

# THE AIR CADETS LONDON AND SOUTH EAST GENERAL PURPOSES FUND

England & Wales · Charity number 261691

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 1970-10-22

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** FOR SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT FOR THE BENEFIT OF PERSONNEL OF THE AIR TRAINING CORPS IN THE LONDON AND SOUTH EAST REGION.

**Activities:** In accordance with the regulations of the parent body (The Air Training Corps) the charity is established to apply out of the income of the Fund so much thereof as the Trustees shall from time to time determine for such purposes as they shall from time to time think fit for the benefit of personnel of the Air Training Corps in the London & South East Region.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

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- East Sussex
- Essex
- Kent
- Surrey
- West Sussex
- Throughout London

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£60,807	£46,547	-	-
2024-03-31	£32,654	£37,334	-	-
2023-03-31	£33,434	£35,080	-	-
2022-03-31	£16,052	£21,268	-	-
2021-03-31	£30,303	£44,733	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Colin Gale	Chair	2022-11-05
Brian Slade		2019-05-01
George Taylor		2014-04-01
Maureen Marden		2023-03-04
Timothy Wakeman		2018-02-26

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# Accounts

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Air Cadets London and South East Region  
General Purposes Fund

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**2022 - 2023**

*Registered Charity No: 261691*



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**AIR CADETS LONDON & SOUTH EAST REGION GENERAL PURPOSES FUND**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES 2022 - 2023**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on the following pages.

**Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; I consider that the audit requirement of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply and it is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the 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 seeks explanation from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements to keep records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act and to prepare accounts which accord with those records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.~~

  
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Mrs Emma Vidler

Independent Examiner

Date: 5/5/23.....

Address:  
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## AIR CADETS LONDON & SOUTH EAST REGION GENERAL PURPOSES FUND

### THE TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Fund was constituted by Deed of Trust dated 28 September 1970 and is registered with the Charity Commissioners. The Fund's prime purpose is to provide full or part funding of activities in which cadets of the Royal Air Force Air Cadets, London & South East Region participate and which are not supported by public funds.

**Registered number:** 261691

**Address:** Headquarters Air Cadets London & South East  
Royal Air Force Northolt  
Ruislip,  
Middlesex HA4 6NG

#### **Trustees:**

##### Ex-Officio:

Gp Capt A Lewis RAFR - Commandant Air Cadets London & South East

##### Appointed:

Mr C Gale - Chairman, London & South East Air Cadet Council

Mr B F Slade - Treasurer to the Fund

##### Co-Opted

Mr J Leonard - Chairman, Kent Wing

Vacant - Chair, Sussex Wing

Mr P Stammers - Chairman, Surrey Wing

Mrs M Marden - Chair, London Wing

Mr R Goodchild - Chairman, Middlesex Wing

#### **Bankers:**

Barclays Bank PLC, Leicester, LE87 2BB

#### **Appointment of Co-opted Trustees**

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#### **Objects of the Charity**

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Donations from industry or commerce are always difficult to procure. The public at large, generally, do not appreciate that the RAF support from public funds, whilst including flying, gliding, visits to RAF stations, accommodation, uniforms and general training, specifically excludes the extensive sports programme, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, welfare, UK and overseas camps and many other activities.

#### **GENERAL PURPOSES FUND FUNDING**

Notes:

The Fund is managed on a day-to-day basis by the Treasurer to the Fund, with policy decisions overseen by the Trustees of the fund.

#### **REVIEW OF FINANCE**

London and South East Region had reported a total of **5,544** cadets at **31 December 2022** an increase of **81** cadets from the **5,463** cadets reported at **31 March 2022**. The General Purposes Fund balance of **£14,770.71** represents an investment of **£2.66** per cadet. Funding for individual and squadron awards originated from generously donated Bursaries. Over the years, the capital invested in the bursaries has depleted to such an extent that in 2016 - 2017, the very small remaining bursary funds were incorporated by the trustees into the main General Purposes Fund. The trustees and Region Council have been satisfied that during forthcoming years, there will be sufficient funds to meet the needs of the bursary awards and to meet other Region Trustee approved expenditure within the constraints of submitted budgets.

#### **ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

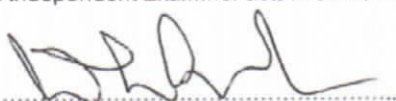
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#### **TRUSTEES, REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

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#### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

The Independent Examiner acts in an honorary capacity, and no fees or expenses have been paid.



Mr C Gale  
Chairman  
On behalf of the Board of Trustees

Date: 31 MAY 23

**AIR CADETS LONDON AND SOUTH EAST REGION - GENERAL PURPOSES FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**Current Assets:**

	Balance at 1 April 2022	In Year Transactions Apr 2022 – Mar 2023		Balance at 31 March 2023
		Income	Expenditure	
Balance of Fund at Bank	£16,415.95	£33,434.52	£35,079.76	£14,770.71
Cash Holdings (Region Petty Cash)	£396.10	£300.00	£523.48	£172.62
Equals Pre-Paid Cards	£0.00	£6,250.00	£,3926.92	£2,323.08
<b>GP Fund Total</b>	<b>£16,812.05</b>			<b>£17,266.41</b>

<b>Grant Elements included in Current Account Balance</b>				
615 VGS Improvement Grant - not yet claimed	£1,044.00	£0.00	£890.71	£153.29
2022 HQRAFAC Sports Facilities Hire Cost Grant to Wings (SVH)	£0.00	£8,003.52	£8,003.52	£0.00
HQRAFAC RAC Maintenance Grant	£154.84	£0.00	£0.00	£154.84
2022 HQRAFAC Sports Cost Grant (SCG)	£1,585.50	£2,000.00	£76.16	£3,509.34
Donation from Esso Petroleum Company (Shooting)	£500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00
<b>Grant Totals</b>	<b>£3,284.34</b>	<b>£10,003.52</b>	<b>£8,970.39</b>	<b>£4,317.47</b>

**Current Liabilities:**

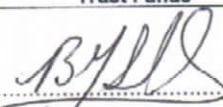
	FY 2021 - 2022	FY 2022 – 2023
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	£0	£0

**Net Current Assets**

	FY 2021 - 2022	FY 2022 – 2023
Total	£16,812.05	£17,266.41

**Represented by:**

	FY 2021 - 2022	FY 2022 – 2023
General Purposes Fund	£13,775.46	£12,948.94
Restricted Funds	£0.00	£0.00
Designated Funds	£7,856.49	£4,317.47
<b>Trust Funds</b>	<b>£21,631.95</b>	<b>£17,266.41</b>

  
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 Mr B F Slade  
 Treasurer to the Fund  
 21 April 2023  
 On behalf of the Trustee

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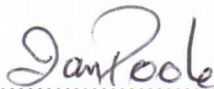
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Sqn Ldr (Ret'd) I H Poole RAFVR(T)  
Independent Examiner

31 May 2021

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## REVIEW OF FINANCE

London and South East Region had reported a total of **6,355** cadets at **31 December 2020** a loss of **795** cadets from the **7,150** cadets reported at **31 March 2020**. The General Purposes Fund balance of **£21,631.95** represents an investment of **£3.40** per cadet. Funding for individual and squadron awards originated from generously donated Bursaries. Over the years, the capital invested in the bursaries has depleted to such an extent that in 2016 - 2017, the very small remaining bursary funds were incorporated by the trustees into the main General Purposes Fund. The trustees and Region Council have been satisfied that during forthcoming years, there will be sufficient funds to meet the needs of the bursary awards and to meet other Region Trustee approved expenditure within the constraints of submitted budgets.

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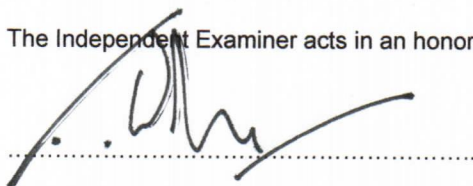
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Mr T Wakeman  
Chairman  
On behalf of the Board of Trustees

04 May 2021

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**BALANCE SHEET**

**Current Assets:**

	Balance at 1 April 2020	In Year Transactions Apr 2020 – Mar 2021		Balance at 31 March 2021
		Income	Expenditure	
<b>Balance of Fund at Bank</b>	£36,061.69	£30,303.25	£44,732.99	<b>£21,631.95</b>
<b>Cash Holdings</b>	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>GP Fund Total</b>	<b>£36,061.69</b>	<b>£30,303.25</b>	<b>£44,732.99</b>	<b>£21,631.95</b>

<b>Grant Elements included in Current Account Balance</b>				
Safer London Foundation (SLF) element	£1,044.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,044.00
615 VGS Improvement Grant - not yet claimed	£1,500.00	£0.00	£303.60	£1,196.40
2020 HQRAFAC Sports Facilities Hire Cost Grant to Wings (SVH)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2020 HQRAFAC RAC Maintenance Grant	£732.14	£0.00	£491.32	£240.82
2020 HQRAFAC Sports Cost Grant (SCG)	£6,381.90	£0.00	£4,796.40	£1,585.50
Donation from Rotary Club of Beckenham	£35.00	£0.00	£24.00	£11.00
Donation from Worshipful Co of Salters	£1,500.00	£0.00	£1,309.06	£190.94.00
Donation from Worshipful Co of Cutlers	£500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00
Donation from Esso Petroleum Company (Shooting)	£0.00	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00
Donation from PayPal Giving fund	£138.51	£0.00	£0.00	£138.51
Donation from Amazon Europe Core (Amazon Smile)	£0.00	£23.32	£0.00	£23.32
Region levy from Wings (Less GoCardless Fee)	£0.00	£2,438.00	£12.00	£2,426.00
Grant (Sainsburys) held for cadet training support	£2,497.47	£0.00	£2,497.47	£0.00
Honourable Society of Knights of The Round Table	£2,000.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	£0.00
<b>Grant Totals</b>	<b>£16,329.02</b>	<b>£2961.32</b>	<b>£11,433.85</b>	<b>£7,856.49</b>

**Current Liabilities:**

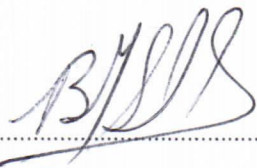
	FY 2019 - 2020	FY 2020 – 2021
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	£0	£0

**Net Current Assets**

	FY 2019 - 2020	FY 2020 – 2021
Total	£36,061.69	£21,631.95

**Represented by:**

	FY 2019 - 2020	FY 2020 – 2021
General Purposes Fund	£14,118.91	£13,775.46
Restricted Funds	£0.00	£0.00
Designated Funds	£21,942.78	£7,856.49
<b>Trust Funds</b>	<b>£36,061.69</b>	<b>£21,631.95</b>



Mr B F Slade  
Treasurer to the Fund  
9 April 2021  
On behalf of the Trustee