

MEMORIAL GATES – TRUSTEES REPORT – FY 5 April 2024-2025

Charity Number: 1203649

Introduction.

In 2002 The Memorial Gates were inaugurated by HM The Queen. This was the culmination of much work by a previous committee, The Memorial Gates Trust which was led inspirationally by Baroness Flather. She was successful in raising sufficient funds to have the Memorial Gates built. The Trust was not a charity at that stage.

Establishment of The Charity.

In 2023 the application to become charity was commenced and on June 20th 2023 the Charity Commission registered the Memorial Gates as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Charity Number 1203649.

The objects of the CIO are:

1. To advance the education of the public in the contribution made by the people from the Indian Sub-Continent, the Continent of Africa and the Caribbean and the Pacific Islands who served in the Armed Forces of the Crown whether by land ,sea or in the air during the World Wars of 1914-1918 and 1939-1945 and subsequently through the provision of an educational programme and an annual Commemoration at the Memorial Gates in Green Park, London.
2. To promote good citizenship for the public benefit by making grants of financial assistance to the Royal Parks (Registered Charity No. 1172042) to assist in the upkeep and maintenance of the Memorial Gates in Green Park London. The Council was established to continue the work of the former Memorial Gates Trust.

The Trustees of the Charity over the period Apr 2024 to April 2025 were as follows:

The Rt Hon Lord Boateng CVO **NEW**

Lord Bilimoria **Stepped Down at end of tenure**

Major General Sir Evelyn Webb-Carter KCVO, OBE, DL

Lieutenant Colonel Nana Tata Twumasi-Ankrah MVO **NEW**

Mr Praveen Moman

Ms Gerardine Hogarth

Mr Paul Chambers

Dr Richard Evans

Major Mani Rai **now deceased**

Sub Committees:

Events	6 meetings
Governance	1 meeting
Education	3 meetings

Activities Over Period to April 2025

1. The Charity with assistance from the Council arranged the Annual Ceremony on Commonwealth Day 10th March 2025 at The Memorial Gates which was attended by High Commissioners from The Commonwealth Countries
2. An Education Committee under the leadership of Dr Evans is in process of producing sample pages for a website with which to promote to Charitable Trusts in order to obtain funding.
3. Fundraising has been an important part of where the Memorial Gates wish to be. Funds are needed to promote an educational programme.
4. There is an important link with The Royal British Legion who have undertaken to fund the annual ceremony for three years 2024, 2025 and 2026 via a Memorandum of Understanding signed July 2023. They have since undertaken to extend this agreement to fund the ceremonies for a further three years, 2027, 2028 and 2029

Plans For The Future.

Our idea of holding reception to take place in the House of Commons in 2025 has been put to one side as it involves too much financial risk. Instead, in 2026 it is intended to hold a more modest event in The East India Club, National Army Museum or Army and Navy Club. The purpose would be to raise the profile of the charity and to attract donations. Those funds would contribute to an educational programme and provide funding for the annual ceremony 2030 onwards.

Evelyn Webb-Carter

Vice Chairman

1 October 2025

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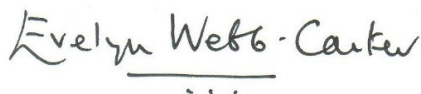
A steady stream of modest donations have been made over the year. These are not sufficient to fund any ambitious events aimed at accruing more funds.

Balance as at 5 April 2024:	£818.45
Donations:	£2711.16
Cash at Bank:	£3529.61
Expenditure:	NIL
Liabilities:	NIL
Net Assets:	£3529.61

Bank: Metro Bank
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London WC1B 5HA
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Sort Code: 23-05-80
Account Number: 53645771

Signed:



Evelyn Webb-Carter
Vice Chair

Signed:



Praveen Moman
Treasurer

1 October 2025