

**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 Coade  
Mr Simon Williams (resigned 27.08/2025)  
Mr Stephen Berridge  
LT Col 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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Market Hill  
Buckingham  
MK18 1JX

Bankers:

CAF Bank Ltd  
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Kings Hill  
West Malling  
Kent  
ME19 4JQ

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).

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 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

Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
Grants	-	-	-	-
Donations	147	-	147	6,297
Dividends	596	-	596	1,138
CAF Bank interest	487	99	586	545
Sale of Booklets	-	-	-	69
	<u>1,230</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>1,329</u>	<u>8,049</u>
<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
	<u>3,224</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,224</u>	<u>2,976</u>
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	<u>£ 33,961</u>	<u>£ 4,223</u>	<u>£ 38,184</u>	<u>£ 40,079</u>
<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
	<u>£ 33,961</u>	<u>£ 4,223</u>	<u>£ 38,184</u>	<u>£ 40,079</u>

Lt Col Derek Plews VR	)	
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	)	Trustees
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Mr John Sheldon	)	