



Blackbushe Heritage Trust

Trustees Annual Report and Statement of Accounts

Year End 31st March 2023



Trustees Annual Report for the year ended March 2023

The Trustees for the period May 2022 to March 2023

Peter Brown – Chair

Rebecca Cornthwaite

David Payne

Philip Johns

Patrick Marchant

Mark Griffiths

Christopher Gazzard

Charity Aims and Objectives

The Blackbushe Heritage Trust will form a museum to display and preserve the richly varied history and heritage of Blackbushe Airport. The Trust will acquire, recover and restore the aircraft Vickers Viking G-AGRW. This aircraft (and many others of its type based at Blackbushe) helped develop the early years of air passenger transport.

To carry out this primary project, the trust will establish a workshop from which it will promote, teach and train people from all age groups, therefore helping to continue the relevant heritage training skills for future generations.



Financial Statement

Blackbushe Heritage Trust

Accounting Period: 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023

Income	£
Donations & Fundraising	34,520
Merchandise Sales	121
Interest and Sundry Income	144
Total Income	34,785

Expenses	
Advertising & Marketing	25
Certification Costs	40
Bank Fees	28
Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	26
Event Costs	80
Insurance	101
IT Software & Consumables	9
Memberships	25
Postage, Freight & Courier	255
Security	20
Travel	109
Total Expenses	718

Surplus	34,067
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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2023

Assets

Fixed Assets

Aircraft G-AGRW	7,000
Total Fixed Assets	7,000

Current Assets

Current Account	25,337
Barclays	720
Total Cash at bank and in hand	26,057
Inventory	1,009
Net Current Assets	27,066
Net Assets	34,066



Trustees Report – March 2023

The first year of operations for The Blackbushe Heritage Trust has been a busy one. The project began when a Vickers Viking aircraft that once operated from Blackbushe, was discovered at a small airfield in Austria. One of the few remaining aircraft of its type in the world, the Team desperately wanted to bring her home to Blackbushe so she could be restored to her former glory. The Trustees are made up of aviation enthusiasts, pilots, engineers (one of whom worked on the Vickers Viking when it was operational) and Blackbushe Airport management.

Our mission is to build a heritage centre at Blackbushe Airport, celebrating over 80 years of aviation history. Vickers Viking G-AGRW will be the centrepiece. We plan to restore the aircraft so that it can be boarded and create a learning experience for adults and children alike. The restoration team will be predominantly volunteers but we plan to engage with the local colleges and community projects to give people hands on experience of aircraft engineering. This year we have been busy laying the groundwork to ensure that we have the volunteers ready to get to work once the aircraft arrives.

The project was launched at the Blackbushe Airport 80th Open Day in June 2022. The support shown by the aviation and local community alike was phenomenal. It showed the Trustees that there was a real appetite to keep the history of the airport alive.

Fundraising has been paramount for the first year of the Trust. Fundraising has consisted of a range of activities. Local aviation specialists have given talks, we've had quiz nights, we've been on the road to aviation events and we've held raffles. Predominantly the funds have come from large donations.

We need to raise over £30,000 to purchase and repatriate the aircraft. We've now managed to secure the aircraft and with the target nearly met, plans are currently underway to recover the aircraft in May.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Blackbushe Heritage Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Blackbushe Heritage Trust (The Trust) for the year ended 31st March 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

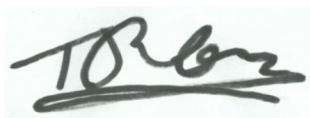
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

By way of recommendation I advise that where monies are paid to Trustees by way of reimbursement of expenses, these are noted and minuted at meetings of the Trustees

Signed:



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Date: 18 August 2023