

THE KING'S OWN ROYAL REGIMENT (LANCASTER) REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

England & Wales · Charity number 1202597

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-04-03

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS:TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC AND MEMBERS OF THE KING'S OWN ROYAL REGIMENT (LANCASTER) IN THE HISTORY AND MILITARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE REGIMENT AND TO PROMOTE MILITARY EFFICIENCY AND ENCOURAGE RECRUITMENT BY PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF THE COLLECTION IN A MUSEUM OR MUSEUMS OR SUCH OTHER PUBLIC PLACES AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE, AND TO CONSERVE, RESTORE, REPAIR, RECONSTRUCT AND PRESERVE OBJECTS IN THE COLLECTION.

Activities: The Trust owns a collection of over 40,000 objects, documents and photographs chronicling the history of the King's Own Royal Regiment from its formation in 1680 to its amalgamation in 1959 with the Border Regiment to form the King's Own Royal Border Regiment. By agreement with the City Council of Lancaster, the collection is curated, stored, exhibited and managed by Lancaster City Museums.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£4,194	£13,568	-	-
2024-03-31	£31,921	£33,439	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Col Retd Andrew Dean Charles Whitton		2024-08-19
Col Retd David Charles Bates ARRC		2025-03-27
Col Retd Robin Geoffrey Jackson		2023-05-04
Councillor Roger Thomas Francis Dennison		2019-08-29
Dr Michael Francis Brown		2025-03-27
Major James Andrew Stuart Glover		2025-06-18
Robin Nickel Ashcroft		2026-02-05

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Trustees Annual Report & Accounts

1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025

On completion of seven years' service as Chair, Robin Ashcroft stood down in March 2025. Pending a permanent appointment, Antony Gribbon was appointed interim Chair. Andrew Whitton was appointed Treasurer from January 2025.

During Robin's term, the Trust has revised its objectives to engage more widely with members of the public and with the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment in order to inform and contribute to the understanding and knowledge of both the military and social histories of the King's Own and of its connection with the City of Lancaster and its people. Bids were made successfully to fund an exhibition marking 1942 as the pivotal point of the allies' fortunes in Second World War and a research project on the Trust's collection of Abyssinian objects and artefacts acquired through the King's Own's participation in the Napier Expedition of 1868. We thank the National Lottery Heritage Fund and the Esmée Fairburn Foundation for making both projects possible. The Abyssinian project includes the development of a restitution and repatriation policy for the Trust which may also serve as a model for the military museum community.

Under an agreement between the Trust and Lancaster City Council, the King's Own collection is curated and managed by the Lancaster City Museums Service. The Service was obliged to reduce opening hours during the year in response to cuts in its budget but the Council reaffirmed its support for the museum sector as part of its strategy for the development of the City as a business economic and tourist destination.

The progress of the Abyssinian project was a leading feature of the year's activities. Eyob Derillo, the project officer, is funded to continue through to the end of 2025. A workshop held in July attracted a national audience, including two representatives of the British Museum. A project advisory group, including members of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, met in March. Volunteers and interns have helped extensively with cataloguing and research, thanks to the Lancaster Military Heritage Group, the Lancaster Black History Group and the University of Lancaster.

The University of Cumbria has initiated a project to display interpretation boards recording the history of the surviving original buildings on its Lancaster Campus, which were part of the former Bowerham Barracks, depot for King's Own between 1881 and 1959.

HRH Duke of Gloucester included the Museum in his visit to Lancaster in December.

Prepared by Antony Gribbon 16 January 2026

King's Own Royal Regiment Museum Trust Account 2024 – 25

	C/F	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Income	43427.93				
Donations		0	0	0	500
Donation Box		0	0	0	0
Legacy Income		0	0	0	0
Book Royalties		0	0	0	0
Exhibition Grants		0	0	0	0
Project Grants		0	0	0	0
Ecommerce		0	0	0	0
Bank Interest		175.55	176.08	135.73	116.96
HMRC		0	3089.54	0	0

Sub-Total		175.55	3265.62	135.73	616.96
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	C/F	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Expenditure					
Acquisitions		0	0	0	0
Auditor's Fees		0	0	0	0
Professional Services		0	0	0	0
Professional Support		0	0	0	0
Subscriptions & licenses		0	0	0	0
Memberships		0	0	86	0
Trustee Meetings/Training		0	450	0	0
Travel & Subsistence		0	0	0	115.88
Publicity		0	0	0	0
World Pay (Website)		0	0	0	0
Ecommerce		0	100	0	0
Postage		0	0	0	0
Stationary & Printing		0	0	0	0
Exhibitions		0	0	41	300
Project Salary Research		0	5445.58	364.01	6441.51
Insurance		0	173.70	0	0
Bank Charges		0	0	0	0

Sub-Total		0	6169.28	491.01	6857.39
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BALANCE	43427.93	175.55	(2903.66)	(355.28)	(6240.43)
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New Balance as at 31 March 2025 £34104.11

Prepared by Andrew D.C. Whitton 11th January 2026

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Chair's Annual Report 2023-2024.

The past year has been a successful one for the King's Own Royal Regiment Museum Trust which, while not as high profile as the previous year has seen some very significant developments.

Our first Trustee led exhibition - 1942: The Hinge of Fate was brought to a successful conclusion with both the physical exhibition and the public engagement programme enthusiastically received by Lancaster and beyond. Although only a relatively small exhibition space wise it achieved interesting content with an engaging aesthetic and exciting interaction. Much of use was learnt during the programme.

We appointed a project manager for the Abyssinia Project thanks to support from the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation and the Museum Association. The aim of the project is to explore and fully understand those artefacts we retain from the King's Own's involvement the Napier Expedition of 1867 and engage with the full range of stakeholders with an interest in the collection for Trustees to develop an open, transparent and collegiate approach to the future of the collection.

There are, however, some concerns regarding the recruitment of fresh Trustees with appropriate professional skills and Trustee (volunteer) fatigue. This is now pressing particularly on the case of the Chair's term in office. These issues have been raised with RHQ Duke of Lancaster's Regiment and Lancaster City Council.

That said the King's Own Royal Regiment Museum Trust is in good heart and we look forward to working with Lancaster City Council to play our role in developing or home, the City Museum as soon as they are in a position to do so.

King's Own Royal Regiment Museum Trust Account 2022 - 2023.

	C/F	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4
Income	44944				
Donations		0	0	1000	0
Donations Box		0	484.83	0	0
Legacy Income		0	0	0	0
Book Royalties		0	0	0	0
Exhibition Grants		30305			0
Project Grants		0	0	0	0
Ecommerce		0	0	0	0
Bank Interest		6.47	14.21	34.68	78.23
Other		0	0	0	0

Sub Total		30311.47	499.04	1034.68	78.23
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	C/F	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4
Acquisitions		0	0	0	0
Auditor's Fees		0	0	0	0
Professional Services		0	0	0	0
Professional Support		0	0	0	0
Subscriptions & Licenses		0	0	0	0
Memberships		0	0	82	
Trustee Meetings, Conferences & Training		0	70		0
Trustee Travel & Subsistence		0	0	123	0
Publicity		0	0	0	0
World Pay (Website Hosting)		0	0	0	0

Museum Association

AMOT Conference

AMOT Conference

Website Development		0	0	0	0
Ecommerce		0	0	0	0
Postage		0	16.8	0	0
Stationery & Printing Supplies		0	0	0	0
Exhibitions		0	30000	0	3000
Projects		0	0	0	0
Zoom		0		0	0
Insurance		0	147.69	0	0
Bank Charges		0	0	0	

To Special Projects Account/Hinge of Fate

Sub Total		0	30234.49	205	3000
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Total		30311.47	- 29735.45	829.68	-2921.77
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Balance	44944	75255.47	45520.02	46349.7	43427.93
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Inspected and assessed to be correct.

Robin Ashcroft. 12th January 2025