

# THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE MILITARY MUSEUM TRUST (THE BMMT)

England & Wales · Charity number 1189645

## Details

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Other names	THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE MILITARY MUSEUM TRUST ("THE BMMT")
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2020-05-26
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 3.1 TO HOLD, CONSERVE, ENHANCE, INTERPRET AND EXHIBIT FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT THE REGIMENTAL COLLECTIONS OF THE FORMER AUXILIARY MILITARY FORCES RAISED IN THE HISTORIC COUNTY OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE (BEING THE AREA DEFINED AS THE COUNTY OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE PRIOR TO THE REORGANISATION FOLLOWING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972); AND 3.2 TO PROMOTE, RESEARCH AND UNDERTAKE ANY ANCILLARY CHARITABLE PURPOSE.

**Activities:** The purpose is to hold, conserve, enhance, interpret and exhibit the regimental collections of the former auxiliary military forces raised in Buckinghamshire.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Buckinghamshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,329	£3,224	-	-
2024-03-31	£8,049	£2,976	-	-
2023-03-31	£3,772	£5,472	-	-
2022-03-31	£4,733	£7,889	-	-
2021-03-31	£2,712	£6,692	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Lt Col Derek Alexander Plews BA, MA, VR</b>	Chair	2019-07-18
Alastair James Hay Murray		2023-03-31
Captain Courtenay Cumberland Coade		2018-10-10
Countess Elizabeth Howe		2024-04-30
JOHN BARLOW SHELDON		2013-12-12
Lt Col Michael Joseph HRYCAK		2022-06-16
Lt Col Simon Edward Wilkinson FNAEA, DL		2003-09-16
Major General Gregory Stephen Smith CB QVRM TD		2005-05-16
Stephen James Berridge		2022-06-10

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# Accounts

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**The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust**

**Registered charity number: 1189645**

**Receipts and payments account  
for the year ended  
31st March 2025**

**Wenn Townsend  
Chartered Accountants  
Oxford**

**The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust**

**Charity Number 1189645**

Trustees:	Lt Col Derek Plews VR (Chairman) Lt Col Simon Edward Wilkinson TD Major General Gregory Stephen Smith CB Mr John Sheldon Mr Stephen Barker (resigned 09.07.2024) Capt Courtenay Coad Mr Simon Williams (resigned 27.08/2025) Mr Stephen Berridge LT Col Michael Hrycak Mr Alastair Murray Countess Elizabeth Howe (appointed 30.04.2024)
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Independent examiner:	Benjamin Hayes FCA Partner Wenn Townsend Chartered Accountants 30 St Giles' Oxford OX1 3LE

# **The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust**

## **Trustees Report for the year ended 31st March 2025**

### **History, Objectives and Activities of the Trust**

The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust was established in 1985 to collect, document, preserve and exhibit material relating to auxiliary military forces raised in the historic County of Buckinghamshire.

Representative parts of the Trust's collection have been on public exhibition at the Old Gaol Museum, Buckingham since 1993, and at Claydon House, by agreement with the National Trust, since 1995.

Those parts of the collection not on public exhibition are held at Buckinghamshire County Museum and Buckinghamshire County Record Office, that latter site being available to the public. In addition, some items are on display at T A Centres in the County.

The Trust is an accredited Museum.

### **Management Governance Arrangements**

Per the requirement of the Trust Deed, the number of Trustees shall not be less than three in number and not exceed fifteen in number. There are currently nine Trustees. New Trustees are nominated by existing Trustees. The Trustees will make all decisions regarding the Trust and its actions.

### **Achievements and Performances of the Trust**

The Trust's activities have continued to be limited over the period of this report, largely due to uncertainties relating to the housing of our collection. This issue has been the subject of considerable effort on the part of Trustees as we have sought to find a suitable resolution of the problem.

We have been reassured by undertakings from our landlords, the South East Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association, regarding the short-to-medium term, for which we are most grateful. However, our firm view is that a sound longer-term solution must be found.

To that end, we have entered into negotiations with the National Army Museum with a view to reaching agreement for that organization to take on the ownership of part of the collection. Some elements, including a significant proportion of the silverware, will continue to be stored in the county. Final decisions are awaited. Meanwhile, we have resolved that the Trust will continue to exist in some form in the coming years.

Despite the issues outlined above, we have continued to deliver local outreach activities. These have included various talks and attendance at third-party events where we have enjoyed engaging with local people.

During the course of the report period, a number of Trustees have stepped down and we wish to thank them for their contribution over the years.

# The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust

## Trustees Report for the year ended 31st March 2025

### Financial Review

Total income for the year was £1,329 (2024: £8,049), expenditure was £3,224 (2024: £2,976), giving a net loss for the year of £1,895 (2024: net income of £5,073).

The Trustees consider the current level of free reserves of £18,980 (2024: £20,974) to be adequate.

### Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

### Trustees' responsibilities statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Agreed by the Trustees on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025 and signed by

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**Lt Col Derek Plews VR**

**Trustee**

**The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees  
of The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust**

I report to the Charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on page 4.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the Charity's Trustees 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Benjamin Hayes FCA**

Partner

Wenn Townsend, Chartered Accountants

Oxford

**3rd December 2025**

**The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust**

**Income and expenditure account  
for the year ended 31st March 2025**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2025 Total</b>	<b>2024 Total</b>
Grants	-	-	-	-
Donations	147	-	147	6,297
Dividends	596	-	596	1,138
CAF Bank interest	487	99	586	545
Sale of Booklets	-	-	-	69
	1,230	99	1,329	8,049
 <b>Less Expenditure</b>				
Acquisition costs	855	-	855	654
Website costs	848	-	848	920
Accountant's fees	300	-	300	282
Changes to Buckingham Old Gaol Exhibition Case	1,000	-	1,000	-
Bank charges and general expenses	65	-	65	65
ZOOM Subscription	156	-	156	156
Warfest	-	-	-	298
Pull up promotional banners	-	-	-	601
	3,224	-	3,224	2,976
Net (expenditure)/ income	(1,994)	99	(1,895)	5,073
Balance of income brought forward	35,955	4,124	40,079	35,006
Balance of income carried forward	£ 33,961	£ 4,223	£ 38,184	£ 40,079
 <b>Represented by:</b>				
1,323.707 M & G Securities Limited				
Charifund Inc Market value: £20,098 (2024: £19,274)	14,981	-	14,981	14,981
Cash at bank	18,980	4,223	23,203	25,098
	£ 33,961	£ 4,223	£ 38,184	£ 40,079

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Mr John Sheldon	)	

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Chartered Accountants  
Oxford**

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## **Trustees Report for the year ended 31st March 2024**

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### **Management Governance Arrangements**

Per the requirement of the Trust Deed, the number of Trustees shall not be less than three in number and not exceed fifteen in number. There are currently nine Trustees. New Trustees are nominated by existing Trustees. The Trustees will make all decisions regarding the Trust and its actions.

### **Achievements and Performances of the Trust**

The Trust's public outreach activities were more limited over the course of the reporting year. We attended the Bucks County Show, where we set up a stand and engaged with many members of the public on the role and aims of the organisation. As part of this activity, we also provided a number of items from our silverware collection as table dressing for the Show Committee lunch. This provided an opportunity to meet and engage with a number of key leaders from across the county.

We have continued to grow our collection, procuring medals and other items over the course of the year. These included an important group of accessions presented by the family of a former member of the Royal Bucks Hussars, who had served in Egypt and Palestine. In addition, we agreed a grant to the Old Gaol Museum in Buckingham to re-establish a display of Trust artefacts there.

The Chair conducted an inspection of collection items stored at the Bucks Council premises at RAF Halton.

The Trust continues to seek to identify other suitable locations in which to display elements of our collection. Work on a new publication, entitled "The Military History of Buckinghamshire in 100 Days", was suspended during the year, but it remains our intent to have this published as a fund-raiser.

Over the course of the year, we were sorry to say goodbye to some long-standing Trustees. We are actively seeking replacements. In connection with this, we were delighted to welcome the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, who agreed to take up the position reserved for the holder of that office.

We continue to be indebted to the South East Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for allowing us to store part of our collection at the Army Reserve Centre, Viney House, Aylesbury. We hope to sign an updated agreement with the Association to ensure on-going access to this important storage facility in the future.

# The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust

## Trustees Report for the year ended 31st March 2024

### Financial Review

Total income for the year was £8,049 (2023: £5,652), expenditure was £2,976 (2023: £7,352), giving net income for the year of £5,073 (2023: net loss of £1,700). Income for the year included £5,829 transferred from the Friends of the Ox and Bucks Light Infantry. Of these funds, £4,042 is restricted to the maintenance of regimental memorials.

The Trustees consider the current level of free reserves of £20,974 (2023: £20,025) to be adequate.

### Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

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Agreed by the Trustees on 18th December 2024 and signed by

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**Lt Col Derek Plews VR**

**Trustee**

**The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust**

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Partner

Wenn Townsend, Chartered Accountants

Oxford

**18th December 2024**

**The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust**

**Income and expenditure account  
for the year ended 31st March 2024**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>2023 Total</b>
Grants	-	-	-	1,600
Donations	2,255	4,042	6,297	2,651
Dividends	1,138	-	1,138	1,167
CAF Bank interest	463	82	545	79
Sale of Booklets	69	-	69	125
Sale of Our County at War videos	-	-	-	30
	3,925	4,124	8,049	5,652
 <b>Less Expenditure</b>				
Acquisition costs	654	-	654	1,153
Website costs	920	-	920	892
Accountant's fees	282	-	282	258
Painting restoration	-	-	-	2,480
Bank charges and general expenses	65	-	65	458
ZOOM Subscription	156	-	156	144
Uniforms of The Bucks Yeomanry booklets	-	-	-	456
Warfest	298	-	298	1,262
Pull up promotional banners	601	-	601	249
	2,976	-	2,976	7,352
Net income/(expenditure)	949	4,124	5,073	(1,700)
Balance of income brought forward	35,006	-	35,006	36,706
Balance of income carried forward	£ 35,955	£ 4,124	£ 40,079	£ 35,006
 <b>Represented by:</b>				
1,323.707 M & G Securities Limited				
Charifund Inc Market value: £19,274 (2023: £19,633)	14,981	-	14,981	14,981
Cash at bank	20,974	4,124	25,098	20,025
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### **Management Governance Arrangements**

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### **Achievements and Performances of the Trust**

We have continued to improve our public engagement through attendance at local events and making more use of our social media presence. We attended a high-profile public military history festival, Warfest, near Buckingham, where we were able to engage with significant numbers of people, explaining the role of the Trust and displaying items from our extensive collection. We were also pleased to be invited to participate in Buckinghamshire Council's Armed Forces Conference, which took place on 12 June, 2023. This event was targeted at local employers and was part of the Council's campaign to achieve the Ministry of Defence's Employer Recognition Scheme Gold status. As such, it attracted a large number of the county's business community and provided an excellent opportunity to explain our purpose to an important audience sector.

We have continued to grow our collection, procuring a number of important medals and other items over the course of the year. We have also renegotiated loan agreements with several organisations, and conducted condition inspections of artefacts loaned to Claydon House and the Old Gaol, Buckingham, and at the County Museum Reserve Collection at RAF Halton. We continue to work with the Trustees of the Old Gaol regarding defects in the building's infrastructure to ensure the maintenance of our exhibits there.

The Trust aspires to find other suitable locations in which to display elements of our collection. In pursuance of this, we have opened discussions with Buckinghamshire Council and with the Discover Bucks Museum (formerly the Bucks County Museum). Meanwhile, we propose to step-up our fund-raising and outreach efforts. We hope to attend the Bucks County Show and are in the process of developing an on-line "shop", hosted on our website. We are also working on a new publication, entitled "The Military History of Buckinghamshire in 100 Days".

We are pleased to have completed negotiations to assume responsibility for the residual commitments of the Friends of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry with respect to regimental memorials relating to the Buckinghamshire Battalions (TA).

Over the course of the year, we were delighted to welcome the well-known comedian and military historian, Alastair Murray, as a Trustee.

# The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust

## Trustees Report for the year ended 31st March 2023

### Financial Review

Total income for the year was £5,652 (2022: £4,733), expenditure was £7,352 (2022: £7,889), giving a net loss for the year of £1,700 (2022: net loss of £3,156).

The Trustees consider the current level of free reserves of £20,025 (2022: £21,725) to be adequate.

### Public Benefit Statement

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Agreed by the Trustees on 26th September 2023 and signed by

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**Lt Col Derek Plews VR**

**Trustee**

**The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees  
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**D J Pluck FCA**

Partner

Wenn Townsend, Chartered Accountants

Oxford

**26th September 2023**

**The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust**

**Income and expenditure account  
for the year ended 31st March 2023**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2023 Total</b>	<b>2022 Total</b>
Grants	-	1,600	1,600	3,100
Donations	2,371	280	2,651	636
Dividends	1,167	-	1,167	993
CAF Bank interest	79	-	79	4
Viney Memorial Lecture	-	-	-	-
Sale of Booklets	125	-	125	-
Sale of Our County at War videos	30	-	30	-
	<u>3,772</u>	<u>1,880</u>	<u>5,652</u>	<u>4,733</u>
 <b>Less Expenditure</b>				
Acquisition costs	1,153	-	1,153	650
Website costs	892	-	892	966
Accountant's fees	258	-	258	228
Painting restoration	600	1,880	2,480	-
Bank charges and general expenses	458	-	458	101
ZOOM Subscription	144	-	144	144
Virgin Money giving fee (refund)	-	-	-	(180)
Uniform Repairs	-	-	-	5,580
ZOOM Talk Costs	-	-	-	400
Viney Memorial Lecture	-	-	-	-
Uniforms of The Bucks Yeomanry booklets	456	-	456	-
Warfest	1,262	-	1,262	-
Pull up promotional banners	249	-	249	-
	<u>5,472</u>	<u>1,880</u>	<u>7,352</u>	<u>7,889</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	(1,700)	-	(1,700)	(3,156)
Balance of income brought forward	36,706	-	36,706	39,862
	<u>£ 35,006</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 35,006</u>	<u>£ 36,706</u>
 <b>Represented by:</b>				
1,323.707 M & G Securities Limited				
Charifund Inc Market value: £19,633 (2022: £20,910)	14,981	-	14,981	14,981
Cash at bank	20,025	-	20,025	21,725
	<u>£ 35,006</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 35,006</u>	<u>£ 36,706</u>

Lt Col Derek Plews VR	)	
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Mr John Ray	)	

**THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE MILITARY MUSEUM TRUST (THE BMMT)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1189645

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# Accounts

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**The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust**

**Registered charity number: 1189645**

**Receipts and payments account  
for the year ended  
31st March 2022**

**Wenn Townsend  
Chartered Accountants  
Oxford**

**The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust**

**Charity Number 1189645**

Trustees:

Lt Col Simon Edward Wilkinson TD (Chairman to 31.03.2022)  
Sir Nicholas Cosmo Bonsor Bt  
Major General Gregory Stephen Smith CB  
Lt Col John Williams MBE TD (died 22.05.2021)  
Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher Bt KCVO  
Lt Col Ingram Bernard Murray (retired 30.06.2022)  
Mr John Stewart Ray (Treasurer)  
Mr John Sheldon  
Mr Stephen Barker  
Capt Courtenay Coade  
Lt Col Derek Plews VR (Chairman from 01.04.2022)  
Mr Simon Williams  
Mr Stephen Berridge (appointed 10.06.2022)  
Major Michael Hrycak (appointed 16.06.2022)

Secretary:

Prof Ian Beckett  
Tides  
Trewelloe Road  
Praa Sands  
Penzance  
Cornwall  
TR20 9SU

Principal Office:

Old Gaol Museum  
Market Hill  
Buckingham  
MK18 1JX

Bankers:

CAF Bank Ltd  
25 Kings Hill Avenue  
Kings Hill  
West Malling  
Kent  
ME19 4JQ

Independent examiner:

D J Pluck FCA  
Partner  
Wenn Townsend Chartered Accountants  
30 St Giles'  
Oxford OX1 3LE

# **The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust**

## **Trustees Report for the year ended 31st March 2022**

### **History, Objectives and Activities of the Trust**

The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust was established in 1985 to collect, document, preserve and exhibit material relating to auxiliary military forces raised in the historic County of Buckinghamshire.

Representative parts of the Trust's collection have been on public exhibition at the Old Gaol Museum, Buckingham since 1993, and at Claydon House, by agreement with the National Trust, since 1995.

Those parts of the collection not on public exhibition are held at Buckinghamshire County Museum and Buckinghamshire County Record Office, that latter site being available to the public. In addition, some items are on display at T A Centres in the County.

The Trust is an accredited Museum.

### **Management Governance Arrangements**

Per the requirement of the Trust Deed, the number of Trustees shall not be less than three in number and not exceed fifteen in number. There are currently twelve Trustees. New Trustees are nominated by existing Trustees. The Trustees will make all decisions regarding the Trust and its actions.

### **Achievements and Performances of the Trust**

Our investment over recent years into our online profile has paid dividends through the continuing impact of covid. Following on from our enhanced online profile in 2020-21, a further series of online talks was offered in 2021-22. It was necessary to change the provider of our online donations facility through the closure of a previous scheme but this was accomplished smoothly. Alterations were also made to the Trust's website to increase its attractiveness, whilst the Trust also developed a Facebook page to enhance its media profile. Through the auspices and financial subsidy of the National Army Museum, in common with a number of other military museums, the Trust became a member of the Association of Independent Museums, enabling it to apply for a wider range of grants in the future.

The Trust's profile was increased by participation in a number of public events such as the Buckingham Literary Festival. It continued to attract a reasonable level of donations including the proceeds of a 'silver dinner', received after the year end, at which the Trust's unique collection of regimental silver was utilized and displayed, and it received additional grant funding towards the conservation of those uniforms damaged by damp at the Old Gaol, to which reference was made in the last report. The Old Gaol, which is administered by a separate trust, is taking steps to remedy defects in the building's structure - it was built in 1748 - although, as yet, it has not been possible to place any uniforms back on display in one of the cases affected. As well as financial donations, there have been a number of interesting acquisitions although these included a number of medals that regrettably were still being disposed of by another museum, as noted last year. There has been a consolidation of the store for the Trust's reserve collections. The Trust has resolved on publishing for sale what is hoped to be the first of a series of booklets on the history of the auxiliary military units of Buckinghamshire. It is also in the process of taking over responsibility for the residual commitments of the Friends of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry with respect to regimental memorials relating to the Buckinghamshire Battalions (TA).

As last year, exceptionally low fixed costs and overheads have enabled the Trust to survive the pandemic well and it continues to flourish.

# The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust

## Trustees Report for the year ended 31st March 2022

### Financial Review

Total income for the year was £4,733 (2021: £2,712), expenditure was £7,889 (2021: £6,692), giving a net loss for the year of £3,156 (2021: net loss of £3,980).

The Trustees consider the current level of free reserves of £21,725 (2021: £24,881) to be adequate.

### Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

### Trustees' responsibilities statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Agreed by the Trustees on 3rd November 2022 and signed by

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**Lt Col Derek Plews VR**

**Trustee**

**The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees  
of The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust**

I report to the Charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2022 which are set out on page 4.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the Charity's Trustees 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**D J Pluck FCA**  
Partner  
Wenn Townsend, Chartered Accountants  
Oxford

**3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022**

The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust

Income and expenditure account  
for the year ended 31st March 2022

Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total	2021 Total
Grants	-	3,100	3,100	-
Donations	636	-	636	1,846
Dividends	993	-	993	854
CAF Bank interest	4	-	4	12
Viney Memorial Lecture	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,633</u>	<u>3,100</u>	<u>4,733</u>	<u>2,712</u>
<b>Less Expenditure</b>				
Acquisition costs	650	-	650	1,444
Website improvements/costs	966	-	966	2,394
Accountant's fees	228	-	228	222
Legal fees	-	-	-	2,103
Bank charges and general expenses	101	-	101	71
ZOOM Subscription	144	-	144	278
Virgin Money giving fee (refund)	(180)	-	(180)	180
Uniform Repairs	2,480	3,100	5,580	-
ZOOM Talk Costs	400	-	400	-
Viney Memorial Lecture	-	-	-	-
	<u>4,789</u>	<u>3,100</u>	<u>7,889</u>	<u>6,692</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	(3,156)	-	(3,156)	(3,980)
Balance of income brought forward	39,862	-	39,862	43,842
Balance of income carried forward	<u>£ 36,706</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 36,706</u>	<u>£ 39,862</u>

Represented by:

1,323.707 M & G Securities Limited				
Charifund Inc Market value: £20,910 (2021: £19,490)	14,981	-	14,981	14,981
Cash at bank	21,725	-	21,725	24,881
	<u>£ 36,706</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 36,706</u>	<u>£ 39,862</u>

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# Accounts

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**The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust**

**Registered charity number: 1189645**

**formerly**

**Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust**  
**Registered charity number: 293593**

**Receipts and payments account**  
**for the year ended**  
**31st March 2021**

**Wenn Townsend**  
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**The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust**

**Charity Number 1189645**

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**Charity Number 293593**

Trustees during the year:	Lt Col Simon Edward Wilkinson TD (Chairman) Sir Nicholas Cosmo Bonsor Bt Major General Gregory Stephen Smith CB Lt Col John Williams MBE TD (died)
22.05.2020)	
02.06.2020)	Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher Bt KCVO Lt Col Ingram Bernard Hay Murray Mr Christopher Prideaux DL (resigned)
26.05.2020)	Mr John Stewart Ray Mr John Sheldon Mr Stephen Barker Capt Courtenay Coade (appointed)
	Lt Col Derek Plews (appointed 26.05.2020) Mr Simon Williams (appointed 26.05.2020)
Secretary:	Prof Ian Beckett Tides Trewelloe Road Praa Sands Penzance Cornwall TR20 9SU
Principal Office:	Old Gaol Museum Market Hill Buckingham MK18 1JX
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Independent examiner:	D J Pluck FCA Partner Wenn Townsend Chartered Accountants 30 St Giles' Oxford OX1 3LE



# **The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust**

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### **Trustees Report for the year ended 31st March 2021**

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Those parts of the collection not on public exhibition are held at Buckinghamshire County Museum and Buckinghamshire County Record Office, that latter site being available to the public. In addition, some items are on display at T A Centres in the County.

The Trust is an accredited Museum.

#### **Management Governance Arrangements**

Per the requirement of the Trust deed, the number of Trustees shall not be less than three in number and not exceed fifteen in number. There are currently eleven Trustees. New Trustees are nominated by existing Trustees. The Trustees will make all decisions regarding the Trust and its actions.

#### **Achievements and Performances of the Trust**

Our investment over recent years into our online profile has paid dividends through the torrid covid year.

Through our website and use of social media we have accelerated our move into 'webinars' in the form of online live lectures. Our first such was with a speaker live from Alberta, Canada on the history of Bletchley Park. It was viewed live on some 590 devices, but with an estimated live audience over 750 people and, as such, we consider it a great success.

We have moved into online giving and now have an active online donations facility and with further webinars coming on we expect this to generate valuable income.

In addition, since the year-end we have delivered a talk to a Masonic Lodge who have made a substantial donation to the Trust and we are hopeful that other masonic lodges will want to hear more of our story and to support us financially.

Sadly, another local military museum in financial stress due to covid has had to dispose of medals and we have acquired some, but were outbid on others. It is always a last resort for a museum to have to sell medals.

We have, with the huge commitment of our Hon Secretary, successfully completed our change from unincorporated to incorporated charitable status. As a result, the former Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust (No: 293593) has been dissolved and its assets transferred to the new charity, The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust (No: 1189645).

As is usual, we have received a number of gifts of Militaria and we have also acquired various historically important items at Auction.

Unfortunately, the Old Gaol Museum in Buckingham suffered from severe damp during lockdown, which has damaged some of our uniforms on display. This has necessitated urgent

expensive restoration, whilst we had some grant support and a donation for this, we have had to pay the balance but new sensors/alarms are now installed to prevent this happening again.

Finally, as BMMT has exceptionally low fixed costs and overheads, we have survived the pandemic very well all things considered. Indeed, in many respects we have flourished through our shift to the internet.

**The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust**

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for the year ended 31st March 2021**

**Financial Review**

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Agreed by the Trustees on 23rd November 2021 and signed by

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**Lt Col S Wilkinson TD DL**

**Trustee**

**The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust**

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