



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	05	October	2021		31	March	2023

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Southampton Veterans' Trust

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1196088

Charity's principal address

8 Fern Road

Woolston

Postcode

SO19 9RD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Colin Anthony Gaylor	Chairman		
2	Tracy Anne Gaylor			
3	Richard Wesemeyer			
4	Tim Jones			
5	Marie Whitehouse			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are selected as a representative of each of the armed forces plus the chairman and the vice chair. As such a trustee has been appointed from each of The Army, The Royal Navy and Royal Air Force.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

SORP accounting principles have been applied to the calculations of income and expenditure shown in the annual report.

Although the charity does not participate as a part of a wider network, the charity has received funds from 'Fill your boots' for the help of specific individuals. These are disclosed in the annual accounts. We have also worked with the RBL and SSAFA.

The major risk faced by the charity in the reporting period was the loss of the Woodley Road site. This meant that we needed to find alternative accommodation and meet associated costs.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH, WELLBEING AND RESETTLEMENT INTO THE COMMUNITY OF ANY AND ALL EX H.M. ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL, EX H.M. ARMED FORCES RESERVISTS, FORMER MEMBERS OF THE MERCHANT NAVY WHO HAVE SERVED ALONGSIDE THEIR ARMED FORCES COMRADES DURING A CONFLICT (ALSO REFERRED TO AS VETERANS) OR ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARY ALONG WITH

THEIR FAMILIES AND DEPENDENTS WHO RESIDE IN SOUTHAMPTON OR THE SURROUNDING AREA AND WHO ARE IN CHARITABLE NEED INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL OR PHYSICAL ILLNESS OF ANY DESCRIPTION OR ARE IN NEED OF REHABILITATION AS A RESULT OF SUCH ILLNESS, WHO ARE EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES ADJUSTING TO POST SERVICE CIVILIAN LIFE, ARE EXPERIENCING HARDSHIP, UNEMPLOYMENT OR HOMELESSNESS BY: A) PROVIDING A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT TO ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, PRACTICAL SUPPORT, ADVICE AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO RELIEVE A VETERAN'S DISTRESS, ILLNESS OR HARDSHIP. B) PROVIDING OR ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING VETERANS' WELLBEING, SELF-ESTEEM, SELF-CONFIDENCE AND AIDING THEIR TRANSITION BACK INTO LOCAL SOCIETY. C) PROVIDING OR ARRANGING PROVISION OF EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING OR OTHER ASSISTANCE AND TO CREATE AND FACILITATE JOB OPPORTUNITIES ALONG WITH ASSISTING H.M ARMED FORCES VETERANS TO PREPARE FOR AND FIND EMPLOYMENT. D) OPERATE A DROP IN AND ACTIVITY CENTRE STAFFED BY VOLUNTEER H.M ARMED FORCES VETERANS AND ASSOCIATED SUPPORT STAFF TO PROVIDE ADVICE, EMPATHY, SUPPORT AND A SIGN POSTING SERVICE TO HELP HM ARMED FORCES VETERANS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING PROBLEMS DUE TO ONE OF THE ABOVE CHALLENGES AND TO ASSIST THEM IN ACCESSING LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDERS AND SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS THAT MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE HELP OR SUPPORT OUTSIDE OF SVT'S ABILITIES. E) TO CONDUCT OUTREACH INTO THE COMMUNITY AND DO ALL SUCH LAWFUL THINGS THAT MAY FURTHER THE CHARITIES OBJECTIVES.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

- Emergency food provision and provision of help where needed to cover the cost of utilities for veterans in need
- Resettling of homeless veterans
- Assistance in the homes of vulnerable veterans
- Servicing of veteran mobility equipment e.g. mobility scooters
- Provision of meal delivery to homes at key points in the year (e.g. Bonfire night) to facilitate the participation of veterans in the group. For many veterans ill health prevents regular attendance at the drop in centre. These meals meant a chance to see centre staff (who in turn could report on welfare concerns) and post pictures on our social media channels to participate with the wider SVT community
- In centre group meals for key events e.g. ER 70th anniversary providing opportunity to participate in values core to the armed forces as a part of a community
- Emergency help after mental health episodes e.g. help at drop in centre such as counselling and food
- Ongoing provision of counselling provided by trained counsellors and in turn appropriate supervision for counsellors
- In centre activities such as chairrobics and bingo
- Workshops including picture framing and chocolate making
- Cooking and budgeting lessons including a hot meal for the day
- Drop in centre provided for veterans to have a place to be with other veterans 3 days per week
- Dental treatment provided by volunteer dentists at Dentech
- Out of centre activities such as 'Routes to remembrance which saw 100 poppy wreaths loaded onto QM2 to travel for laying in USA and wreath laying at local war memorial giving veterans the opportunity to participate in the wider community

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The centre benefits hugely from the participation of volunteers, particularly in the spirit of 'Veterans helping veterans'.

In addition both the trust and the Drop in centre benefit from the expert advice of civilian volunteers in the spirit of 'with the help of a few good civilians'. In particular veterans benefit from the contribution of qualified counsellors who donate time weekly.

Other expert volunteers make contributions with book keeping, skills acquisition, health and well being and advice from the DWP. Other community volunteers have offered help with grant writing.

**Summary of the main
achievements of the charity
during the year**

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

No funds are materially in deficit.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity's principal source of funds continues to be one off donations from individuals including through their own fundraising efforts and through memorial donations from the veterans who we miss dearly.

The charity also raises funds through our own fundraising such as the annual ball.

We have recently have begun as we grow as a charity so have begun to seek grant writing opportunities.

Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Southampton Veterans' Trust

No (if any)
1196088

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
10/1/2021

To

Period end date
3/31/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
	31,464	2,500	-	33,964	-
	288	-	-	288	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	31,752	2,500	-	34,252	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	31,752	2,500	-	34,252	-
A3 Payments					
Centre supplies	2,933	-	-	2,933	-
Veteran direct benefit	11,624	835	-	12,459	-
Volunteer meal	968	-	-	968	-
Fundraising costs	1,626	-	-	1,626	-
Insurance	1,631	-	-	1,631	-
Centre travel costs	1,014	-	-	1,014	-
Veteran activities	2,814	-	-	2,814	-
Counsellor supervision	2,543	-	-	2,543	-
Staff uniform	40	-	-	40	-
Printing	600	-	-	600	-
Sub total	25,793	835	-	26,628	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
IT Purchase - Laptops	2,262	-	-	2,262	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,262	-	-	2,262	-
Total payments	28,055	835	-	28,890	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,697	1,665	-	5,362	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	3,697	1,665	-	5,362	-

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds bank	200	-	-
	Natwest bank	21,779	1,665	-
	Petty cash	288	-	-
	Total cash funds	22,267	1,665	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	CGaylor	Colin Gaylor	6/4/2024	

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

**Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of the Southampton Veteran's Trust for the period
1 October 2021 to 31 March 2023.**

Following examination of these accounts, to the best of my knowledge, I can confirm that these accounting records agree with the Trust's records.

Name: Maureen Mew

Signature: *M. Z. Mew*

Date: 5 June 2024

Positions held: Treasurer, Parish of Swaythling, Southampton

Treasurer, 424 (City of Southampton) Squadron, Air Cadets

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