



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' annual report (including Directors' report) for the period

From: Period start date 1 April 2024

To: Period end date 31 March 2025

Charity name: Martlesham Heath Aviation Society (MHAS)

Charity registration number: 1184409

Company number: N/A

Objectives and activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote the preservation for the public benefit of the historical features of the Martlesham Heath airfield including the WW2 Control Tower. The advancement for the public benefit by the provision of a museum providing a learning environment and associated activities.
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	To maintain and open to the public a museum in a 2 nd World War airfield Control Tower, plus information boards explaining associated nearby historic structures. To offer educational local WW2 history activities to local schools and youth groups at the museum.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The MHAS Constitution conforms with Charity Commission guidance and is followed by the MHAS Trustees – all volunteers.

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		
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Achievements and performance

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 Control Tower museum is almost the last remaining feature of a large pre and post 2nd World War airfield located in what is now a residential estate and area of retail shops, a school, light industry and businesses. It continues to stand as a reminder of the history of the local area.</p> <p>Our presence is appreciated both by the local population and the wider aviation interest groups that come to visit. The local schools and youth groups take advantage of the impact of WW2 on the local area educational facilities that we offer.</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 a similar level as the previous year, MHAS continues to be solvent funded by voluntary donations, member subscriptions and various fund-raising activities.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Working capital is held in a bank current account and the balance of funds are held in bank deposit accounts, earning interest at standard bank rates.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£23,300

Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

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 1.48	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, governance and management

Description of charity's trusts:		Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Type of governing document: for example, trust deed , memorandum and articles of association etc	Para 1.25	CIO Constitution
How is the charity constituted? for example limited company , unincorporated association , CIO	Para 1.25	It is a 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	New potential trustees are nominated by existing trustees and can be appointed by trustees in accordance with the CIO Constitution process.

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		
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and administrative details

Charity name	Martlesham Heath Aviation Society
Other name the charity uses	MHAS
Registered charity number	1184409
Charity's principal address	Control Tower, Parkers Place, Ipswich IP5 3UZ, Suffolk

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	Martyn Cook	Chairman		
2	Pat Lisseman	Treasurer		
3	John Howarth	Secretary		
4	Ian Lisseman			
5	Brian Gray			
6	Robert Alexander			
7	Allan Stimson			
8	Colin Whitmore			
9	Vicky Gunnell			
10	Howard King			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	
N/A	

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A

Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A
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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)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

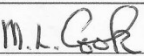
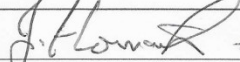
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Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Martyn Cook	John Howarth
Position (for example Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	Secretary
Date	28 May 2025	

MHAS CIO TREASURER REPORT TO MEMBERS 31ST MARCH 2025

	INCOME 2024/5	INCOME 2023/4	See Note
Subscriptions	1506.66	984.00	1
Meeting Receipts	2902.24	1548.90	
Donations	5768.55	2724.02	2
Shop Sales	1044.26	1165.19	
Second Hand Book Sales	170.00	259.50	
E Bay Sales	753.75	160.00	3
Ticket Sales and Outings	1224.22	1048.99	
MHAS Open Day	2560.86	1414.53	
Tax Rebate Gift Aid	505.84	428.28	1
East Suffolk Grants		2245.00	4
Misc	306.8	81.67	
Interest Nat West Accounts	715.45	338.17	5
Total Income for Year	17458.63	12398.25	
	EXPENDITURE 2024/5	EXPENDITURE 2023/4	
Trips and Outings	1046.00	1061.37	
Exp Monthly Meetings	1754.78	1404.94	
MHAS Open Day	1828.46	616.78	
Refreshments Tower	396.42	285.98	6
Utility Bills	2010.88	1085.79	7
Shop Stock	655.76	879.10	
Museum Displays	1123.83	1882.88	
Museum Fabric & Maintenance	6550.90	1180.20	8
Publicity	232.80	197.62	
Member Exp Print & Post Runway & Memb Cards	508.05	441.79	
Insurance	96.00	96.00	
MHAS Office Expenses	378.19	211.47	
Broadband/ web site	213.86	475.84	
Remembrance Service	181.60	204.00	
Misc	557.25	307.06	9
Total Expenditure for Year	17534.78	10330.82	
Net Income/Expenditure	76.15	2067.43	
Opening Balance 1.4.24 23452.53			
Closing Balance 31.3.25 23376.38			
Reconcilliation 31.3.25			
Bank Balance - Current Account 930.16			
35 Day Liquidity Account 3195.35			
90 Day Liquidity Account 14523.73			
Reserve Account 4556.03			
Cash held by Treasurer 171.11			
23376.38			
I confirm that this is a true record and statement of accounts			

TREASURER NOTES

1. We are extremely grateful to all our members who have continued to support us by paying their annual subscriptions especially to those who have signed gift aid forms refund for 2023/4 £505

2. Donations : Sunday visitors - £721; Pre-booked private visits - £1465; MHAS members £226; Annual donation Don Ehrenburg £357; Longfields - Seckford Hall D Day Event - £2,126; Legacy William Curtis £190.

3. We have raised over £750 for MHAS by selling items from store not required for display where owner is not known or untraceable.

4. 2023/4 Grant of £2245 from East Suffolk for painting the Control Tower - work carried out and expenditure in 2024/5 accounts

5. Increase in Bank of England base rate gives us a great income from Nat West Accounts

6. The museum is open every Wednesday morning when a working group maintain the Control Tower and grounds.and refreshments are provided.

7. Utility Contract expired 30.11.23 - new contract with considerably higher rates agreed [expiry 30.11.26

8. The total cost of painting the Control Tower was £4,490 - offset by grant from East Suffolk and 50% contribution from MHHL cost to MHAS £1,122.50; Painting the stairwell and landing cost £2,145; A weather vane was purchased to commemorate William Curtis,

9. Second "Sum Up" machine purchased for visitor card donations - £80; Museum mobile phone replaced - £70