,496	-	-	9,496	-
Cash funds this year end	1,077	-	-	1,077	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	