

1. Reference and Administrative Details

THE HILL 112 MEMORIAL FOUNDATION 1181345
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CHAIR: - Mrs Annette Elizabeth Oliver, 135 Rough Common Road, Canterbury, Kent CT2 9BS

TREASURER: Mrs Heather Standen, 8 White Hill Close, Lower Hardres, Canterbury Kent CT4 7AQ.

SECRETARY: Mr Fred Ross, 8 White Hill Close, Lower Hardres, Canterbury, Kent. CT4 7AQ

Mr Peter Williams, Key Cottage, South Street, Boughton Under Blean, Faversham Kent ME13 9NR. – Committee Member.

Accountant: - Mr Mark Laughton, Pharos Accounts Limited, Brook View, The Old Fairground, High Street, Wingham, Kent CT3 1BU

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2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document a brief description of the charity's constitution such as trust deed or memorandum of association?

Governance details – Registration History:- 21st December 2018, CIO registration. Organisation type CIO. Recognised by HMRC for charity gift aid. No Policies declared. The charity does not own and/or leaser land or property.

Appointment of Trustees on 21/12/2018: The Chairman Mrs Annette Oliver was appointed for the charity to continue with her father's legacy. (Mr Albert Edward Figg) to carry on with his work on Hill 112 Esquay Notre Dame, Normandy.

Mrs Heather Standen a niece of Mr Albert Figg and knowledgeable with his aims and ambitions by visiting the Hill in previous years whilst accompanying her uncle.

Mr Frederick Ross a friend of Mr Albert Figg, who again is knowledgeable of Albert Figg's aims and ambitions by visiting with Mr Albert Figg to Hill 112 previously.

Committee Member: Mr Peter Williams CBE well-known film producer and documentary maker and is aware of Albert Figgs ambition with making a film on the horrendous battle for Hill 112.

Patron: - We are very honoured and delighted by having the Duke of Edinburgh as our Patron.

Decision Making Process: - We have monthly committee meetings with all trustees and committee member to discuss our projects, aims and ambitions collectively and all come to agreement regarding each event or decision

3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES:

Charitable Objectives: -

To advance the education of the public about the historical significance of the contributions made by members of the British Armed Forces in the campaign commonly known as the Battle for Hill 112 in Normandy, France 1944. But not exclusively, by the preservation of a fitting and lasting memorial on or near the site of the fighting to commemorate the fallen and the provision of education resources of every/any variety approved by the charity and in all media.

The charity's prime purpose was initially to make a documentary on the Battle for Hill 112, a site of 10,000 deaths over a three-month period from June to August in 1944, during the Normandy campaign. Albert Figg and Martin Jones, BBC Camera man, had achieved many interviews from veterans who served on the Hill in 1944 recounting the horrors of the fighting. Before his death in July 2017, he was introduced by the local MP to a lovely gentleman called Mr Peter Williams, a well-known film producer and documentary maker. Peter promised Albert that he would try very hard to make the documentary.

Mr Albert Edward Figg had worked tirelessly in his last twenty years before his death in July 2017 by raising funds and awareness of the Hill 112 and its history, by acquiring a Churchill Tank in 1999, a Statue of an Infantryman in 2016, 112 hornbeam trees in 2016 and a 25 Pounder Field Gun in 2016.

The Statue of an Infantryman in June 2016 was unveiled in June 2016 on an area near the tank, by HRH formerly the Earl of Wessex before being transferred to the Garden.

Due to a road change by the department of Esquay Notre Dame because of traffic stopping to look at the tank, the road afforded the site an extra piece of ground, which became the Garden of Remembrance in latter part of 2016.

Bartlett Tree Experts, main office in Tampa USA, with offices in Ireland and Sussex, offered to acquire and plant 112 Hornbeam trees within the Garden in

the shape of a cross. They also agreed to look after them for eternity which we are extremely grateful for along with Odon Cote 112 Association.

The Statue was moved over to the garden in June 2017 in the presence of his HRH Duke of Edinburgh a week after Albert died which was very sad, he did not get to see the final place for the statue.

The 25 Pounder field Gun was later placed in one of farthest squares, in the order of battle, tank, infantry and artillery upon Albert 's instruction.

Albert's last wish was to make the documentary to which Peter Williams agreed to only a few weeks before Albert's death in 2017. Peter achieved this wonderful promise, and our first premier was at Kent College in 2022 during the Canterbury Festival. It was also screened shortly afterwards by The British Forces Network to be shown on their TV channel during the HRH the Queen's Royal Jubilee. The documentary also won an International Indiefest Film Award in the History and Biography section, receiving a wonderful trophy.

4. Activities and Performance:

In the year 6/4/24 until 5/4/25- Heather Standen Trustee Treasurer, Fred Ross Trustee Secretary and myself, have attended several military themed shows throughout the year with the Hill 112 Gazebo, bringing awareness of Hill 112 and the atrocities that happened in 1944. These shows are mainly from the months of May to October. The Armed Forces Days, The Tenterden Railway 1940's themed show, Hever Castle 1940's weekend, The Ashford and Sellindge Show, Salute to the 40's Sandwich and many more.

During these shows we sell Hill 112 Emblemed Uniform, which consists of Tee Shirts and Hats. Also selling Albert Figg's book: The Ups and Downs of a Gunner, which is his life story along with his time serving during the Normandy Campaign and Market Garden. He was a Sergeant in the 43rd Wessex Division, the 112th Field Artillery Regiment and was firing with his crew, over Hill 112 with his 25 pounder Field Gun The gun was renowned as the 6 miles sniper, the firing range of the gun.

We also sell DVD's/USBs of our documentary A Canterbury Tale by Mr Peter Williams, local well-known producer and documentary maker. It contains many veterans recounting their accounts of fighting on Hill 112 in 1944. Infantry, Reconnaissance, Artillery and Tanks involved, with a major tank battle against the 12th SS and 21st Panzer Division and the Panzer Lehr Division "Hitlerjugend" who fought with fanatical courage. An ex / SS Panzer Grenadier was quoted as saying "it was his worst memory when fighting on Hill 112 against the British".

We also attended a show at Lower Hardres, Canterbury for the 80th anniversary of DD and sold of our merchandise totalling £120.00.

Our first major event for this year was in May to celebrate and remember the veterans for the 80th Anniversary of D Day by holding a Luncheon at the Crescent Turner Hotel, Whitstable, in the lovely Tepee in their gardens.

Our guest speaker was Mr David Starkey, well known historian who gave a very poignant speech on the D Day story.

We also had present Rear Admiral John Roberts, who had recently celebrated his 100th birthday in April 2024. A wonderful and entertaining person.

Finally, and not least we also had veteran Mr Ken Hay, who joined the 4th Dorsets in April 1944, and arrived in Normandy on 23rd June 1944 aged 18+ years. On the night of 7th/8th July whilst on a Platoon Night Patrol behind enemy lines, a battle ensued with the SS. 16 escaped including Ken's brother Jack, 5 captured (including Ken) and 8 presumed KIA.

The 8 were transported by train over 6 days and nights to S. Poland. Within a week was subject to forced labour in the coal mines.

On the 23rd of January 1945 they marched all day and all night later to be called "The Long March of Freedom" finally into Germany by April '45 where 2 American Tanks picked them up. Flown by a Lancaster on 4th May 1945 to Dunsfold and home to Bexhill on 6/5/45.

The irony of this story is that the Army work on age and length of service and Ken being only 19 years of age, was then posted to Catterick to complete his army service. Released from Reserve Army in January 1948.

We had the wonderful "Swingtime Sweethearts" entertaining, Annie and Le'Arna, Annie being the Entertainment Producer for the Not Forgotten Society. 70 people attended and the auction containing 7 auctions prizes, one being a week's holiday in South of France, courtesy of Susi and Peter Cole loyal supporters of the charity, her father serving on Hill 112 during 1944. A Magnum of Taittinger Champagne, 6 Bottles top Claret and more.

The BBC arrived and interviewed Peter Williams, Ken Hay and myself. This was later used on the evening of the anniversary D Day itself. We had asked the BBC on behalf of the charity if they would attend the Luncheon which they very kindly did to give some exposure for the charity.

From this event our profit was £3500.00 which we felt was a good job well done

Throughout the year Mr Fred Ross, Trustee, Secretary of the charity gives short talks about Albert, his endeavours, the brief history on the Battle of Hill 112

with a short video of Albert, produced by our marketing manager Mr Malcolm Triggs. Hill 112 Leaflets are distributed along with selling Albert's book the "Ups and Downs of a Gunner", the DVD or USB of the documentary A Canterbury Tale.

Fred has worked with many branches of the Rotary Clubs, Masonic Lodges including Military Lodges – all make a lovely donation to the charity throughout the year. This year Fred's talks made a sum of £840.00

Fred also done a sponsored walk with his daughter Alison, an impressive 99 miles on the South Downs Way from Winchester on Saturday 20th April 2024 to Eastbourne on Saturday 27/4/24 to raise monies for the charity
You will find his blog on our website www.thehill112.com and managed to secure in donations £4,000.00 - a fantastic amount of money

We are also very fortunate to have Mr Nick Cowels and members from the West Kent Imps (Invicta Military Preservation Society), raising funds by driving their WW2 jeeps taking visitors for rides during the Aero Legends Air show at Headcorn, Kent, twice a year raising a 1000.00 each show. They also raise funds within the Southwest Kent Branch of the Imps for the charity whenever they can.

They are extremely supportive with the charity and in memory of Albert. Albert was made a lifetime honorary member.

On June 5th, 2024, we attended Hill 112 in Normandy for our ceremony in the morning, which Albert started many years ago. Loyal supporters attend and we remember our wonderful veterans.

The charity is also friends with the Military Vehicle Trust (MVT) created again by Albert when alive, with the Chairman Mr Simon Johnson. Simon helping Albert finish his book The Ups and downs of a Gunner and was a constant help in achieving the Churchill Tank.

Simon sadly died in late 2023 and the charity arranged for a plaque to be planted on Hill 112 across from the Churchill Tank, to mark us thank you for his support to the charity and to Albert. It also became known that Simon's father was in Royal Scots Greys C Squadron, Captain Peter Johnson, who fought on the Hill.

The plaque was planted on June 5th, 2024, at the beginning of the first Avenue of trees. Tim Hawkes the Chairman of the MVT said a few words before Simon's wife Nina unveiled the plaque whilst saying a few words herself along with their son Bradley. A very moving ceremony for all attending.

It was when chatting to Tim Hawkes about that the Churchill Tank needs to be refurbished that he felt the MVT could help. Tim realised the perfect way was to contact the Guardians of the Gate, who are military volunteers who work tirelessly to refurbish military memorial equipment throughout the Europe and UK and asked if they could refurbish our Churchill Tank.

In the September they arrived on Hill 112 and worked their magic and within a few days the Churchill Tank was looking magnificent again.

Also in attendance in the afternoon was the BBC filming and could not quite believe their eyes when all the MVT arrived again with all their 200 military vehicles.

They filmed and interviewed Heather Standen, trustee and myself. A short clip was shown on the evening news on the evening of D Day, which we were thrilled for the exposure for the charity.

In July the Sunday nearest the 10th of July another service is held to remember and honour the fallen and the start of Operation Jupiter 10-11th July (one of a few operations during the battle for Hill 112).

This year being the anniversary of D Day and for such a special occasion the HRH Duke Edinburgh attended. He is very supportive of Hill 112, and with the French people and wants to attend and remember our wonderful veterans. We are also very lucky to have HRH as our patron.

We had many people attend this ceremony both English and French. Always very well supported by both nations. HRH The duke of Edimburgh was interested in looking at the Garden of Remembrance and the plaques.

After the ceremony we retired to the local Salle Des Fetes to share a glass to honour and celebrate our fallen heroes, and to also speak with HRH, who mingles with all the local people to chat. We also have the local choir sing with French songs. It was very jolly event as well as remembering our wonderful veterans

We held our 4th We Will Meet Again Military Show on the 27th and 28th July 2024. With the show getting bigger it must have many people involved working on different aspects. Planning, designing, organising and placing all the exhibitors and traders along with the general running of the show whilst in operation over the weekend. These include principal people, Michael Whiteley, Annette Oliver, Fred Ross, Hayley Whiteley, Stuart Beeney, Lynn Whiteley. This year we also had wonderful help from Paul and Sam Littlewood, who have had many years' experiences from other shows, and a whole team of very willing volunteers. Without volunteers it would be extremely difficult run and therefore the charity wish to thank all the volunteers for their unstinting hard work during the show, and it is very much appreciated.

Mrs Heather Standen attends to the gate monies each day over the weekend and doing the accounts. I do all the paperwork for all exhibitors, traders, entertainers, etc plus all PL insurance and risk assessments. Fred Ross

compares the show and handles the Hill 12 Gazebo. Mr Nick Cowels run a group of Imps for jeep rides throughout the show days.

Attending the show were reenactors, with their Military Vehicles and Living History Groups reacting a special part of the Battle for Hill 112. Educating the visitors with their knowledge and displaying WW2 vehicles or equipment used. We have 1940's entertainment to give atmosphere and we have an eclectic array of stalls displaying either 1940's goods with some modern themes. Our Hill 112 Gazebo is within the main amphitheatre where we engage with the public giving out our own leaflet explaining the history and to raise awareness.

Our footfall is steadily increasing every year with over 3500 people this year, long with our profit of £5498.00. All proceeds go to our aims and objectives for Hill 112.

The charity started an initiative in 2021 for relatives and friends of men who were involved in the Battle for Hill throughout the Odon Valley to buy a plaque in their honour as an act of remembrance. Each plaque is set against a tree with our ambition to have at least 112 plaques. They are made of dark brown Corian and supported by a tree stakes. Each plaque is concreted into the ground.

The year 6/4/24 until 6/4/25 we secured 13 plaques which is a fantastic number' and we thank all the relatives that have purchased a plaque and now are planted against a tree. Their support is wonderful. As previously mentioned, our ambition is to achieve 112 plaques. We took £1267.98 for plaques in this year.

Throughout the year we are fortunate to receive donations from online with various members of the public. Peter Pritchett ex-military, now residing in Normandy is one of lovely constant supporters of the charity and will make a wonderful donation at every event we hold, along with many other loyal supporters.

We also have a small band of people who pay 5.00 or 10.00 per month as a regular payment to help the charity.

We have also held quite a few film nights.

The Duke of York Military School at the end of January 2025 and raising £934.88 with sponsorship donation from Hammonds Shipping, Dover of £345.00. Very well supported by the Imps, the supporters and students from the Duke of York School.

A film night at Christchurch College, a few people attended but film well received and making £400.

A film night for another branch of the Imps which was very well supported.
Selling merchandise £360.00

Bridge History Society hosted an evening for us on 1/5/24 and the film was very well received and with much interest showed. We took £208.

Our Fund-Raising Events totalled £15,262.16 for this year from April 2024 – 2025.

We also received this year from Mr Robert Bartlett Managing Director of Bartlett Tree Experts a fantastic donation of £5000.

With this we have placed a metal ring around each 112 trees and re-mulched the same area. This will need further attention with further mulching and weeding later.

We also purchased a curved bench which now sits on the hard base just in front of the Churchill Tank and looking very resplendent. A good spot for people to sit and view the garden and the other part of the site.

A very good year was held.

For the year ahead 2025-2026 we hope to weed and re-mulch the areas around the trees, repair and redo the 4 pathways within the trees and add edging. Also to make a small memorial wall around Albert's memorial where we can recognise further donors to the charity. And lay paving around the area to ensure it is kept weed free.

HILL 112 Memorial Foundation
CHARITY NO. 1181345

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE
12 MONTHS ENDED 5th APRIL 2025

2023/24		2024/25
INCOME		
7,286.34	Donations	15,136.16
866.22	Book And DVD Sales Sales	440.63
437.00	Sales of Memorial Plaques	2,521.10
11,799.19	Fundraising Events	22,267.22
15.43	Bank Interest Received	19.08
2,511.03	Merchandise Sales	2,562.56
3,109.75	Income from Film Shows Various	2,580.39
744.56	Gift Aid Received	2,528.78
<u>26,769.52</u>	Total Income	<u>48,055.92</u>
EXPENDITURE		
1,178.69	Printing & Stationery	999.50
10,778.57	Event Costs	18,424.51
2,399.68	Payment for Film Preparation	10,000.00
1,725.26	Marketing Costs	2,403.21
611.65	Bank Charges	94.09
357.61	Insurances	380.73
-	Memorial Book Reprint	-
-	DVD Purchases	678.00
3,268.25	Travel Costs	2,846.29
-	Film Show Reception at Kent College	-
-	Edinburgh Film costs incl Travel	-
723.11	Plaque Purchases	2,282.76
1,267.98	Vehicle Costs	1,727.52
810.00	Uniforms	-
-	Hill 112 Improvements & Upkeep	8,409.36
-	Wreathes	288.00
55.00	Sundry Costs	2,611.17
-	Merchandise	1,922.31
<u>23,175.80</u>	Total Costs	<u>53,067.45</u>
<u>3,593.72</u>	EXCESS of INCOME over EXPENDITURE	<u>- 5,011.53</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5th APRIL 2025

ASSETS		
1,742.50	Prepaid Costs	1,690.44
16,582.81	Cash at Bank	8,469.48
<u>18,325.31</u>		<u>10,159.92</u>
LIABILITIES		
4,402.77	Deposits Received for Future Events	1,248.91
<u>13,922.54</u>	NET ASSETS	<u>8,911.01</u>
3,593.72	Surplus for the Period	- 5,011.53
10,328.82	Surplus B/F	13,922.54
<u>13,922.54</u>	ACCUMULATED FUND	<u>8,911.01</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
HILL 112 MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

On accounts for the year
ended

5TH APRIL 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1181345

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 5th April 2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Pharos Account Ltd

Date:

26th January 2026

Name:

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.