

**Charity Registration Number: 274689**

**1ST THE QUEEN'S DRAGOON GUARDS REGIMENTAL TRUST**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

# **1ST THE QUEEN'S DRAGOON GUARDS REGIMENTAL TRUST**

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**1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards**  
**Regimental Trust**

**Legal and Administrative Information**

**Charity registration number:** 274689

**Trustees:** ORC Larminie Chairman (died 15th January 2023)  
AFJ Roe Chairman (appointed 21st February 2023)  
Colonel PJ Andrews OBE  
FDS Rosier  
JD Beatson-Hird  
DA Warner  
M Ashley-Miller  
Brigadier AS Richmond OBE (Ex-Officio)  
Colonel TR Wilson OBE (appointed 23rd November 2022)

**Regimental Secretary** MI Hawtin  
**Trust Secretary** HB Searle

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**Accountants** Tester Accountancy & Bookkeeping Ltd  
Chartered Accountants  
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**Bankers** Lloyds Banking Group PLC  
City Road  
Cardiff

# **1ST THE QUEEN'S DRAGOON GUARDS REGIMENTAL TRUST**

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

The Trustees present their annual report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 8 and comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and the Trust Deed.

### **Constitution of the Trust**

1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards Regimental Trust (QDG Trust) was constituted as an unincorporated association by Deed of Settlement dated 31 October 1977. A revised Trust Deed was executed on 24 October 2016. It is a registered charity, number 274689. The Trustees during the year 2022/2023 were Mr ORC Larminie, Colonel PJ Andrews OBE, Mr AFJ Roe, Mr FDS Rosier, Mr JD Beatson-Hird, Mr D A Warner, Mr M Ashley-Miller, the Colonel of the Regiment Brigadier AS Richmond OBE and Colonel TR Wilson OBE.

### **Objects of the Trust**

The QDG Trust Fund, and the income thereof, is to be used to promote the efficiency of the Regiment, for the relief of need of all past and present members of the Regiment, or its predecessors, and their wives and widows, and for the advancement of education in respect of the history of the Regiment.

### **Trustees' Responsibilities Statement**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The Charity's constitution and charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity, as at the end of the financial period, and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to select suitable Accounting Policies and then apply them consistently, make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent, state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed (subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements) and prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation. The Trustees are responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and, hence, for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### **Review of the year**

The Trustees have complied with the duty in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's General Guidance on Public Benefit, "Charities and Public Benefit".

During the year, the Regiment returned from its operational deployment in Mali and transitioned to the 3rd Division, which allowed a little more time for activities that could be supported by the QDG Trust. The principal grant to the Regiment increased to £48,494 (£44,484 for 2021/22) plus an additional £11,844 expenditure on the maintenance of heritage assets that are on loan from the Trust to the Messes.

2022/2023 also witnessed a significant increase in benevolence grants from the relatively low level of the previous year.

At the end of the year the Charity had total funds of £3,678,970, including restricted funds of £1,565, and £1,174,463 in heritage assets.

## Annual Report of the Trustees continued

### **Reserves and investment policy**

The Trustees have agreed a reserves and investment policy, which is reviewed annually.

The main policy is for the QDG Trust to be able to fund its normal activities through its annual income, which is mostly derived from its investment income and the one day's pay scheme. In addition the Trustees wish to maintain a reasonable contingency reserve that is invested for long term growth, but could also be used to fund a benevolence call that might result from a significant event. The Trustees are mindful of the uncertainty in investment markets and consider their cash holdings as part of their reserves policy review.

During the year, markets reacted badly to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, inflationary pressures and higher interest rates and the performance of the holdings of the BlackRock Armed Forces Charities Growth & Income Fund reflected this difficult background. The Trustees receive regular updates on their investments from BlackRock and believe the medium risk profile is appropriate. The BlackRock Fund maintains an income reserve that has a healthy balance and the Trustees do not consider that there is a material risk to the expected income in the short to medium term.

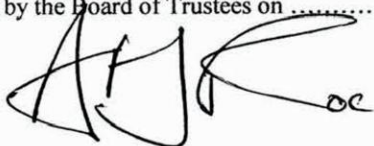
### **Risks**

The principal risk within the QDG Trust is considered to be the heritage assets that are loaned to the serving Regiment. There are revised procedures for their audit and maintenance that have been agreed in cooperation with the serving Regiment and utilising resources available from the QDG Heritage Trust.

As noted in the 2021/22 Accounts, substantial damage to the silver collection on loan to the Officers' Mess was previously identified. Responsibility for this damage has been admitted by ESS, the subsidiary of Compass Group that manages the Officers' Mess. Much of the damage has now been repaired and is unlikely to result in any significant cost to the QDG Trust.

The Trustees confirm that the QDG Trust's assets are available and adequate to fulfil the obligations of the QDG Trust. The policy of the Trustees is to build up sufficient reserves to enable the annual grant to the serving Regiment and the Benevolent grants to be wholly paid out of income. There are no long-term grant commitments or other liabilities that might pose a risk to the charity.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on ..... 12.1.2024



AFJ Roe  
Chairman of Trustees

## **REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

### **TO THE TRUSTEES OF 1ST THE QUEEN'S DRAGOON GUARDS REGIMENTAL TRUST**

I report on the financial statements of 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards Regimental Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

#### **Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiners**

As the Charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Act and to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of Independent Examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion as to whether the financial statements present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out below.

#### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
  - (b) to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act.have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

*D. M. Samothrakis*

**Deborah Mary Samothrakis BSc FCA**  
**Tester Accountancy & Bookkeeping Ltd**  
Chartered Accountants  
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Date

14/12/23

**1ST THE QUEEN'S DRAGOON GUARDS REGIMENTAL TRUST**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**(including Income and Expenditure Account)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

		<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
		<b><u>Unrestricted</u></b>	<b><u>Restricted</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
		<b><u>Funds</u></b>	<b><u>Funds</u></b>	<b><u>Funds</u></b>	<b><u>Funds</u></b>
	<u>Notes</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<b><u>Income from:</u></b>					
Donations, grants and legacies:					
One day pay scheme donations		31,328		31,328	31,107
Other donations		5,041		5,041	22,642
AFCFT Connect Grants		26,250		26,250	-
ABF Grant - Sgt Delana		2,500	-	2,500	-
		<u>65,119</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,119</u>	<u>53,749</u>
Investments:					
Interest on cash on deposit		255	-	255	14
Dividends on investments		86,273	-	86,273	80,069
		<u>86,528</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,528</u>	<u>80,083</u>
Other:					
Association subscriptions		6,615	-	6,615	7,036
Contributions to functions/ special occasions etc		17,316	-	17,316	11,863
Shop sales		16,238		16,238	22,327
Mess Fund		266		266	
		<u>40,435</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,435</u>	<u>41,226</u>
<b><u>Total income and endowments</u></b>		<b><u>192,082</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>192,082</u></b>	<b><u>175,058</u></b>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>					
Charitable activities	2	132,347	-	132,347	109,555
Other expenditure	3	31,729	-	31,729	5,615
<b><u>Total expenditure</u></b>		<b><u>164,076</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>164,076</u></b>	<b><u>115,170</u></b>
Net income/(expenditure)		28,006	-	28,006	59,588
Net gains/(losses) on investments	5	(272,015)	-	(272,015)	143,404
<b><u>Net income/(expenditure)</u></b>		<b><u>(244,009)</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>(244,009)</u></b>	<b><u>202,992</u></b>
Fund balances brought forward		3,921,414	1,565	3,922,979	3,719,987
<b><u>Fund balances carried forward</u></b>		<b><u>3,677,405</u></b>	<b><u>1,565</u></b>	<b><u>3,678,970</u></b>	<b><u>3,922,979</u></b>

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2023**

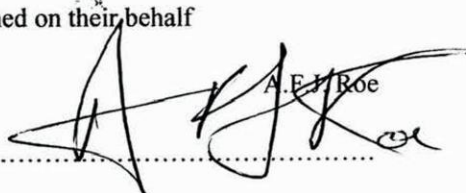
	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Heritage assets - unrestricted funds	4	1,174,463	1,166,408
Investments - unrestricted funds	5	2,318,263	2,548,602
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Shop stock - unrestricted funds		24,824	15,357
Stock of books - unrestricted funds		2,928	2,928
Advance payments - unrestricted funds		8,000	8,000
Cash at bank - restricted funds		1,565	1,565
Cash at bank - unrestricted funds		151,177	181,919
		<u>188,494</u>	<u>209,769</u>
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year:</b>			
Benevolent Grants accrued		-	-
Sundry creditors		2,250	1,800
		<u>(2,250)</u>	<u>(1,800)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>186,244</b>	<b>207,969</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b><u>£ 3,678,970</u></b>	<b><u>£ 3,922,979</u></b>
<b>FUNDS:</b>			
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>		<b>1,565</b>	<b>1,565</b>
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>		<b><u>3,677,405</u></b>	<b><u>3,921,214</u></b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b><u>£ 3,678,970</u></b>	<b><u>£ 3,922,779</u></b>

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Approved by the trustees on

and signed on their behalf

12.1.2024

  
A. E. J. Roe

**1ST THE QUEEN'S DRAGOON GUARDS REGIMENTAL TRUST**

**CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
	£	£
<b>Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities:</b>		
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	(244,009)	202,992
Dividends and interest from investments	(86,528)	(80,083)
Losses/(gains) on investments	272,016	(143,404)
(Increase)/decrease in Heritage assets	(8,055)	(6,540)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	-	(2,000)
(Increase)/decrease in shop stock	(9,467)	8,306
(Increase)/decrease in stock of books	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	450	(3,000)
<b>Net cash flow provided by/(used in) operating activities</b>	<b><u>(75,593)</u></b>	<b><u>(23,729)</u></b>
<b>Cash flow from investing activities:</b>		
Received from sale of investments	-	-
Payments to acquire investments	- 25,000	-
Dividends and interest from investments	86,528	80,083
Dividends re-invested	(16,677)	(13,450)
<b>Net cash flow provided by investing activities</b>	<b><u>44,851</u></b>	<b><u>66,633</u></b>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>	<b><u>(30,742)</u></b>	<b><u>42,904</u></b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the start of the year	183,484	140,580
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b><u>£ 152,742</u></b>	<b><u>£ 183,484</u></b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31st March consists of:</b>		
Cash at bank	<b><u>£ 152,742</u></b>	<b><u>£ 183,484</u></b>

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form part of these financial statements

# **1ST THE QUEEN'S DRAGOON GUARDS REGIMENTAL TRUST**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

#### **1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **1.1 General information and basis of preparation of financial statements**

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard, applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (SORP: FRS 102), issued on 16 July 2014, the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from January 2015.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis and under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value. The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented.

##### **1.2 Funds**

Income and expenditure are included in the financial statements on an accruals basis. Restricted funds comprise of donations that have been received for specific purposes or have been subject to specific conditions imposed by the donor. Unrestricted funds may be used at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

##### **1.3 Heritage assets**

A collection of heritage assets, consisting of Regimental paintings, silver and other artefacts, on display at the Officers' Mess of the Regiment, was donated to the Regimental Trust on 18 January 2013. Those of the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess were similarly donated on 21 May 2019 and the Corporals' Mess on 11 December 2020. It is expected that additions will be a regular occurrence. The insurance value has been used for the acquisition and the Trustees are of the opinion that these heritage assets have indefinite lives and therefore no depreciation is provided on them. The Trustees review the value of the heritage assets where there is evidence of impairment. Where items are bought for collection, they are valued at cost, where applicable.

##### **1.5 Investments**

Investments, managed by Blackrock, have been valued at market price by the Fund Managers and are shown in the Balance Sheet at this value. Changes in market value are recognised as gains or losses in the Statement of Financial Activities.

##### **1.6 Restricted Funds**

Funds are restricted funds if they are to be reserved for expenditure for specified purposes. The restricted funds shown in the accounts is a fund set aside for expenditure on benevolence.

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**2 EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES:**

	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
	£	£
<b>Grant to 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards:</b>		
Principal Grant to the Regiment for the year	48,494	44,484
Incidental additional grants to the Regiment	-	-
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Total grant to the Regiment for the year	48,494	44,484
Benevolent grants, wreaths and funeral costs paid	22,763	9,154
Expenditure on functions/special occasions etc	17,451	12,323
Christmas hampers	127	6,550
Advertising & Sponsorships	673	1,500
Regimental Journals	8,479	5,175
Donations	150	950
Maintenance of Heritage assets	11,844	9,641
Bad debt written off	6,000	-
Cost of shop sales	11,366	15,228
<b>Governance costs:</b>		
Accountancy fees	1,625	1,300
Independent Examiner's fees	625	500
Secretary's Honorarium	2,750	2,750
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<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>£ 132,347</b>	<b>£ 109,555</b>

**3 OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
	£	£
Subscriptions	370	370
Postage & I.T.	2,224	2,754
Internet	318	313
QDG Connect	26,250	-
Bank charges	189	179
Sundry expenditure	2,378	2,299
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<b>TOTAL OTHER EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£ 31,729</b>	<b>£ 5,915</b>

**4 HERITAGE ASSETS**

At valuation/cost (see note 1.3 on page 8)	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
	£	£
At start of year	1,166,408	1,159,868
Gifted during the year	0	-
Purchased in year	8,055	6,540
At end of year	<hr/> <b>£ 1,174,463</b>	<hr/> <b>£ 1,166,408</b>

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**5 INVESTMENTS**

**BlackRock Armed Forces Armed Forces Charities Growth and Income Fund:**

	<b><u>Units</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b> £	<b><u>2022</u></b> £
<b>Account Number 0004386436: Income units</b>			
Market Value at start of the year	837,976.850	2,035,871	1,923,157
Purchases	11,156.172	25,000	-
Increase/(decrease) in value		(217,906)	112,715
	849,133.022	1,842,965	2,035,872
<b>Account Number 0004387522: Accumulation units</b>			
Market Value at start of the year	109,663.190	512,730	468,591
Accumulated distributions		16,677	13,450
Increase/(decrease) in value		(54,109)	30,689
	109,663.190	475,298	512,730
<b><u>Total Market Value at 31 March</u></b>		<b>£ 2,318,263</b>	<b>£ 2,548,602</b>