

# **CANBERRA HERITAGE TRUST: Charity Number: 1202541**

## **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 as 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)



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Canberra Heritage Trust

1202541

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

29-Mar-23

To

31-Dec-23

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
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

-

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137

-

Rent Oct

500

-

-

500

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Business Rates

418

-

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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)**

	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	3,498	-	-	3,498	-
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	815	-	-	815	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	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				
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	-	-
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		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds

## B2 Other monetary assets

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### B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
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#### B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use


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## B5 Liabilities

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Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	KEN DELVE	15-Nov-24