



## The Online Memorial and Museum of Prisoners of War

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered number 1200975.,

The objects of the CIO are:

To advance the education of the public on the subject of prisoners of war by:

- a. Providing a permanent, online Memorial & Museum of Prisoners of War by maintaining and regularly updating an interactive, historical and educational internet resource which enables the collection and preservation of information concerning prisoners of war
- b. By organising seminars, conferences and tours that educate the public on the experiences of prisoners of war, and to pursue any other activities that support these purposes.
- c. The commemoration and remembrance for the public benefit, of former prisoners of war and the sacrifices they made.

### **ANNUAL REPORT 2023 - 2024**

List of Trustees October 2023:

Dave Lovell, Robert Sharratt, Brian Cooper, Katie Foster, Ian Bowley, Michael Sharratt.

List of Trustees October 2024:

Dave Lovell, Robert Sharratt, Brian Cooper, Katie Foster, Ian Bowley, Michael Sharratt, Katie Foster, Rhian French. Mike Davis 8/4/2024 to 12/8/2024.

Charity subject advisor: Philip Baker.

The Trustees meet online via Zoom every 2 months, with discussions via email between meetings: During 2024 the Trustees held five meetings.

In our second year we have built upon the foundations established during 2022/2023. We depend upon volunteers as we build and add information to our website and Facebook page, this has proved to be a rich source of information and also a contact point for people around the world who are interested in researching their own family history and the role they contributed during WWII.

At the 2023 Annual General Meeting we set the following priorities:

- a) Secure Funding.
- b) Preparing for POW80
- c) Improving WEB functionality.

During 2024 our trustees and volunteers/researchers have made significant progress to achieving these priorities:

- a) Secure Funding for our Website, activities and POW80.

In October we secured funding from Roger De Haan Charitable Trust for £7,000 for website development.

We have applied for a grant of £9,769 towards POW80 conference costs

b) Preparing for POW80 - Conference in June 2025.

POW80 marks 80 years since the prisoners of WWII, held in Europe were released from captivity.

A working group was established, the trustees issued terms of reference/guidance, the group have been very active and have since produced: outline speaker programme, selected a venue, agreed with the Trustees an event date, decided upon ticket prices, built a comprehensive plan with key decision dates in order to keep the arrangements on schedule.

Speakers have been confirmed with contingency speakers arranged.

Tickets are now on sale and hopefully will achieve our target as the conference date approaches; considerable effort is being directed towards media promotion of POW80.

c) Website Development and Functionality <https://www.prisonersofwarmuseum.com>

Our organisation has registered with the Information Commission Office and appointed a General Data Protection Officer (GDP). Resources both Trustees and volunteers have worked upon our website/databases to add information and to collate duplicates, resolve data errors etc.

Our website can now accept donations from interested people, such contributions will be used to fund our group's aims and activities.

In the year ending 31.10.2024 we received donations of £1,170:94p

Website analysis:

Users = Total has risen to 15,948

Typical users per week = 300 to 400.

Average 40 per day. (This started low then reached a peak in November 2023 and has now remained constant - this distorts the average)

Source: majority of users come from: Google, Facebook and Bing.

d) Additional Achievements.

Our bank account now has two Trustees with two being added, who can authorise payments.

A Review of our Organisations Development, Scope, Vision & Mission statement took place, this agreed that for the time being we would limit our core activities to Allied WWII Prisoners in occupied German territories.

Approved by the Trustees 11th December 2024

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## The Online Memorial and Museum of Prisoners of War

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Registered Charity Number 1200975									
Accounts Summary									
Period 1 Nov 2023 to 31 October 2024									
									£
<b>Balance at end Oct 2023</b>									3847.41
<b>INCOME</b>									
Budgeted donations						840			
Other donations						557.62			
							Total		1397.62
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>									
Website costs						1050			
IOC Registration						35			
Zoom Pro Annual Licence						85.94			
							Total		1170.94
<b>2025 PLANNED EVENT POW80</b>									
POW80 Advanced ticket sales received									5680
Prepaid expenses associated with POW80									
Midland Hotel Deposit						1466.2			
Hiscox Insurance						180.6			
							Total		1646.8
<b>Balance at end Oct 2024</b>									8107.29
					Brian Cooper				
					Charity Treasurer				
						30-Nov-24			
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