

The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust

Registered charity number: 1189645

**Receipts and payments account
for the year ended
31st March 2024**

**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
Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher Bt KCVO (retired
01.03.2024)
Mr John Stewart Ray (retired 21.10.2023)
Mr John Sheldon
Mr Stephen Barker (resigned 09.07.2024)
Capt Courtenay Coad
Mr Simon Williams
Mr Stephen Berridge
Major Michael Hrycak
Mr Alastair Murray
Countess Elizabeth Howe (appointed 30.04.2024)

Secretary:

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

Principal Office:

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Bankers:

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Kent
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Independent examiner:

Benjamin Hayes FCA
Partner
Wenn Townsend Chartered Accountants
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Trustees Report for the year ended 31st March 2024

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 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.

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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.

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 18th December 2024 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 2024 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

18th December 2024

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

Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
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
	<u>3,925</u>	<u>4,124</u>	<u>8,049</u>	<u>5,652</u>
Less Expenditure				
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
	<u>2,976</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,976</u>	<u>7,352</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	949	4,124	5,073	(1,700)
Balance of income brought forward	35,006	-	35,006	36,706
	<u>£ 35,955</u>	<u>£ 4,124</u>	<u>£ 40,079</u>	<u>£ 35,006</u>
Represented by:				
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
	<u>£ 35,955</u>	<u>£ 4,124</u>	<u>£ 40,079</u>	<u>£ 35,006</u>

Lt Col Derek Plews VR)	
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