



ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

1. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

- a. Objectives:
 - i. To research, conserve, interpret and provide access to the tangible and intangible military heritage of the city of Ripon and its environs.
- b. Activities
 - i. Extensive engagement with Homes England, North Yorkshire Council and MoD (including DIO)
 - ii. Extensive engagement with local politicians at Unitary Authority and parish council
 - iii. Extensive engagement with local organisations representing veteran bodies, local interest groups, other charities

2. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

- a. Successful partnership with the Institute of the Public Understanding of the Past (University of York), culminating in mentorship and research programme with an M.A. student
- b. The research and initial production of an interactive, digital map marking WW2 sites relating to military, civil defence and the 'Home Front' of Ripon and its environs
- c. Research and collation of material to further the production of a Heritage Strategy with Homes England to aid the preservation of heritage assets at Ripon Barracks
- d. Continuation of the Oral History Project, recording memories of the military in Ripon
- e. Participation in local community events such as the Royal Engineers Freedom Weekend
- f. Giving talks to local groups to raise the awareness and understanding of the military history of the city and its surroundings
- g. The Trust has received a limited number of donations for its collection, for example a 1/6 scale wooden model of a Bailey bridge which was used to teach Royal Engineers. In response the Trust has produced and agreed a 'Collections Acquisition & Disposal Policy'. This has been established in line with current best practice and professional collections management expertise

3. FINANCIAL REVIEW

- a. at present we have no assets beyond our modest bank balance, other than gifts of manuals, models and personal memorabilia.
- b. We therefore have no material financial investments and have set no policy for such
- c. The principal risks facing the charity are that we fail to achieve our immediate target – that of preserving examples of the huts in Deverell Barracks, in which case we would continue to work on our other ongoing programmes, including the Oral History Project.
- d. It has been appropriate to incur no liabilities while we have no assets against which to offset these. We do not intend to incur any liabilities at this stage.
- e. Funding during the period has been from donations and grants.
- f. At the end of the reporting period, the charity held £858.85 in its Unity Trust Bank account.



- g. No commitments beyond the cost of operating the bank account, the charity website and charitable rate subscriptions to Microsoft and ESRI have been identified.
- h. The cost of these commitments has been underwritten by a corporate donor, who has undertaken to provide £500 per annum to the charity.
- i. Future programmes will not be embarked on without funds having been secured to cover the cost of their implementation and completion.

4. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

- a. RMHT is a CIO with six trustees
- b. RMHT has no employees
- c. The trustees meet frequently

5. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

- a. Ripon Military Heritage Trust
- b. Registered Charity number 1203294
- c. 30 Market Place West, Ripon HG4 1BN
- d. Trustees:
 - i. Guy Wilson
 - ii. Jane Furse
 - iii. Stuart Martin
 - iv. Michael Furse
 - v. Rachel Wigginton
 - vi. Andrew Coles - appointed at Trustee meeting 16/03/2025
- e. Contact mail@riponmht.org

6. EXEMPTIONS FROM DISCLOSURE

- a. N/A

7. FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF OTHERS

- a. Nil

The annual report was approved by the Trustees on 4th February 2025, and in consequences were approved for signature by the Chairman on their joint behalf.

Guy Wilson, Chairman

Date: 4th February 2026

Charity Name		No (if any)		CC16a
RIPON MILITARY HERITAGE TRUST				
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date	
	06.04.24		05.04.25	

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					
NYCC Grant		1,000	-	1,000	
Donations (various) during the year	249	-	-	249	1,484
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	249	1,000	-	1,249	1,484
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Not Applicable	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	249	1,000	-	1,249	1,484
A3 Payments					
Bank charges during the year	65	-	-	65	72
Website Design & Build - Akros	-	-	-	-	420
Photography Display	317	-	-	317	150
Annual insurance policy	56	-	-	56	-
Recording kit		683	-	683	-
Computer software ArcGIS	185	-	-	185	-
Website Design & Build - Akros	420	-	-	420	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,043	683	-	1,726	642
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,043	683	-	1,726	642
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 794	317	-	- 477	842
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	842	-	-	842	-
Cash funds this year end	48	317	-	365	842

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	Bank Balance	48	317	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	48	317	-
	(agree balances with receipts)	OK	OK	OK


	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Heritage Assets donated:	unrestricted	-	-
	LAFB 1/6 scale Model	unrestricted	-	-
	Bailey Bridge 1/6 scale model	unrestricted	-	-
	Display boards	unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Mr Michael Furse TREASURER	04/02/2026