



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 01 April 2020 To 31 March 2021**

**Charity name: Ayre to Air**

**Charity registration number: 1174164**

### **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>The organisation's purpose is the promotion of efficiency in the Armed Forces of the Crown by the provision of support, facilities and activities for the efficiency and wellbeing of Service Personnel</b>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p><b>The aim of the Ayre to Air CIO is to build, maintain and operate a Pitts S2AE aircraft that was bequeathed by the family of the late Sgt Anthony Ayre such that Service Personnel and qualifying civilians may be afforded an opportunity to experience aerobatic flight at minimum personal cost. As a non-profit making organisation, supported by volunteer members of the RAF Sport Aircraft Association (RAFSA), the maintenance and operating costs are kept to the very minimum, thus making the activity of aerobatic flying accessible to those who would otherwise be unable to participate.</b></p> <p><b>Aerobatic Flying is a physically and mentally demanding activity that undoubtedly "stretches" the individual, leading to significant personal and professional flying development. Taking it one step further and entering an aerobatic competition brings with it the immeasurable benefits associated with sporting activity and competition. In turn, these benefits further enhance the individuals' contribution to the efficiency of the defence of the UK.</b></p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity	Para 1.18	<b>The guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit was used to assist the Trustees with the Organisation's planning of activities</b>

Commission on public benefit		during 'virtual' online meetings held during the reporting year.
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### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p><b>The main areas of achievement during the reporting period fall within the following 3 areas:</b></p> <p><b><u>Aircraft Build:</u></b> The Spirit of Ayre was bequeathed as a part-finished self-build project. Using the skill sets of volunteers drawn from the RAF Sport Aircraft Association (RAFSA) and external 'friends of the project', significant progress was made to complete the aircraft in Feb 2020. A permit to fly was subsequently granted by the Light Aircraft Association (LAA). However, the Covid 19 pandemic and national lockdown meant that test flying activity was delayed. The CAA kindly granted the Charity an exemption from national flying restrictions, allowing the first flight to be undertaken from RAF Waddington on 7 May 2020. The aircraft flew beautifully and the full test schedule achieved within 6 weeks,</p> <p><b><u>Sourcing and Raising Finance:</u></b> Completing the build and achieving first flight depleted the Charity's limited</p>

		<p><b>funds. Further, a contributor withdrew their pledge of a monthly donation as the financial climate of Covid 19 was not conducive to such pledges. Given the lack of funds, the restrictions on flying and the requirement to remain Covid-secure, the Trustees agreed not to undertake further activities; the aircraft was hangered at RAF Waddington with minimal maintenance work efforts scheduled as and when allowed.</b></p> <p><b><u>Promotion &amp; Engagement:</u></b> The profile of the Spirit of Ayre organisation continued to be raised through the publication of storyboards, brochures, reports and the RAFSA website.</p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		



## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>At the end of the period, the Charity had recorded a net loss of £1470. The limited funds had been depleted in the final drive to complete the aircraft build. The impact of Covid 19 meant that the aircraft could not be operated as planned but fixed costs such as insurance and maintenance were still applicable.</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>Nil</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>The Charity does not hold sufficient funds to be able to allocate a reserve.</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>CIO</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<b>Appointed by the Chairman in consultation with the Trustees.</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Ayre to Air
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1174164
Charity's principal address	C/O RAF Waddington Flying School RAF Waddington Lincs LN5 9WA

## 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	Alistair James Seymour	Trustee & Chairman		
2	Gary Paul Coleman	Trustee		
3	Christopher Martin Hives	Trustee		
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## Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

## Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### 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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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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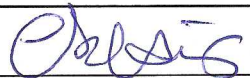
## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Christopher M Hives	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	29 Jan 2022	



# Ayre to Air CIO

## Balance sheet

Period: From 01 Apr 2020 To 31 Mar 2021

	<u>Year to Date</u>	
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Aircraft	100,000.00	100,000.00
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Bank Account	1,700.90	1,700.90
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
	0.00	0.00
<b>Current Assets less Current Liabilities:</b>		1,700.90
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities:</b>		101,700.90
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Assets less Total Liabilities:</b>		<b>101,700.90</b>
<b>Capital &amp; Reserves</b>		
Reserves	103,171.47	
Profit And Loss	-1,470.57	
		<b>101,700.90</b>

Certified as a true record of the Account  
R A Dawe, Ayre to Air Book-keeper



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# Ayre to Air CIO

## Profit and Loss

Period: From 01 Apr 2020 To 31 Mar 2021

	<u>Year to Date</u>	
<b>Income</b>		
Leigh Cables Donations	1,000.00	
QinetiQ Grant	5,000.00	
		6,000.00
<b>Direct Expenses</b>		
Rebuild & maintenance costs	6,254.20	
Insurance	716.46	
Consumables	499.91	
		7,470.57
<b>Gross Profit/Loss</b>		<b>-1,470.57</b>
<b>Overheads</b>		
		0.00
<b>Net Profit/Loss</b>		<b>-1,470.57</b>

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