

THE HEADLEY COURT CHARITY

**The Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts
For the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

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CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

In 2024 the Trustees continued to disperse the assets of the Charity by making grants to armed forces charities whose purposes are comparable with the objects of the Charity, principally rehabilitation, research and wellbeing. They also sought legal advice about the most appropriate ways in which they could wind up of the Charity, or merge it with a charity with similar objects, or allow it to continue in existence with new trustees or a corporate trustee. They hope that this process will be completed in 2025.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Headley Court Charity was established under a Charity Commission Scheme dated 1 April 1968 and subsequently amended by a Charity Commission Schemes dated 17 October 2000, 11 July 2017 and 29 July 2020 and a resolution passed by the Trustees on 31 July 2019. The Charity is governed and managed by a Board of Trustees, who are supported by their Clerk. The Scheme states that there should be at least three trustees, including an ex-officio trustee who shall be an Air Officer from the Royal Air Force appointed by the Chief of the Air Staff, a person nominated by the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, and one or two co-opted trustees, all of whom serve for a period of five years. Following the resignation of Air Marshal Walton in October 2023, the Chief of the Air Staff elected not to appoint a replacement given the impending demise of the charity. All the current trustees have been appointed or re-appointed in the last five years.

OBJECTS

The objects of the Charity are:

- (1) The rehabilitation of serving, reserve and auxiliary members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United Kingdom (the beneficiaries).
- (2) Research into the medical rehabilitation of serving, reserve, and auxiliary members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United Kingdom.
- (3) The relief of hardship of the beneficiaries and their families.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees gave careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the Trustees considered how any grants they make would contribute to the Charity's aims and objectives.

In 2024 the Trustees paid a grant of £363,000 to The Not Forgotten, which will fund their Adaptive Ski Programme for the next three years. They also paid a grant of £200,000 to HighGround, which will fund an additional horticultural therapist at DMRC Stanford Hall for the next 5 years.

The Trustees' main objectives for 2024 were to

- To wind up the charity; or
- To merge the charity with a charity of comparable purpose; or
- To continue the charity, possibly by appointing another charity to act as a corporate trustee

While they failed to achieve these objectives, they continued to make progress towards their achievement by agreeing to assign the benefit of the overage and clawback rights arising from the sale of the Headley Court Estate to the ADVANCE Charity and by entering into exploratory negotiations with a number of military charities.

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PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Trustees' objectives for 2025 are:

- To wind up the charity; or
- To merge the charity with a charity of comparable purpose; or
- To continue the charity, possibly by appointing another charity to act as a corporate trustee, or new trustees.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Statement of Financial Activities is set out on page 7 and shows a net deficit of £595,478 (2023: net deficit of £55,491). Income for the year amounted to £79,946 (2023: £73,772). Expenditure on charitable activities amounted to £675,424 (2023: £129,263).

RESERVES

The Trustees' reserves policy is to hold in reserve sufficient funds to cover the costs of winding up the Charity.

STAFFING

The Trustees wish to thank the Clerk for her work in 2024.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name: The Headley Court Charity – also known as the Headley Court Trust.

Registered Charity Number: 256382

Principal Address: C/o 16 Westpoint, 49 Putney Hill, London SW15 6RU

Trustees

Air Vice-Marshal A. J. Stables CBE FRAeS (Chairman)

Mr M. S. Debens

Air Commodore P. J. Hughesdon MBE

Clerk: Ms K. Kirkland BA (Hons) FRSA

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Bates Wells LLP
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

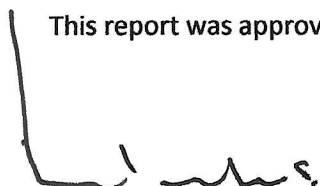
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then 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 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 22 July 2025.



Air Vice-Marshal Anthony Stables CBE FRAeS (Chairman)

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HEADLEY COURT CHARITY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 December 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 Charity'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 do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts do 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.

Moore Kingston Smith LLP

Adam Fullerton FCA DChA

For and on behalf of Moore Kingston Smith LLP

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Date: 4 August 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations		256	236
Legacies		10,333	500
Interest		69,357	73,036
Total income		<u>79,946</u>	<u>73,772</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities	2	675,424	129,263
Movement in funds		<u>(595,478)</u>	<u>(55,491)</u>
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2024		1,695,361	1,750,852
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2024 4		<u><u>1,099,883</u></u>	<u><u>1,695,361</u></u>

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at Bank		1,209,771	1,799,380
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Grant creditors	3	(101,854)	(100,000)
Accruals	3	(8,034)	(4,019)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,099,883</u>	<u>1,695,361</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>1,099,883</u>	<u>1,695,361</u>
Represented by:			
GENERAL FUND	4	1,099,883	1,695,361
		<u>1,099,883</u>	<u>1,695,361</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 22 July 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Air Vice-Marshal A J Stables CBE FRAeS (Chairman)

The notes on pages 9 and 10 form an integral part of these accounts.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- a) **Basis of Accounting:** The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified to include the revaluation of investments. The statement of accounts has been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). 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 Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011. The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Going Concern: The Trustees, having previously decided to wind up the Charity following the sale of the Headley Court estate in May 2019, have now decided to continue the charity. After making enquiries the trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Therefore the accounts have been prepared on a "going concern" basis.

- b) **Income:** Income is recognised when there is entitlement to the funds, the receipt is probable, and the amount can be measured reliably. Donations are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable. Bank interest is accounted for on an accruals basis.
- c) **Resources Expended:** Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. The following accounting policies are applied to the different categories of expenditure:
- **Costs of charitable activity:** These relate to charitable expenditure and the support costs of the Charity. Charitable expenditure is recognised when it is incurred. Support costs are made up of professional fees, administrative and governance costs. Governance costs are incurred to ensure good public accountability and compliance with regulation and good practice.
- d) **Financial instruments:** The charity has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.
- e) **Cash and cash equivalents:** Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.
- f) **Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgements:** In the view of the trustees in applying the accounting policies adopted, no judgements were required that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements nor do any estimates or assumptions made carry a significant risk of material adjustment in the next financial year.

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2. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	2024	2023
	£	£
Charitable expenditure	664,854	120,336
Professional fees	4,225	2,195
Administrative expenses	6,345	6,732
Total expenditure	675,424	129,263

3. CREDITORS	2024	2023
	£	£
Other accruals	3,306	3,150
Grant creditors	101,854	100,000
Professional fees	4,728	869
Total	109,888	104,019

4. MOVEMENT OF RESERVES	2024	2023
	£	£
General Fund		
Balance brought forward	1,695,361	1,750,852
Incoming Resources for the year	79,946	73,772
Outgoing Resources for the year	(675,424)	(129,263)
Balance carried forward	1,099,883	1,695,361

5. TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

Included in administrative expenses are payments reimbursed to 3 (2023: 3) Trustees during the year which amounted to £737 (2023: £1,248).

6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In January 2024, a grant of £100,000 was paid to The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund in recognition of their historic support to the Charity. Air Commodore P.J. Hughesdon had been a member of the Fund's Key Management Personnel but left their employ in June 2023; he remains the Fund's nominated trustee. £Nil (2023: £100,000) was accrued at year end.