

**ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1ST APRIL 2024**

AIRBORNE GUNNER TRUST

(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 1192655

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1192655
DATE OF REGISTRATION	4th December 2020
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	2nd April 2023
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1st April 2024
TRUSTEES AT 1ST APRIL 2024	Capt Lewis Johnson RHA Michael Hill Patrick Farrell Nicolas Hart Richard Bugg (Appointed 26th June 2023) Connor Eagle (Appointed 12th July 2023) Harris Belars (Appointed 19th September 2023)
LEGAL STATUS	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	CIO - Foundation Registered 4th December 2020

OBJECTS

A. The object of the Charity are: **1)** To promote the efficiency of 7th Parachute Regiment Royal Horse Artillery, by: **a)** Fostering Esprit De Corps, comradeship, morale and the welfare of the Regiment and preserving its traditions. **b)** Maintaining comradeship and harnessing and connecting with the past and present members of the Regiment, fostering mutual friendship between them and providing a common focus for Charitable events. **2. a)** To relieve, either generally or individually, past and present members of the Regiment and their dependants, who are in condition of need, hardship or distress. **b)** The Board may relive persons in need under clause 2.a. above **3)** by: **a)** Making grants of money or **b)** providing or paying for goods, services or facilities for them or **c)** Making grants of money to other persons or bodies who provide goods, services or facilities to those in need.

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS	Merville Barracks 7 Para RHA Circular Road South Colchester CO2 7UT
PRIMARY BANKERS	National Westminster Bank Plc 250 Bishopgate London EC2M 4AA
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS	Castle View Accounting Ltd Ground Floor Offices 53 High Street Arundel West Sussex BN18 9AJ

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1ST APRIL 2024

Structure, Governance and Management

Trustees are provided with the Charity Commission documentation on the roles and responsibilities of Trustees, Previous Meeting minutes, the financial state of the fund, the Constitution and Objects of the CIO and Conflict of Interests Guidelines.

Trustees are also provided with an induction pack and asked annually to confirm they have refreshed their knowledge of the Charity Commission/Gov.UK documents, this is acknowledged within the minutes of the preceding Trustee meeting.

The CIO structure is set out in Standard Operating Procedures and published on the local network. A committee of 7 Trustees evaluate approve/deny for charity proposals, initiatives and projects, particularly those using Charity funds.

The Airborne Gunner Trust works alongside military and civilian charities as required.

Policies are reviewed and updated annually.

Objectives and Activities

To promote the efficiency of 7th Parachute Regiment Royal Horse Artillery, by:

- a. Fostering esprit de corps, comradeship, morale and the welfare of the regiment and preserving its traditions.
- b. Maintaining comradeship by harnessing and connecting with the past and present members of the Regiment, fostering mutual friendship between them and providing a common focus for Charitable events.
- c. To relieve, either generally or individually, past and present members of the Regiment and their dependants, who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress.

The Board may relieve persons in need under clause 3.a. (2) above by:

1. Making grants of money, or
2. Providing or paying for goods, services or facilities for them, or
3. Making grants of money to other persons or bodies who provide goods, services or facilities to those in need.

The Airborne Gunner Trust promotes the Efficiency of 7th Parachute Regiment Royal Horse Artillery (7 Para RHA) and provides prompt active support for serving members and veterans and their families.

Achievements and Performance

The Airborne Gunner Trust has supported the soldiers, veterans and their families throughout the financial year 2023/24, through the granting of funds for welfare and for the maintenance of morale and wellbeing of members both past and present.

Financial Review

As the Charity matures, we aim to maintain a stable and consistent liquidity whilst remaining under constant review to identify any risks at the earliest opportunity. The Trustees are to ensure the funds are such that it can continue to carry out its purpose of prompt assistance when required.

The Charity has raised money throughout this period through internal personal contributions, and internal and external charity fund raising events.

The Airborne Gunner Trust has also financial contributions through our veteran community and received funds .

A majority of donations are subject to Gift Aid.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)
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Trustees' Responsibilities

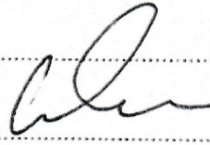
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice GAAP).

The Law applicable to Charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Governing Document 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, including the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the CIO will continue to operate.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Governing Document. 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.

Approved by the Trustees on 5 Dec 2024

Signed on their behalf by Trustee 

Printed Name:

LEWIS JOHNSON

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1ST APRIL 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023/24 £	TOTAL 2022/23 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Donations, Grants & Legacies	3a	6,320	-	6,320	20,437
Charitable Activities	3b	3,584	-	3,584	3,907
Investment Income	3c	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		9,903	-	9,903	24,344
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of Generating Funds					
Cost of Charitable Activities	4a	6,504	-	6,504	11,395
Governance Costs	4b	840	-	840	700
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		7,344	-	7,344	12,095
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		2,559	-	2,559	12,249
Funds Brought Forward		44,746	-	44,746	32,497
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		47,305	-	47,305	44,746

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

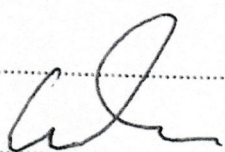
The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 1ST APRIL 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 01-Apr-24 £	Total 01-Apr-23 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2	-	-	-	-
Investments	6	-	-	-	-
Total Fixed Assets		-	-	-	-
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	8	-	-	-	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand	7	48,145	-	48,145	45,446
Total Current Assets		48,145	-	48,145	45,446
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	840	-	840	700
NET CURRENT ASSETS		47,305	-	47,305	44,746
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities		47,305	-	47,305	44,746
Creditors: Amounts falling due in more than one year	10	-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS		47,305	-	47,305	44,746
Funds of the Charity					
General Funds		47,305	-	47,305	44,746
Restricted Funds	5	-	-	-	-
Total Funds		47,305	-	47,305	44,746

Approved by the Trustees on 5 DEC 2024

Signed on their behalf by Trustee 

Printed Name: LEWIS JOHNSON

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1ST APRIL 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015) (Second Edition, effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming Resources

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment Gains and Losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Unrestricted funds

These funds can be used for the general objectives of the charity as set out in the trustees report. The movements of the unrestricted funds are given in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Restricted funds

These funds are where the donor has specified a purpose for the donation made. These restrictions often arise as a result of appeals for special offerings for specific purposes.

Designated funds

These funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for particular purposes or projects.

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation Expense

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied are as follows:

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	25% - Reducing Balance Basis
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2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The CIO held no fixed assets during this or the previous financial year.

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

1st April 2024 : None

1st April 2023 : None

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3. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023/24 £	TOTAL 2022/23 £
a) Donations, Grants & Legacies					
Gifts & Donations		6,320	-	6,320	20,437
		6,320	-	6,320	20,437
b) Charitable Activities					
Activities & Events		3,584	-	3,584	3,907
		3,584	-	3,584	3,907
c) Investment Income					
Interest		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-

4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023/24 £	TOTAL 2022/23 £
a) Cost of Charitable Activities					
Activities & Events		2,200	-	2,200	4,580
Gifts & Grants		716	-	716	5,305
Office Costs		-	-	-	965
Sundry Expenses		389	-	389	340
Travel & Subsistence		3,200	-	3,200	205
		6,504	-	6,504	11,395
b) Governance Costs					
Independent Examiners Fees	9	840	-	840	700
		840	-	840	700

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5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

The CIO held no Restricted Funds during this or the previous financial year.

6. INVESTMENTS

The CIO held no fixed assets investments during this or the previous financial year.

7. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 01-Apr-24 £	Total 01-Apr-23 £
Cash at Bank & in Hand	48,145	-	48,145	45,446
	48,145	-	48,145	45,446

8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 01-Apr-24 £	Total 01-Apr-23 £
Sundry Debtors	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 01-Apr-24 £	Total 01-Apr-23 £
Independent Examiners Fees	840	-	840	700
	840	-	840	700

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR

The CIO held no long term liabilities during this or the previous financial year.

11. NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 01-Apr-24 £	Total 01-Apr-23 £
Fixed Asset Investments	-	-	-	-
Net Current Assets	47,305	-	47,305	44,746
Long Term Liabilities	-	-	-	-
	47,305	-	47,305	44,746

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12. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

The Charity employed no members of staff during this or the previous financial year.

13. TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

No payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

14. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

15. RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the CIO's needs. This is based on the CIO's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the CIO will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

16. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The CIO acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the CIO has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the CIO should undertake.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/ members of the Airborne Gunner Trust on the accounts for the year ended 1st April 2024 set out on pages 6 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 10th December 2024