

Information required for your annual report

This is for Charities not subject to full Audit

This information is required in order for you to comply with reporting requirements under the Charities Act. Please write your responses exactly as you want them to appear in your accounts. Use your mouse or tab key to move from grey box to grey box to complete this form. Once completed, save it and email it back to us. This is your chance to tell people what you do. Feel free to write as much as you like and we will put this into the report and accounts.

Group's full name: Support Our Military Veterans
Other names by which you are known:
The main contact address for the organisation: Enterprise Centre, 6 David Lane, Basford, Nottingham. NG60JU
Your charity registration number: 1190432 And (if applicable) Your company registration number: CE022550 (HMRC)

Names of all current trustees, (directors)

Name	Start date if not serving since the start of this accounting period dd/mm/yy	Office held (if applicable)
Neil Fox		Chair
Peter Bath	18/11/21	Veteran Welfare
Johnathan Fox		Treasurer
Robert Coughtrey		Secretary

Names of other trustees, (directors) who have served during the period covered by the accounts but are not currently serving. (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Name	Date of resignation/departure dd/mm/yy
Wendy Murray-Carr	10/11/2021

The names, job titles and remuneration & benefits paid to your senior management staff

Neil Fox, Executive Director, Re-imbursements' & Expenses Only - Wendy Murray-Car, Secretary, Expenses Only - Johnathan Fox, Treasurer, Expenses Only - Robert Coughtrey, Health & Safety, Expenses Only, Peter Bath, Veteran Welfare - Expenses Only.

The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees

(How are your trustees appointed?):

The charity use Guidelines from Charity Commission.

This has not been an easy task due to the after effects of Covid, and the current economic situation. The Trustees have discussed requirements & potential candidates (Trustee Meetings) looking to the Veteran community in particular. NF has looked to address this through FB Veteran Groups, asking for interested individuals to make contact. Also advertised on LinkedIn website. SOMV are looking to appoint a further Trustee from the Veteran community in FY3.

Objectives and activities

What are the formal purposes (objectives) of your charity, as set out in your governing document?

(1) TO RELIEVE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP, NEED, SUFFERING AND DISTRESS AMONGST VETERANS OF ALL BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES AND THEIR PARTNERS, SPOUSES AND DEPENDENTS IN SUCH WAYS AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL THINK FIT, PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY: A) PROVIDING GRANTS OF MONEY, PROVIDING OR PAYING FOR ACCOMMODATION, ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING SUITABLE HOUSING; B) PROVIDING OR PAYING FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING, DEVELOPMENT OF PERSONAL SKILLS, ADVICE AND MENTORING; C) PROVIDING OR PAYING FOR MEDICAL SERVICES, ITEMS, COUNSELLING OR FACILITIES; D) PROVIDING GRANTS, ITEMS OR SUPPORT FOR SUFFERING CAUSED BY AGE OR INFIRMITY. (2) TO PROMOTE THE RESETTLEMENT AND REHABILITATION OF FORMER ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL INTO THE CIVILIAN COMMUNITY BY SUCH MEANS AS THE TRUSTEES DECIDE, INCLUDING BY PROVIDING TRAINING AND SUPPORT AND BY FOSTERING GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN FORMER ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY. (3) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR FORMER ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL BY THE PROVISION OF GRANTS, PROVIDING OR PAYING FOR COURSES, LEARNING MATERIALS AND PROVIDING OTHER ITEMS OR SERVICES.'

What are your main activities? (the things you do in order to achieve the objectives)

SOMV provides a focal point for veterans & the military community. The main aim of the charity is to help military veterans that have need of support to respond to life events that present welfare needs, by advising / signposting to all appropriate services. In addition, we look to support those disadvantaged, in isolation, in need of educational support & development.

Through fundraising & grants, we aim to provide funding for mental health counselling support, as well as 'crisis' accommodation to veterans that find themselves homeless at short notice, progressing them through to permanent housing. Relief of poverty (daily needs) are supported where possible.

Advice, guidance & support in addressing past service related injuries, medical conditions is also provided.

Mental Health and Well-Being support is being developed with service providers, ensuring that our Veterans have access to a range of specialist services that can meet their individual needs.

How do these activities benefit the public?

Provision of services and supported structure that provides the local military community with a range of integrated services. That provides intervention to support those that are experiencing a significant stressful life event and need immediate support. A reduction in the level of rough sleeping and homelessness amongst the ex-military population, a reduction in the level of crime associated with a homeless lifestyle of veterans, an increase in the number of military community sustaining resettlement in the community, an increase in the number of ex-service personnel accessing education, training, volunteering and employment opportunities, an increase in the number of the military community accessing appropriate healthcare including specialist substance misuse and mental health services. SOMV work with and link service users into the range of community based support agencies which exist locally. The aim is to develop a network of support with individuals actively encouraged to support each other. The development of mutual aid will be crucial to successful sustainable resettlement in the community.

Please confirm that you have considered the charity Commission's guidance on 'public benefit'.

[Click here](#) for a link to this guidance.

Yes

Summary of the main achievements during the period

What did you actually do? (You could add some statistics if you like, and give more detail of your activities):

This is SOMV's FY2, so the building of a firm foundation continues. This has been a struggle due to both the ongoing effects of Covid, the Cost of Living Crisis on the economy, and the Public & Business concerns on future prosperity. So for the charity, it has been an achievement to have stability financially, and to have increased services & support to our Veterans.

This FY SOMV have funded 171 counselling sessions for Veterans, provided transportation, supported welfare needs, and have advised on a wide range of care, disability, housing, and mental health requirements. SOMV have received excellent feedback and support from our donors, in the form of many unsolicited letters, and have added to our 'book of pledges' page (website). A number of testimonials from Veterans have also been received, adding further weight to the positive feedback.

Increased awareness has been achieved through Google business, which has seen a significant upturn in traffic over the last 6 months.

SOMV have attracted funding from Charity Aid Foundation, as well as grants from Trusts / Foundations in the latter months.. We have worked closely with Raisemore to gain funding through marketing streams, and have received Gift Aid from HMRC.

Financial review

Please comment on your financial position at the end of the reporting period

(You might for example, refer to the surplus or deficit you've made, or the movement in the fund balances. Are you happy? - the choice is yours.)

Attracting funding has been difficult, as the after effects of Covid & the current economic situation have impacted on revenue streams. This being SOMV's second year of operation, the charity would anticipate a slow burn start to funding revenue in FY3, but increasing through the year. The positive news is that SOMV's financial position at the end of the reporting period FY2 will be in a surplus of approx £4,000

What is your policy on reserves? (Your policy should include: why you need reserves, the target level, your current position, your plans to increase or use your reserves and how often you review this policy. If you do not need reserves you should explain the reason.)

At this early stage of the charities existence there would be a limited target level, for obvious reasons. Having reserves will however be an important part of the financial plan as the charity moves forward, as this will provide cover for future risks (ie pandemic).3k is our initial target.

What financial risks do you face?

Funding streams / revenue are the key risk factor for SOMV. This is why SOMV are working with an external source, Raisemore, who are a fund raising / marketing company. They specialise in mailings, and have an extensive contact data base.

We will be developing grants through Trusts & Foundations in FY3, as this will see improved financial revenue for both core & project work. We will be working closely with Company Solutions to achieve this, as they specialise in this field and have an established data base of contacts.

Legacies / Gifts through Wills, are a further medium that will be promoted through SOMV website, as this has the potential for longer term, large donations.

If any of your funds are in deficit, what are you planning to do about it?

.N/A

Detailed information if you hold funds for 3rd parties (other groups or individuals): names and their main objects, a description of the assets held, opening balances/ in/ out/ closing balances
N/A

Funds

If your accounts include any designated or restricted funds, the notes to the accounts need to include a short explanation of the purpose and of each fund.

For example:

Name of fund: *"The vehicle replacement fund"*

Purpose: *"To build up sufficient funds to replace vehicles on a 5 year schedule"*

For each fund you hold, please give the details:

N/A

Additional information

This is a chance to add any other information to your report.

For example: if you give grants, what is your policy? Do you want to say anything about your funders or supporters?

SOMV refer to the charities objectives, and use these to guide decisions made regarding grants.

Example of Testimonials

This response is from one Military Veteran we have recently helped and supported who said:

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Support Our Military Veterans
(Registered charity, number 1190432)
Financial statements
for the year ended 31 July 2022

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**Support Our Military Veterans
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 July 2022**

Full name Support Our Military Veterans

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1190432

Principal address

Enterprise Centre
6 David Lane
Basford
Nottingham
NG6 0JU

Trustees

Neil Fox, Chair
Johnathan Fox, Treasurer
Robert Coughtrey, Secretary
Peter Bath (from 18/11/2021)
Wendy Murray-Carr (until 10/11/2021)

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 16/07/2020.

The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees

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(2) To promote the resettlement and rehabilitation of former armed forces personnel into the civilian community by such means as the trustees decide, including by providing training and support and by fostering good relations between former armed forces personnel and the wider community.

(3) To advance education and vocational training for former armed forces personnel by the provision of grants, providing or paying for courses, learning materials and providing other items or services.'

Public benefit statement

Provision of services and supported structure that provides the local military community with a range of integrated services that provides intervention to support those that are experiencing a significant stressful life event and need immediate support. A reduction in the level of rough sleeping and homelessness amongst the ex-military population, a reduction in the level of crime associated with a homeless lifestyle of veterans, an increase in the number of military community sustaining resettlement in the community, an increase in the number of ex-service personnel accessing education, training, volunteering and employment opportunities, an increase in the number of the military community accessing appropriate healthcare including specialist substance misuse and mental health services. SOMV work with and link service users into the range of community based support agencies which exist locally. The aim is to develop a network of support with individuals actively encouraged to support each other. The development of mutual aid will be crucial to successful sustainable resettlement in the community.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

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Risks

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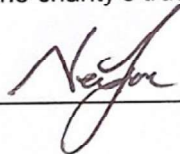
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The charity's policy on reserves

At this early stage of the charity's existence there would be a limited target level, for obvious reasons. Having reserves will however be an important part of the financial plan as the charity moves forward, as this will provide cover for future risks (e.g. pandemic). Our initial target is £3,000 although we currently have no specific policy regarding the level of reserves held.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed _____
Neil Fox, Trustee



Date 1/10/22

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Support Our Military Veterans
for the year ended 31 July 2022**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Support Our Military Veterans (the charity) for the year ended 31 July 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

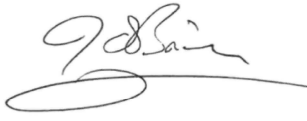
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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.

Signed  Date 10/10/2022
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**Support Our Military Veterans
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 July 2022**

2021 £		2022 £
	Receipts	
8374	Sundry grants & donations	9555
13523	Fundraising donation income	4214
<u>21897</u>	Total receipts	<u>13769</u>
	Payments	
-	Activities & trips	794
133	Advertising & marketing	246
290	Equipment, repairs & renewals	-
12949	Fundraising costs	149
-	Grants/Donations paid	762
-	Hospitality/Refreshments	246
-	Counselling services	4710
188	Insurance	428
305	IT	370
-	Legal & professional	420
724	Mileage	-
204	Phone costs	211
27	Printing, stationery & postage	253
-	Raisemore costs	714
790	Rent & services	738
-	Sundry payments	19
-	Trustees expenses	1312
-	Vehicle & travel costs	4721
<u>15610</u>	Total payments	<u>16093</u>
6287	Net receipts/(payments)	(2324)
-	Cash funds at start of this period	6287
<u>6287</u>	Cash funds at end of this period	<u>3963</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 July 2022

2021		2022
£		£
6287	Cash assets	3963
<u>6287</u>	Bank accounts	<u>3963</u>
	Liabilities	
(1556)	Independent examination fee	(432)
<u>(1556)</u>		<u>(432)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed

Johnathan Fox, Trustee

Dated

3.10.22

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 July 2022

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Trustees' remuneration

During this period, a total of £1,312 was reimbursed to 5 trustees for mileage and phone expenses incurred.

3. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.