



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 May 2024 Period start date To 30 Apr 2025 Period end date

Charity name: Soldiers League

Charity registration number: 1178408

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The object of the CIO is to relieve the needs of people who have served or who are serving members of the armed forces who are in need by virtue of sickness, disability or financial hardship by:</p> <p>(1) the provision of event tickets or hospitality facilities at events, with a view to facilitating their rehabilitation and well-being.</p> <p>(2) providing and assisting in the provision of recreational facilities in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving their conditions of life.</p> <p>Nothing in this constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for the purposes which are not charitable in accordance with [section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005] and [section 2 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008]</p>

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	The charity has enabled the beneficiaries of its efforts (injured soldiers, sailors, airmen, and veterans) to compete in a wheelchair rugby league side, to attend the World Club Challenge, the Challenge Cup final and our annual Wembley dinner. These have helped these physically and/ or mentally injured service person to integrate with society and have positive experiences.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit.

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	Yet again, the volunteers who support our charity have been the backbone and driving force to our achievements. As always we are thoroughly indebted to them.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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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	The charity has enabled the beneficiaries of its efforts (injured soldiers, sailors, aviators, and veterans) to attend the Rugby League fixtures and participate in a wheelchair rugby league side. In addition in 2024/5 we established a Masters Rugby League side which allows likeminded veterans and service personnel to find common ground and discuss issues in a safe environment. All of which are helping these physically and/ or mentally injured service person to integrate with society and have positive experiences.
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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 £28,547.31 cash in bank. The charity received an income of £27,689.67 which is back to the pre-covid levels this consisted of profits from our annual dinner and donations from members. The charities expenditure totalled £14,146.92 the major outlay being the purchase sports equipment, dinner costs and merchandise stock.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	As the charities sole income is from donations, a contingency is maintained to ensure continued operation should donations not be forthcoming.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£10,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

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	The charity receives regular donations, one off donations, profit from the annual dinner, merchandise sales and auctions.
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	Trustees are nominated and then voted in at the Annual General Meeting. The AGM is advertised for public attendance on the website and social media.

Additional information (optional)

Charity name	Soldiers League
Other name the charity uses	Nil

Registered charity number	1178408
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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's principal address	THE OLD BARN MORETON ROAD CROSSWAYS DORCHESTER DT2 8DX

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	Jeremy Bethell	President		AGM
2	David Charles Groce MBE	Chairman		AGM
3	Steve Sampher			AGM
4	Ryan Swindale			AGM
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Nil		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Nil		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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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)	<i>D C Groce</i>	
	Full name(s)	DAVID CHARLES GROCE OBE
	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIRMAN
Date	22 FEB 2026	

Soldiers League Accounts Part FY 2024/25 (01 May 24- 30 Apr 25)



Description	Money Out	Money In
Membership (Bank SO)		£ 2,244.00
Membership (Paypal)		£ 466.36
Donations		£ 970.00
Money Tree		£ -
Card Donations and Auctions		£ 5,226.76
Book Sales		£ -
Raffle Sales		£ 603.50
Dinner Sales		£ 18,059.31
Reserve Account Interest		£ 119.74
(A) VSC 2024 Road to Wembley Dinner Payment	-£ 10,075.00	
(B) Public Liability Insurance	-£ 292.65	
Adrian Morley Payment (+£300, -£300)	£ -	
(C) Website Event Calendar (liquid)	-£ 144.78	
Lion Art Work Auction Refund (2nd Picture)	-£ 393.00	
(D) Merchandise (pins, bands, bears etc) Fluid	-£ 1,020.00	
(E) 2025 Dinner Deposit (VSC Trading)	-£ 1,000.00	
(F) Army Rugby League HAC Dinner Donation	-£ 300.00	
(G) Andy Gregory Room (VSC Trading) 2024 Dinner	-£ 354.00	
(H) UKAFRL Masters Ravensport Strip	-£ 417.60	
Bluehost Domain Charge	-£ 22.42	
Sundry	-£ 127.47	
	-£ 14,146.92	£ 27,689.67

Cash in Bank	
Start Balance	£ 13,088.77
Close Balance	£ 26,889.50
Paypal	
Start Balance	£ 1,915.79
Close Balance	£ 1,657.81
Total	£ 28,547.31

Incomes			
Donations	£ 970.00	Membership	£ 2,710.36
Breedon Trading	£ 300.00		
Rochdale Masters	£ 670.00	Raffles	£ 603.50
		Online Raffle (Raffall)	£ 603.50
		Donations and Auctions	£ 5,226.76
		Dinner Auction (Card)	£ 3,950.00
		Dinner Donations (Card)	£ 1,276.76
2024 Dinner Sales	£ 9,736.31	2025 Dinner Pre-Sales	£ 8,323.00
Eventbrite Sales	£ 5,316.59	Stripe (Charity Hive) Bookings	£ 8,323.00
Cash Money Tree & Auct(CR00067)	£ 2,174.72		
Cootes SL	£ 85.00		
Fanning Co Ltd	£ 2,160.00		

To follow