



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 Jan 2024 to 31 Dec 2024

Charity name: FRONT LINE NAVAL CHAPLAINS

Charity registration number: 1187195

Objectives and Activities

The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document are:

1. To advance the education of the public in the subject of the history of Royal Navy Chaplaincy; in such ways as the charity trustees think fit, including by:
 - a. research into the history of Royal Navy Chaplaincy and its contribution to the wellbeing of the Naval Service, naval service veterans and their families; in particular, but not limited to, the impact of such ministry during armed conflicts, and
 - b. the creation and secure storage of an archive of relevant learning and material, in both digital and physical forms, to illustrate and evidence that history, and
 - c. the dissemination and publication of that material and knowledge through the use of information media such as the internet, books, photographs, exhibitions, conferences and lectures.

For the purpose of this clause, the naval service and the royal navy and royal marines includes the royal navy, royal marines, royal fleet auxiliary and ships taken up from the trade, together with embedded elements of the other armed forces and supporting organisations.

2. To promote the military efficiency of the armed forces of the crown by identifying and encouraging excellence and best practice in Royal Naval chaplaincy through:

- a. running the Association of Royal Naval Chaplains, to support the Naval Chaplaincy Service and to enable serving and former members to mix together,
- b. encouraging esprit de corps within naval chaplaincy.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit.

- 1. The re-launch of “Pennant” magazine as a monthly newsletter has proved very successful, with the new format offering lower costs, easily scalability and the ability to put together a short ‘special’ when required. In addition to articles of practical theology we have been able to link to news and views seen elsewhere on the internet, and to cover more responsively news of individuals.
- 2. Work continues on the Naval Chaplaincy Service (NCS) History project, with steady progress through the year.
- 3. A signature grant from the Plaisterers Livery, along with generous gifts from individuals and from the Anglican and Roman Catholic naval denominational funds have set the Chaplain Kit Tanner painting project on a firm foundation, and we anticipate the project being complete during 2025.
- 4. The trustees expressed grateful thanks to founder trustee John Spurr, who resigned as a trustee during the year.

Public benefit.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Volunteers.

All our work is undertaken by our trustees and volunteers.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity.

1. By collecting and disseminating examples of chaplaincy best practice the charity enables serving chaplains and other clergy to minister effectively in real-life situations of stress and anxiety. This activity also informs Service Personnel and others about the support available from chaplains, and thus to access this support.
2. Through the Association of Royal Naval Chaplains serving and retired chaplains are supported and their esprit de corps encouraged.
3. The history of Naval Chaplaincy is researched, preserved and disseminated, thus enabling the development of best practice in ministry.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity is in a satisfactory and stable financial position.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity does not hold reserves.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Nil
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The charity's structure is such that there are no liabilities requiring the holding of a reserve.
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	The trustees are content that the charity is a going concern.
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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	The trustees appoint new trustees as required, bearing in mind the expertise and capabilities required to run the charity.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Front Line Naval Chaplains
Other name the charity uses	The Association of Royal Navy Chaplains
Registered charity number	1187195
Charity's principal address	Emmanuel Parish Office, 1 Compton Avenue, Plymouth, PL3 5BZ.

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	Rev Simon Springett	Chair		
2	Linda Parker			
3	Rev Rory Clare			
4	Mark Barton			
5	Rev Tudor James Thomas-Botwood			
6	Rev Alexander Buckley			
7	John Spurr	Secretary	To 18 May 2024	
8	Ed Wills			
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The charity does not hold any funds as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

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)	SIMON SPRINGETT	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	

Date	19 July 2025
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Front Line Naval Chaplains.

No (if any)

1187195

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1-Jan-24

To

Period end date
31-Dec-24

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations, legacies and grants	8,232				1,213
Gift aid (tax recovered)	258				113
ARNC donations and grants	420				1,030
Bank interest	94				-
					-
					-
					-
					-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	9,004			9,004	2,356
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
					-
					-
Sub total					-
Total receipts	9,004			9,004	2,356
A3 Payments					
Costs of charitable activities	4,181				1,036
					-
					-
					-
					-
					-
					-
					-
Sub total	4,181			4,181	1,036
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
					-
					-
Sub total					-
Total payments	4,181			4,181	1,036
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,823			4,823	1,319
A5 Transfers between funds					-
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,758			10,758	9,438
Cash funds this year end	15,581			15,581	10,758

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		15,581	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	15,581	-	-
	(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		-	-	-

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

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)
Recording equipment	Unrestricted funds	300	75
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

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
Simon Springett	SIMON SPRINGETT	25/01/25