



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01 April 2024** To **31 March 2025**

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 Rectifications and Operation:</u> The year began well with good use of G-PULR to bring more pilots on line. IN addition, Mr Farrell McGee, a highly qualified Flying Instructor offered his services to the CIO which resulted in two notable solo qualifications.</p> <p>Further, G-PULR made its inaugural appearance at the Ayre Blade Aerobatics Competition, hosted by the RAF Sport Aircraft Association (RAFSA). The Ayre family attended and the aircraft was used to offer subsidised aerobatic introductory flight for those in attendance including junior ranks and others who had supported the CIO over the years.</p>

		<p>Sadly, shortly after the Ayre Blade, the aircraft developed engine issues which provided hard and protracted to identify and rectify. During this period no flying was achieved and the aircraft remained at Nottingham. The Trustees were most grateful for the support of Mr Mark Davies and Mr Richard Thomas to return the aircraft to an airworthy condition, finally achieved in mid November.</p> <p>The CIO was informed that Nottingham Tollerton aerodrome was due to close in June 25. As such, G-PULR was relocated to RAF Cranwell where it is now operated from.</p> <p><u>Sourcing and Raising Finance:</u> The spiralling and significant cost of the necessary engine rectification works was of concern to the Trustees. The 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><u>Promotion & Engagement:</u> The Trustees were keen to promote the aircraft as much as possible and attendance at the Ayre Blade certainly helped with that aspiration. However, the Trustees held back on further promotion during the period when the aircraft was unserviceable and measured its exposure.</p> <p>The Trustees were delighted to receive an offer of support from Air Vice Marshall Mark Flewin, who had expressed his admiration of the CIO's purpose and intent. AVM Flewin agreed to become an additional Trustee and an integral part of the CIO going forward.</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	<p>At the end of the period, the Charity had recorded a loss of £1652.36. 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 remained of concern given the lack of flying; the aircraft must be self-funding through flying activity.</p> <p>The Trustees acknowledge the support of Mr Richard Dawe whose voluntary services as the CIO book keeper, have served to keep the CIO viable and moving forward.</p>
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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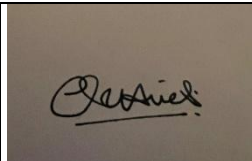
Other optional information

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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 Jan 2026	

Ayre to Air CIO

Balance sheet

Period: From 01 Apr 2024 To 31 Mar 2025

	<u>Year to Date</u>	
Fixed Assets		
Aircraft	100,000.00	100,000.00
Current Assets		
Bank Account	12,713.87	12,713.87
Current Liabilities		
	0.00	0.00
Current Assets less Current Liabilities:		12,713.87
Total Assets less Current Liabilities:		112,713.87
Long Term Liabilities	0.00	0.00
Total Assets less Total Liabilities:		112,713.87
Capital & Reserves		
Reserves	114,366.23	
Profit And Loss	-1,652.36	
		112,713.87

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



23 April 2025

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Ayre to Air CIO

Profit and Loss

Period: From 01 Apr 2024 To 31 Mar 2025

	<u>Year to Date</u>	
Income		
QinetiQ Grants	5,000.00	
Swire CT	0.00	
Flying Activities	1,148.25	6,148.25
Direct Expenses		
Maintenance costs	1,422.92	
Insurance	2,060.02	
Consumables	516.29	
Hangarage	3,285.00	
Other Costs	516.38	7,800.61
Gross Profit/Loss		-1,652.36
Overheads		
		0.00
Net Profit/Loss		-1,652.36

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Ayre to Air CIO

Trial Balance

Period: From 01 Apr 2024 To 31 Mar 2025

Aircraft	100,000.00	
QinetiQ Grants		5,000.00
Swire CT		0.00
Flying Activities		1,148.25
Bank Account	12,713.87	
Maintenance costs	1,422.92	
Insurance	2,060.02	
Consumables	516.29	
Hangarage	3,285.00	
Other Costs	516.38	
Reserves/PNL		114,366.23
	120,514.48	120,514.48

Ayre to Air Account 24-25

Date	Payee	Details	Folio	Income	Expense	Balance	Aircraft Rebuild & Maint	Engine/ Prop	Aircraft operating consumables & Costs	Hangarage	Insurance	Other	Flying income	Grants
						14,366.23								
02/05/24	Truman	Hangarage	2_40		279.00	14,087.23				279.00				
06/06/24	N Whitehead	Hosting/T&S	2_41		124.39	13,962.84						124.39		
08/06/24	Truman	Hangarage	2_42		270.00	13,692.84				270.00				
08/06/24	Truman	Fuel	2_43		59.14	13,633.70			59.14					
10/06/24	C Hives	T&S, cleaning	2_44		148.14	13,485.56			56.15			91.99		
28/06/24	SOFA	240603 NW	2_45	240.00		13,725.56							240.00	
28/06/24	SOFA	240602 FMc	2_46	160.00		13,885.56							160.00	
30/06/24	SOFA	240601 MF	2_47	140.00		14,025.56							140.00	
30/06/24	Truman	Hangarage	2_48		279.00	13,746.56				279.00				
08/07/24	Pooleys	Oil	2_49		149.70	13,596.86			149.70					
14/07/24	M Davies	Service costs	2_50		674.60	12,922.26	674.60							
24/07/24	R Thomas	Parts etc	2_51		331.48	12,590.78	331.48							
24/07/24	Truman	Hangarage	2_52		279.00	12,311.78				279.00				
02/08/24	Qinetiq	Grant		5,000.00		17,311.78								5,000.00
20/08/24	R Thomas	Travel costs	2_53		100.00	17,211.78						100.00		
02/09/24	Truman	Hangarage	2_54		270.00	16,941.78				270.00				
24/09/24	F McGee	Fuel	2_55		42.24	16,899.54			42.24					
24/09/24	SOFA	240901 KR	2_56	96.25		16,995.79							96.25	
30/09/24	SOFA	240901 NW	2_57	210.00		17,205.79							210.00	
22/10/24	Truman	Hangarage	2_58		279.00	16,926.79				279.00				
09/11/24	R Thomas	Parts	2_59		216.84	16,709.95	216.84							
15/11/24	R Thomas	Travel and time	2_60		200.00	16,509.95						200.00		
15/11/24	Truman	Hangarage	2_61		270.00	16,239.95				270.00				
22/11/24	Air Courtagge	Insurance	2_62		2,060.02	14,179.93					2,060.02			
10/12/24	Truman	Hangarage	2_63		279.00	13,900.93				279.00				
04/02/25	C Hives	Oil etc	2_64		209.06	13,691.87			209.06					
04/02/25	Truman	Hangarage (jan)	2_65		279.00	13,412.87				279.00				
10/02/25	R Thomas	Annual, Permit and Travel	2_66		150.00	13,262.87	150.00							
10/02/25	M Bond	Annual, Permit and Travel	2_66		50.00	13,212.87	50.00							
25/02/25	Truman	Hangarage	2_67		252.00	12,960.87				252.00				
04/03/25	Truman	Hangarage	2_68		279.00	12,681.87				279.00				
25/03/25	Truman	Hangarage	2_69		270.00	12,411.87				270.00				
31/03/25	M Flewin	Flying MF 241501	2_70	302.00		12,713.87							302.00	
				6148.25	7800.61		1422.92	0.00	516.29	3285.00	2060.02	516.38	1148.25	5000.00