

**ROYAL NAVY (ROMAN CATHOLIC) TRUST**

**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**Charity Number 242543**

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**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS**

The Board of Trustees	Lieutenant Commander P A'Hern RN Very Rev D Conroy KHC VE RN (Ex-Officio) - retired 1 September 2024 P Firth Rt Rev Bishop P Mason (Ex-Officio) Father R Matau RN (Ex-Officio) - appointed 1 September 2024 Commodore N Tindal RN Wing Commander C P Thorpe RAF - Chairman
Principal Address	Royal Navy Catholic Chaplaincy The Chaplaincy HMS Collingwood Newgate Lane Fareham Hampshire PO14 1AS
Charity Registered Number	242543
Independent Examiner	Mark Dickinson FCA Shaw Gibbs (Audit) Limited Wey Court West Union Road Farnham Surrey GU9 7PT
Bankers	Royal Bank of Scotland Holts Camberley Branch 11 High Street Camberley Surrey GU15 3AL
Investment Manager	BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited PO Box 9036 Chelmsford Essex CM99 2XD

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

The trustees have the pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**Legal Status**

The Royal Navy (Roman Catholic) Trust was created by a Declaration of Trust dated 26 February 1958. The Governing document was amended by order of the Charity Commissioners on 5 August 2002.

The Royal Navy (Roman Catholic) Trust is a Registered Charity, charity number 242543.

**Trustees Appointments and New Trustee Proceedings**

The ex-officio trustees are appointed by virtue of their respective offices. Co-optative trustees are appointed by a resolution of the trustees passed at a special meeting.

The chairman of trustees contacts new ex-officio trustees and potential new lay trustees prior to attendance at their first trustees meeting, to tell them about the background and activities of the trust. All new trustees are also provided with a copy of the charity commission guide "The Essential Trustee: what you need to know".

**Objects of the Trust**

The objects of the trust are the advancement of the Roman Catholic Religion among members of the Royal Navy and the welfare of Roman Catholic members of His Majesty's Royal Navy.

**Connected Charities**

The following Charities are connected to the Royal Navy (Roman Catholic) Trust.

Vicariate Headquarters Trust 26 The Crescent Farnborough Hampshire GU14 7AS	The Army Roman Catholic Trust St. Michael and St. George Parish Office Queens Avenue Aldershot Hampshire GU11 2BY
Royal Air Force Roman Catholic Church Purposes Fund The Chaplaincy Centre RAF Cosford Albrighton Wolverhampton WV7 3EX	The Roman Catholic Bishopric of the Forces (GB) Wellington House St Omer Barracks Aldershot Hampshire GU11 2BG

**Investment Powers**

Under the Trust Deed, the charity has the power to make any investment which the trustees see fit. BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited invest all of the funds into the Armed Forces Charities Growth and Income Fund.

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**Reserves**

The trustees are resolved to ensure that income is expended upon the objects of the charity, taking one year with another. Reserves, which principally arise from the appreciation over time of the portfolio of investments, are resolved to be invested to procure a steady and rising income over time so as to ensure that the expenditure upon charitable objectives may be increased.

**Achievements and Performance**

In addition to the usual planned activities, the Trust supported an extra event, the Forces Military Jubilee weekend in Rome, to mark 2025 as a Year of jubilee in the Catholic Church. In total 66% of expenditure was used in support of Outreach activity.

The overall in-year loss of £9,573 reflects the early payment of the 2026 grant to HCPT of £6,249 and an additional IMP expenditure of £3,250 for the band, which in the past has been supported through public funds.

Support continued to be provided to the Bishopric of the Forces and with the employment of a pastoral assistant.

One chaplain received support through the Chaplains' Welfare designated fund.

**Financial Review**

Investment income on quoted investments have increased in the year but there was a reduction in planned giving. Grants were received from RNRMC (in support of IMP) and the Sir Harold Hood Trust (in support of Outreach, particularly the employment of a Pastoral Assistant).

The trust's investments are managed by BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited and have been invested in the Armed Forces Charities Growth and Income Fund.

Whilst Investment income increased over the period, the market value of investments decreased by 4%.

The financial markets continue to be volatile and the performance of the Trust's investments against the benchmark are being closely monitored to ensure the best return possible.

**Plans for Future Periods**

Expenditure on the support of the Bishopric of the Forces, the Lourdes Pilgrimage, and all other regular activities will be continued.

**General**

The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, and with the charity's governing document.

**Funds**

The Funds held are unrestricted and are held to further the objects of the Trust. These funds are available and are adequate to fulfil the obligations of the trust

Unrestricted funds include a designated fund for Chaplains' Welfare.

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**Public Benefit**

The Trust facilitates the faith practice of Roman Catholic members of the Royal Navy, their families and those other Service personnel who wish to associate with them by providing for their participation in events which foster and develop their spiritual lives, enhance their sense of humanity and improve their sense of belonging and citizenship. It enables Chaplains to provide the best pastoral care and resources, and to engage people more deeply with the moral component of their military responsibilities. In addition, it supports the pastoral ministry of the Bishop of the Forces to those same people.

Recruiting to the Service – and thereby to benefiting from the Trust - is based on competence and character alone, and not determined by the Trust but by the Ministry of Defence. The Trust makes a point of supporting servicemen and -women affected by Operations. The Trust supports all Service personnel, Roman Catholic or not, who wish to be part of the outreach of the Roman Catholic community in the Royal Navy. Particular care is taken that those on lower incomes, typically those under training, are given additional financial support.

No private benefits are received by anyone.

**The Trustees**

The trustees who served the charity during the period were as follows:

Lieutenant Commander P A'Hern RN  
Very Rev D Conroy KHC VE RN - retired 1 September 2024  
P Firth  
Rt Rev Bishop P Mason  
Father R Matau RN- appointed 1 September 2024  
Commodore N Tindal RN  
Wing Commander C P Thorpe RAF - Chairman

**Trustees' Responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statement of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. The trustees are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Father R Matau RN  
Trustee

Approved by the trustees on 3 July 2025

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER  
UNDER SECTION 144 OF THE CHARITIES ACT 2011  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROYAL NAVY (ROMAN CATHOLIC) TRUST**

I report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 as set out on pages 6 to 11.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirement:
  - to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Mark Dickinson FCA  
Shaw Gibbs (Audit) Limited  
Wey Court West  
Union Road  
Farnham  
Surrey  
GU9 7PT**

Dated : 3 July 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>			
Investment income	2	43,224	41,234
General donations and legacies	3	565	3,561
Charitable activities	3	25,000	17,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>68,789</b>	<b>61,795</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
<b>Charitable Activities</b>			
Grants paid	4	18,550	17,768
Other charitable activities	4	59,812	52,061
		<b>78,362</b>	<b>69,829</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>78,362</b>	<b>69,829</b>
<b>NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE AND NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS BEFORE GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS</b>		<b>(9,573)</b>	<b>(8,035)</b>
Net Gains/(losses) on Investments	7	(46,193)	18,782
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>		<b>(55,767)</b>	<b>10,747</b>
<b>Transfers</b>			
General unrestricted		(1,000)	(1,000)
Designated unrestricted		1,000	1,000
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>(55,767)</b>	<b>10,747</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
FUNDS AT 1 APRIL 2024		1,106,923	1,096,175
FUNDS AT 31 MARCH 2025		<b>1,051,156</b>	<b>1,106,923</b>

All movements are in unrestricted funds.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.



**BALANCE SHEET  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Investments	7		997,028		1,043,221
			<u>997,028</u>		<u>1,043,221</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	8	2,027		887	
Cash at bank		54,256		64,669	
		<u>56,283</u>		<u>65,556</u>	
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	(2,154)		(1,854)	
		<u>(2,154)</u>		<u>(1,854)</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			54,129		63,702
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u>1,051,156</u>		<u>1,106,923</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>					
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted:	12				
Designated			6,822		5,933
General			1,044,334		1,100,990
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			<u>1,051,156</u>		<u>1,106,923</u>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 3 July 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:

Wing Commander C. P. Thorpe RAF (Chairman)

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****1 Accounting Policies****Basis of accounting**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The accounts have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

**Incoming Resources**

General donations, collections, grants and bank interest are accounted for on a receivable basis.

Legacies are accounted for when they have been notified to the trust and it is probable it will be received.

**Resources Expended**

Charitable activities costs include grants made and governance costs as shown in note 4.

**Investments**

Investments are managed under a discretionary agreements by BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited.

Investments are accounted for by reference to the bargain date shown by the contract note issued in respect of their purchase or disposal.

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recorded at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the bid price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

The Trust does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

**Investment income**

Income arising from investments is included by reference to the normal date of payment of dividends or interest on that investment. Provision is not made in the accounts for dividends to be received in the next accounting period on investments declared ex-dividend prior to 31st March 2024.

**Taxation**

As a qualifying charity, the trust is not liable to UK taxation.

**Debtors**

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

**Creditors**

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction date.

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<b>2 Investment Income</b>	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
UK quoted investments	42,480	40,356
Bank interest receivable	743	868
Other interest received on gift aid claims	-	10
	<b>43,224</b>	<b>41,234</b>
<b>3 Income - Charitable activities</b>	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
<u>Grants Received</u>		
Sir Harold Hood Trust	17,000	17,000
Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity	8,000	-
	<b>25,000</b>	<b>17,000</b>
	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
<u>General Donations and Legacies</u>		
Donations	565	3,561
	<b>565</b>	<b>3,561</b>
<b>4 Expenditure - Charitable activities</b>	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
<u>Grants Paid</u>		
Bishopric of the Forces	18,550	17,768
	<b>18,550</b>	<b>17,768</b>
<u>Other Charitable Activities</u>		
Chaplains CPD / Conference	5,875	2,966
Lourdes Military Pilgrimage	17,680	17,707
Rome Jubilee Pilgrimage	3,864	-
HCPT	11,720	7,769
World Youth Day Pilgrimage	-	1,932
Walsingham Pilgrimage	543	-
The Association of Royal Navy Chaplains	-	-
HMS Raleigh Catholic Fund	-	-
Annual Naval Mass	443	883
Catholic Heritage Weekend	-	906
Chaplains Welfare	110	357
Pastoral Assistant Salary and Expenses	10,972	11,077
Chaplains Recruiting	161	297
Outreach	211	1,128
Accountancy (see note 5)	3,444	3,328
Administration and Resources	237	871
PRCC Expenses	402	500
Publications	2,857	-
Travel, Subsistence and Accommodation	344	151
Chaplain's Training Support	-	-
Sundry	-	190
Armed Forces Chaplaincy Centre Painting Contribution	-	1,000
RM Poole Little Green Book	-	1,000
Donation to West Window Restoration Fund	950	-
	<b>59,812</b>	<b>52,061</b>

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**4 Expenditure - Charitable activities (cont.)**

Paid out of designated fund	110	357
Paid out of general unrestricted fund	59,702	51,704
	<b>59,812</b>	<b>52,061</b>

**5 Accountancy**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accountancy and Secretarial	2,544	2,428
Independent Examiner Fees	900	900
	<b>3,444</b>	<b>3,328</b>

**6 Staff Costs & Trustees' Remuneration and Emoluments**

During the year there was one part time employee (note 4)  
No employee earned £60,000 per annum or more (2024: none )

No Trustees received any remuneration in respect to their services as a trustee during the year (2024: none)  
During the year two trustees were reimbursed a total of £163 (2024: one trustee for £7)  
incurred for services provided to the charity.

**7 Investments**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Listed Investments</b>		
Armed Forces Charities Growth and Income Fund	997,028	1,043,221
	<b>997,028</b>	<b>1,043,221</b>
<b>Movement in Market Value</b>		
Market value at 1 April 2024	1,043,221	1,024,439
Acquisitions at cost	-	-
Disposals at opening book value	-	-
Net (Losses)/Gains on revaluations in the year ended 31 March 2025	(46,193)	18,782
Market value at 31 March 2025	<b>997,028</b>	<b>1,043,221</b>
Historical cost at 31 March 2025	<b>811,948</b>	<b>811,948</b>

**8 Analysis of current assets**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income Tax Recoverable - Gift Aid	746	656
Loans Receivable	-	-
Prepayments	1,281	231
	<b>2,027</b>	<b>887</b>

All current assets including cash at bank balances relate to unrestricted funds.

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**9 Analysis of current liabilities**

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	1,854	1,854
Deferred Income	300	-
	<b>2,154</b>	<b>1,854</b>

All creditors relate to unrestricted funds.

**10 Vicariate Headquarters Trust**

The Royal Navy (Roman Catholic) Trust has contributed funds to the Vicariate Headquarters Trust for the purchase of property and the subsequent refurbishment of the property. The trustees of the Vicariate Headquarters Trust have confirmed that in the event of the Trust being wound up, they would return surplus funds to the contributing parties. In the eventuality 7.24% of any surplus would be returned to the Royal Navy (Roman Catholic) Trust.

**11 Related Party Transactions**

A grant was paid during the year to the Roman Catholic Bishopric of the Forces (GB) of £18,550 (2024: £17,768). The charities are connected by virtue of having some Trustees in common.

**12 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fund balances at 31 March are represented by:		
Investments	997,028	1,043,221
Net Current Assets	54,129	63,702
	<b>1,051,156</b>	<b>1,106,923</b>
<b>Total funds (Unrestricted)</b>	<b>1,051,156</b>	<b>1,106,923</b>
<b>Split of unrestricted funds</b>		
Designated	6,822	5,933
General	1,044,334	1,100,990
	<b>1,051,156</b>	<b>1,106,923</b>

A designated fund was set up by Trustees for Chaplains' Post Operational Welfare, the balance on this fund at the year end was £6,822.