

**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  
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Cornwall  
TR20 9SU

**Principal Office:**

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Buckingham  
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**Bankers:**

CAF Bank Ltd  
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Kings Hill  
West Malling  
Kent  
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D J Pluck FCA  
Partner  
Wenn Townsend Chartered Accountants  
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# **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.

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## **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<br>Total   | 2021<br>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> |
| <b>Represented by:</b>                              |                 |              |                 |                 |
| 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> |

Lt Col Derek Plews VR )  
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 Mr John Ray )