

PICTON'S PALACE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION Charity number:  
1191509

## **Trustees Report Year ending April 2023**

We are working to maintain and eventually restore the important unique military vehicle FV 3805 also known as Major Pictons Palace . This is currently situated at the Isle of Wight Military and Heritage Museum ( now called simply the Wight Military and Heritage Museum ) and is able to be viewed by the public

### **Charitable objects**

TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC BY RESTORING AND DISPLAYING THE UNIQUE ARMORED VEHICLE FV 3805 ( MAJOR PICTON'S PALACE ) AND LATER OTHER BROADLY SIMILAR ITEMS IN A WORKSHOP OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WITHIN THE EXISTING ISLE OF WIGHT MILITARY AND HERITAGE MUSEUM.

### **Trustees 2021**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Date of appointment</b>
Jonathan William Hinchliffe	Chair	01 October 2020
Emma Rose Hinchliffe	Trustee	01 September 2022
Carol Ann Dew	Trustee	01 October 2020

### **Chairman of Trustees report and financial statement .**

As you know its been a while since the brother of the owner Owen Hinchliffe passed and as you know he decided to give our charity his share of the land at Northwood Camp where FV 3805 is situated currently being run by the wight military and heritage charitiabe trust .

The bad news is we are still awaiting probate which has now taken over two years . It seems the inheritance tax people yet again made a mistake and incorrectly included a discretionary pension in their final calculations . They have been informed of this over two months ago and again more recently by post .

Once we have probate it will be a huge change as our charity will have to maintain the site but will also receive some income from it so hopefully from next year we will have the funds to really get stuck into the restoration and also the construction of a building to house it . With this in mind Tim has also decided to return as a trustee .

The Owner yours truly Jon . Hinchliffe has again been mostly in the USA and no formal charity

activities took place on the vehicle though our thanks go out to Mr John Fisher and others for the remedial works he carried out at personal expense .

As you know we created a formal memorial garden at Northwood camp for service members their families and supporters and are currently improving and maintaining it as an asset for the public – Many thanks to those who worked on this . Thanks also to Jon. Hinchliffe for paying entirely for this out of pocket .

The vehicle is still outside though once space is available in the museum building ( either existing or hopefully within the new workshop designed and with planning permission )

The owners current financial and work commitments currently prevent him from financing this workshop though once probate for the estate of Owen Hinchliffe is achieved this will change !

Please do not discuss this with others as until all is legally sorted out we do not want any conflict with the CO of that charity who in my opinion basically runs it as a family business ( having stacked it with trustees who are either family members or under his influence ) . Jon Hinchliffe who is a founding trustee of the Wight Military and Heritage museum as well as the co owner of the site has not been made aware of any trustees meetings since Covid and not had any e mails or other communications from the CO either as of April 2022 . He is in process of contacting the charities comission with the hope that their intervention will assist in the hiring of a new CEO and the retirement of the current one Mr S Taylor

Jon. Hinchliffe has also decided if things go to plan to will the vehicle and his share of Northwood camp to the charity so it will be self financing and can ensure FV 3805 and other items are restored and preserved in perpetuity

Accounts -

We raised no funds from the general public and all our activities were carried out with voluntary work and the personal funds of the volunteers and trustees mostly Jon . Hinchliffe .

No economic activity has taken place directly through the charity so it has no accounts to show . We do intend to finally open our own bank account though to this date the difficulties in doing so from abroad has meant that we simply funded things personally with none of the tax advantages that we could get if we had our own accounts .

Jon. Hinchliffe – Chair