



PARACHUTE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION BRANCH ANNUAL REPORT



Period start date

Period end date

From 01 10 23 To 30 09 24

Reference and administration details

1. PRA Branch name

DOVER

2. Registered charity number

1190477

3. Main address

33 STONEHALL
LYDDEN

DOVER

16GT CT15 7JU

4. Names of the committee members who managed the branch during the year

	Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	GARY BAGSHAW	CHAIRMAN	
2	KEVIN GATON	SECRETARY	
3	STEVE HORNE	TREASURER	1 OCT 23 - JAN 24
4	KEVIN GATON	TREASURER	FROM JAN 24
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Structure, governance and management

5. Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Main Constitution of the Parachute Regimental Association and Standard Branch Rules approved on 26 January 2008.
How the charity is constituted	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods	The committee members are elected by the branch members

6. Additional governance notes

The branch exists to further the purposes and aims of the Parachute Regimental Association (Charity Commission registration number 214015). As part of a national network the branch is expected to follow guidance set by the executive committee of the main Association. The governing documents, guidance and governance notes are available on the Association's website <http://www.army.mod.uk/infantry/regiments/5905.aspx>. Within the guidance and rules committee members of Parachute Regimental Association branches enjoy a large degree of autonomy. They are able to make their own decisions on how to further the charitable purposes of the Association. In particular they can take decisions on branch fundraising, activities and expenditure.

Objectives and activities

7. Summary of the objects set out in the governing document

- The Association and its branches exists to:
- 1) Support the serving personnel of the Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces (in ways which promote their efficiency).
 - 2) Maintain links between past and present members of the Airborne Forces.
 - 3) Provide welfare support for past and present members (and their dependants) in need of assistance.
 - 4) Undertake acts of public commemoration and remembrance of members and former members of the Armed Forces of the crown.
(Subject to amendment at PRA 2009 AGM)

8. Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

- The Association and its branches participate in, support, and organise a range of activities which provide a public benefit. These include:
- Public events to raise awareness about the role of the Regiment, to encourage public support for the Regiment and to assist in recruitment.
 - Holding events and reunions for past and present members of the Airborne Forces (to assist in promoting esprit de corps).
 - Acts of commemoration and remembrance (e.g. Armistice Day, Normandy events, Arnhem events, funerals) which raise public awareness of those who have lost their lives or put themselves at risk in service of the public.
 - Maintaining a membership network and encouraging social contact in order to identify those former members and dependants who may be in need from time to time.
 - Providing Welfare Officers who visit members and dependants who may be sick, recently bereaved, or find themselves in difficult circumstances.
 - Making grants (either individually or to organisations) to support past and present members of the Airborne Forces and their dependants who are in need.
 - Sending parcels and aid to soldiers deployed on operations.
 - Supporting Parachute Regiment recruits at Catterick.

Achievements and performance

9. Summary of the main branch activities during the year

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED ANNUAL REPORT *

Financial review

10. Brief statement of the finances and reserves

The branch had an income of £5563 and expenditure of £4367 during the year.

It has realisable cash reserves of £4069

The committee have reviewed the branch's present level of reserves. They have considered the present economic climate and risks to branch income. They are satisfied given the current economic climate these reserves are justified to cover charitable expenditure in future years.

Declaration

The committee members declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the branch committee members

Signature



Full name

KEVIN EATON

Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)

SECRETARY

Date

18/10/24



From the Secretary, Dover Paras

Ad Unum Omnes



THE PARACHUTE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

Patron: HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS King Charles III, KG, KT, PC, GCB, AK, QSO, ADC

Dover Branch

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Lydden
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Annual General Meeting - 2024

secretary.doverpra@gmail.com

25th October 2024

Copied to: -

Gary Bagshaw (Outgoing Chairman)
Ron Bramwell (Incoming Chairman)
Kevin Eaton (Secretary & Treasurer)

Paul Raison (Secretary RHQ)
David Smart (Regional Secretary)

Minutes for Dover Branch PRA Annual General Meeting meeting held at The Cricketers on 25th October 2024

The Minutes meeting was hosted by.

Gary Bagshaw (Chairman)
Andy Jones (Vice Secretary)
Rob Tucker (Vice treasurer)

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13 members attended.

Meeting opened at 20.14 hrs.

- Minutes of the last meeting - 2023

Proposed by Stephen Fourche

Seconded by Jim Fearon

That that minutes of the 2023 AGM meeting have been read.

- Liquidity state of the accounts

Proposed by Kev Tully

Seconded by Gary Gunner

That the branch accounts of the last reporting year have been read

Carried

- Re-elect/vote in trustees

Proposed by Rob Tucker

Seconded by Gary Bagshaw

That the branch trustees be re-elected

Carried

- Branch Officers and appointments

Proposed by Rikki Sullivan

Seconded by Aaron Newton

That the branch Officers (See attached list) be appointed

The Chairmans report was read (See attached report)

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The branch Chairman talked about what has been achieved during the reporting period.

- AGM 2023/4 at the Cricketers
- Remembrance Sunday 2023 – On parade with 23 members
- Christmas Bash at the Cricketers
- Boxing day dip
- Burns night with RBL
- Purchased Union Jack standard
- D Day parade/service on the Curve
- VJ Parade
- Quiz nights and raffles
- Arnhem 80th Anniversary
- Summer Ball
- Welfare donations

Shooting Stars Children's Hospice

Colchester Airborne Statue

Welfare assistance to branch member.

What we would like to achieve in 2024/5

- Christmas Function (14th December)
- Boxing day dip
- More support for events and activities
- More presentations and guest speakers
- NMA visit
- Blessing of branch standard - Date TBC
- Armed Forces Day – Gazebo etc
- Charity fund raising events – Tesco/Morrisons/Asda
- Families' days and quiz nights
- Arnhem/Normandy Battlefield tour 2025.

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Anything further proposals from the floor?

The AGM 2025 will be held at the Cricketers pub Dover at a time and date TBC.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 20.38.

Signed

Gary Bagshaw (Chairman)

Andy Jones (Vice Secretary)

Rob Tucker (Vice Treasurer)

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Dover Branch of the Parachute Regiment Association

Chairmans End of Year Report.

Since our last AGM in October 2023 the branch has continued to go from strength to strength. Our membership has increased steadily throughout the year, and our public profile is such that we have now received a number of invitations to varying events over the year.

This year as a branch we have come together both in fellowship and in remembrance, beginning in October 23 with our first quiz night, won convincingly by team Fearon. This was followed by a curry with all proceedings going to the branch.

In November we were invited to attend a remembrance service for the Unknown Warrior on the Western Docks in Dover. The Western Dock is where the Unknown Warrior was repatriated to the UK en route to his final resting place in Westminster Abbey. We also paraded 22 members for Remembrance Day with the branch standard.

In December we came together for drinks and a disco prior to Christmas, followed by our annual Boxing Day dip in the channel from Dover Sea front. Where a few brave souls ventured in whilst supported from the beach by friends and family with towels and port.

As we started the new year, in January one of our members, who was having some financial difficulties approached a committee member for help. The branch was able to support him with a loan until he was back on his feet and able to pay it back. Also in January, we received an invitation from the Royal British Legion to attend their Burns night, those able to attend reported an excellent night enjoyed by all.

Our second quiz night was held in February, and even though there were more teams involved it was again won convincingly by team

Fearon (who will be thoroughly searched for electronic devices before the next quiz).

Between the beginning of April 24 and the end of September 24 members of the branch paraded for the following remembrance services:

Zeebrugge Day, April 24

D Day, June 24

Armed Forces Day, June 24

VJ Day, July 24

South Staffs Op Market Garden, Sept 24

Other events attended by branch members were:

Airborne Forces Day in Aldershot, July 24, and the 80th Anniversary of OP Market Garden in Arnhem, Sept 24. This was a joint venture with the West Glamorgan Branch to take a coach of veterans to Arnhem for a long weekend. Also included were members of the now disbanded East Kent PRA. A special thanks to our Padre, Stephen Fouche, from myself and the west Glamorgan branch. He was able, at short notice to conduct a brief service and scatter the ashes of a 2 Para veteran over the DZ at Hinkle Heath.

At our September A branch meeting we were joined by members of the East Kent PRA who made a donation to our branch of £700. We in turn were pleased to offer them lifetime honorary membership to the Dover PRA.

Over the year we have added to the branch properties by purchasing a Union Flag, a double stand capable of holding both the branch standard and the Union Flag, and most recently we acquired a 4ft wooden carving of the cap badge and another of Pegasus. All of these



were on display at our final event of the recording year, our late Summer Ball. Held in Dover at the Masonic Hall. The ball was well attended by 64 guests and members, including the Mayor and Mayoress of Deal and officials from the RBL. All agreed the meal was excellent, the karaoke whilst epic, less so.

This year the branch has supported a number of charities, donating well over £1000.

Gary Bagshaw

Chairman

Dover PRA

PARACHUTE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION BRANCH ANNUAL ACCOUNTS STATEMENT		
	<div style="text-align: center;">PRA Branch Name</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em; margin-top: 10px;">DOVER BRANCH</div>	
<div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">For the Financial Year Ending</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.2em;">01/10/24</div>		

Section A Receipts and payments

	Column 1 Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Column 2 Restricted funds to the nearest £	Column 3 Total funds to the nearest £	Column 4 Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Donations, Legacies and Grants	242	500	.	835
Branch Subscriptions	1960		.	1872
Merchandise Sales	58		.	813
Branch Events and Socials	2206		.	1210
Other	597		.	436
TOTAL RECEIPTS (A1)	5063	500		5166
A2 Payments				
Social and Fundraising Costs	-	-	.	-
Regimental Support & Events	2170	-	.	2570
Welfare Expenses and Grants	-	788	.	200
Commemoration & Remembrance Costs	165	-	.	25
Branch Management and Administration Costs	60	-	.	230
Merchandising Costs	74	-	.	680
Other	1110	-	.	654
TOTAL PAYMENTS (A2)	3579	788		4359
NET of A1-A2	1484	-288		807
A3 Transfers between funds	-679	548		2197
A4 Cash funds last year end	2264	740		2197
Cash funds this year end	3069	1000		3004

PARACHUTE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION BRANCH ANNUAL ACCOUNTS STATEMENT



PRA Branch Name

DOVER



For the Financial Year Ending 01/10/24

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories

Details

Unrestricted
Funds

Column 1
to nearest £

Restricted Funds

Column 2
to nearest £

B1 Cash funds

General Branch Funds

3069

Welfare Fund (Optional)

1000

Other restricted Funds (Optional)

-

Total cash funds

3069 -

1000 -

(agree balances with receipts and payments
account(s))

OK

Unrestricted
Funds
to nearest £

Restricted Funds
to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

Details

-
-

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-

B3 Investment assets

Details

Cost (optional)

-
-

Current value (optional)

-
-

B4 Assets retained for the
branch's own use

Details

BRANCH STANDARDISX2
SASH
STANDARD STAND
MOBILITY SCOOTER

Cost (optional)

-
-
-
-
-

Current value (optional)

1600
300
150
150
-

B5 Liabilities

Details

Amount due
(optional)

-
-

When due (optional)

Branch Accounts approved by the committee members on the :

Date of approval

Signature

Full Name & Position

ANTHONY ROBERT TUCKER VICE TREASURER

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT (ENGLAND AND WALES BRANCHES)



Independent examiner's report on branch accounts of the Parachute Regimental Association



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the committee
members of

DOVER PRA

On accounts for the year
ended

01/10/2024

Registered
Charity Nu.

1190477

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act), as amended by s.28 of the Charities Act 2006) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act, as amended),
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent
examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

18/10/24

Name:

A. TUCKER

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

N/A.

Address:

38 MAYFIELD RD
WHITFIELD
CT16 3LJ.

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Section B**Disclosure**

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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