

# HELPING HOMELESS VETERANS UK

Registered Charity no. 1195521

## Trustees Statement

It is our pleasure to publish the accounts for our last financial period which ended on the 2nd of August 2023.

This year has simply been exceptional for Helping Homeless Veterans UK and unfortunately our caseloads have seemed like they are never ending at times. With the cost-of-living crisis really taking a hold on our veterans' finances, as well as many private landlords using no fault eviction, section 21 to legally evict veterans who are tenants in their properties, we have really seen a very worrying escalation of veterans needing our help.

Over the past financial period, we have helped to house in some way exactly 89 veterans which has been extremely difficult due to trying to find affordable accommodation. However, working with over 80 local authorities has certainly helped our cause and we have proven on many occasions that our knowledge of legislation is second to none and has helped house many veterans into social housing when it has been available.

We have also seen a very large rise in prevention duties for our charity and due to the cost of living, we have had many veterans contacting us since they must make the choice of paying their rent or feeding themselves and sometimes their families.

We have been very fortunate to have Tesco's supporting us this year through their Community Grants as well as allowing us to collect in their store at Tower Park in Poole, Dorset. However the significant costs involved with feeding veterans is great cause for alarm and unfortunately, we cannot see things improving soon.

We have also seen an increase in veterans requiring help to pay for gas or electric or sometimes both and we have been able to assist veterans with this during this financial period.

In April 2023, we had six veterans who had been homeless move into the completed Talbot Mews which was previously called 'The Veterans Build Project'. This project has proven to be a great success for our charity, and we have always said that when you bring veterans together with veterans they will look after themselves as they understand each other's needs.

The Talbot Mews was completed thanks to donations from several corporate sponsors as well as a substantial grant from The Talbot Village Trust as well as The Veterans Lottery. We are extremely grateful to all our corporate sponsors and grant suppliers, as without this, we would not be able to carry out the work that we have achieved this period.

The Talbot Mews is now giving us a small income monthly for each veteran which means we are not just relying on the generosity of the public for our charity to carry out the work that we do in the veterans' community.

In August this year, we were proud to add a new vehicle to our charity which was desperately needed due to the age of our Ford Transit Van as well as the running costs. The new Ford Ranger is more economical to run on fuel as well as having all mechanical costs covered as we have a repair warranty in place. At the same time, it has already proved its worth by being loaded up recently to take furniture and white goods to an elderly veteran in Basingstoke and it also has room for four passengers.

We were offered an excellent Lease deal for this vehicle from the dealership and, we received support from our corporate sponsors. However, we will categorically state that no public donations will be used to pay for this vehicle. Our charity no longer only has one source of income and that is why the trustees made this decision to purchase this vehicle and due to the favourable offer, we were presented with. This vehicle will be sign written near the end of August 2023 and is a welcome addition as our charity grows so rapidly.

Finally, as trustees we would like to state that without the support of the public and the generosity of so many people, we simply would not have been able to help so many veterans. As you can see from our accounts, we have raised substantial funds from online fundraising using our JustGiving Platform as well as Facebook Fundraising and attending the many events we have either organised ourselves or attended throughout the year. This is simply awe-inspiring that throughout these difficult times, we can raise these funds.

A huge 'thank you' must go to all those who have raised funds for our charity and the one that stands out this period is Terry and his team from Sharp Skips in Essex who carried out a cycling challenge in March this year. They currently hold the record for the most money raised from one event.

We must also thank our Volunteer Fundraisers for all their efforts this period and for giving up so much of their own time to raise funds to help our country's veterans. A special mention must also go to the Cadets from the Detachment in Poole who have helped us at so many events.

We have a team of dedicated Volunteers and Fundraisers as well as our Ambassadors and Patrons who work closely together and who are passionate about the work that we carry out. Even more important is we are proud to state that 100% of all the donations that we receive is spent on helping veterans. Nobody will ever take a single penny from our charity in wages or expenses, and we are '100% Volunteer Powered'.

We know that our next financial period will be a challenging one, but we hope to move into our new self-contained property for our Head Office, and we will continue to try and obtain government grants.

We will continue to look for further properties that we can convert into accommodation for our veterans, and we will soon be releasing our monthly newsletter which the public can sign up to.

Here is to another successful year ahead.

## **The Board of Trustees**

### **Helping Homeless Veterans UK**

*If you have any questions about our accounts or any of the above topics, then feel free to email us at [hq@hhvuk.org](mailto:hq@hhvuk.org) where we will be happy to answer them.*

Thank you.

**HELPING HOMELESS VETERANS UK**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE PERIOD FROM 9 AUGUST 2022 TO 2 AUGUST 2023**

	<b><u>Unrestricted Funds</u></b>	<b><u>Total Funds</u></b>
A1 Receipts		
Talbot Village	30,000	30,000
The Veterans Foundation	10,000	10,000
Single Donation	10,000	10,000
Fundraiser (The Sharp Group)	9,500	9,500
Golf Day (The Thomas Tripp)	3,000	3,000
All Other Donations & Fundraising	<u>106,521</u>	<u>106,521</u>
	<u>169,021</u>	<u>169,021</u>
 A2 Asset and investment sales		
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Receipts	<u>169,021</u>	<u>169,021</u>
 A3 Payments		
Property Refurbishment Costs	75,595	75,595
Furniture Purchased	14,498	14,498
Hotels, Accommodation & Food Costs	25,828	25,828
Vehicle Expenses	10,389	10,389
Website & Promotion	6,474	6,474
Event Costs	8,236	8,236
Legal Fees	6,725	6,725
Storage Costs	2,967	2,967
Other Costs	<u>5,266</u>	<u>5,266</u>
	<u>155,978</u>	<u>155,978</u>
 A4 Asset and investment purchases		
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Payments	<u>155,978</u>	<u>155,978</u>
Net Receipts	13,043	13,043
 A5 Transfers between funds	0	0
A6 Cash funds last period end	<u>4,088</u>	<u>4,088</u>
Cash funds this period end	<u>17,131</u>	<u>17,131</u>

**HELPING HOMELESS VETERANS UK****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 2 AUGUST 2023**

	<b><u>Unrestricted</u></b>
	<b><u>Funds</u></b>
B1 Cash Funds	
HSBC Account	<u>17,131</u>
Total Cash Funds	<u>17,131</u>
B2 Other Monetary Assets	<u>0</u>
B3 Investment Assets	<u>0</u>
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	0
	<u>17,131</u>
B5 Liabilities	<u>0</u>

Signed :

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Helping Homeless Veterans UK.**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Helping Homeless Veterans UK for the period ended 2 August 2023.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust'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. The accounting records maintained are basic (bank statements and supporting receipts), with many of these receipts being internally generated, rather than being provided by the supplier to whom payment was made. In addition, many expenditure items were settled directly by trustees' personally, and subsequently reimbursed by the trust.

It is recommended that a suitable bookkeeping system be introduced for future years; that supplier invoices are obtained for all expenditure, and that all purchases are settled directly from the trust bank account.

Notwithstanding this, 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 :-

- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



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