

Trustees' Annual Report for the period	
Period start date	Period end date
01 January 2025	31 December 2025

Section A: Reference and administration details

Branch Name	Armourers Branch 1366	
Other names / number Branch is known by	1366	
Registered charity number (if any)	1186859	
Branch's principal address	Leslie Lloyd The Secretary Royal Air Forces Association Armourers Branch 1366 33 Bedford Terrace, Billingham	
	Postcode	TS23 4AE

Names of the Branch charity trustees who manage the charity (generally known as the Branch Committee) (Please include all trustees for the Branch including custodian trustees in relation to branch property) *(Note: Details required are for the period 1 Jan – 31 Dec 25 only)*

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Martin Turner	Chairman	Inaugural AGM 2015
2	Leslie Lloyd	Dep Chairman	23 March 2024
3	Leslie Lloyd	Secretary	5 March 2022
4	Paul Mather	Dep Secretary	Start Date 25 Feb 2023
5	Colin Dillan-Davies	Treasurer	20 March 2020
6	Lawrence Humphreys	Dep Treasurer	5 March 2022
7	Gary Mitchell	Dep Welfare Officer	End Date AGM 2026
8	Chris Middleton	Standard Bearer	AGM 2016
9	Duncan Charles	Membership Secretary	Start 7 Aug 2023
10	Paul Hodgson	Social Media and Comms	Start Date 11 Oct 2024
11	Jim Gardiner	Welfare Officer	Start Date 23 Mar 2024
12	Lionel Spooner (Coopted)	Branch Events Officer	4 Nov 2025

Section B: Structure, governance and management



Description of the branch's trusts

Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, constitution)	Royal Charter, Rules, Byelaws, Area and Branch Regulations of the Royal Air Forces Association.
How the Branch charity is constituted (e.g. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are elected by the branch membership. In addition, Trustees are appointed for either 1, 2 or 3 years by the membership at an AGM held between 1st January and the 31st of March.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <p>Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</p> <p>The branch's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works.</p> <p>Relationship with any related parties (including branch club).</p> <p>Trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.</p>	The Charity's Organisational Structure
	The charity is a branch of the Royal Air Forces Association which is a Royal Charter body and registered as a charity in England and Wales under number 226686 and in Scotland under SC037673 ("the Association"). The Association has many branches all of which share the same charitable object as the Association and are subject to the same constitution.
	Trustee Induction & Training <i>(Please insert any induction training or training courses completed by Trustees)</i>
	As directed by the Royal Air Forces Association.
	Related Party Relationships <i>(e.g. Club if operated)</i>
	Related party relationships – club (if operated) – N/A Armourers Branch do not operate a club.
	Risk Management <i>(include details of any Risk Management documents held)</i>
	As directed by the Royal Air Forces Association.

Section C: Objectives and Activities

Summary of the objects of the branch set out in its governing document	To promote, through the comradeship engendered by its members, the welfare by charitable means of all serving and former members of Her Majesty's Air Forces, their spouses and dependents, together with the widows and widowers and dependents of those who died whilst serving or subsequently.
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Section D: Achievements and performance in 2024

Summary of the main	Chair Report
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<p>achievements of the branch during the year</p>	<p>The Armourers Branch continues to actively engage in the Governance via the RAF Associations Governance Documentation which is underpinned by the Charity Commission.</p> <p>The Armourers Branch carries out the following activities for its Members, Beneficiaries and the wider public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide Qualified Welfare assistance and advice to all Beneficiaries. • Provide Funeral support offering Branch Standard, wreath, card and funeral details advertising where requested. • Provide Comfort Pack to beneficiaries who have periods of hospitalisation and illness. • Fundraising through Association Public and Armourer Branch events. • Presents the Branch Standard for Ceremonial events where requested. <p>Achievements for this committee year are as follows:</p> <p>Awards:</p> <p>Annual Conference Awards 2025 Sir Thomas Pike Trophy for Fundraising Sir John Baker Trophy for Best Branch Communications</p> <p>Area Conference Awards for 2025 Area Conference Fundraising Certificate Branch Highest Wings Appeal Total Area Conference Fundraising Certificate Branch £10,000 Wings Certificate Area Conference Certificate Branch Communication Award</p> <p>Administration: Monthly Video Conference Meetings continue. Comprehensive minutes for each Monthly Meeting Physical Annual General Meeting 7 March 2025 Branch Newsletter – The Big Bang – 2 editions this committee year. Total of 14 editions to date Introduction of a Branch Events Coordinator in 2025 (Coopted)</p> <p>Treasurer Report</p> <p>Finance: Ratification of Accounts Date: 25 Feb 2026 by Chairman, Dep Chairman, Treasurer and Dep Treasurer</p> <p>Independent Examiner Report carried out 11 Feb 2026 by Mr Bernard Lines</p> <p>General Account - £12262.89 Welfare Account – £9976.89 Total Funds 31 Dec 2025 - £22.239.78</p>
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Branch General account 3 Signatories and 2-person Authorisation Continues
Branch Welfare account 4 signatories and 2-person Authorisation Continues

Total Wings Appeal raised - £25,633.70

Rebates

RAFATRAD Event Support Rebate - **£11,664.66**

RAFA Membership Rebate - **£3,060.40**

Donations

Donations Given: **£5000** to the RAF Association Wings Appeal

£3000 to the RAFA Eastbourne Accommodation Development Fund

Summary of
the main
achievements
of the branch
during the year
(cont)

Branch Welfare Officer Report

Significant Welfare Expenditure

Total expenditure on Welfare and Wellbeing inc Donations - **£14,330.02**

Funerals/Welfare Visits - **£3192.18**

Comfort Packs - **£756.33**

70 Christmas Boxes to serving personnel on operations, total spend **£2138.51**.

Welfare:

Welfare Contacts 39 not including Comfort Packs

Distributed 14 Comfort Packages to poorly Armourers

Comfort Pack follow ups 14

Outreach Calls 14

From 1st January 2025 to 31st of December 2025 there were 39 welfare calls to the branch welfare officer, these requests for assistance came from both branch members and from armourers from outside of the branch.

These welfare calls resulted in both signposting of individuals to both local and national organisations and further escalation to RAFA HQ for support from the regional welfare teams and any assigned local case workers.

In addition, during December we conducted a branch outreach program to contact those individuals that have received a comfort pack during the 12 month period, a total of 14 individuals were contacted and all were either fully recovered or still in the slow process of recovery, there were no requests for additional support from the WO.

Fundraising Report *(please insert details of the Branch Fundraising activities i.e. Wings Appeal events)*

Total Fundraising for Branch 1 Jan to 31 Dec 2025 - **£20067.18**

Wings Appeal raised inc RAFTRAD 1 Jan to 31 Dec 2025: **£25,633.70**

	<p><u>Wings Appeal</u></p> <p>The end of year figures from RAFA Wings Appeal have been received. The Branch has donated £1834.22 to the Wings Appeal during 2025. This came from a number of sources:</p> <p>Members stalls in the Weymouth Area</p> <p>Sale of Branch logo clothing</p> <p>Lytham 40s weekend stall</p> <p>Branch donations and various other further fundraising initiatives</p>
	<p>Membership Engagement Report <i>(please insert details of the Branch Membership Engagement (newsletters, social media etc.)</i></p>
	<p>Membership:</p> <p>Total Membership Year ending 2025 is 744</p> <p>New or returning Members 2025 is 92</p>
	<p>Branch Business Card, an Armourer themed Poker Chip, is distributed to RAF Armourers past or current that are not yet Branch members at the ceremonial or funeral events that we are invited to. This has seen a welcome increase in new members plus the return of some whose membership had lapsed. We also use word of mouth and the Branch newsletter “The Big Bang” to reach out for new members.</p>

Summary of the main achievements of the branch during the year (cont)	<p>Wellbeing / Social Report <i>(please insert details of the Branch Wellbeing and Social events/activities)</i></p>
	<p>Branch Coffee mornings every Thursday continue.</p> <p>Prepared and delivered 70 Christmas Boxes to serving personnel on operations, total spend £2138.51.</p> <p>AGM Dinner Wellbeing Event and Welfare Check</p> <p>Attended Bomber Command Reunion in Lincoln – Welfare Check and Membership Drive</p> <p>Attended TOSAAARS Reunion Cyprus – Welfare Check and Fundraising</p>
	<p>Commemoration Report <i>(please insert details of the Branch Commemoration events/activities (Remembrance, Standard Bearers Attendance at Funerals etc.)</i></p>
	<p>Branch Funerals</p> <p>23 funerals including 4 non-Armourer (compared to 29 in 2024)</p> <p>22 Wreaths for funerals. Others to Spilsby, West Raynham, Bomber Command, Cenotaph, Lytham Battle of Britain, Hangar 42 Battle of Britain, IBCC, NMA Armourers Memorial.</p>

Ceremonial: The Branch Standard paraded at:

20 Events during 2025:

1. AGM
2. RAF Foundation Service - St Clement Danes
3. Wayland Prison VE day Service
4. VE Fylde Wreath Laying
5. VE Runnymede Service
6. RAFA National Standard Dedication – St Clement Danes
7. Fylde VJ Day
8. Spilsby Wreath laying
9. West Raynham Wreath Laying
10. Westminster Abbey - Battle of Britain Service
11. Fylde Battle of Britain Wreath Laying
12. Hangar 42 Battle of Britain Wreath Laying
13. Armourers Memorial Dedication – National Memorial Arboretum
14. Branch Standard Dedication – RAF Cosford
15. Thetford RAFA Polish and Czechoslovakia Memorial
16. Wayland Prison Armistice Day
17. Lytham Railway Station Armistice Day Wreath Laying
18. Bomber County Weekend – International Bomber Command Centre – Wreath Laying
19. Bomber Command Memorial London – Wreath Laying
20. The Branch paraded 74 Armourers at the Cenotaph in London for Remembrance Day. Wreath laying included.

Community Engagement Report *(please insert details of the Branch Community Engagement activities (other groups you connect with, joint events such as Veterans Breakfasts))*

Please see Wellbeing / Social Report and Commemoration Report

Section E: Financial Review

Statement on Branch Expenditure *(How has branch expenditure supported the key objectives of the branch)*

Branch funds are a mix of donations from Branch members and rebates from Membership fees or Wings Appeal rebates for Welfare fund.

The Key objective for our Branch is simple. The Branch will support the Welfare need of any Beneficiary within the regulatory framework of the RAF Association and Charity Commission. Our expenditure supports this objective.

Statement on Branch's Reserve Policy *(Branch Regulations stipulate that any Branch with total assets amounting to more than £5,000 should have a reserves policy and any Branch with assets over £10,000 should consider transferring excess funds across to the Branch Deposit Fund held at Association HQ. A template reserves policy can be found on the Branch Portal)*

The Armourer's Branch has recognised the need for a financial reserve and has set the level at £2000. Based on future expenditure and receipts we will review this annually and adjust as necessary. The Branch finances continue to be in a healthy condition.

Statement on Branch's Investment Policy *(Please include a statement on Branch investments and holdings and how these are managed (if applicable))*

The Armourer's Branch does not have any investments.

Section F: Declaration

We confirm that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the branch's trustees.

Signature Martin Turner (Wet signature on original)

Full Name Martin Turner

Position (eg. Chair, Secretary) Chairman

Date 7 March 2026



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2025

	in	out
Carried over from 2024	£ 20,133.55	
Carried over from Welfare 2024	£ 5,208.53	
Donations	£ 1,973.35	
RAFA Rebate	£ 3,060.40	
Mileage		£ 2,265.68
Welfare account	£ 4,433.92	£ 6,330.02
RAFATRAD Rebate(Airshows)	£ 11,664.66	
Purchases		£ 2,483.77
Wings appeal 2025	£ 1,834.22	£ 6,784.22
Misc	£ 249.15	£ 6,658.85
Postage		£ 242.26
AGM Meals 2025	£ 2,787.00	£ 4,130.00
AGM Raffle 2025	£ 1,995.69	£ 2,205.69

Total in	Total out
£ 53,340.47	£ 31,100.49

Balance 31/12/2025	
Daily	£ 12,262.89
Welfare	£ 9,976.89
Total	£ 22,239.78

Colin Dillon-Davies Treasurer 1366

Martin Turner Chairman 1366

Bernard Lines Independent Verifier

2024

	in	out
Carried forward from 2023	£ 18,169.36	
Donations	£ 1,667.98	
RAFA Rebate	£ 2,907.50	
Mileage		£ 1,720.80
Welfare	£ 842.08	£ 8,769.21
RAFATRAD Rebate(Airshows)	£ 14,842.69	
Purchases		£ 800.87
Wings appeal 24	£ 1,345.35	£ 7,345.35
Misc	£ 1,491.00	£ 4,018.62
Postage		£ 17.93
AGM Meal 24	£ 3,815.00	£ 3,766.50
AGM Raffle 24	£ 2,534.00	£ 117.57

Total in	Total Out
£ 51,907.93	£ 26,565.85

Balance 31/12/2024	
Daily	£ 20,133.55
Welfare	£ 5,208.53
Total	£ 25,342.08

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees /
management committee
of

Royal Air Forces Association
Armourers Branch No. 1366

On accounts for the year
ended

December
2025

Charity no (if any)

1186859

Independent examiner's statement

You are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

I have completed my examination of the accounts of the charity.
I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that:

- the accounting records were not sufficient to show and explain all the Branch transactions for the year
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not contain a sufficient record of the assets and liabilities of the Branch.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn.

Signed:



Date: 11/02/2026

Name:

Mr. Bernard Lines

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern

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

No Items to disclose