

Registered number: 1014700
Charity numbers: 263004 and SC040724

THE SEALED KNOT
(A company limited by guarantee)

UNAUDITED
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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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

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Registered office

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Company secretary

C H J North-Bates

Accountants

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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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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
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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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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	
		<u>387,167</u>		<u>384,775</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	15	(76,568)		(78,854)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>310,599</u>		<u>305,921</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>314,386</u>		<u>310,969</u>
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds	16		1,452		1,458
Unrestricted funds	16		312,934		309,511
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>314,386</u>		<u>310,969</u>

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

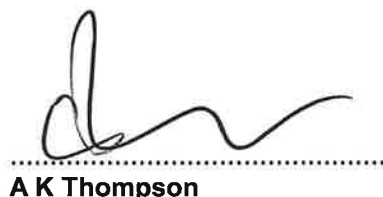
The Trustees consider that the charitable company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with 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 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
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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 £	Total funds 2022 £
Subscriptions	-	78,376	78,376	47,279
Gift Aid	-	18,391	18,391	22,607
Other Income	-	1,030	1,030	335
Total voluntary income	-	97,797	97,797	70,221
Total 2022	-	70,221	70,221	

3. FUNDRAISING INCOME

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Traders and Filming Income	-	2,964	2,964	5,107
Total 2022	-	5,107	5,107	

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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
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 £	Total funds 2022 £
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 £	Total funds 2022 £
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
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,660</u>	<u>6,660</u>	<u>4,160</u>

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
	<u>86,281</u>	<u>86,281</u>	<u>85,574</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>85,574</u>	<u>85,574</u>	

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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
At 31 December 2022	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)
	<u>69,019</u>
Deferred income at 31 December 2023	<u>69,019</u>

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
	<u>2,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,500</u>
General funds					
General Funds	307,011	147,256	(143,839)	6	310,434
	<u>307,011</u>	<u>147,256</u>	<u>(143,839)</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>310,434</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	309,511	147,256	(143,839)	6	312,934
	<u>309,511</u>	<u>147,256</u>	<u>(143,839)</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>312,934</u>
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>
Total of funds	310,969	147,256	(143,839)	-	314,386
	<u>310,969</u>	<u>147,256</u>	<u>(143,839)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>314,386</u>

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
	<u>330,582</u>	<u>108,053</u>	<u>(131,624)</u>	<u>307,011</u>

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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)
	1,452	312,934	314,386

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)
	1,458	309,511	310,969

18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company is controlled by its Board of Trustees.