

384th Bombardment Group Museum

Charity Number 1202861

Trustees Annual Report

01/03/2024 to 29/02/2024

Objectives and Activities

The objective of the Museum is to advance the education of the public by means of creating and maintaining a Museum & Visitor Centre to exhibit artefacts and provide information relating to 384th Bombardment Group based at Grafton Underwood during World War 2. This will encompass the role of the USAAF (United States Army Air Force) and the varied influences it had on the area of Kettering / East Northamptonshire both directly and indirectly, through the utilisation of existing historical buildings on the original site of the airfield.

Achievements and Performance

Purchase of Assets

The Museum purchased two buildings - Operations Block and Norden Bomb Sight Store that originally facilitated the planning of the flight sorties that would have taken place during World War Two. These will be instrumental in the education of what happened on this site.

Clearance Groundworks and Utilities

The land on which both buildings are located has been sympathetically cleared of trees and shrubs that had overgrown the area since the buildings were last in operation (circa 1945). The utilities & drainage available 80 years ago are now all decommissioned. Currently there, however, work is ongoing to get these to site. Research is currently underway to identify what cost effective utility solutions can be installed on site.

Building Works

Intensive restoration work has taken place on both buildings and are now watertight by means of new roofs. The Operations building currently is the main focus of restoration, this is a large task including filling in conduit and making good the internal walls and rooms making them into a condition suitable for use as a Museum. It is hoped that a new Visitor Centre will be erected to replicate the Nissen Hut that was there as Group Headquarters Admin building. This will be used in the short term as a point of interest whilst the restoration work is ongoing in the original buildings.

Volunteers

The Museum has maintained a good number of volunteers and is attracting new ones as the project progresses. The volunteers assist in the restoration work, tours of the buildings and the airfield site as well as supporting visits by veterans of the US Army Air Force that fought in World War Two. We have a diverse range of volunteers, many with specific professional skills that are utilised by the Museum.

Governance

Regular meetings have been held to conduct the Charity's normal business to aid in decision making on the running of the Museum Project. Currently there are three Trustees that manage the day-to-day operations of the Charity, and it is hoped to expand this in the future.

Revenue

Nearly all of the Revenue has come from donations, supplemented by events run by the Museum. A line of merchandise has been created to provide extra income from sales.

Social Media & Website

The Museum has its own Facebook page and intends to create a website in the future. The Museum is supported by the American stateside 384th Bomb Group Historical Association, they also advertise the Museum on their Website and Facebook pages.

Financial Review

The Museum has been predominantly funded by donations, a large one-off donation from 384th Bomb Group Historical Association in the US and the rest through a GoFundMe page. Other sources of revenue have come from the sales of merchandise and fundraising events.

There are no bad debts, and all creditors are paid in a timely manner.

The Trustees operate using a delegation of authority before any expenditure is made, ensuring all costs are appropriate in the first instance.

It is hoped that the Museum can be considered for grants to assist in the large projects required to get utilities on site.

No reserves are currently held, this will be reviewed regularly and instigated as and when this is feasible. The Charity is a going concern with sufficient funds to complete the Visitor Centre.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Date of the Constitution was 11th February 2023.

The Charity has a Constitution Document that it works to.

All Trustees were appointed at the date of constitution. All were already volunteers of the project. They were appointed on the basis of understanding of the history and a knowledge of the project, an interest in the subject matter and relevant professional skills.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name - 384th Bombardment Group Museum

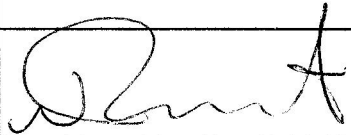


Registered Charity Number – 1202861

Charity's Principal Address - 12 Bowland Drive, Barton Seagrave, Northants NN 15 6TX

Trustees

Chairman	Neill Howarth
Secretary	Matt Smith
Treasurer	Keith Andrews

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report above.		
Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees		
Chairman	Name	Neill Howarth
	Signature	
	Date	21 Nov 2024
Secretary	Name	Matt Smith
	Signature	
	Date	25/11/2024
Treasurer	Name	Keith Andrews
	Signature	
	Date	12/11/2024

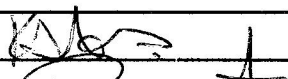
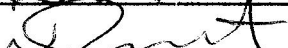
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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	
	£	£	£	£	
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	39,601	0	0	39,601	
Charitable activities	0	0	0	0	
Other trading activities	5,758	0	0	5,758	
Investments	24	0	0	24	
Separate material item of income	0	0	0	0	
Other	0	0	0	0	
Total	45,383	0	0	45,383	
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5,237	0	0	5,237	
Charitable activities	4,291	0	0	4,291	
Separate material item of expense	0	0	0	0	
Other	1,125	0	0	1,125	
Total	10,653	0	0	10,653	
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	34,730	0	0	34,730	
Net gains/(losses) on investments	0	0	0	0	
Net income/(expenditure)	34,730	0	0	34,730	
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	
Net Movement in Funds	34,730	0	0	34,730	
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward	13,049	0	0	13,049	
Total funds carried forward	47,779	0	0	47,779	

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	Total funds	
Fixed assets		
Intangible assets	0	
Tangible assets	32,725	
Heritage assets	0	
Investments	0	
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	32,725	
Current assets		
Stocks	1,415	
Debtors	0	
Investments	0	
Cash at bank and in hand	13,639	
<i>Total current assets</i>	15,054	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	0	
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	15,054	
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	47,779	
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	0	
Provisions for liabilities	0	
Total net assets or liabilities	47,779	
Funds of the charity:		
Endowment funds	0	
Restricted income funds	0	
Unrestricted funds	47,779	
Revaluation reserve	0	
Total charity funds	47,779	

Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
	KEITH ANDREWS	12/11/2024
	NEIL HEWITT	21.11.2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

384th Bombardment Group Museum

On accounts for the year
ended

28 February 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1202861

Set out on pages

1 to 4 (including these 2 pages)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 28/02/2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Signed: D Warren

Date: 17/09/2024

Name: Darren Warren – Paxton Independent Examiners

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.