

Royal Marines Historical Society

Registered Charity 274285

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Report to the Council and to the Members

Introduction: The accounts presented to you have been prepared on an Income and Expenditure basis following the format recommended by the Charity Commissioners. This is a change from previous reporting periods, and now includes non-cash transactions such as depreciation etc. This change in accounting treatment was agreed by the Council at its meeting in March 2025.

Subscriptions: We saw a moderate increase in membership subscription income in year, though did not meet budget. While our increased outreach in year did lead to an increase in new members these were partially offset by a number of members who were removed from the roll due to non-payment of subscriptions. Our base does appear to be healthy when viewed against historic numbers.

Sale of Publications: Income from sale of publications is up considerably on last year and is back to 2022 levels. Our relations with the RMA managed by Tony Sickelmore continues to be a strong, if not vital, income stream for the organisation.

Postage and Publications Production Costs: Even with only one Special Publication sent out to Members in year, the increasing costs of postage meant we spent more than in previous years and exceeded budget. We continue to explore the most cost-effective ways of sending hard copy publications and, longer term, we will need to consider electronic versions of some outputs for some Members.

Other Expenses: 2024 being the 80th anniversary of D-Day saw a major outreach programme undertaken by the Society. With funding provided by the RMA we purchased a range of equipment to undertake travelling roadshows, interacting with hundreds of members of the public to carry out our charitable activities to educate them on the history and traditions of the Corps. That equipment will stand us in good stead for similar activities in 2025 to recognise the end of the Second World War in Europe and the Far East.

Summary: Total Assets stand at £52,407 (2023: £47,781) of which £22,870 (2023: £24,084) comprises cash at bank and in hand, so the Society's finances remain liquid.

This has been a satisfactory year for the Society with strong income considering the production of only one Special Publication, leading to a small accounting surplus.

We remain indebted to Graham Figgins and his Team from the TC Group for continuing to act as the Independent Examiner for our accounts.



Dr Rob Granger FCCA CIA CBCI Honorary Treasurer

31 July 2025

Royal Marines Historical Society

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Royal Marines Historical Society

I report on the attached accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records

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.



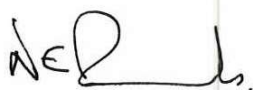
Graham Figgins F.C.A
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Portsmouth

31 July 2025

Royal Marines Historical Society
Charity Number: 274285

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Total this year £ F04	Total last year £ F05
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets (Note 3)	-	4,970	4,970	872
Total fixed assets	-	4,970	4,970	872
Current assets				
Stocks (Note 4)	23,927	-	23,927	22,825
Debtors (Note 5)	641	-	641	213
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 6)	22,870	-	22,870	24,084
Total current assets	47,437	-	47,437	47,122
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	-	-	-	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)	47,437	-	47,437	47,122
Total net assets or liabilities	47,437	4,970	52,407	47,994
Funds of the Charity				
Restricted income funds (Note 7)	-	4,970	4,970	-
Unrestricted funds	47,437		47,437	47,994
Total funds	47,437	4,970	52,407	47,994



Brigadier Nick Pounds MA - Chairman



Dr Rob Granger FCCA – Honorary Treasurer

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total funds £	Prior year funds £
Income				
Donations and legacies	313	6,686	6,999	300
Charitable activities	18,560	-	18,560	17,419
Other trading activities	13,063	-	13,063	6,918
Investments	167	-	167	150
Total	32,102	6,686	38,788	24,787
Expenditure				
Raising funds	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	27,186	4,093	31,279	21,401
Other	3,096	-	3,096	3,361
Total	30,282	4,093	34,375	24,762
Net income/(expenditure) before tax for the reporting period	1,820	2,593	4,413	25
Tax payable	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) after tax before investment gains/(losses)	1,820	2,593	4,413	25
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	1,820	2,593	4,413	25
Transfers between funds	(2,377)	2,377	-	-
Net movement in funds	(557)	4,970	4,413	25
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward	(557)	4,970	4,413	25

Brigadier Nick Pounds MA - Chairman

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Note 1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014; and with*
- the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102); and with*
- the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Going concern

While operating in an unstable financial environment, the Trustees have taken steps to review our short-term activities, which are largely discretionary, and ensure they are commensurate with our available funds. At the same time, they have set out steps to produce a longer-term strategy to ensure the ongoing viability of the organisation while achieving its Charitable Objectives.

With these active steps being taken to manage the operations of the Charity, and the resources held in reserves and free cash, the Trustees are confident that the financial statements can be prepared on a going concern basis.

1.3 Change of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined in Note 2. Previous years accounts were prepared on a receipts and payments basis and the policy has been changed to an accruals basis to give a better picture of the state of the charity.

1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

1.5 Material prior year errors

No material prior year error have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS 102 SORP).

Note 2 Accounting policies

2.1 Income

Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Donations

Donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Income from interest, royalties and dividends

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Income from membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions, which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits, are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.

2.2 Expenditure and Liabilities**Liability recognition**

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Deferred income

No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

2.3 Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. All assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis, and the depreciation rates used are as follows:

IT Equipment – 3 Years

Office and exhibition equipment – 3 Years

Artwork and Displays for exhibitions – 5 Years

Stocks and work in progress

Stocks held for sale as part of non-charitable trade are measured at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock.

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Current asset investments

The charity has cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date less than one year. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due. They are valued at fair value except where they qualify as basic financial instruments.

Note 3 Tangible Fixed Assets

3.1 Cost or Valuations

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
At the beginning of the year	-	-	-	872	872
Additions	-	-	-	7,285	7,285
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	8,157	8,157

3.2 Depreciation and Impairments

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
At the beginning of the year	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	3,187	3,187
Impairments	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	3,187	3,187

3.3 Net Book Values

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	-	872	872
Net book value at the end of the year	-	-	-	4,970	4,970

Note 4 Stocks

	Stocks		Donated Goods		Work in Progress
	For Distribution	For Resale	For Distribution	For Resale	
	£	£	£	£	
Charitable activities					
Opening	-	21,175	-	-	-
Added in period	-	1,102	-	-	-
Expensed in period	-		-	-	-
Impaired	-		-	-	-
Closing	-		-	-	-
Sub Total	-	22,277	-	-	-
Other trading activities					
Opening	-	-	-	-	-
Added in period	-	-	-	-	-
Expensed in period	-	-	-	-	-
Impaired	-	-	-	-	-
Closing	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	-	-	-	-	-
Total This Year	-	22,277	-	-	-
Total previous Year	-	21,175	-	-	-

Note 5 Debtors and prepayments

	This year £	Last year £
Trade debtors	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	213	641
Total	213	641

Note 6 Cash at bank and in hand

	This year £	Last year £
Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)	-	-
Short term deposits	7,374	7,323
Cash at bank and on hand	15,495	16,761
Other	-	-
Total	22,870	24,084

Note 7 Details of material funds held and movements during the reporting period

* Key: PE - permanent endowment funds; EE - expendable endowment funds; R - restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity; and U - unrestricted funds

Fund names	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted (U)	Unrestricted	47,994	32,102	30,282	(2,377)	47,437
D-Day/SWW (R)	Restricted for use for D-Day/SWW exhibitions	-	6,686	4,093	2,377	4,970
Total		47,994	38,788	34,375	-	52,407

Note 8 Trustee Expenses

Type of expenses reimbursed	This Year £
Travel	1,264
Subsistence	72
Accommodation	-
Total	1,336

These expenses were paid to two Trustees.