



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 April 2023 To 31 March 2024

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	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
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>The aim of the Ayre to Air CIO is to maintain and operate, at the most economical cost, 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.</p> <p>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.</p>

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit was used to assist the Trustees with the Organisation's planning of activities 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>The main areas of achievement during the reporting period fall within the following 3 areas:</p> <p><u>Aircraft Build & Initial Operation:</u> Another frustrating year in terms of aircraft operation and the delivery of aerobatic flying and experience. The ongoing engine malfunction could not be identified. Hardly any flying was achieved within the year bar short duration local test flights conducted as part of the rectification process.</p> <p><u>Sourcing and Raising Finance:</u> The spiralling and significant cost of necessary engine rectification works is of concern to the Trustees. The significant 'at cost' engineering support provided by Mr R Thomas and Mr M Davies is hereby acknowledged by the Trustees, without which the operation of the ac may have ceased.</p>

		<p>Promotion & Engagement: The Trustees were somewhat guarded in the promotion of the aircraft during the subject reporting period given the wider operating issues.</p> <p>However, the aim was to have the aircraft flying in time for the Ayre Blade aerobatic competition, hosted by the RAF Sport Aircraft CIO at Conington aerodrome in May 24. It was agreed that this event would serve as an appropriate platform to reinvigorate the promotion of G-PULR.</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	At the end of the period, the Charity had recorded a loss of £13,816.91. Engine rectification costs coupled with the inability to fly the aircraft were the sole factors behind the loss. The Charity continues to operate on very limited funds and tight margins. It would be fair to say that at the end of the period, the financial position was of concern given the lack of flying; the aircraft must be self-funding through flying activity.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Nil
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The Charity does not hold sufficient funds to be able to allocate a reserve.
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	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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	Appointed by the Chairman in consultation with the Trustees.

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	23 Feb 2025	

Ayre to Air CIO

Balance sheet

Period: From 01 Apr 2023 To 31 Mar 2024

	<u>Year to Date</u>	
Fixed Assets		
Aircraft	100,000.00	100,000.00
Current Assets		
Bank Account	14,366.23	14,366.23
Current Liabilities		
	0.00	0.00
Current Assets less Current Liabilities:		14,366.23
Total Assets less Current Liabilities:		114,366.23
Long Term Liabilities	0.00	0.00
Total Assets less Total Liabilities:		114,366.23
Capital & Reserves		
Reserves	128,183.14	
Profit And Loss	-13,816.91	
		114,366.23

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



16 May 2024

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Ayre to Air CIO

Profit and Loss

Period: From 01 Apr 2023 To 31 Mar 2024

	<u>Year to Date</u>	
Income		
QinetiQ Grants	0.00	
Swire CT	0.00	
Flying Activities	480.00	480.00
Direct Expenses		
Maintenance costs	7,061.96	
Insurance	3,670.95	
Consumables	0.00	
Hangarage	3,564.00	
Instructor Fees	0.00	
Other Costs	0.00	14,296.91
Gross Profit/Loss		-13,816.91
Overheads		
		0.00
Net Profit/Loss		-13,816.91

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Trial Balance

Period: From 01 Apr 2023 To 31 Mar 2024

QinetiQ Grants		0.00
Swire CT		0.00
Flying Activities		480.00
Bank Account	14,366.23	
Maintenance costs	7,061.96	
Insurance	3,670.95	
Consumables	0.00	
Hangarage	3,564.00	
Iinstructor Fees	0.00	
Other Costs	0.00	
Reserves/PNL		128,183.14
	28,663.14	128,663.14

Ayre Pitts Account 23-24

Date	Payee	Details	Folio	Income	Expense	Balance	Aircraft Rebuild & Maint	Engine/ Prop	Aircraft operating consumables & Costs	Hangarage	Instruction	Other	Flying income	Grants
		B-Fwd				28,183.14								
19/04/23	Truman	Hangarage	2_24		270.00	27,913.14				270.00				
04/05/23	Truman	Hangarage	2_25		279.00	27,634.14				279.00				
20/06/23	Truman	Hangarage	2_26		270.00	27,364.14				270.00				
26/07/23	Truman	Hangarage	2_27		279.00	27,085.14				279.00				
10/09/23	Truman	Hangarage	2_28		279.00	26,806.14				279.00				
17/10/23	Truman	Hangarage	2_29		549.00	26,257.14				549.00				
27/09/23	Air Courtag	Insurance	2_30		1,835.48	24,421.66						1,835.48		
24/11/23	M Davies	Service costs	2_31		7,061.96	17,359.70	7,061.96							
27/11/23	Truman	Hangarage	2_32		270.00	17,089.70				270.00				
11/12/23	Truman	Hangarage	2_33		279.00	16,810.70				279.00				
05/01/24	Truman	Hangarage	2_34		279.00	16,531.70				279.00				
08/02/24	Truman	Hangarage	2_35		261.00	16,270.70				261.00				
27/02/24	Truman	Hangarage	2_36		279.00	15,991.70				279.00				
27/03/24	Truman	Hangarage	2_37		270.00	15,721.70				270.00				
28/03/24	Air Courtag	Insurance	2_38		1,835.47	13,886.23						1,835.47		
28/03/24	SOFA	Flewin 240301	2_39	480.00		14,366.23							480.00	
							7061.96	0.00	0.00	3564.00	0.00	3670.95	480.00	0.00