

THE SEALED KNOT LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 263004

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [01014700](#)

Registered 1971-10-21

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

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Activities

Objects: The objects of the Society are specifically limited to the following: To promote research into, and the study of, history, particularly but not limited to the Stuart and Republican periods (1603 ? 1689).

Activities: Promotes awareness of the British Civil Wars by performing battle re-enactments; giving educational talks; creating displays; taking part in commemorative & memorial events; and supporting of the preservation of historical battlefield sites. Promotes research into, and increase public interest in, the 17th century and history more widely.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£137,561	£162,465	-	-
2023-12-31	£147,256	£143,839	-	-
2022-12-31	£108,053	£132,624	-	-
2021-12-31	£78,665	£64,297	-	-
2020-12-31	£69,188	£53,608	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Abbie Elizabeth Pearce		2024-08-26
Alexander Keith Thompson		2023-02-18
Alison Margaret Warren		2025-08-23
Andrew Barry George		2025-02-23
Aron Lee George Jordan		2025-08-23
David Norman Parkes		2018-11-24
Elizabeth Hannah Wright		2024-08-06
Harriet Anne Rabbitts		2026-05-21
Jon Edward Courtney-Thompson		2025-01-01
Keith Sidney Robinson		2015-08-29
Margaret Eiluned Haf Ledgerwood		2025-08-23
Nicola Louise Winsor-Gray		2023-08-26
Rosemary Anne Sales		2020-12-10
Ross Galen Tooke		2024-08-26
SIMON TIMOTHY WRIGHT		2025-08-31
Thomas Iain Harrington		2022-08-27
Vincent Ian Pearce		2015-08-29

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Accounts

Registered number: 01014700
Charity numbers: 263004 and SC040724

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UNAUDITED
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITABLE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
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Trustees

B Upton
K S Robinson
V I Pearce
J R Fowler (resigned 27 May 2024)
D N Parkes
N C Jackson
T C Baldwin (resigned 1 January 2025)
C H J North-Bates
A B George (resigned 6 July 2024, reappointed 23 February 2025)
R A Sales
S R Tierney (resigned 14 January 2025)
T I Harrington
R D Phelps
E George (resigned 27 May 2024)
A K Thompson
A R Harrington
N L Winsor-Gray
R G Tooke (appointed 26 August 2024)
A E Pearce (appointed 26 August 2024)
E H Wright (appointed 26 August 2024)
J E Courtney-Thompson (appointed 1 January 2025)

Company registered number

01014700

Charity registered numbers

263004 and SC040724

Registered office

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Company secretary

C H J North-Bates

Accountants

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Chartered Accountants
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITABLE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND
ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Advisers (continued)

Solicitors	Clarke Willmott LLP Burlington House Botleigh Grange Business Park Hedge End Southampton SO30 2AF
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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024. The trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Since the charitable company qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

Objectives and Activities

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the charity commission relating to public benefit.

The charitable company is principally engaged in the presentation of episodes in history by means of plays, pageants and theatrical re-enactment of battles with a view to maintaining and encouraging, among members of the public, the learning and study of history. This activity continues to be focused on the Civil Wars which took place in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland during the seventeenth century. Some of the company's events take place in and around schools, reflecting the company's status as an educational charitable organisation. This area of activity remains a focus for the future.

b. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

It is the policy of the trustees to set aside a proportion of the surplus on musters which is available for charitable purposes. These funds are held in the general bank accounts until required. As well as supporting the ongoing activities of the society these monies have been used for Education, Commemoration and giving Bursaries.

Achievements and performance

a. KEY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The key financial performance indicator for the trustees is generating a surplus of funds to maintain its charitable aims and objectives.

b. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

In 2024 we ran four major events across the season. Events in Gloucestershire and Yorkshire in May were followed by events in Hampshire and Oxfordshire that were held at the actual locations of the Cheriton and Cropredy Bridge Battles in their 380th anniversary years. Where possible we will try to put on events that match historical locations and date anniversaries.

As well as the major events for the year we undertook many smaller events ranging from educational talks through displays of the soldiers life to skirmishes and full weekend programs. In an effort to increase our value to our audience we are beginning to develop ideas to provide more things to see at our major events. This has the double effect of fulfilling our education remit in a varied and interesting manner and also starts to generate a better experience for the audience that in this age of e-tickets and reviews will help get more people at our events.

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Financial review

a. GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b. RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the directors to retain sufficient financial resources to ensure the operation of the charitable company for a period of at least two years exclusive of event based costs in the event of either a significant reduction in income or a significant increase in expenditure.

The Trustees policy remains to be to expend reserves prudently and when circumstances allow to ensure that reserves are held at the appropriate level. In line with the approved Reserves Strategy, unrestricted reserve cash balances may be utilised in furtherance of the Sealed Knot Limited Investment Strategy. The strategy also sets out reserves that are earmarked for a specific purpose. The Board set up or remove earmarked reserves with the agreement of the Finance Director.

At 31 December 2024 the company had net funds of £289,482 (2023 £314,386).

Structure, governance and management

a. CONSTITUTION

The charitable company is constituted under a Memorandum of Association dated 17 June 1971 and is a registered charity number 263004 (SC040724).

There have been no changes in the objectives since the last annual report.

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the charitable company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association.

c. POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

New trustees are made aware of their responsibilities and the affairs of the charity. All trustees are kept aware of the updates sent out by the Charity Commissioners which is now made easier by the introduction of electronically transmitted information.

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d. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

The charitable company is limited by guarantee to the extent of £1 per full member. In accordance with the Articles, full membership should not exceed 2,000. All the trustees are members of the company. The Board of Trustees consists of 12 elected members, and five ex officio officers: the Adjutant General (Director of Administration), the Company Secretary, the Lord General of the Royalist Army, the Lord General of the Army of Parliament and the Finance Director (Treasurer). The elected positions are normally for a term of three years, and a third of these must be re-elected at each AGM. Once members are elected, they are expected to attend four board meetings a year, and participate in the running of the charity, including the management of a specific aspect. The ex officio positions are appointed by the board of trustees, at the time of the post becoming vacant. The Charity does not consider there to be any remunerated key management personnel.

The members of the board during 2024 are listed on page 1.

e. RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees have examined the principal areas of the Sealed Knot operations and have considered the major risks faced in each of these areas. A programme to assess risk and mitigate its effects has been set in train. It is felt that risks can and should be mitigated to an acceptable level in the day to day running of the Sealed Knot.

f. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

No significant changes have been made in the company's aims and objectives during the period and the trustees do not foresee any changes in the coming year. We will continue to support initiatives such as the Naseby Battlefield Project and will continue work on a number of annual commemorative events such as those at Nantwich, Coleford, Naseby, Marston Moor and Edgehill. We will strengthen our representation at other endangered battle sites as may be necessary. In addition we will look to align our events as closely as possible with those forthcoming 380th anniversaries.

We are also looking to contribute to various events organised by English Heritage and help the Battlefields Trust develop their program to encourage a greater understanding of British Military History.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
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TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees (who are also directors of The Sealed Knot for the purposes of company law) 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).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company 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 judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report was approved by the Trustees, on 13 July 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



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C H North-Bates
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SEALED KNOT (the 'charitable company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

This report is made solely to the charitable company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2006 and regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charitable company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the Trustees of the charitable company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investments (Scotland) Act 2005 ('the 2005 Act'), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ('the 2006 Accounts Regulations') and the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'). You are satisfied that the accounts of the charitable company are not required by charity or company law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charitable company's accounts carried out under section 44(1)(c) of the 2005 Act and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations and the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records or with the accounting requirements of Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Signed: 

Dated: 15 July 2025

Robert Anderson FCA

STREETS LLP

Chartered Accountants
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
INCOME FROM:					
Voluntary income	2	-	107,166	107,166	97,797
Charitable activities	5	-	24,670	24,670	43,571
Other fundraising income	3	-	1,237	1,237	2,964
Investments	4	-	4,488	4,488	2,924
TOTAL INCOME		-	137,561	137,561	147,256
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	6	-	14,144	14,144	13,273
Charitable activities	7,8,9	-	148,321	148,321	130,566
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		-	162,465	162,465	143,839
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS					
Transfers between Funds	16	42	(24,904) (42)	(24,904) -	3,417 -
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES					
		42	(24,946)	(24,904)	3,417
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS					
		42	(24,946)	(24,904)	3,417
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		1,452	312,934	314,386	310,969
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		1,494	287,988	289,482	314,386

The notes on pages 11 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 01014700

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12		2,841		3,787
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	13	20,471		11,396	
Debtors	14	22,513		24,560	
Cash at bank and in hand		323,759		351,211	
			<u>366,743</u>	<u>387,167</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	15	(80,102)		(76,568)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>286,641</u>		<u>310,599</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>289,482</u>		<u>314,386</u>
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds	16		1,494		1,452
Unrestricted funds	16		287,988		312,934
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>289,482</u>		<u>314,386</u>

The charitable company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The Trustees consider that the charitable company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

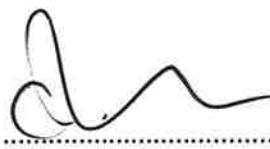
The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 13 July 2025 and signed on their behalf, by:



C H North-Bates

Trustee



A K Thompson

Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Sealed Knot meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Company status

The charitable company is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. In the event of the charitable company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charitable company.

The charities functional and presentation currency is pounds sterling.

In accordance with the Articles membership should not exceed 2,000.

1.3 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charitable company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charitable company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.4 Income

All income is recognised once the charitable company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the charitable company has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the charitable company of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charitable company which is the amount the charitable company would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation or in a later period when it meets the income recognition criteria.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charitable company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the charitable company's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charitable company apportioned to charitable activities.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised as well as lower value assets that are deemed to have a long social life.

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Motor vehicles	-	25% reducing balance
Office equipment	-	25% reducing balance

1.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, on a first in first out basis, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks.

1.8 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charitable company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.10 Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charitable company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.12 Financial instruments

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial 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 with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.13 Subscriptions

Subscription income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

1.14 Consolidation

The Sealed Knot has a significant number of regiments throughout the country, which have their own bank accounts and which produce their own accounts. It is considered that these regiments have sufficient financial and administrative autonomy that their accounts do not need to be included in these financial statements.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Subscriptions	-	90,614	90,614	78,376
Gift Aid	-	15,335	15,335	18,391
Other Income	-	1,217	1,217	1,030
Total voluntary income	-	107,166	107,166	97,797
<i>Total 2023</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>97,797</i>	<i>97,797</i>	

3. FUNDRAISING INCOME

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Traders and Filming Income	-	1,237	1,237	2,964
Total 2023	-	2,964	2,964	

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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Interest Receivable	-	4,488	4,488	2,924
<i>Total 2023</i>	-	2,924	2,924	

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Muster Income	-	24,670	24,670	43,571
<i>Total 2023</i>	-	43,571	43,571	

6. COSTS OF RAISING FUNDS

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Printing, postage and stationery	-	12,744	12,744	13,019
Office expenses	-	1,400	1,400	254
	-	14,144	14,144	13,273
<i>Total 2023</i>	-	13,273	13,273	

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7. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Office expenses	-	285	285	160
Legal and professional	-	158	158	2,500
Independent examiners fees	-	2,000	2,000	2,000
Accountancy fees	-	2,100	2,100	2,000
	-	4,543	4,543	6,660

8. DIRECT COSTS

	Muster and Events £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Muster expenses	70,649	70,649	41,987
Muster bounty and army grants	13,126	13,126	21,971
Black powder	15,205	15,205	7,408
Motor and travel costs	2,272	2,272	2,804
Medical cover and supplies	5,309	5,309	1,741
Horse hire	9,323	9,323	8,344
Charitable donations	1,040	1,040	540
Bank charges	400	400	225
Depreciation and loss on disposal	946	946	1,261
	118,270	118,270	86,281
<i>Total 2023</i>	86,281	86,281	

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9. SUPPORT COSTS

	Muster and Events £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Insurance	18,678	18,678	31,031
Web site and IT costs	6,011	6,011	5,974
Sundry	819	819	620
	<u>25,508</u>	<u>25,508</u>	<u>37,625</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>37,625</u>	<u>37,625</u>	

10. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

This is stated after charging:

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets: - owned by the charity	<u>946</u>	<u>1,261</u>

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2023 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2023 - £NIL).

5 Trustees received reimbursement of expenses amounting to £4,332 in the current year, (2023 - 5 Trustees - £7,215). These amounts represent the reimbursement of charity business running expenses paid by Trustees on behalf of the charity.

11. INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REMUNERATION

The Independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £2,000 (2023 - £2,000).

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Motor vehicles £	Office and other equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024	25,910	16,985	42,895
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2024	23,936	15,172	39,108
Charge for the year	493	453	946
At 31 December 2024	24,429	15,625	40,054
Net book value			
At 31 December 2024	1,481	1,360	2,841
At 31 December 2023	1,974	1,813	3,787

13. STOCKS

	2024 £	2023 £
Black Powder	20,471	11,396

14. DEBTORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	169	2,827
Other debtors	18,369	17,761
Prepayments and accrued income	3,975	3,972
	22,513	24,560

15. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	98	40
Accruals and deferred income	80,004	76,528
	80,102	76,568

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15. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year (continued)

	£
Deferred income - subscriptions	
Deferred income at 1 January 2024	68,167
Resources deferred during the year	73,906
Amounts released from previous years	(68,167)
	73,906
Deferred income at 31 December 2024	73,906

16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Designated funds					
Bursary Fund	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
General funds					
General Funds	310,434	137,561	(162,465)	(42)	285,488
Total Unrestricted funds	312,934	137,561	(162,465)	(42)	287,988
	312,934	137,561	(162,465)	(42)	287,988
Restricted funds					
Liquidation account	869	-	-	42	911
Promoting the Molyneux name	583	-	-	-	583
	1,452	-	-	42	1,494
	1,452	-	-	42	1,494
Total of funds	314,386	137,561	(162,465)	-	289,482
	314,386	137,561	(162,465)	-	289,482

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Bursary Fund	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
General Funds	307,011	147,256	(143,839)	6	310,434
	307,011	147,256	(143,839)	6	310,434

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16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

Restricted funds

Liquidation account	875	-	-	(6)	869
Promoting the Molyneux name	583	-	-	-	583
	<u>1,458</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6)</u>	<u>1,452</u>

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Designated funds	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
General funds	310,434	137,561	(162,465)	(42)	285,488
	<u>312,934</u>	<u>137,561</u>	<u>(162,465)</u>	<u>(42)</u>	<u>287,988</u>
Restricted funds	1,452	-	-	42	1,494
	<u>314,386</u>	<u>137,561</u>	<u>(162,465)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>289,482</u>

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
General funds	307,011	147,256	(143,839)	6	310,434
	<u>309,511</u>	<u>147,256</u>	<u>(143,839)</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>312,934</u>
Restricted funds	1,458	-	-	(6)	1,452
	<u>310,969</u>	<u>147,256</u>	<u>(143,839)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>314,386</u>

The liquidation account represents the amounts paid by subscribers on becoming full members at an additional cost of £1 per member. Restricted funds are also held to promote the Molyneux name.

The bursary fund represents amounts set aside for educational bursary awards to members.

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17. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	2,841	2,841
Current assets	1,494	365,249	366,743
Creditors due within one year	-	(80,102)	(80,102)
	<u>1,494</u>	<u>287,988</u>	<u>289,482</u>

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	<i>Restricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	-	3,787	3,787
Current assets	1,452	385,715	387,167
Creditors due within one year	-	(76,568)	(76,568)
	<u>1,452</u>	<u>312,934</u>	<u>314,386</u>

18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company is controlled by its Board of Trustees.

THE SEALED KNOT LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 263004

Accounts

Registered number: 1014700
Charity numbers: 263004 and SC040724

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UNAUDITED
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITABLE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
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Trustees

B Upton
S Wright (resigned 14 August 2023)
K S Robinson
V I Pearce
J R Fowler (resigned 27 May 2024)
D N Parkes
N C Jackson
T C Baldwin
C H J North-Bates
A B George (resigned 6 July 2024)
G King (resigned 31 January 2023)
R A Sales
S R Tierney
T I Harrington
R D Phelps
E George (resigned 27 May 2024)
A K Thompson (appointed 18 February 2023)
A R Harrington (appointed 26 August 2023)
N L Winsor-Gray (appointed 26 August 2023)
R G Tooke (appointed 26 August 2024)
A E Pearce (appointed 26 August 2024)
E H Wright (appointed 26 August 2024)

Company registered number

1014700

Charity registered numbers

263004 and SC040724

Registered office

C/O Clarke Willmott LLP Burlington House
Botleigh Grange Business Park
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Southampton
SO30 2AF

Company secretary

C H J North-Bates

Accountants

Streets LLP
Chartered Accountants
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Bankers

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITABLE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND
ADVISERS
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Advisers (continued)

Solicitors	Clarke Willmott LLP Burlington House Botleigh Grange Business Park Hedge End Southampton SO30 2AF
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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023. The trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Since the charitable company qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

Objectives and Activities

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the charity commission relating to public benefit.

The charitable company is principally engaged in the presentation of episodes in history by means of plays, pageants and theatrical re-enactment of battles with a view to maintaining and encouraging, among members of the public, the learning and study of history. This activity continues to be focused on the Civil Wars which took place in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland during the seventeenth century. Some of the company's events take place in and around schools, reflecting the company's status as an educational charitable organisation. This area of activity remains a focus for the future.

b. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

It is the policy of the trustees to set aside a proportion of the surplus on musters which is available for charitable purposes. These funds are held in the general bank accounts until required. As well as supporting the ongoing activities of the society these monies have been used for Education, Commemoration and giving Bursaries.

Achievements and performance

a. KEY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The key financial performance indicator for the trustees is generating a surplus of funds to maintain its charitable aims and objectives.

b. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

In 2023 we were able to return to a full programme of events. There were major events for all of the bank holiday weekends with many smaller events across the year and country. Major events in the spring near Monmouth and Cheltenham were followed by an August Bank Holiday re-enactment at Margam Park near to Port Talbot. Our smaller events vary in size from a talk with one or two re-enactors up to smaller full battles displaying the use of infantry and artillery.

These varied events fulfil our core mission of raising interest in history and are an excellent way to educate and entertain the public. We have continued to build and maintain relationships with other organisations that promote history in general with a particular focus on the civil wars and we often try to engage local schools around our major events to help bring the history curriculum to life.

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Financial review

a. GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b. RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the directors to retain sufficient financial resources to ensure the operation of the charitable company for a period of at least two years exclusive of event based costs in the event of either a significant reduction in income or a significant increase in expenditure. Whilst subscriptions were increased for 2023 to slightly above the rate prior to the arrival of Covid-19 we once again offered a small reduction to those renewing.

The Trustees policy remains to be to expend reserves prudently and when circumstances allow to ensure that reserves are held at the appropriate level.

At 31 December 2023 the company had net funds of £314,386 (2022 £310,969).

Structure, governance and management

a. CONSTITUTION

The charitable company is constituted under a Memorandum of Association dated 17 June 1971 and is a registered charity number 263004 (SC040724).

There have been no changes in the objectives since the last annual report.

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the charitable company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association.

c. POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

New trustees are made aware of their responsibilities and the affairs of the charity. All trustees are kept aware of the updates sent out by the Charity Commissioners which is now made easier by the introduction of electronically transmitted information.

d. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

The charitable company is limited by guarantee to the extent of £1 per full member. In accordance with the Articles, full membership should not exceed 2,000. All the trustees are members of the company. The Board of Trustees consists of 12 elected members, and five ex officio officers: the Adjutant General (Director of Administration), the Company Secretary, the Lord General of the Royalist Army, the Lord General of the Army of Parliament and the Finance Director (Treasurer). The elected positions are normally for a term of three years, and a third of these must be re-elected at each AGM. Once members are elected, they are expected to attend four board meetings a year, and participate in the running of the charity, including the management of a specific aspect. The ex officio positions are appointed by the board of trustees, at the time of the post becoming vacant.

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The Charity does not consider there to be any remunerated key management personnel.

The members of the board during 2023 are listed on page 1.

e. RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees have examined the principal areas of the Sealed Knot operations and have considered the major risks faced in each of these areas. A programme to assess risk and mitigate its effects has been set in train. It is felt that risks can and should be mitigated to an acceptable level in the day to day running of the Sealed Knot.

f. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

No significant changes have been made in the company's aims and objectives during the period and the trustees do not foresee any changes in the coming year. We will continue to support initiatives such as the Naseby Battlefield Project and will continue work on a number of annual commemorative events such as those at Nantwich, Coleford, Naseby, Marston Moor and Edgehill. We will strengthen our representation at other endangered battle sites as may be necessary. In addition we will look to align our events as closely as possible with those forthcoming 380th anniversaries.

We are also looking to contribute to various events organised by English Heritage and help the Battlefields Trust develop their program to encourage a greater understanding of British Military History.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees (who are also directors of The Sealed Knot for the purposes of company law) 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).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company 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 judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.


The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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This report was approved by the Trustees, on 29 August 2024 and signed on their behalf by:


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C H North-Bates
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SEALED KNOT (the 'charitable company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

This report is made solely to the charitable company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2006 and regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charitable company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the Trustees of the charitable company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investments (Scotland) Act 2005 ('the 2005 Act'), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ('the 2006 Accounts Regulations') and the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'). You are satisfied that the accounts of the charitable company are not required by charity or company law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charitable company's accounts carried out under section 44(1)(c) of the 2005 Act and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations and the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records or with the accounting requirements of Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (continued)
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Signed:



Dated: 30 August 2024

Robert Anderson FCA

STREETS LLP

Chartered Accountants
Tower House
Lucy Tower Street
Lincoln

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
INCOME FROM:					
Voluntary income	2	-	97,797	97,797	70,221
Charitable activities	5	-	43,571	43,571	32,424
Other fundraising income	3	-	2,964	2,964	5,107
Investments	4	-	2,924	2,924	301
TOTAL INCOME		-	147,256	147,256	108,053
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	6	-	13,273	13,273	9,809
Charitable activities	7,8,9	-	130,566	130,566	122,815
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		-	143,839	143,839	132,624
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS					
Transfers between Funds	16	-	3,417	3,417	(24,571)
		(6)	6	-	-
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES					
		(6)	3,423	3,417	(24,571)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS					
		(6)	3,423	3,417	(24,571)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		1,458	309,511	310,969	335,540
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		1,452	312,934	314,386	310,969

The notes on pages 11 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 1014700

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12		3,787		5,048
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	13	11,396		8,124	
Debtors	14	24,560		11,392	
Cash at bank and in hand		351,211		365,259	
			387,167		384,775
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	15		(76,568)		(78,854)
NET CURRENT ASSETS			310,599		305,921
NET ASSETS			314,386		310,969
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds	16		1,452		1,458
Unrestricted funds	16		312,934		309,511
TOTAL FUNDS			314,386		310,969

The charitable company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

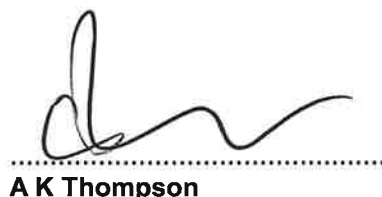
The Trustees consider that the charitable company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 29 August 2024 and signed on their behalf, by:


 C H North-Bates

Trustee


 A K Thompson

Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Sealed Knot meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Company status

The charitable company is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. In the event of the charitable company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charitable company.

The charities functional and presentation currency is pounds sterling.

In accordance with the Articles membership should not exceed 2,000.

1.3 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charitable company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charitable company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.4 Income

All income is recognised once the charitable company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the charitable company has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the charitable company of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charitable company which is the amount the charitable company would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation or in a later period when it meets the income recognition criteria.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charitable company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the charitable company's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charitable company apportioned to charitable activities.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised as well as lower value assets that are deemed to have a long social life.

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Motor vehicles	-	25% reducing balance
Office equipment	-	25% reducing balance

1.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, on a first in first out basis, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks.

1.8 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charitable company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.10 Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charitable company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.12 Financial instruments

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial 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 with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.13 Subscriptions

Subscription income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

1.14 Consolidation

The Sealed Knot has a significant number of regiments throughout the country, which have their own bank accounts and which produce their own accounts. It is considered that these regiments have sufficient financial and administrative autonomy that their accounts do not need to be included in these financial statements.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Subscriptions	-	78,376	78,376	47,279
Gift Aid	-	18,391	18,391	22,607
Other Income	-	1,030	1,030	335
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Total voluntary income	-	97,797	97,797	70,221
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<i>Total 2022</i>	-	70,221	70,221	
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3. FUNDRAISING INCOME

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Traders and Filming Income	-	2,964	2,964	5,107
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<i>Total 2022</i>	-	5,107	5,107	
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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Interest Receivable	-	2,924	2,924	301
<i>Total 2022</i>	-	301	301	

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Muster Income	-	43,571	43,571	32,424
<i>Total 2022</i>	-	32,424	32,424	

6. COSTS OF RAISING FUNDS

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Printing, postage and stationery	-	13,019	13,019	9,256
Office expenses	-	254	254	553
	-	13,273	13,273	9,809
<i>Total 2022</i>	-	9,809	9,809	

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7. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Office expenses	-	160	160	160
Legal and professional	-	2,500	2,500	100
Independent examiners fees	-	2,000	2,000	1,900
Accountancy fees	-	2,000	2,000	2,000
	-	6,660	6,660	4,160

8. DIRECT COSTS

	Muster and Events £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Muster expenses	41,987	41,987	45,229
Muster bounty and army grants	21,971	21,971	14,331
Black powder	7,408	7,408	7,937
Motor and travel costs	2,804	2,804	2,635
Medical cover and supplies	1,741	1,741	1,340
Horse hire	8,344	8,344	9,596
Charitable donations	540	540	2,565
Bank charges	225	225	257
Depreciation and loss on disposal	1,261	1,261	1,684
	86,281	86,281	85,574
<i>Total 2022</i>	<i>85,574</i>	<i>85,574</i>	

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9. SUPPORT COSTS

	Muster and Events £	Total 2023 £	<i>Total 2022 £</i>
Insurance	31,031	31,031	26,902
Web site and IT costs	5,974	5,974	5,886
Sundry	620	620	293
	<u>37,625</u>	<u>37,625</u>	<u>33,081</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>33,081</u>	<u>33,081</u>	

10. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

This is stated after charging:

	2023 £	<i>2022 £</i>
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets: - owned by the charity	<u>1,261</u>	<u>1,684</u>

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2022 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2022 - £NIL).

5 Trustees received reimbursement of expenses amounting to £7,215 in the current year, (2022 - 6 Trustees - £7,541). These amounts represent the reimbursement of charity business running expenses paid by Trustees on behalf of the charity.

11. INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REMUNERATION

The Independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £2,000 (2022 - £1,900). - -

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Motor vehicles £	Office and other equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	25,910	16,985	42,895
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2023	23,279	14,568	37,847
Charge for the year	657	604	1,261
At 31 December 2023	23,936	15,172	39,108
Net book value			
At 31 December 2023	1,974	1,813	3,787
<i>At 31 December 2022</i>	2,631	2,417	5,048

13. STOCKS

	2023 £	2022 £
Black Powder	11,396	8,124

14. DEBTORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	2,827	4,580
Other debtors	17,761	3,040
Prepayments and accrued income	3,972	3,772
	24,560	11,392

15. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	40	116
Accruals and deferred income	76,528	78,738
	76,568	78,854

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15. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year (continued)

	£
Deferred income - subscriptions	
Deferred income at 1 January 2023	68,167
Resources deferred during the year	69,019
Amounts released from previous years	(68,167)
	69,019
Deferred income at 31 December 2023	69,019

16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Designated funds					
Bursary Fund	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
General funds					
General Funds	307,011	147,256	(143,839)	6	310,434
Total Unrestricted funds	309,511	147,256	(143,839)	6	312,934
	309,511	147,256	(143,839)	6	312,934
Restricted funds					
Liquidation account	875	-	-	(6)	869
Promoting the Molyneux name	583	-	-	-	583
	1,458	-	-	(6)	1,452
	1,458	-	-	(6)	1,452
Total of funds	310,969	147,256	(143,839)	-	314,386
	310,969	147,256	(143,839)	-	314,386

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Bursary Fund	3,500	-	(1,000)	2,500
General Funds	330,582	108,053	(131,624)	307,011
	330,582	108,053	(131,624)	307,011

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16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

Restricted funds

Liquidation account	875	-	-	875
Promoting the Molyneux name	583	-	-	583
	<u>1,458</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,458</u>

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Designated funds	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
General funds	307,011	147,256	(143,839)	6	310,434
	<u>309,511</u>	<u>147,256</u>	<u>(143,839)</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>312,934</u>
Restricted funds	1,458	-	-	(6)	1,452
	<u>310,969</u>	<u>147,256</u>	<u>(143,839)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>314,386</u>

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Unrestricted funds	3,500	-	(1,000)	2,500
General funds	330,582	108,053	(131,624)	307,011
	<u>334,082</u>	<u>108,053</u>	<u>(132,624)</u>	<u>309,511</u>
Restricted funds	1,458	-	-	1,458
	<u>335,540</u>	<u>108,053</u>	<u>(132,624)</u>	<u>310,969</u>

The liquidation account represents the amounts paid by subscribers on becoming full members at an additional cost of £1 per member. Restricted funds are also held to promote the Molyneux name.

The bursary fund represents amounts set aside for educational bursary awards to members.

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17. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	3,787	3,787
Current assets	1,452	385,715	387,167
Creditors due within one year	-	(76,568)	(76,568)
	<u>1,452</u>	<u>312,934</u>	<u>314,386</u>

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	<i>Restricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	-	5,048	5,048
Current assets	1,458	383,317	384,775
Creditors due within one year	-	(78,854)	(78,854)
	<u>1,458</u>	<u>309,511</u>	<u>310,969</u>

18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company is controlled by its Board of Trustees.

THE SEALED KNOT LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 263004

Accounts

Registered number: 1014700
Charity numbers: 263004 and SC040724

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UNAUDITED
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITABLE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
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Trustees

B Upton
S Wright
K S Robinson
V I Pearce
J R Fowler
J L Gwilliam (resigned 27 August 2022)
T P Small (resigned 27 August 2022)
D N Parkes
N C Jackson
T C Baldwin
C H J North-Bates
A B George
G King (resigned 31 January 2023)
R A Sales
T R Aldwinckle (resigned 17 March 2022)
S M King (resigned 7 July 2022)
S R Tierney (appointed 4 July 2022)
T I Harrington (appointed 27 August 2022)
R D Phelps (appointed 27 August 2022)
E George (appointed 1 October 2022)
A K Thompson (appointed 18 February 2023)

Company registered number

1014700

Charity registered numbers

263004 and SC040724

Registered office

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Company secretary

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Accountants

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Chartered Accountants
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITABLE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND
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Advisers (continued)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the charitable company qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

Objectives and Activities

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the charity commission relating to public benefit.

The charitable company is principally engaged in the presentation of episodes in history by means of plays, pageants and theatrical re-enactment of battles with a view to maintaining and encouraging, among members of the public, the learning and study of history. This activity continues to be focused on the Civil Wars which took place in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland during the seventeenth century. Some of the company's events take place in and around schools, reflecting the company's status as an educational charitable organisation. This area of activity remains a focus for the future.

b. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

It is the policy of the trustees to set aside a proportion of the surplus on musters which is available for charitable purposes. These funds are held in the general bank accounts until required. As well as supporting the ongoing activities of the society these monies have been used for Education, Commemoration and giving Bursaries.

Achievements and performance

a. KEY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The key financial performance indicator for the trustees is generating a surplus of funds to maintain its charitable aims and objectives.

b. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

2022 saw the relaxation of the Coronavirus restrictions, allowing the Society to return to a fuller programme of events, starting with a major event at Frome on the Easter weekend. However, the uncertainties which remained did have an impact early in the year, with the most notable casualty being our annual re-enactment at Nantwich in January. A wreath laying did take place at which the Society was represented.

After these initial problems, the muster season became much more like one of the years prior to the arrival of Covid-19, with a programme of small events and major re-enactments at Basing House and Compton Verney in addition to the one at Frome. Compton Verney was a re-enactment of the Battle of Edgehill which took place in 1642. This meant it was the first marking of the 380th anniversary of a Civil War battle by the Society. Basing House was an event in planning before the arrival of lockdown which could now take place.

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Alongside this we have maintained and developed relationships with various bodies such as the Battlefield Trust, English Heritage and various museums and where possible continued promoting the study of the English Civil Wars.

Financial review

a. GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b. RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the directors to retain sufficient financial resources to ensure the operation of the charitable company for a period of at least two years exclusive of event based costs in the event of either a significant reduction in income or a significant increase in expenditure. Whilst subscriptions were increased for 2023 to slightly above the rate prior to the arrival of Covid-19 we once again offered a small reduction to those renewing.

The Trustees policy remains to be to expend reserves prudently and when circumstances allow to ensure that reserves are held at the appropriate level.

Structure, governance and management

a. CONSTITUTION

The charitable company is constituted under a Memorandum of Association dated 17 June 1971 and is a registered charity number 263004 (SC040724).

There have been no changes in the objectives since the last annual report.

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the charitable company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association.

c. POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

New trustees are made aware of their responsibilities and the affairs of the charity. All trustees are kept aware of the updates sent out by the Charity Commissioners which is now made easier by the introduction of electronically transmitted information.

d. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

The charitable company is limited by guarantee to the extent of £1 per full member. In accordance with the Articles, full membership should not exceed 2,000. All the trustees are members of the company. The Board of Trustees consists of 12 elected members, and five ex officio officers: the Adjutant General (Director of Administration), the Company Secretary, the Lord General of the Royalist Army, the Lord General of the Army of Parliament and the Finance Director (Treasurer). The elected positions are normally for a term of three years, and a third of these must be re-elected at each AGM. Once members are elected, they are expected to attend four board meetings a year, and participate in the running of the charity, including the management of a specific

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aspect. The ex officio positions are appointed by the board of trustees, at the time of the post becoming vacant. The Charity does not consider there to be any remunerated key management personnel.

The members of the board during 2022 are listed on page 1.

e. RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees have examined the principal areas of the Sealed Knot operations and have considered the major risks faced in each of these areas. A programme to assess risk and mitigate its effects has been set in train. It is felt that risks can and should be mitigated to an acceptable level in the day to day running of the Sealed Knot.

f. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

No significant changes have been made in the company's aims and objectives during the period and the trustees do not foresee any changes in the coming year. We will continue to support initiatives such as the Naseby Battlefield Project and will continue work on a number of annual commemorative events such as those at Nantwich, Coleford, Naseby, Marston Moor and Edgehill. We will strengthen our representation at other endangered battle sites as may be necessary. In addition we will look to align our events as closely as possible with those forthcoming 380th anniversaries.

We are also looking to contribute to various events organised by English Heritage and help the Battlefields Trust develop their program to encourage a greater understanding of British Military History.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees (who are also directors of The Sealed Knot for the purposes of company law) 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).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company 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 judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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This report was approved by the Trustees, on 20 July 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



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C H North-Bates
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SEALED KNOT (the 'charitable company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

This report is made solely to the charitable company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2006 and regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charitable company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the Trustees of the charitable company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investments (Scotland) Act 2005 ('the 2005 Act'), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ('the 2006 Accounts Regulations') and the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'). You are satisfied that the accounts of the charitable company are not required by charity or company law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charitable company's accounts carried out under section 44(1)(c) of the 2005 Act and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations and the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records or with the accounting requirements of Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

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Signed:



Dated: 24 July 2023

Robert Anderson FCA

STREETS LLP

Chartered Accountants
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Note	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
INCOME FROM:					
Voluntary income	2	-	70,221	70,221	66,740
Charitable activities	5	-	32,424	32,424	5,890
Other fundraising income	3	-	5,107	5,107	5,637
Investments	4	-	301	301	398
TOTAL INCOME		-	108,053	108,053	78,665
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	6	-	9,809	9,809	8,365
Charitable activities	7,8,9	-	122,815	122,815	55,932
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		-	132,624	132,624	64,297
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		-	(24,571)	(24,571)	14,368
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-	(24,571)	(24,571)	14,368
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		1,458	334,082	335,540	321,172
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		1,458	309,511	310,969	335,540

The notes on pages 11 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 1014700

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12		5,048		5,732
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	13	8,124		8,221	
Debtors	14	11,392		37,669	
Cash at bank and in hand		365,259		324,916	
		<u>384,775</u>		<u>370,806</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	15	(78,854)		(40,998)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			305,921		329,808
NET ASSETS			310,969		335,540
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds	16		1,458		1,458
Unrestricted funds	16		309,511		334,082
TOTAL FUNDS			310,969		335,540

The charitable company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The Trustees consider that the charitable company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

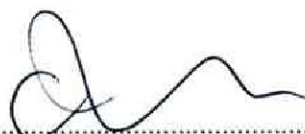
The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 20 July 2023 and signed on their behalf, by:



.....
C H North-Bates

Trustee



.....
A K Thompson

Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Sealed Knot meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Company status

The charitable company is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. In the event of the charitable company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charitable company.

The charities functional and presentation currency is pounds sterling.

In accordance with the Articles membership should not exceed 2,000.

1.3 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charitable company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charitable company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.4 Income

All income is recognised once the charitable company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the charitable company has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the charitable company of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charitable company which is the amount the charitable company would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation or in a later period when it meets the income recognition criteria.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charitable company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the charitable company's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charitable company apportioned to charitable activities.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised as well as lower value assets that are deemed to have a long social life.

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Motor vehicles	-	25% reducing balance
Office equipment	-	25% reducing balance

1.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, on a first in first out basis, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks.

1.8 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charitable company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.10 Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charitable company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.12 Financial instruments

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial 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 with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.13 Subscriptions

Subscription income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

1.14 Consolidation

The Sealed Knot has a significant number of regiments throughout the country, which have their own bank accounts and which produce their own accounts. It is considered that these regiments have sufficient financial and administrative autonomy that their accounts do not need to be included in these financial statements.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Subscriptions	-	47,279	47,279	39,725
Gift Aid	-	22,607	22,607	26,882
Sale of shirts	-	-	-	63
Other Income	-	335	335	70
Total voluntary income	-	70,221	70,221	66,740
<i>Total 2021</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>66,740</i>	<i>66,740</i>	

3. FUNDRAISING INCOME

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Traders and Filming Income	-	5,107	5,107	5,637
Total 2021	-	5,637	5,637	

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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Interest Receivable	-	301	301	398
<i>Total 2021</i>	-	398	398	

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Muster Income	-	32,424	32,424	5,890
<i>Total 2021</i>	-	5,890	5,890	

6. COSTS OF RAISING FUNDS

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Printing, postage and stationery	-	9,256	9,256	8,127
Office expenses	-	553	553	238
	-	9,809	9,809	8,365
<i>Total 2021</i>	-	8,365	8,365	

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7. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Office expenses	-	160	160	160
Legal and professional	-	100	100	571
Independent examiners fees	-	1,900	1,900	1,900
Accountancy fees	-	2,000	2,000	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,160</u>	<u>4,160</u>	<u>2,631</u>

8. DIRECT COSTS

	Muster and Events £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Muster expenses	45,229	45,229	12,988
Muster bounty and army grants	14,331	14,331	1,395
Black powder	7,937	7,937	2,495
Motor and travel costs	2,635	2,635	1,777
Medical cover and supplies	1,340	1,340	1,727
Horse hire	9,596	9,596	4,375
Charitable donations	2,565	2,565	950
Bank charges	257	257	1,128
Depreciation and loss on disposal	1,684	1,684	1,911
	<u>85,574</u>	<u>85,574</u>	<u>28,746</u>
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>28,746</u>	<u>28,746</u>	

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9. SUPPORT COSTS

	Muster and Events £	Total 2022 £	<i>Total 2021 £</i>
Insurance	26,902	26,902	17,104
Web site and IT costs	5,886	5,886	6,910
Sundry	293	293	541
	<u>33,081</u>	<u>33,081</u>	<u>24,555</u>
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>24,555</u>	<u>24,555</u>	

10. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

This is stated after charging:

	2022 £	<i>2021 £</i>
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets: - owned by the charity	<u>1,684</u>	<u>1,911</u>

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2021 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2021 - £NIL).

6 Trustees received reimbursement of expenses amounting to £7541 in the current year, (2021 - 6 Trustees - £6,583). These amounts represent the reimbursement of charity business running expenses paid by Trustees on behalf of the charity.

11. INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REMUNERATION

The Independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £1,900 (2021 - £1,900).

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Motor vehicles £	Office and other equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2022	25,910	15,985	41,895
Additions	-	1,000	1,000
At 31 December 2022	<u>25,910</u>	<u>16,985</u>	<u>42,895</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2022	22,402	13,761	36,163
Charge for the year	877	807	1,684
At 31 December 2022	<u>23,279</u>	<u>14,568</u>	<u>37,847</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2022	<u>2,631</u>	<u>2,417</u>	<u>5,048</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>3,508</u>	<u>2,224</u>	<u>5,732</u>

13. STOCKS

	2022 £	2021 £
Black Powder	<u>8,124</u>	<u>8,221</u>

14. DEBTORS

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	4,580	984
Other debtors	3,040	33,114
Prepayments and accrued income	3,772	3,571
	<u>11,392</u>	<u>37,669</u>

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15. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	116	1,024
Accruals and deferred income	78,738	39,974
	78,854	40,998
Deferred income - subscriptions		
Deferred income at 1 January 2022		37,187
Resources deferred during the year		68,167
Amounts released from previous years		(37,187)
Deferred income at 31 December 2022		68,167

16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2022	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£
Designated funds				
Bursary Fund	3,500	-	(1,000)	2,500
	3,500	-	(1,000)	2,500
General funds				
General Funds	330,582	108,053	(131,624)	307,011
Total Unrestricted funds	334,082	108,053	(132,624)	309,511
Restricted funds				
Liquidation account	875	-	-	875
Promoting the Molyneux name	583	-	-	583
	1,458	-	-	1,458
Total of funds	335,540	108,053	(132,624)	310,969

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16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	<i>Balance at 1 January 2021 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 December 2021 £</i>
Bursary Fund	3,500	-	-	-	3,500
General Funds	316,146	78,665	(64,297)	68	330,582
Restricted funds					
Liquidation account	943	-	-	(68)	875
Promoting the Molyneux name	583	-	-	-	583
	1,526	-	-	(68)	1,458

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Designated funds	3,500	-	(1,000)	2,500
General funds	330,582	108,053	(131,624)	307,011
	334,082	108,053	(132,624)	309,511
Restricted funds	1,458	-	-	1,458
	335,540	108,053	(132,624)	310,969

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16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	<i>Balance at 1 January 2021 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 December 2021 £</i>
Unrestricted funds	3,500	-	-	-	3,500
General funds	316,146	78,665	(64,297)	68	330,582
	<u>319,646</u>	<u>78,665</u>	<u>(64,297)</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>334,082</u>
Restricted funds	1,526	-	-	(68)	1,458
	<u>321,172</u>	<u>78,665</u>	<u>(64,297)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>335,540</u>

The liquidation account represents the amounts paid by subscribers on becoming full members at an additional cost of £1 per member. Restricted funds are also held to promote the Molyneux name.

The bursary fund represents amounts set aside for educational bursary awards to members.

17. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	5,048	5,048
Current assets	1,458	383,317	384,775
Creditors due within one year	-	(78,854)	(78,854)
	<u>1,458</u>	<u>309,511</u>	<u>310,969</u>

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	<i>Restricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	-	5,731	5,731
Current assets	1,458	369,348	370,806
Creditors due within one year	-	(40,997)	(40,997)
	<u>1,458</u>	<u>334,082</u>	<u>335,540</u>

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18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company is controlled by its Board of Trustees.

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England & Wales - Charity number 263004

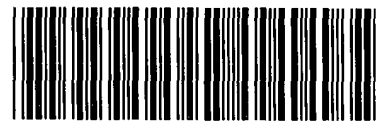
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Registered number: 1014700
Charity numbers: 263004 and SC040724

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITABLE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND
ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Trustees

B Upton
S Wright
K S Robinson
V I Pearce
J R Fowler
J L Gwilliam
T P Small
D N Parkes
N C Jackson
T C Baldwin
C H J North-Bates
A B George
G M Hartnell (resigned 17 September 2021)
G King
R A Sales
T R Aldwinckle (resigned 4 March 2022)
S M King (appointed 17 September 2021, resigned 11 June 2022)

**Company registered
number**

1014700

**Charity registered
numbers**

263004 and SC040724

Registered office

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Botleigh Grange Business Park
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Company secretary

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements for the period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102, effective 1 January 2015) as amended by Update Bulletin 1 (effective 1 January 2015) and Update Bulletin 2 (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the charitable company qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

Objectives and Activities

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the charity commission relating to public benefit.

The charitable company is principally engaged in the presentation of episodes in history by means of plays, pageants and theatrical re-enactment of battles with a view to maintaining and encouraging, among members of the public, the learning and study of history. This activity continues to be focused on the Civil Wars which took place in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland during the seventeenth century. Some of the company's events take place in and around schools, reflecting the company's status as an educational charitable organisation. *This area of activity remains a focus for the future.*

b. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

It is the policy of the trustees to set aside a proportion of the surplus on musters which is available for charitable purposes. These funds are held in the general bank accounts until required. As well as supporting the ongoing activities of the society these monies have been used for Education, Commemoration and giving Bursaries.

Achievements and performance

a. KEY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The key financial performance indicator for the trustees is generating a surplus of funds to maintain its charitable aims and objectives:

b. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

The continuation of the Covid-19 epidemic continued to make things difficult for the Society in 2021, although by the middle of the year restrictions were becoming more relaxed. This allowed us to return to putting on events, not least with a major muster at Caudon Lowe over the August Bank Holiday and our by now traditional event to mark the anniversary of the Battle of Edgehill at Kineton in Warwickshire. Alongside this we have maintained and developed relationships with various bodies such as the Battlefield Trust, English Heritage and various museums and where possible continued promoting the study of the English Civil Wars.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
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Financial review

a. GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b. RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the trustees to retain sufficient financial resources to ensure the operation of the charitable company for a period of at least two years exclusive of event based costs in the event of either a significant reduction in income or a significant increase in expenditure. This policy allowed the charitable company to once again offer reduced subscriptions renewals for 2022 to its existing members in light of the ongoing epidemic.

Structure, governance and management

a. CONSTITUTION

The charitable company is constituted under a Memorandum of Association dated 17 June 1971 and is a registered charity number 263004 (SC040724).

There have been no changes in the objectives since the last annual report.

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the charitable company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association.

c. POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

New trustees are made aware of their responsibilities and the affairs of the charity. All trustees are kept aware of the updates sent out by the Charity Commissioners which is now made easier by the introduction of electronically transmitted information.

d. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

The charitable company is limited by guarantee to the extent of £1 per full member. In accordance with the Articles, full membership should not exceed 2,000. All the trustees are members of the company. The Board of Trustees consists of 12 elected members, and five ex officio officers: the Adjutant General (Director of Administration), the Company Secretary, the Lord General of the Royalist Army, the Lord General of the Army of Parliament and the Finance Director (Treasurer). The elected positions are normally for a term of three years, and a third of these must be re-elected at each AGM. Once members are elected, they are expected to attend four board meetings a year, and participate in the running of the charity, including the management of a specific aspect. The ex officio positions are appointed by the board of trustees, at the time of the post becoming vacant. The Charity does not consider there to be any remunerated key management personnel.

The members of the board during 2021 are listed on page 1.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
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e. RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees have examined the principal areas of the Sealed Knot operations and have considered the major risks faced in each of these areas. A programme to assess risk and mitigate its effects has been set in train. It is felt that risks can and should be mitigated to an acceptable level in the day to day running of the Sealed Knot.

f. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

No significant changes have been made in the company's aims and objectives during the period and the trustees do not foresee any changes in the coming year. We will continue to support initiatives such as the Naseby Battlefield Project and will continue work on a number of annual commemorative events such as those at Nantwich, Coleford, Naseby, Marston Moor and Edgehill. We will strengthen our representation at other endangered battle sites as may be necessary. We are also looking to contribute to various events organised by English Heritage and help the Battlefields Trust develop their program to encourage a greater understanding of British Military History.

2021 saw Coronavirus and its associated disease Covid-19 have a continued impact on the activities of the Sealed Knot. Due to the financial reserves built up over previous years, the Society has to date found itself in the fortunate position of being able to mitigate any immediate financial impact. As the crisis appears to be on the wane the Trustees policy remains to be to expend reserves prudently and when circumstances allow to ensure that reserves are held at the appropriate level whilst at the same time returning to a fuller programme of events.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees (who are also directors of The Sealed Knot for the purposes of company law) 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).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company 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 judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

This report was approved by the Trustees, on 1 July 2022 and signed on their behalf by:


.....
C H North-Bates
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SEALED KNOT (the 'charitable company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2021.

This report is made solely to the charitable company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2006 and regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charitable company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the Trustees of the charitable company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investments (Scotland) Act 2005 ('the 2005 Act'), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ('the 2006 Accounts Regulations') and the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'). You are satisfied that the accounts of the charitable company are not required by charity or company law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charitable company's accounts carried out under section 44(1)(c) of the 2005 Act and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations and the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. *accounting records were not kept in respect of the charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; or*
2. *the accounts do not accord with those records or with the accounting requirements of Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; or*
3. *the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or*
4. *the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].*

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.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Signed:



Dated: 7 July 2022

Robert Anderson FCA

STREETS LLP

Chartered Accountants
Tower House
Lucy Tower Street
Lincoln

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Note	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
INCOME FROM:					
Voluntary income	2	-	66,740	66,740	64,860
Charitable activities	5	-	5,890	5,890	3,506
Other fundraising income	3	-	5,637	5,637	387
Investments	4	-	398	398	435
TOTAL INCOME		-	78,665	78,665	69,188
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	6	-	8,365	8,365	9,791
Charitable activities	7,9,8	-	55,932	55,932	43,817
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		-	64,297	64,297	53,608
NET INCOME BEFORE TRANSFERS		-	14,368	14,368	15,580
Transfers between Funds	16	(68)	68	-	-
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		(68)	14,436	14,368	15,580
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(68)	14,436	14,368	15,580
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		1,526	319,646	321,172	305,592
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		1,458	334,082	335,540	321,172

The notes on pages 10 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

THE SEALED KNOT
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REGISTERED NUMBER: 1014700

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

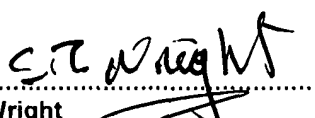
	Note	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12		5,732		7,642
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	13	8,221		7,575	
Debtors	14	37,669		5,850	
Cash at bank and in hand		324,916		339,213	
		<u>370,806</u>		<u>352,638</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	15	(40,998)		(39,108)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			329,808		313,530
NET ASSETS			335,540		321,172
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds	16		1,458		1,526
Unrestricted funds	16		334,082		319,646
TOTAL FUNDS			335,540		321,172


The charitable company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The Trustees consider that the charitable company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 1 July 2022 and signed on their behalf, by:

.....

S Wright

.....

G King

Trustee

Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

THE SEALED KNOT
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Sealed Knot meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Company status

The charitable company is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. In the event of the charitable company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charitable company.

The charities functional and presentation currency is pounds sterling.

In accordance with the Articles membership should not exceed 2,000.

1.3 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charitable company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charitable company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.4 Income

All income is recognised once the charitable company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the charitable company has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the charitable company of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charitable company which is the amount the charitable company would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation or in a later period when it meets the income recognition criteria.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charitable company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the charitable company's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charitable company apportioned to charitable activities.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised as well as lower value assets that are deemed to have a long social life.

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Motor vehicles	-	25% reducing balance
Office equipment	-	25% reducing balance

1.7 Stocks and work in progress

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, on a first in first out basis, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks.

1.8 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charitable company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.10 Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charitable company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.12 Financial instruments

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial 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 with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.13 Subscriptions

Subscription income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

1.14 Consolidation

The Sealed Knot has a significant number of regiments throughout the country, which have their own bank accounts and which produce their own accounts. It is considered that these regiments have sufficient financial and administrative autonomy that their accounts do not need to be included in these financial statements.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Subscriptions	-	39,725	39,725	64,763
Gift Aid	-	26,882	26,882	-
Sale of shirts	-	63	63	-
Other Income	-	70	70	97
Total voluntary income	-	66,740	66,740	64,860
<i>Total 2020</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>64,860</i>	<i>64,860</i>	

3. FUNDRAISING INCOME

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Traders and Filming Income	-	5,637	5,637	387
<i>Total 2020</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>387</i>	<i>387</i>	

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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Interest Receivable	-	398	398	435
<i>Total 2020</i>	-	435	435	

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Muster Income	-	5,890	5,890	3,506
<i>Total 2020</i>	-	3,506	3,506	

6. COSTS OF RAISING FUNDS

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Printing, postage and stationery	-	8,127	8,127	8,919
Office expenses	-	238	238	872
	-	8,365	8,365	9,791
<i>Total 2020</i>	-	9,791	9,791	

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7. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Office expenses	-	160	160	2,172
Legal and professional	-	571	571	681
Independent examiners fees	-	1,900	1,900	1,900
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,631</u>	<u>2,631</u>	<u>4,753</u>

8. DIRECT COSTS

	Muster and Events £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Muster expenses	12,988	12,988	1,651
Muster bounty and army grants	1,395	1,395	7,015
Black powder	2,495	2,495	-
Motor and travel costs	1,777	1,777	2,108
50th Anniversary costs	-	-	70
Medical cover and supplies	1,727	1,727	351
Horse hire	4,375	4,375	-
Charitable donations	950	950	-
Bank charges	1,128	1,128	1,019
Depreciation and loss on disposal	1,911	1,911	3,206
	<u>28,746</u>	<u>28,746</u>	<u>15,420</u>
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>15,420</u>	<u>15,420</u>	

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9. SUPPORT COSTS

	Muster and Events £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Insurance	17,104	17,104	17,472
Web site and IT costs	6,910	6,910	5,728
Sundry	541	541	444
	<u>24,555</u>	<u>24,555</u>	<u>23,644</u>
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>23,644</u>	<u>23,644</u>	

10. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

This is stated after charging:

	2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets: - owned by the charity	<u>1,911</u>	<u>2,547</u>

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2020 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2020 - £NIL).

6 Trustees received reimbursement of expenses amounting to £7541 in the current year, (2020 - 4 Trustees - £6583). These amounts represent the reimbursement of charity business running expenses paid by Trustees on behalf of the charity and include £255 in travel and subsistence.

11. ACCOUNTANTS' REMUNERATION

The Independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £1,900 (2020 - £1,900).

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Motor vehicles £	Office and other equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021	25,910	15,985	41,895
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2021	21,233	13,020	34,253
Charge for the year	1,169	741	1,910
At 31 December 2021	22,402	13,761	36,163
Net book value			
At 31 December 2021	3,508	2,224	5,732
At 31 December 2020	4,677	2,965	7,642

13. STOCKS

	2021 £	2020 £
Polo Shirts	-	434
Black Powder	8,221	7,141
	8,221	7,575

14. DEBTORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	984	180
Other debtors	33,114	2,695
Prepayments and accrued income	3,571	2,975
	37,669	5,850

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15. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,024	2,009
Accruals and deferred income	39,974	37,099
	40,998	39,108
		£
Deferred income - subscriptions		
Deferred income at 1 January 2021		37,187
Resources deferred during the year		39,286
Amounts released from previous years		(37,187)
Deferred income at 31 December 2021		39,286

16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers in/out	Balance at 31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated funds					
Bursary Fund	3,500	-	-	-	3,500
	3,500	-	-	-	3,500
General funds					
General Funds	316,146	78,665	(64,297)	68	330,582
Total Unrestricted funds	319,646	78,665	(64,297)	68	334,082
Restricted funds					
Liquidation account	943	-	-	(68)	875
Promoting the Molyneux name	583	-	-	-	583
	1,526	-	-	(68)	1,458
Total of funds	321,172	78,665	(64,297)	-	335,540

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16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	<i>Balance at 1 January 2020 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 December 2020 £</i>
Bursary Fund	3,500	-	-	3,500
General Funds	300,566	69,188	(53,608)	316,146
Restricted funds				
Liquidation account	943	-	-	943
Promoting the Molyneux name	583	-	-	583
	1,526	-	-	1,526

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 December 2021 £
Designated funds	3,500	-	-	-	3,500
General funds	316,146	78,665	(64,297)	68	330,582
	319,646	78,665	(64,297)	68	334,082
Restricted funds	1,526	-	-	(68)	1,458
	321,172	78,665	(64,297)	-	335,540

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16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	<i>Balance at 1 January 2020 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 December 2020 £</i>
Unrestricted funds	3,500	-	-	3,500
General funds	300,566	69,188	(53,608)	316,146
	<u>304,066</u>	<u>69,188</u>	<u>(53,608)</u>	<u>319,646</u>
Restricted funds	1,526	-	-	1,526
	<u>305,592</u>	<u>69,188</u>	<u>(53,608)</u>	<u>321,172</u>

The liquidation account represents the amounts paid by subscribers on becoming full members at an additional cost of £1 per member. Restricted funds are also held to promote the Molyneux name.

The bursary fund represents amounts set aside for educational bursary awards to members.

17. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	<i>Restricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	-	5,731	5,731
Current assets	1,458	369,348	370,806
Creditors due within one year	-	(40,997)	(40,997)
	<u>1,458</u>	<u>334,082</u>	<u>335,540</u>

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	<i>Restricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	-	7,642	7,642
Current assets	1,526	351,112	352,638
Creditors due within one year	-	(39,108)	(39,108)
	<u>1,526</u>	<u>319,646</u>	<u>321,172</u>

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18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company is controlled by its Board of Trustees.

THE SEALED KNOT LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 263004

Accounts

THE SEALED KNOT
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UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITABLE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Trustees

B Upton
S Wright
K S Robinson
V I Pearce
A E Pearce (resigned 10 December 2020)
L Webb-Morris (resigned 10 December 2020)
J R Fowler
J L Gwilliam
T P Small
D N Parkes
N C Jackson
T C Baldwin
C H J North-Bates
A B George
G M Hartnell
C Bruce (appointed 28 June 2020, resigned 30 August 2020)
G King (appointed 3 November 2020)
R A Sales (appointed 10 December 2020)
T R Aldwinckle (appointed 10 December 2020)

Company registered number

1014700

Charity registered numbers

263004 and SC040724

Registered office

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Southampton
SO30 2AF

Company secretary

C H J North-Bates

Accountants

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Chartered Accountants
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Solicitors

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements for the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102, effective 1 January 2015) as amended by Update Bulletin 1 (effective 1 January 2015) and Update Bulletin 2 (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the charitable company qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

Objectives and Activities

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the charity commission relating to public benefit.

The charitable company is principally engaged in the presentation of episodes in history by means of plays, pageants and theatrical re-enactment of battles with a view to maintaining and encouraging, among members of the public, the learning and study of history. This activity continues to be focused on the Civil Wars which took place in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland during the seventeenth century. Some of the company's events take place in and around schools, reflecting the company's status as an educational charitable organisation. This area of activity remains a focus for the future.

b. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

It is the policy of the trustees to set aside a proportion of the surplus on musters which is available for charitable purposes. These funds are held in the general bank accounts until required. As well as supporting the ongoing activities of the society these monies have been used for Education, Commemoration and giving Bursaries.

Achievements and performance

a. KEY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The key financial performance indicator for the trustees is generating a surplus of funds to maintain its charitable aims and objectives.

b. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

The arrival of Covid-19 and the ensuing lockdowns made 2020 a difficult year for the Society. A small number of events were possible in the early part of the year, including our annual event at Nantwich in Cheshire and activities have continued where possible, primarily online and in filming. Alongside this we have maintained and developed relationships with various bodies such as the Battlefield Trust, English Heritage and various museums and where possible continued promoting the study of the English Civil Wars.

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Financial review

a. GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b. RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the directors to retain sufficient financial resources to ensure the operation of the charitable company for a period of at least two years exclusive of event based costs in the event of either a significant reduction in income or a significant increase in expenditure. This policy allowed the charitable company to reduce subscriptions renewals for 2021 to its existing members in 2020 and still be able to come out of the current situation in a comparatively healthy position financially.

Structure, governance and management

a. CONSTITUTION

The charitable company is constituted under a Memorandum of Association dated 17 June 1971 and is a registered charity number 263004 (SC040724).

There have been no changes in the objectives since the last annual report.

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the charitable company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association.

c. POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

New trustees are made aware of their responsibilities and the affairs of the charity. All trustees are kept aware of the updates sent out by the Charity Commissioners which is now made easier by the introduction of electronically transmitted information.

d. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

The charitable company is limited by guarantee to the extent of £1 per full member. In accordance with the Articles, full membership should not exceed 2,000. All the trustees are members of the company. The Board of Trustees consists of 12 elected members, and five ex officio officers: the Adjutant General (Director of Administration), the Company Secretary, the Lord General of the Royalist Army, the Lord General of the Army of Parliament and the Finance Director (Treasurer). The elected positions are normally for a term of three years, and a third of these must be re-elected at each AGM. Once members are elected, they are expected to attend four board meetings a year, and participate in the running of the charity, including the management of a specific aspect. The ex officio positions are appointed by the board of trustees, at the time of the post becoming vacant. The Charity does not consider there to be any remunerated key management personnel.

The members of the board during 2020 are listed on page 1.

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e. RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees have examined the principal areas of the Sealed Knot operations and have considered the major risks faced in each of these areas. A programme to assess risk and mitigate its effects has been set in train. It is felt that risks can and should be mitigated to an acceptable level in the day to day running of the Sealed Knot.

f. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

No significant changes have been made in the company's aims and objectives during the period and the trustees do not foresee any changes in the coming year. We will continue to support initiatives such as the Naseby Battlefield Project and will continue work on a number of annual commemorative parades like those at Coleford, Marston Moor and Edgehill. We will be strengthening our representation at other endangered battle sites as may be necessary. We are also looking to contribute to various events organised by English Heritage and help the Battlefields Trust develop their program to encourage a greater understanding of British Military History.

Coronavirus and its associated disease Covid-19 are still impacting on the activities of the Sealed Knot. Due to the financial reserves built up over previous years, the Society finds itself in the fortunate position of being able to mitigate any immediate financial impact. As the length of the crisis is currently unknown, the Trustees policy is, as far as possible, to expend reserves prudently, with the objective of not only meeting day to day expenditure when required, but also to allow for an appropriate programme of events to be put on once this is possible.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees (who are also directors of The Sealed Knot for the purposes of company law) 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).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company 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 judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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This report was approved by the Trustees, on 26 July 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



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C H North-Bates
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SEALED KNOT (the 'charitable company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2020.

This report is made solely to the charitable company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2006 and regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charitable company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the Trustees of the charitable company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investments (Scotland) Act 2005 ('the 2005 Act'), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ('the 2006 Accounts Regulations') and the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'). You are satisfied that the accounts of the charitable company are not required by charity or company law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charitable company's accounts carried out under section 44(1)(c) of the 2005 Act and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations and the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records or with the accounting requirements of Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (continued)
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Signed: 

Dated: 28 July 2021

Robert Anderson FCA

STREETS LLP

Chartered Accountants
Tower House
Lucy Tower Street
Lincoln

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	Restricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
INCOME FROM:					
Voluntary income	2	-	64,860	64,860	66,046
Charitable activities	5	-	3,506	3,506	46,393
Other fundraising income	3	-	387	387	13,575
Investments	4	-	435	435	852
TOTAL INCOME		-	69,188	69,188	126,866
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	6	-	9,791	9,791	10,545
Charitable activities	7,9,8	-	43,817	43,817	139,389
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		-	53,608	53,608	149,934
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		-	15,580	15,580	(23,068)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-	15,580	15,580	(23,068)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		1,526	304,066	305,592	328,660
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		1,526	319,646	321,172	305,592

The notes on pages 10 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 1014700

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

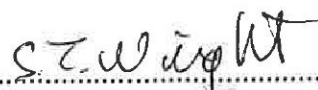
	Note	£	2020 £	£	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12		7,642		7,347
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	13	7,575		8,313	
Debtors	14	5,850		19,724	
Cash at bank and in hand		339,213		342,833	
		<u>352,638</u>		<u>370,870</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	15	(39,108)		(72,625)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>313,530</u>		<u>298,245</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>321,172</u>		<u>305,592</u>
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds	17		1,526		1,526
Unrestricted funds	17		319,646		304,066
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>321,172</u>		<u>305,592</u>

The charitable company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.


The Trustees consider that the charitable company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 26 July 2021 and signed on their behalf, by:



S Wright



G King

The notes on pages 10 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Sealed Knot meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Company status

The charitable company is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. In the event of the charitable company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charitable company.

The charities functional and presentation currency is pounds sterling.

In accordance with the Articles membership should not exceed 2,000.

1.3 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charitable company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charitable company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.4 Income

All income is recognised once the charitable company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the charitable company has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the charitable company of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charitable company which is the amount the charitable company would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation or in a later period when it meets the income recognition criteria.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charitable company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the charitable company's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charitable company apportioned to charitable activities.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £250 are capitalised.

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Motor vehicles	-	25% reducing balance
Office equipment	-	25% reducing balance

1.7 Stocks and work in progress

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, on a first in first out basis, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks.

1.8 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charitable company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.10 Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charitable company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.12 Financial instruments

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial 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 with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.13 Subscriptions

Subscription income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

1.14 Consolidation

The Sealed Knot has a significant number of regiments throughout the country, which have their own bank accounts and which produce their own accounts. It is considered that these regiments have sufficient financial and administrative autonomy that their accounts do not need to be included in these financial statements.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Restricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Subscriptions	-	64,763	64,763	58,564
Gift Aid	-	-	-	6,301
Profit on sale of shirts	-	-	-	665
Other Income	-	97	97	516
Total voluntary income	-	64,860	64,860	66,046
<i>Total 2019</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>66,046</i>	<i>66,046</i>	

3. FUNDRAISING INCOME

	Restricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Traders and Filming Income	-	387	387	13,575
<i>Total 2019</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>13,575</i>	<i>13,575</i>	

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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Restricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Interest Receivable	-	435	435	852
<i>Total 2019</i>	-	852	852	

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Restricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Muster Income	-	3,506	3,506	46,393
<i>Total 2019</i>	-	46,393	46,393	

6. COSTS OF RAISING FUNDS

	Restricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Printing, postage and stationery	-	8,919	8,919	10,059
Office expenses	-	872	872	486
	-	9,791	9,791	10,545
<i>Total 2019</i>	-	10,545	10,545	

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7. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Restricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Office expenses	-	2,172	2,172	671
Legal and professional	-	681	681	546
Independent examiners fees	-	1,900	1,900	3,615
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,753</u>	<u>4,753</u>	<u>4,832</u>

8. DIRECT COSTS

	Muster and Events £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Muster expenses	1,651	1,651	36,146
Muster bounty and army grants	7,015	7,015	15,800
Equipment hire	-	-	27,641
Motor and travel costs	2,108	2,108	3,362
50th Anniversary costs	70	70	2,320
Medical cover and supplies	351	351	3,628
Horse hire	-	-	9,505
Other professional fees	-	-	889
Bank charges	1,019	1,019	777
Depreciation and loss on disposal	3,206	3,206	2,449
	<u>15,420</u>	<u>15,420</u>	<u>102,517</u>
<i>Total 2019</i>	<u>102,517</u>	<u>102,517</u>	

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9. SUPPORT COSTS

	Muster and Events £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Insurance	17,472	17,472	25,278
Web site and IT costs	5,728	5,728	5,406
Sundry	444	444	1,356
	<u>23,644</u>	<u>23,644</u>	<u>32,040</u>
<i>Total 2019</i>	<u>32,040</u>	<u>32,040</u>	

10. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

This is stated after charging:

	2020 £	2019 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets: - owned by the charity	<u>2,547</u>	<u>2,449</u>

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2018 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2018 - £NIL).

15 Trustees received reimbursement of expenses amounting to £1031 in the current year, (2019 - 15 Trustees - £2045).

11. ACCOUNTANTS' REMUNERATION

The Independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £1,900 (2019 - £3,615).

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Motor vehicles £	Office and other equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2020	25,910	80,164	106,074
Additions	-	3,501	3,501
Disposals	-	(67,680)	(67,680)
At 31 December 2020	<u>25,910</u>	<u>15,985</u>	<u>41,895</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2020	19,674	79,053	98,727
Charge for the year	1,559	988	2,547
On disposals	-	(67,021)	(67,021)
At 31 December 2020	<u>21,233</u>	<u>13,020</u>	<u>34,253</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2020	<u>4,677</u>	<u>2,965</u>	<u>7,642</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>6,236</u>	<u>1,111</u>	<u>7,347</u>

13. STOCKS

	2020 £	2019 £
Polo Shirts	434	1,172
Black Powder	7,141	7,141
	<u>7,575</u>	<u>8,313</u>

14. DEBTORS

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade debtors	180	3,887
Other debtors	2,695	12,598
Prepayments and accrued income	2,975	3,239
	<u>5,850</u>	<u>19,724</u>

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15. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade creditors	2,009	-
Accruals and deferred income	37,099	72,625
	39,108	72,625
£		
Deferred income - subscriptions		
Deferred income at 1 January 2020		37,187
Resources deferred during the year		35,199
Amounts released from previous years		(37,187)
Deferred income at 31 December 2020		35,199

16. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

Prepaid subscriptions have been corrected in the previous year by £27,637. This has reduced subscriptions in 2019 by this amount.

17. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2020 £
Designated funds				
Bursary Fund	3,500	-	-	3,500
	300,566	69,188	(53,608)	316,146
General funds				
General Funds	300,566	69,188	(53,608)	316,146
Total Unrestricted funds	304,066	69,188	(53,608)	319,646
Restricted funds				
Liquidation account	943	-	-	943
Promoting the Molyneux name	583	-	-	583
	1,526	-	-	1,526

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17. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

Total of funds	305,592	69,188	(53,608)	321,172
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STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	<i>Balance at 1 January 2019 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 December 2019 £</i>
Bursary Fund	3,500	-	-	3,500
General Funds	323,634	126,866	(149,934)	300,566
Restricted funds				
Liquidation account	943	-	-	943
Promoting the Molyneux name	583	-	-	583
	1,526	-	-	1,526

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	<i>Balance at 1 January 2020 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 December 2020 £</i>
Designated funds	3,500	-	-	3,500
General funds	300,566	69,188	(53,608)	316,146
	304,066	69,188	(53,608)	319,646
Restricted funds	1,526	-	-	1,526
	305,592	69,188	(53,608)	321,172

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17. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	<i>Balance at 1 January 2019 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 December 2019 £</i>
Unrestricted funds	3,500	-	-	3,500
General funds	323,634	126,866	(149,934)	300,566
	<u>327,134</u>	<u>126,866</u>	<u>(149,934)</u>	<u>304,066</u>
Restricted funds	1,526	-	-	1,526
	<u>328,660</u>	<u>126,866</u>	<u>(149,934)</u>	<u>305,592</u>

The liquidation account represents the amounts paid by subscribers on becoming full members at an additional cost of £1 per member. Restricted funds are also held to promote the Molyneux name.

The bursary fund represents amounts set aside for educational bursary awards to members.

18. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Restricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	7,642	7,642
Current assets	1,526	351,112	352,638
Creditors due within one year	-	(39,108)	(39,108)
	<u>1,526</u>	<u>319,646</u>	<u>321,172</u>

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	<i>Restricted funds 2019 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2019 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2019 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	-	7,347	7,347
Current assets	1,526	369,344	370,870
Creditors due within one year	-	(72,625)	(72,625)
	<u>1,526</u>	<u>304,066</u>	<u>305,592</u>

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19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company is controlled by its Board of Trustees.

