



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2023 Period start date To 31st March 2024 Period end date

Charity name: **FRIENDS OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BAND OF WALES**

Charity registration number: **1183105**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To maintain, improve and advance the education of the public through financial support for the practice and performance of wind band music. To Implement the project 'Guitars for Veterans (Wales)'
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	Since the COVID-19 Epidemic the charity has maintained financial resilience through grant aid. The Wind Orchestra in the past year has been practicing for performances planned for 2023. This year the Charity has concentrated on the Guitars For Veterans project, setting up groups throughout Wales and providing instruments to military veterans and families.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have complied with the Charity 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	Other than four part-time staff to administer the Guitars for Veterans Project, the charity is staffed entirely by volunteers who do not receive any financial reward other than compensation for out-of-pocket expenses.
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	The Charity has joined with veteran associated organisations throughout Wales. This year opening a further six groups and supplying instruments and free lessons to 90+ veterans in the community. We also supply and support donated instruments to veterans' family members if they wish to learn alongside the veteran. This aids with retention and provides a home-based learning environment and understanding. The beneficiaries continue to provide statements of mental and relational wellbeing from the Guitars for Veterans Project.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The Charity has completed its objectives for this year taking into consideration the COVID 19 impact on wind orchestra instrumentalists. The charity aimed to bring the Guitars for Veterans project to new areas of Wales which we have completed.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	COVID 19 is still impacting fundraising activities over the past year. The charity objective for 2023/4 we re-start Wind Orchestra performances, to attend events for the purpose of fundraising and public awareness, and to continue applications for grant funding.
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	All funds received through the financial year have been utilised in accordance with the grant funding organisation rules and objectives. A contingency reserve has been held in accordance with Charity Commission rules.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	A 10% reserve of non-grant funded income is held to compensate for emergencies and continue the operating of the charity is severe downturn of financial income.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£1,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not Applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

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	• Veterans Foundation • Gift-aid Donations • Charity Concert • GASDS Bucket Collection
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	None
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Continued high dependency on Grant Making Organisations as the primary funding line. The risk is that organisations change the eligibility criteria to meet current and future requirements
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	Trustee Policy document. Applications for trustee status must be recognised at a charity meeting and approved by a majority. Signatures of appointed trustees are required on the charity trustee policy document.

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	1. Appointment of Trustee Policy 2. Training Policy
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Charity operates a multiple branch organisational structure under a single administration centre. The Charity operates the Guitars for Veterans project through multiple independent charitable organisations. E.g. VC Gallery, Veterans Hub, etc as host venues
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Affiliated to Guitars for Veterans (USA) by mutual agreement (non-financial)
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of the Royal British Legion Band of Wales
Other name the charity uses	Guitars for Veterans - Wales
Registered charity number	1183105
Charity's principal address	44 Greenfield Newbridge Caerphilly NP11 4QY

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	Timothy Sturges	Chairman/Trustee		Charity Committee
2	Terrance Young	Vice Chairman/Trustee		Charity Committee
3	Michael Jones	Trustee		Charity Committee
4	David Hawke	Trustee		Charity Committee
5	Lynne Sturges	Secretary		Charity Committee
6	Zena Murray	Treasurer		Charity Committee
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
NONE		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
NONE		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
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
Financial	Paul Sturges	

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)

Timothy Sturges

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date



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Friends of the Royal British Legion Band of Wales

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

4/1/2023

To

3/31/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	15,000	5,000	-	20,000	-
Donations	14,037	-	-	14,037	-
Contingency Account	10	-	-	10	1,602
General Account	-	-	-	-	38,145
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	29,047	5,000	-	34,047	39,747
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	29,047	5,000	-	34,047	39,747
A3 Payments					
General Account	28,753	12,367	-	41,120	27,983
Contingency Account	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	28,753	12,367	-	41,120	27,983
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	6,921
Sub total	-	-	-	-	6,921
Total payments	28,753	12,367	-	41,120	34,904
Net of receipts/(payments)	294	7,367	-	7,073	4,843
A5 Transfers between funds	4,338	4,338	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,195	3,029	-	7,224	2,381
Cash funds this year end	151	-	-	151	7,224

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	General Account	141	-	-
	Contingency Account	10	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	151	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Office Equipment	Unrestricted	4,218	1,200
	Loan Equipment (Guitars, etc)	Restricted	5,670	3,986
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of ABY Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **Friends of the Royal British Legion Band of Wales** Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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 all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:

Name: Stuart Evans ACCA BAAF

Address: Waterloo House, Gladstone Street, Crosskeys, Newport, Gwent, NP11 7PN

Date: 30/01/2025