
Paradis Commemoration Group Memorial Appeal

Unaudited

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

For the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023



Memorial For
Le Paradis Heroes

Also known as

Le Paradis Memorial Appeal

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Reference and administrative details of the charity and its trustees For the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Trustees

Robert Edwards, Chair
Nicholas Brayne
Brig Max Marriner, CBE
Dennis O'Callaghan
Raymond Smith
Peter Steward (resigned May 2023)

Charity registered no 1184870

Principal office

12 Lowestoft Road
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Suffolk
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Trustees' Report For the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements for the period 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023.

Structure, governance and management

a. Name

The registered name is ***Paradis Commemoration Group Memorial Appeal***. The working name ***Le Paradis Memorial Appeal*** is also registered.

b. Constitution

The charity is registered with the Charity Commission as a Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) under a constitution, dated 12 August 2019, approved by the Charity Commission.

c. Method of appointment of Trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the existing Trustees who appoint new Trustees as designated under the terms of the constitution.

d. Policies

The charity has approved the following policies:

Complaints procedure

Conflicts of interest

GDPR

Risk management

Volunteers

The charity also maintains a risk register.

The policies and register are reviewed every two years.

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Objectives and activities

a. Objective

The object of the charity as set out in its governing document is 'The promotion of civic responsibility and good citizenship among people in the county of Norfolk in particular, and the UK in general, by commissioning a memorial in Norfolk to the 97 British soldiers massacred at Le Paradis on 27 May 1940, to maintain said memorial and to support other memorials to the Le Paradis Massacre as deemed appropriate by the Trustees.

In setting objectives and planning undertakings the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

The principal objective, a permanent memorial to the memory of the victims of the massacre has been achieved in 2021. The Trustees have reviewed the work of the charity, leading to a focus on *'to support other memorials to the Le Paradis Massacre as deemed appropriate by the Trustees'*.

In addition, the following three strands continue to inform the work of the Trustees:

- Supporting the annual Service of Remembrance on the 27th May in Norwich Cathedral
- Ensuring that supporters and the general public are kept fully informed of the ongoing work of the charity
- Ensuring that all administrative requirements are met.

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Achievements and performance

For the third consecutive year the Trustees worked with the Cathedral to organise a Service of Remembrance at the memorial on Friday 27th May, the 83rd anniversary of the massacre.

After considerable discussion and research the Trustees decided to apply to The National Memorial Arboretum (NMA) to instal in their grounds a memorial to the memory of the 97 victims of the Le Paradis massacre. This application was approved by the Landscape and Memorials Committee at their meeting in December 2023, subject to resolution of minor amendments.

Financial Review

a. Going concern

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources, supported by a well-developed fund-raising campaign, to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For that reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b. Reserves policy

The charity carries forward into 2024 sufficient reserves to cover all anticipated financial commitments. Working within the guidelines established by the constitution, the Trustees will determine what use to make of these funds.

This report was approved by order of the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Date 19 March 2024

Robert Edwards BSc PGCert
Chair

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Statement of financial activities For the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Income				
Fund raising events		0	0	0
Donations		320	320	0
Gift Aid		0	0	0
Interest on deposit account		263	263	27
		-----	-----	-----
Total income		583	583	27
		-----	-----	-----
Expenditure				
Application to National Memorial Arboretum		1,000	1,000	3,998
Other	1	90	90	198
		-----	-----	-----
Total expenditure		1,090	1,090	4,196
		-----	-----	-----
Net receipts		507	507	4,169
Cash funds at start of period		28,759	28,759	32,928
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Cash funds at the end of this period		28,252	28,252	28,759
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Balance sheet

For the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Assets			
Cash at bank		28,252	28,759
Creditors		0	0
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Net current assets as unrestricted funds		28,252	28,759
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The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by



Date 19 March 2024

Robert Edwards BSc PGCert

Chair

The notes on page 9 form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	£
1. Analysis of other expenditure	
Insurance Paid in monthly instalments)	60
Accounts verified	30

Total	90

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Independent Examiner's Report For the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of the Paradis Commemoration Group Memorial Appeal

Charity no 1184870

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the financial year 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023 set out on pages 7 to 9.

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 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.

Signed *K. Walters*

Dated *15.03.2024*

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