

CANBERRA HERITAGE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1202541

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-03-29

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN THE CANBERRA (ENGLISH ELECTRIC ALL VARIANTS) AS A COLD WAR HERITAGE AIRCRAFT IN SERVICE WITH THE ROYAL AIR FORCE 1951 – 2006 AND ALSO IN NON RAF OPERATIONS BY:A) MAINTAINING AND OPERATING A PUBLIC HERITAGE CENTRE AND COLLECTION AND OFFERING PUBLIC ACCESS THROUGH REGULAR OPEN DAYS AND EVENTS; B) PROMOTING RESEARCH AND THE PUBLICATION OF THE USEFUL RESULTS OF SUCH RESEARCH; C) LENDING TO MUSEUMS AND RESEARCH LOCATIONS AND PROVIDING MATERIAL TO EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS;D) OPERATING A WEBSITE AND PUBLISHING ON-LINE AND HARD COPY RESOURCES AND ARTICLES ABOUT THE HERITAGE AIRCRAFT.

Activities: The Canberra Heritage Trust is an educational and research facility to record, preserve and educate on the role of the Canberra in Royal Air Force (RAF) service from 1951 to 2006. The Trust will also document and make available records relating to non-RAF Canberra operations.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£500	£300	-	-
2023-12-31	£4,716	£4,651	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Kenneth Delve	Chair	2023-07-01
JOHN SHEEHAN		2023-07-01
Peter Warren		2023-07-01

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Summary

It has been a slow year for the CHT in terms of fundraising and support; however, costs have been kept very low and so the financial position shows no real change. It has been a good year in terms of developing the archive and displays at the West Raynham facility and in growing the newsletter distribution.

Financial

Donations have been very low this year, although this reflects a near zero attempt at fundraising as the Trustees determined that the main effort for the year was the archive and display, both of which rely on volunteers and material donations rather than money. This costs have been near zero.

Newsletter

The newsletter continues to grown in distribution and remains popular, although contributions of articles and photographs remains limited and a greater effort is needed to 'encourage' more contributions.

CHT Archive and Display, West Raynham SHQ

The archive of objects, documents and photographs has seen steady growth in the year, as has the AP library. More work is needed on sorting and digitizing the archive. Good progress was made on the digitizing of the 231 OCU photo albums.

The display are has continued to develop well. Likewise the external display of cockpit and engine has been enhanced during the year.

The Canberra Reunion, part of the Cold War day at West Raynham, was well attended.

Help to Canberra collections

The Trust was able to provide technical support, from APs, and material support of minor engineering items to a number of collections. Two Canberra main wheels (hub and tyres) were donated to the New Zealand restoration project.

Ken Delve
Trustee, Canberra Heritage Trust

29 October 2025

Financial Report

As the CHT had minimal financial activity in the reporting period, no separate accounts have been provided.

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Annual Report 2023

Summary

2023 was a difficult year for the CHT in terms of fundraising and it was only through the same of an engine from XH135, donated by XH135 Group, that enabled us to cover rent, utilities and business rates for the year. The CHT took the decision to give up the rented facility at RAF West Raynham at the end of year, having been offered a temporary free storage area for XH135 and other equipment.

It was more successful in terms of the education and Canberra support roles of the Trust. A number of visits, both by ex Canberra personnel and other groups took place prior to closure of the building. A number of Canberra projects were supported by the Trust in 2023, either with technical advice or with aircraft spares. A number of researchers were supported with access to documents and photographs, and the CHT archive continued to expand.

It is hoped that with the possibility of a new display area at RAF West Raynham SHQ some time in 2024 that the public activities of the Trust can expand

Activities

- The CHT hosted several open days at the Building 17C facility at RAF West Raynham, including a major Canberra Reunion. Events were well attended and whilst they generated good stories and some display materials, they did not generate much in the way of donations! A number of Cadet Force visits were hosted, as well a several 'general public' open events.
- The CHT supported a number of external events, the RAF Marham Canberra Reunion, RAF Marham Families, Sculthorpe Heritage Centre Open Day, and others
- The bi-monthly newsletter goes from strength to strength, and is now an average of 24 pages and sent as a pdf, free of charge, to 500 individuals.
- The Canberra Archive has grown with donations of photographs, documents and other materials.

Financial

- The level of donation support has been very disappointing, and the CHT has also failed to attract any grant support. It was expected that the CHT would realise an average of £600 a month donation support and this has fallen well short. The high cost of the rented building put pressure on finances and it was only the sale of the engine that enabled the Trust to continue covering the cost of the building until an alternative location could be found.
- The CHT has been the ONLY occupant of Building 17C to ever be charged Business Rates! The NNDC decided that the CHT had 'no value to the area' and we therefore had to pay the 20% of BR. In addition, the utilities cost were higher than anticipated. The decision was taken to give up the building at the end of 2023.
- Fundraising will remain a challenge in 2024 but by moving out the building we have reduced operating costs to close to zero.

2024 Plan

- The CHT will create a display area in West Raynham SHQ in mid-2024. This will enable a public-access space for displays, photo albums and information.
- A concerted effort will be made to raise operating funds.
- Support for Canberra owners will continue, and plans are already in place to send 2 Main Wheels to New Zealand for a restoration project.

Ken Delve

Trustee

Accounts attached (the excel file would not upload to CC website)



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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	29-Mar-23	To	31-Dec-23
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Engine sale March (27th)	2,250	-	-	2,250	-
donations April	506	-	-	506	-
donations May	771	-	-	771	-
donations June	320	-	-	320	-
donations July	168	-	-	168	-
donations August	30	-	-	30	-
donations September	68	-	-	68	-
donations October	80	-	-	80	-
donations November-December	120	-	-	120	-
	-	-	-	-	-

Sub total(Gross income for AR)

4,313

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4,313

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A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

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Sub total

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Total receipts

4,313

-

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4,313

-

A3 Payments

Bulding rent May

625

-

-

625

-

Utilities building

193

-

-

193

-

Rent June

500

-

-

500

-

Rent Jul

625

-

-

625

-

Rent Aug

500

-

-

500

-

Utlities Aug

137

-

-

137

-

Rent Oct

500

-

-

500

-

Business Rates

418

-

-

418

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Sub total

3,498

-

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3,498

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A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,498	-	-	3,498	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	815	-	-	815	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	815	-	-	815	-

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

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
	KEN DELVE	15-Nov-24