
Paradis Commemoration Group Memorial Appeal

Unaudited

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

For the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024



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 2024 to 31 December 2024

Trustees

Robert Edwards, Chair
Nicholas Brayne
Brig Max Marriner, CBE
Dennis O'Callaghan
Raymond Smith

Charity registered no 1184870

Principal office

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Trustees' Report For the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements for the period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024.

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 Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) under a Foundation constitution, dated and approved by the Charity Commission on 12 August 2019.

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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Trustees' Report (continued) For the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

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 was achieved in 2021. The Trustees have since 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 fourth consecutive year the Trustees worked with the Cathedral to organise a Service of Remembrance at the memorial on Monday 27th May, the 84th anniversary of the massacre. This was very well attended.

The Trustees also focussed on raising sufficient funds to pay for the production and installation of the memorial in The National Memorial Arboretum (NMA). This was successful such that during the year the Trustees formally commissioned Kindersley Workshop to purchase the stone and begin work on the memorial. The Trustees are working towards the installation of the stone in the NMA during 2025, and a Service of Dedication.

Financial Review

a. Going concern

The Trustees have a good 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 2025 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 8 March 2025

Robert Edwards BSc PGCert
Chair

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Statement of financial activities For the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income				
Fund raising events (net of costs)		330	330	0
Donations	1	33,300	33,300	320
Gift Aid	2	3,525	3,525	0
CAF	3	4,392	4,392	-
Other		158	158	-
Interest on deposit account		568	568	263
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Total income		42,273	42,273	583
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Expenditure				
NMA memorial initial payment		12,720	12,720	1,000
Insurance		143	143	90
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Total expenditure		12,863	12,863	1,090
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Net receipts		29,410	29,410	507
Cash funds at start of period		28,252	28,252	28,759
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Cash funds at the end of this period		57,662	57,662	28,252
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Balance sheet For the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Assets			
Cash at bank at 31 December 2024		57,662	28,252
Creditors		0	0
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Net current assets as unrestricted funds		57,662	28,252
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The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by



Date 8 March 2025

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 2024 to 31 December 2024

1. Cash donations as received
2. Gift Aid claimed direct from HMRC on qualifying donations
3. Donations through CAF (Charities Aid Foundation) including Gift Aid reclaimed for us by CAF

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Independent Examiner's Report For the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

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 2024 to 31st December 2024 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

10.03.2025

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