

Beyond the Battlefield

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100198

Details

Status Received

Registered 2014-05-23

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Activities

Purposes: The Association is established to prevent or relieve poverty and to promote the health and wellbeing of veterans and serving members of the armed forces (hereinafter called the "beneficiaries") resident in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") and in particular: a) to relieve need, hardship and distress amongst the beneficiaries and their families through the provision of welfare advice and social activities with the aim of providing effective resettlement into civilian society; b) to provide counselling and emotional support to those beneficiaries suffering from mental health problems, psychological trauma, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or other stress related issues, attributed to or associated with their service; c) to act as an advocate and intermediary between service personnel and local support providers; d) to advance the education of the beneficiaries, their families and the general public as to the symptoms and indicators of PTSD and associated problems and inform them of the support and advice available; e) to advance any other exclusively charitable purpose as the management may from time to time decide in accordance with the law of charity.

What the charity does: The prevention or relief of poverty, The advancement of health or the saving of lives, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Accommodation/housing, Advice/advocacy/information, Community development, Counselling/support, Criminal

justice, Cross-border/cross-community, Cultural, Disability, Economic development, Education/training, Environment/sustainable development/conservation, Gender, General charitable purposes, Grant making, Human rights/equality, Medical/health/sickness, Relief of poverty, Rural development, Urban development, Volunteer development, Welfare/benevolent

Who the charity helps: Addictions (drug/solvent/alcohol abuse), Adult training, Carers, Community safety/crime prevention, Ex-offenders and prisoners, General public, Homelessness, Learning disabilities, Men, Mental health, Older people, Physical disabilities, Sensory disabilities, Sexual orientation, Specific areas of deprivation, Tenants, Unemployed/low income, Victim support, Voluntary and community sector, Volunteers, Women

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£243,783	£300,739	£0	13

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Gail Baxter		
Megan Baxter		
Mr Connor Ferguson		
Mr Dale Lockhart		
Mr David Orwin		
Mr Ian Reid		
Mr Sammuell Mcloughlin		
Robert McCartney (Chairman)		
William Mcwilliams		

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Accounts

The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland Registration No. **NIC100198**

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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GENERAL INFORMATION

CHARITY NAME

BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER

Charity Commission NI

NIC100198

Approved 23 May 2014

CHAIRPERSON

Robert McCartney

CHARITY TRUSTEE'S

Gail Baxter

Robert McCartney

Megan Baxter

William McWilliamson

Mr Connor Ferguson

Mr Ian Reid

Mr Sammuel Mcloughlin

Mr David Orwin

Mr Dale Lockhart

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provision of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (FRS 102) in preparing the trustees report and financial statements of the charity.

Reference and Administrative Information

The name of the charity's trustees at the date this report was approved are listed on page 1, together with the address of the principal office of the charity and the charity's registration numbers.

Objectives and activities

The direct benefits from our purpose are to relieve need, hardship and distress amongst army veterans post service, through the provision of welfare advice, specialist counselling and housing. We assess each individual to establish their priorities and needs for their health and wellbeing and that of their families. The Organisation provides specialist PTSD and Trauma Counselling for those experiencing issues post service. The Organisation evaluates each individual in order to establish any hardship or distress they are experiencing and where necessary apply for any pensions, awards or benefits they may be entitled to. Post counselling veterans often become more normalised to socialisation; they will generally have a better fit within communities. If they have any issues or problems in the future, the organisations appointments are not minimised. The organisations portfolio of services is offered free of charge such as: For example, housing for homelessness, help with permanent accommodation, benefits, compensation, applying for specialist counselling.

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when exercising their powers and duties. In planning and delivering the charity's activities, the trustees have ensured that all initiatives advance the charity's purpose of supporting the welfare and wellbeing of army veterans and their families. The trustees are satisfied that the charity's programmes—such as financial assistance, access to welfare advice, specialist counselling and practical support—provide clear and measurable public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

During the year, the charity delivered significant and measurable improvements to the lives of veterans and their families, addressing complex needs across counselling, welfare support, housing, and financial compensation.

Counselling and Mental Health Support

The charity expanded access to specialist counselling services, providing timely, trauma-informed support to veterans experiencing mental health challenges such as PTSD, anxiety, and depression. Through one-to-one counselling, group sessions, and referral pathways, beneficiaries reported improved emotional wellbeing, increased resilience, and a greater ability to engage in family life, employment, and their communities. Early intervention reduced crisis situations and reliance on emergency health services, delivering wider societal benefits.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED...

Welfare and Casework Support

Dedicated welfare officers supported veterans in navigating complex statutory systems, ensuring they received the services and entitlements they were entitled to. This included advocacy with local authorities, the NHS, and other agencies. As a result, beneficiaries experienced improved stability, reduced stress, and increased confidence in managing their affairs independently.

Housing Support

The charity played a critical role in preventing homelessness among veterans. Through housing advice, emergency accommodation support, and liaison with housing providers, many veterans were able to secure safe, stable accommodation. Stable housing provided a foundation for recovery, improved mental health outcomes, and reduced the risk of social isolation and long-term dependency on public services.

Compensation and Financial Benefits

The charity assisted veterans in accessing compensation schemes, pensions, and financial benefits related to their service. Successful claims resulted in increased household income, improved financial security, and reduced poverty among beneficiaries. This support enabled veterans to meet basic living costs, manage debt, and plan for the future, contributing to long-term independence

Wider Impact on Society

By supporting veterans to achieve stability, wellbeing, and financial security, the charity reduced pressure on public services, including healthcare, housing, and social care. The work strengthened families, promoted social inclusion, and ensured that those who served their country were treated with dignity and fairness.

Overall, the charity's work during the year made a demonstrable difference to individual lives while delivering lasting social value to the wider community.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED...

Wider Impact on Society continued...

The charity played a critical role in preventing homelessness among veterans. Through housing advice, emergency accommodation support, and liaison with housing providers, many veterans were able to secure safe, stable and longer-term accommodation. Stable housing provided a foundation for recovery, improved mental health outcomes, and reduced the risk of social isolation and long-term dependency on public services.

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The charity met its core fundraising objective of generating sustainable income to support veterans' services. Total funds raised were broadly in line with expectations, with strong performance from community fundraising and individual giving.

Fundraising initiatives also contributed to the wider objective of increasing public awareness of the needs of army veterans. Campaigns and events improved visibility of the charity's work, encouraged repeat donations and strengthened long-term relationships with supporters. While most objectives were achieved, some fundraising activities were impacted by economic pressures affecting disposable income. The charity responded by adapting its approach, focusing on digital engagement, existing donors, and lower-cost fundraising methods.

Overall, fundraising performance remained stable and aligned with strategic objectives. Lessons learned during the year will inform future planning, with continued emphasis on sustainable income growth, supporter retention, and ethical fundraising practices.

Impacts and Benefits

The organisation impacts and benefits veterans and their families across NI in terms of reintegration into communities. Especially, for those who have accessed services like accommodation, specialist counselling, welfare support, and financial assistance. We have been successful over the past 14 years in linking veterans and families together and securing the right outcomes. These benefits are evident through families settling quickly with minimum disruption to the family unit. In achieving our aim, it stands these families well in the future giving them the confidence to integrate into civilian society with some confidence. Prevents homelessness for veterans facing loneliness, unemployment, or mental health challenges. The organisation creates safer environments, often with peer support, housing and welfare support.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED...

Impacts and Benefits continued...

Veterans and their families can rebuild routines and relationships. Reduces stress and anxiety associated with insecure or poor accommodation. Improves physical health outcomes by providing safe, warm homes. Helps families stay together and children grow up in stable, nurturing environments. The benefits offer improved emotional regulation and reduced severity of PTSD symptoms. Better relationships at home — fewer conflicts, more empathy and connection. Families report feeling understood and supported with increased self-esteem and confidence. Veterans who complete targeted therapy show marked improvements in daily functioning, reduced substance and alcohol dependence, and stronger family bonds. Welfare support offers practical help with navigating systems and applying for entitlements: Disability assessments, Benefits claims and appeals Housing applications. Referrals to specialist services, such as: Forensic Consultant Psychiatrist for in depth assessment and specific diagnosis.

Financial Review

At the end of the reporting period, the charity remained financially stable and appropriately resourced to continue delivering its core services to veterans, including housing provision, specialist counselling, welfare support, and financial assistance. Overall financial performance reflects prudent financial management in a challenging economic environment, with expenditure aligned to charitable objectives and income streams broadly sufficient to sustain current operations.

Total income for the period was derived from a combination of donations, grants, fundraising activities, and other charitable income. Grant funding continued to play a significant role in supporting frontline services, particularly housing and specialist counselling programmes. While some income streams remain restricted in nature, the charity maintained an adequate level of unrestricted income to support general operational costs and governance requirements. The charity remains moderately dependent on external funding sources, which presents an ongoing financial risk. However, active efforts to diversify income streams and strengthen funding and fundraising engagement provide a degree of mitigation against future volatility.

Expenditure during the period was primarily directed toward charitable activities, demonstrating a strong commitment to delivering direct benefits to beneficiaries. Major cost areas included housing-related expenses, professional counselling services, welfare support provision, and direct financial assistance to veterans in need.

Administrative and governance costs were kept under control and proportionate to the size and complexity of the charity's operations. The charity continued to apply robust financial controls, with regular monitoring against budget and timely corrective action where variances arose.

At the period end, the charity held a level of reserves considered appropriate in relation to its operating model, risk profile, and reserves policy. Free reserves were sufficient to provide short-to medium-term financial resilience and to manage unforeseen fluctuations in income or expenditure. Charity Cafe has remained open however external factors play their part.

This reserves policy explains to existing and potential funders, donors and other stakeholders why Beyond the Battlefield is holding a particular number of reserves. The purpose of this policy therefore is to give confidence to stakeholders that the charity's finances are being governed and managed so to provide an indicator of future funding needs.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED...

Financial review continued...

Cash flow and liquidity remained satisfactory, enabling the charity to meet its financial obligations as they fell due. There were no indications of immediate financial stress, and the charity was not reliant on borrowing to fund day-to-day operations.

The charity's balance sheet position was sound at the end of the period. Fixed assets, including property used for housing veterans, were appropriately valued and maintained. Current liabilities were manageable and consistent with normal operational activity, with no material concerns identified regarding solvency or going concern.

Based on the financial information reviewed, and taking into account forecast income and expenditure, the charity is considered a going concern. While future funding uncertainties remain in general—particularly in relation to grant renewals and cost pressures—the trustees' ongoing focus on financial planning, reserves management, and income diversification supports the charity's longer-term financial sustainability.

In conclusion, the charity ended the reporting period in a stable financial position, with resources appropriately applied to its charitable purposes and sufficient reserves to support continuity of services. Continued vigilance around income diversification, cost management, and reserves planning will be essential to maintaining financial resilience and ensuring ongoing support for veterans and their families.

Financial review

The results for the year are set out on page 9 & 10. The charity returned net incoming resources for the year of £20,874 (2024:(£56,956)). At 31 March 2025 the total funds of the charity amounted to £356,179 (2024:£335,305) of which restricted funds were £164,513 (2024:£0) and £191,666 (2024:£335,305) were unrestricted.

Reserves policy and going concern

Of the total funds reported above, £42,706 (2024: 19,876) is made up of cash at the bank. The trustees are confident that the cash reserves, together with expected future incomes, will be sufficient to meet the working capital requirements for the forthcoming year. The trustees have also considered the extent to which existing activities and expenditure could be curtailed, should the need arise.

Plan for the future

To maintain the same level of services in the area.

Structure, governance and management

Beyond the Battlefield is a registered charity, number NIC100198 and is governed by its constitution.

New trustees are appointed when appropriate. Suitable candidates are considered on the basis of their skills, experience and sympathy with the aims of the charity. New trustees will be agreed at a trustees meeting before being invited to join.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As the charity's trustees we are aware of our responsibilities for the preparation of the accounts

It is also our responsibility to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are responsible and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with CCNI guidelines. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence to take reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosures of Information to Independent Examiners

To the knowledge and belief of the Trustees there is no relevant information of which the organisation's independent examiners are not aware. The Trustees have taken all the necessary steps of which they are aware, provided relevant information and established that the organisation's independent examiners are aware of the information.

Signed on behalf of the board of the Trustees



27/01/2026

Robert McCartney
Trustee

Date

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 10 and 11.

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body in accordance with section 65(3)(a) of the Charities Act Northern Ireland 2008 and regulations made under section 66 of the Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity'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 charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work of this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and is eligible for Independent examination.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It was also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

Independent examiner's statement

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

- 1 That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
- 2 That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
- 3 That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- 4 That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF RETHINKING CONFLICT (continued)

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Certified Public Accountants Association which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed on page 6 and, in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



27/01/2026

Tony Clarke FCPA
53 Andersonstown Road
Belfast, BT11 9AG

Date:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Year to 31-Mar-25 TOTAL £	Year to 31-Mar-24 TOTAL £
Income from:					
Generated Funds	2	19,086	-	19,086	59,717
Charitable Activities	3	74,371	240,493	314,864	184,066
Total Income		93,457	240,493	333,950	243,783
Expenditure on:					
Costs of Generating funds; Charitable Activities	5	71,341	238,278	309,618	185,426
Governance Costs	6	1,242	2,215	3,457	-
Total Expenditure:		72,583	240,493	313,076	185,426
Net income / (expenditure)		20,874	-	20,874	58,357
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		20,874	-	20,874	58,357
<u>Reconciliation of Funds</u>					
Total funds brought forward		335,305	-	335,305	276,948
Total Funds carried forward	11	356,179	-	356,179	335,305

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes on page 12 to 18 form an integral part of these accounts

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BALANCE SHEET		<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	Note	£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	7	<u>358,722</u>	<u>358,722</u>
		358,722	358,722
Current Assets			
Cash at bank		42,706	19,876
Debtors	8	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,500</u>
		46,206	23,376
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(48,748)</u>	<u>(46,792)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>(2,543)</u>	<u>(23,416)</u>
Long term liabilities			
Long term liabilities		-	-
Total assets less liabilities		<u>356,179</u>	<u>335,305</u>
Funds			
Restricted		-	-
Unrestricted		356,179	335,305
TOTAL FUNDS	11	<u>356,179</u>	<u>335,305</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 26th January 2026 and were signed on their behalf by:



 Robert McCartney
 Trustee

27/01/2026

 Date

The notes on page 12 to 18 form an integral part of these accounts

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Beyond the Battlefield is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is: Unit A/B2, 19 Jubilee Road, Newtownards, BT23 4YH.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and comply with financial reporting standards for Smaller Entities and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" effective January 2015. This has been adopted in these financial statements. The principal accounting policies are set out below.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED...

1.5 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category.

The charity is below the charity audit threshold and therefore is exempt from reporting expenditure on an activity basis. The charity has opted to report by the nature of expenditure rather than on an activity basis.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

The charity holds land and buildings as fixed assets which are not depreciated because they are considered to have an indefinite useful life or because their value does not diminish over time. These assets are therefore carried at cost (or valuation, if applicable) and are reviewed annually for indicators of impairment.

The assets in this category include: Land, buildings, fixtures and fittings.

The trustees consider that depreciation is not appropriate for these assets as they do not have a determinable finite useful life. If evidence of impairment arises, the asset will be written down to its recoverable amount.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED...

1.9 Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

1.10 Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.11 Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.12 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.13 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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2 Generated Funds

	2025			2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
Coffee Shop	74,371	-	74,371	80,808
Grants	-	240,493	240,493	103,258
Totals 2025	74,371	240,493	314,864	184,066
Totals 2024	80,808	103,258	184,066	

3 Activities for generating funds

	2025			2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
Generated income	19,086	-	19,086	59,717
Totals 2025	19,086	-	19,086	59,717
Totals 2024	59,717	-	59,717	

4 Staff Costs and Numbers

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	146,877	128,373
	146,877	128,373

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2024: None)

The average monthly number of employees (including the trustees) during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

2025	2024
Number	Number
13	11

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED...

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

Analysis of resources expended

			2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted		
	Funds	Funds	TOTAL	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
Advertising	1,245	-	1,245	150
Branding bay	150	-	150	-
Cafe Expenses	12,351	33,219	45,569	-
Heat and Light	587	-	587	10,978
Insurance Expense	373	1,000	1,373	4,346
Miscellaneous Expense	2,594	-	2,594	216
Office Expense	265	-	265	8,275
Payroll Costs	27,526	119,351	146,877	128,373
Professional Fees	3,035	26,795	29,830	-
Project Costs	-	5,801	5,801	-
Rent and Rates	13,713	21,000	34,713	30,660
Repairs and Maintenance	7,222	3,565	10,787	-
Telephone and Internet	1,164	24,596	25,760	2,428
Travel and Meetings	222	2,951	3,173	-
Vehicle Expense	894	-	894	-
Totals 2025	71,341	238,278	309,618	185,426
Totals 2024	-	185,426	185,426	
6 Accountancy	1,053	2,215	3,268	3,105
Bank Fees	189	-	189	394
Totals 2025	1,242	2,215	3,457	3,499
Totals 2024	3,499	-	3,499	

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED...

7 Tangible Fixed Assets

	<u>Land & Buildings</u>
COST	
At 1 April 2024	358,722
Additions	-
Disposals	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>358,722</u>
 DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2024	-
Charge for the year	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>
 NET BOOK VALUE	
At beginning of period	<u>358,722</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>358,722</u>

8 Debtors

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Grants Receivable	3,500	3,500
Prepayments	-	-
	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,500</u>

9 Creditors

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Payroll PAYE	28,498	29,750
Trade Creditors	17,850	15,442
Accruals & Deferred Income	2,400	1,600
	<u>48,748</u>	<u>46,792</u>

10 Independent examiner's remuneration

The independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £800

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED...

11 Funds	Balance at 1 April 2024	Movement in Incoming	Resources Outgoing	Transfer of Funds	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Restricted funds</u>					
AFCFT - CONNECTIONS PROJEC	-	6,750	(6,750)	-	-
AFCFT - PACE Project	-	55,000	(55,000)	-	-
AFCFT / OVA	-	97,000	(97,000)	-	-
CFNI / DOH	-	39,743	(39,743)	-	-
The Rank Foundation	-	42,000	(42,000)	-	-
Total restricted funds	-	240,493	(240,493)	-	-
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
General	19,875	93,457	(72,583)	(43,292)	(2,543)
Designated Funds **	315,430	-	-	43,292	358,722
	335,305	93,457	(72,583)	-	356,179
Total net asset funds	25,384	333,950	(313,076)	-	356,179

**** Designated Fund – Land and Buildings**

The trustees have designated funds to reflect the value of the charity's land and buildings. These assets are essential to the charity's ongoing operations and are therefore not available for general expenditure. The designation represents the net book value of the property held for charitable use.

12 Post-Balance Sheet Events

Nothing to report.

13 Related Parties

The Charity does not have any related parties.

14 Trustees remuneration & expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2024 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2024 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2024 - £NIL).

Beyond the Battlefield

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100198

Accounts

BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

**COMMITTEE REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 5 APRIL 2024

As approved by the committee on

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BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD**

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Chairperson
Honorary secretary
Honorary treasurer

David Orwin
Robert McCartney
Gail Baxter

Trustee
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Trustee
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE - continued**BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD****FIXED ASSETS**

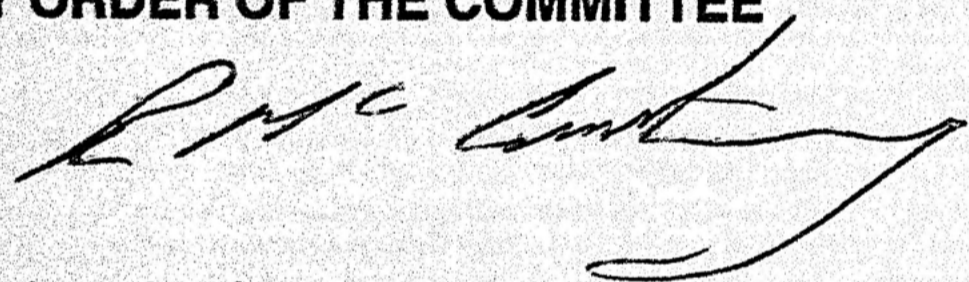
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A resolution proposing to appointment of Clarke&Co. as reporting accountants of the company will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE

Robert McCartney
HONORARY SECRETARY

Date: 29/1/2025

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TO THE MEMBERS OF
BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD**

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Basis of Independent Examiner's report

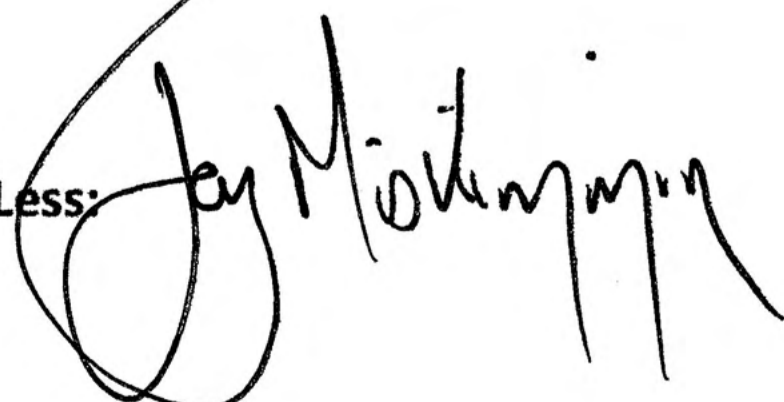
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Independent Examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act 2008
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2008
 have not been met or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Accounts4Less:



Date: 30.1.25

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024	NOTE	2024 £
INCOME	1C	243,783
EXPENDITURE	3	300,739
		<hr/>
DEFICIT FOR THE PERIOD		(56,956)
MOVEMENT IN DESIGNATED FUNDS		31,445
ACCUMULATED FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		48,886
		<hr/>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>23,375</u>

BALANCE SHEET
BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

	NOTE	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			358,722
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock	4	3,500	
Cash at bank		19,775	
Investment Account		-	
Cash in hand		100	
		<u>23,375</u>	
Less: Creditors due within one year	5	<u>46,792</u>	
		46,792	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			(23,417)
TOTAL NET ASSETS			<u><u>335,305</u></u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
GENERAL FUNDS ACCOUNT	7		19,875
DESIGNATED FUNDS ACCOUNT			
Veteran's Centre	156,041		
Bedrooms	98,193		
Coffee Shop	61,196		
A&ND Good Relations	-		
Veteran's Lunch Club	-		
AFCFT Battlefield River Searching	-		
ARCS 2021-2022	-		
AFCFT Battlefield River Searching Afghanistan	-		
Veterans Foundation	-		
		<u>315,430</u>	
			335,305
			<u><u>335,305</u></u>

SIGNED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

David Orwin

CHAIRPERSON

Date: 29/01/2025



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Association's financial statements.

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared using a modified cash basis where appropriate, under the historical cost convention.

(b) Cash Flow

The accounts do not include a cash flow statement because the Association, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirements to prepare such a statement.

(c) Income

Donations under Gift Aid

Donations under Gift Aid comprise the cash received during the period and the respective income tax claims received and receivable.

Other donations and Income

All other donations and Income comprise the cash received and collected in the period.

(d) Designated Funds

Donations received for designated funds are transferred upon receipt into the relevant specified fund account.

Expenditure comprise amounts paid during the period and where appropriate, accrued expenditure up to the balance sheet date.

(e) Expenditure

Expenditure comprises amounts paid during the period and where appropriate accrued expenditure up to the balance sheet date.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – continued

BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

(f) Taxation

Surpluses arising on the general and designated funds accounts are applied towards the charitable activities of the Association. Consequently, all income arising is exempt from taxation.

2 COMMITTEE AND OTHER VOLUNTEER MEMBERS

All of the management committee and other volunteer members engaged by the Association during the period provided their time and services voluntarily and without remuneration. The Association did employ two members of the staff during the financial period.

At the end of the financial period the total number of volunteers varied up to 26.

3 EXPENDITURE

Expenditure during the period comprised the following costs:-

Direct charitable expenses

	£	£
Fundraising	-	
Travel	-	
Events/meetings	5,832	
Designated Project Distribution	74,261	
Cash distributions General Fund	31,721	
	<hr/>	111,814

Other operating expenses

Rent	30,660	
Wages	128,373	
Light & Heat	10,978	
Bank fees	394	
Advertising	150	
Telephone	2,428	
Accountancy	3,105	
Insurance	4,346	
Miscellaneous	216	
Office equipment & stationary	8,275	
Uniforms	-	
	<hr/>	188,925

Total expenditure in the period

300,739

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – continued

BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

4	DEBTORS	2024
		£
		<u>NIL</u>
5	CREDITORS – DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2024
		£
	Accruals	1,600
	VAT Liability payable	15,442
	PAYE Liability payable	<u>29,750</u>
		46,792

6 PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHANGES

There were no other liabilities or changes at the end of the financial period.

7 GENERAL FUNDS ACCOUNT

The balance of the General Funds Account remains under the control and stewardship of the committee for the period discharge of the Association's charitable objectives and operations generally.

As at the 5 April 2024 the balance of General Funds Account to be carried forward into the next accounting period is **£19,875**.

**GENERAL FUND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT SCHEDULE**

BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

Income

Investment activities –		
Coffee shop		80,808
General Income –		
Donations		59,717
Designated Projects -		
Grants		103,258
Gif Aid Refunds		-
		243,783

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Surplus / (Loss)

(56,956)

Beyond the Battlefield

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100198

Annual report



Beyond The Battlefield

Annual Report 2024

About Beyond The Battlefield

- BTB was founded in June 2011
- We provide three core services:
 - Information and referral
 - War Pensions, Compensation and Entitlements
 - Specialist Trauma Counselling
- We have 26 volunteers



Harbour House



A Veterans Centre has been a long-term pipe project of Beyond the Battlefield's. In September 2021, a building was found in Portavogie, and a 20 Year Lease was signed for the centre.

Harbour House will offer a safe space of respite for veterans and their families and offer a space for veterans who find themselves homeless.

The centre will be developed and refurbished and will include the following

- Eight ensuite double-twin bedrooms
- A coffee shop
- Outward bounds
- Restaurant with training space opportunity

Memberships



breastfeeding
welcome here



VETERANS
GATEWAY



Statutory inspections by Tourism Northern Ireland are required to take place on a 4 yearly cycle.



Beyond The
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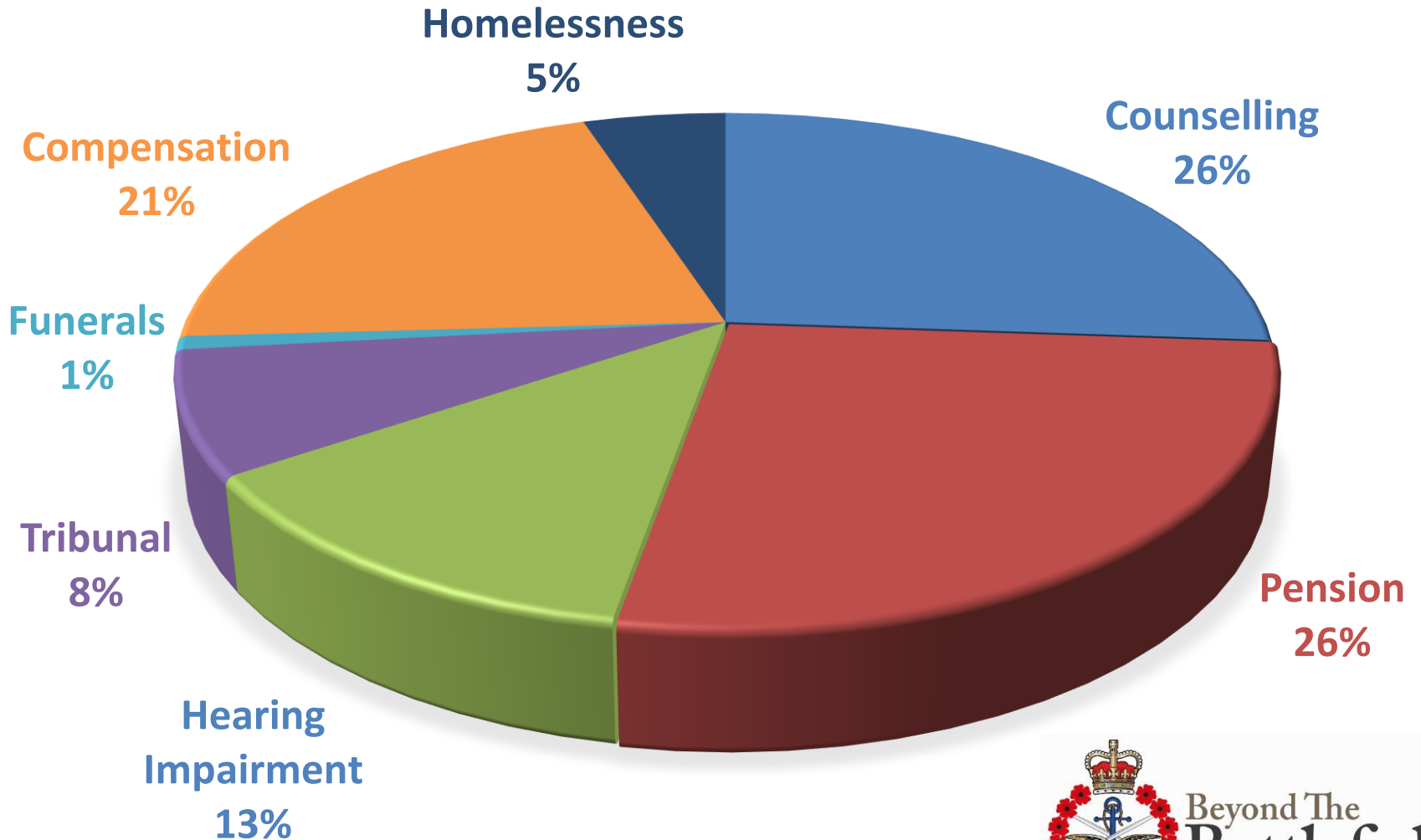
NIVSC
Northern Ireland
Veteran Support Charities



Northern Ireland
Veteran Housing Strategy
Group

Client Presenting Issues

January to December 2024



Beyond The
Battlefield

Main issues discussed in counselling

January – December 2024

- Self esteem
- Mental ill-health
- Family conflict
- Family breakdown
- Drug / Alcohol Abuse
- Physical Health
- Anxiety
- Self isolation
- Victim anger
- Emotional abuse
- Rape / Sexual Abuse
- Violent abuse



Barriers to seeking support

- Showing signs of weakness
- Unaware of the support services available
- Fear of losing contact with friends, family's and communities
- Recognising that they require support



What We Achieved This Year

- ✓ Expanded Mental Health & Counselling Support
- ✓ Harbour House: Safe Haven for homeless veterans
- ✓ £200,000+ in Grants Secured
- ✓ Increased Veteran Outreach & Engagement



How We Made It Happen

Funding & Grants





- The Rank Foundation - for training & salary support
- Screwfix Foundation - for facility improvements
- Department of Health- Mental Health Support
- Armed Forces Covenant Fund - for counselling & operations
- Veterans Foundation - leadership & advocacy



THANKS TO ALL OUR FUNDERS







Where the Funds Went

-  Mental Health & Counselling
-  Housing & Homelessness Support
-  Veteran Engagement
-  Facility Upgrades



What's Next?

-  Expand Counselling Services
-  Secure More Permanent Housing
-  Strengthen Collaborations
-  Expand Harbour House



Harbour House Future Plans



vision for a Retreat



. trellis to the side of wall to privacy.



Shelter Built around corner



Deborah
2022

Planting

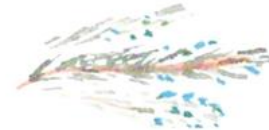
On trellis of retreat; Jasmine, Roses and honeysuckle for all day scent and pollinators.

Around Retreat

Hedge of Rosemary, Lavender with a floor of thyme + camomille.

Inside the retreat.

- * Leave space for a wheelchair.
- * Add a cupboard to the wall to house a book of remembrance
- * Add a droppable side table.
- * Heater



Harbour House Future Plans



Seating Area

around Memorial Stone
seating over the plants
the visitor is immersed
sensory planting.

Windows with
window boxes
seasonally planted

Chatty area with trellis
planted with scented
climbing plants. Jasmine
Roses.












Sensory table
wheelchair
accessible.
Rosemary, Thyme
cayenne, mint

Arbour to the front of Memorial
Stone for a sense of journey + privacy

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Thank You to Our Supporters!

-  The Rank Foundation
-  Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust
-  Veterans Foundation
-  Mental Health Support Fund
-  Screwfix Foundation
-  B&Q Neighbourly
-  Vodafone Foundation
-  LFT Charitable Trust
-  Albert Hunt Trust

And a thank you to those people and organisations who ran events and our volunteers who donated their time and skills and raised funds for YOUR veterans throughout the year.





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SUPPORTING
THOSE WHO
SERVE.

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Beyond the Battlefield

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100198

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of 'Beyond the Battlefield' Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 5 April 2024, which are set below.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
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Basis of independent examiner's report I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

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Independent examiner's statement I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no unresolved matters that require drawing to your attention.

SIGNED:



Name: JOY MISKIMMIN

Relevant professional qualification or body:

Address: 29 WESTLAND DRIVE BALLYWALTER BT22 2TH

Date 30.1.25

Beyond the Battlefield

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100198

Accounts

BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

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BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE

James Girvan
HONORARY SECRETARY

Date:

PP Gail E. Baxter
(Treasurer)

30-01-24

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Basis of Independent Examiner's report

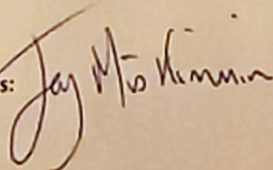
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts presents a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent Examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act 2008
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2008have not been met or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Accounts4Less:



Date: 30.1.24

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023	NOTE	2023 £
INCOME	10	177,920
EXPENDITURE	3	268,159
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DEFICIT FOR THE PERIOD		(90,239)
MOVEMENT IN DESIGNATED FUNDS		(22,342)
ACCUMULATED FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		161,467
ACCUMULATED FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<hr/> <u>48,886</u>

BALANCE SHEET
BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

	NOTE	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			20,243
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock	4	3,500	
Cash at bank		49,299	
Investment Account		-	
Cash in hand		893	
		<u>53,692</u>	
Less: Creditors due within one year	5	25,049	
		<u>25,049</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			28,643
TOTAL NET ASSETS			<u>48,886</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
GENERAL FUNDS ACCOUNT	7		28,664
DESIGNATED FUNDS ACCOUNT			
Veteran's Centre	-		
Bedrooms	-		
Coffee Shop	-		
A&ND Good Relations	-		
Veteran's Lunch Club	222		
AFCFT Battlefield River Searching	-		
ARCS 2021-2022	-		
AFCFT Battlefield River Searching Afghanistan	-		
Veterans Foundation	20,000		
		<u>20,222</u>	
			20,222
			<u>48,886</u>

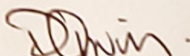
SIGNED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

David Orwin

CHAIRPERSON

Date: 29/01/2024



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD****1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Association's financial statements.

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared using a modified cash basis where appropriate, under the historical cost convention.

(b) Cash Flow

The accounts do not include a cash flow statement because the Association, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirements to prepare such a statement.

(c) Income**Donations under Gift Aid**

Donations under Gift Aid comprise the cash received during the period and the respective income tax claims received and receivable.

Other donations and Income

All other donations and Income comprise the cash received and collected in the period.

(d) Designated Funds

Donations received for designated funds are transferred upon receipt into the relevant specified fund account.

Expenditure comprise amounts paid during the period and where appropriate, accrued expenditure up to the balance sheet date.

(e) Expenditure

Expenditure comprises amounts paid during the period and where appropriate accrued expenditure up to the balance sheet date.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – continued

BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

(f) Taxation

Surpluses arising on the general and designated funds accounts are applied towards the charitable activities of the Association. Consequently, all income arising is exempt from taxation.

2 COMMITTEE AND OTHER VOLUNTEER MEMBERS

All of the management committee and other volunteer members engaged by the Association during the period provided their time and services voluntarily and without remuneration. The Association did employ two members of the staff during the financial period.

At the end of the financial period the total number of volunteers varied up to 26.

3 EXPENDITURE

Expenditure during the period comprised the following costs:-

Direct charitable expenses

	£	£
Fundraising	-	
Travel	3,682	
Events/meetings	7,035	
Designated Project Distribution	106,681	
Cash distributions General Fund	<u>24,682</u>	
		142,080

Other operating expenses

Rent	29,141	
Wages	68,749	
Light & Heat	5,022	
Bank fees	368	
Advertising	168	
Telephone	1,149	
Accountancy	1,890	
Insurance	2,853	
Miscellaneous	2,132	
Depreciation	4,207	
Office equipment & stationery	8,726	
Uniforms	<u>1,674</u>	
		126,079

Total expenditure in the period

268,159

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

4	DEBTORS	2022
		£
		<u>Nil</u>
5	CREDITORS - DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2022
		£
	Debt Carried Forward - Loan	3,900
	VAT Liability payable	2,508
	PAYE Liability payable	<u>18,543</u>
		25,049

6 PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHANGES

There were no other liabilities or changes at the end of the financial period.

7 GENERAL FUNDS ACCOUNT

The balance of the General Funds Account remains under the control and stewardship of the committee for the period discharge of the Association's charitable objectives and operations generally.

As at the 5 April 2023 the balance of General Funds Account to be carried forward into the next accounting period is **£48,886**.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – continued

BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

8 DESIGNATED FUNDS ACCOUNT

There are nine designated funds maintained by the Association as follows:-

	Veteran Centre £	Bedrooms £	Coffee Shop £	The Rank Foundation £
Transfers from General Fund				
Specified donations received in the period				90,000
Transfers between funds				
Less: Expenses on behalf of the fund				
Surplus/deficit arising				
Balance of funds at start of period	-	-	-	
Balance of funds carried forward	-	-	-	
	Veteran's Lunch Club £	AFCFT Battlefield River Searching £	Public Health Agency – Clear Project £	AFCFT Battlefield River Searching Afghanistan £
Transfers from General Fund		168		
Specified donations received in the period	-		4,000	-
Transfers between funds				
Less: Expenses on behalf of the fund	-		4,000	35,000
Surplus/deficit arising	-			
Balance of funds at start of period	222	(168)		35,000
Balance of funds carried forward	222	-	-	-

	Veterans Foundation	Cyber Essentials	Big Lottery	Vodafone Foundation
	£	£	£	£
Transfers from General Fund				
Specified donations received in the period	20,000	2,400	9,100	5,000
Transfers between funds				
Less: Expenses on behalf of the fund	6,666	2,400	9,100	5,000
Surplus/deficit arising				
Balance of funds at start of period	6,666			
Balance of funds carried forward	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	

Notes to Designated funds:

- Cyber Essentials and Vodafone Foundation - cash equivalents received in a form of services.

9 APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved by the committee on 30/01/2024.

**GENERAL FUND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT SCHEDULE
BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD**

TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

Income

Investment activities –	9,602
Coffee shop	
General Income –	94,741
Donations	
Designated Projects -	73,577
Grants	-
Gif Aid Refunds	<u>177,920</u>

Direct charitable expenses

	£	£
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Beyond the Battlefield

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100198

Annual report



Beyond The
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Annual Report 2023

About Beyond The Battlefield

BTB was founded in June 2011

We provide three core services:

- Information and referral
- War Pensions, Compensation and Entitlements
- Specialist Trauma Counselling



Client Figures



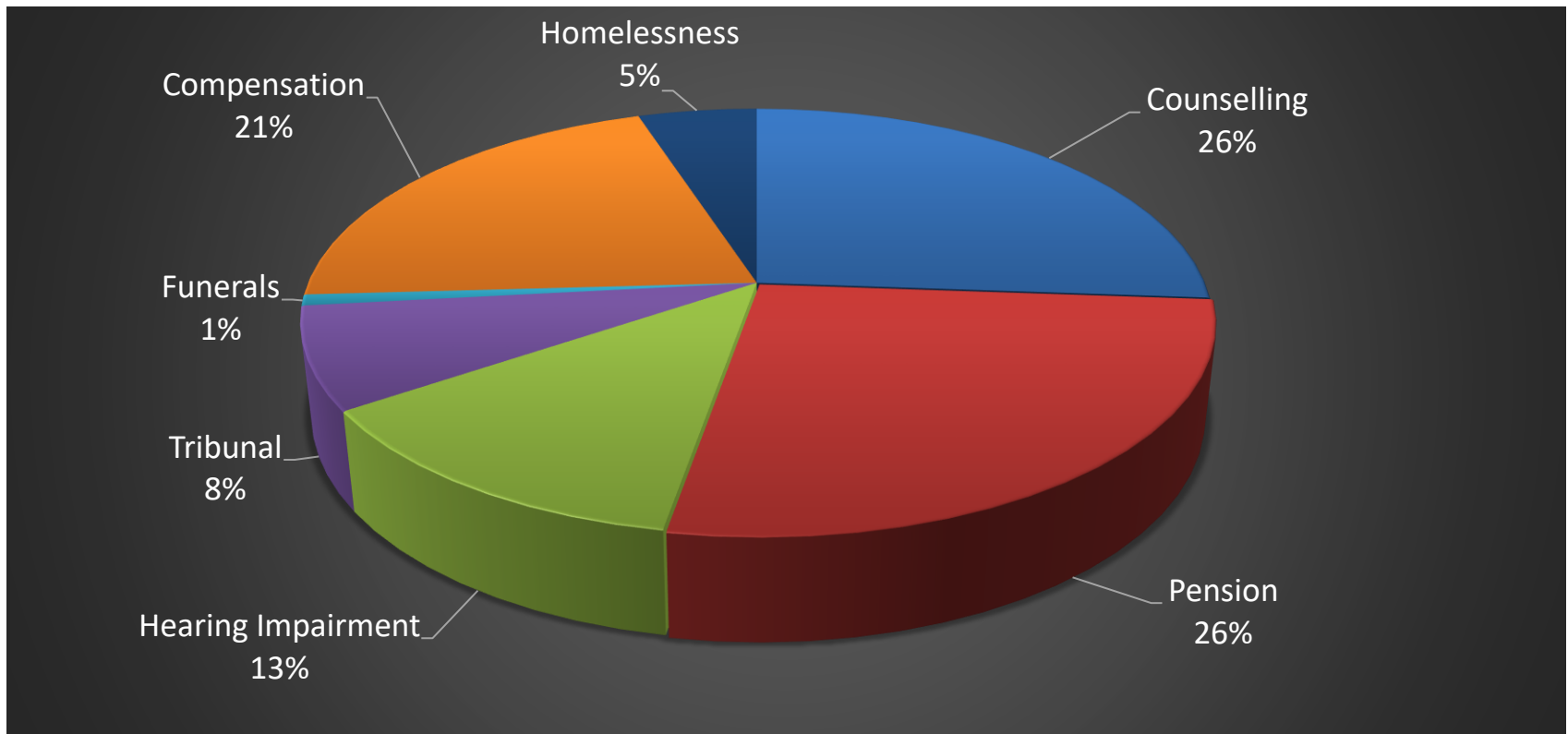
2022	1247
2021	1022
2020	854
2019	498
2018	294
2017	297
2016	279
2015	343
2014	301

Client Presenting Issues

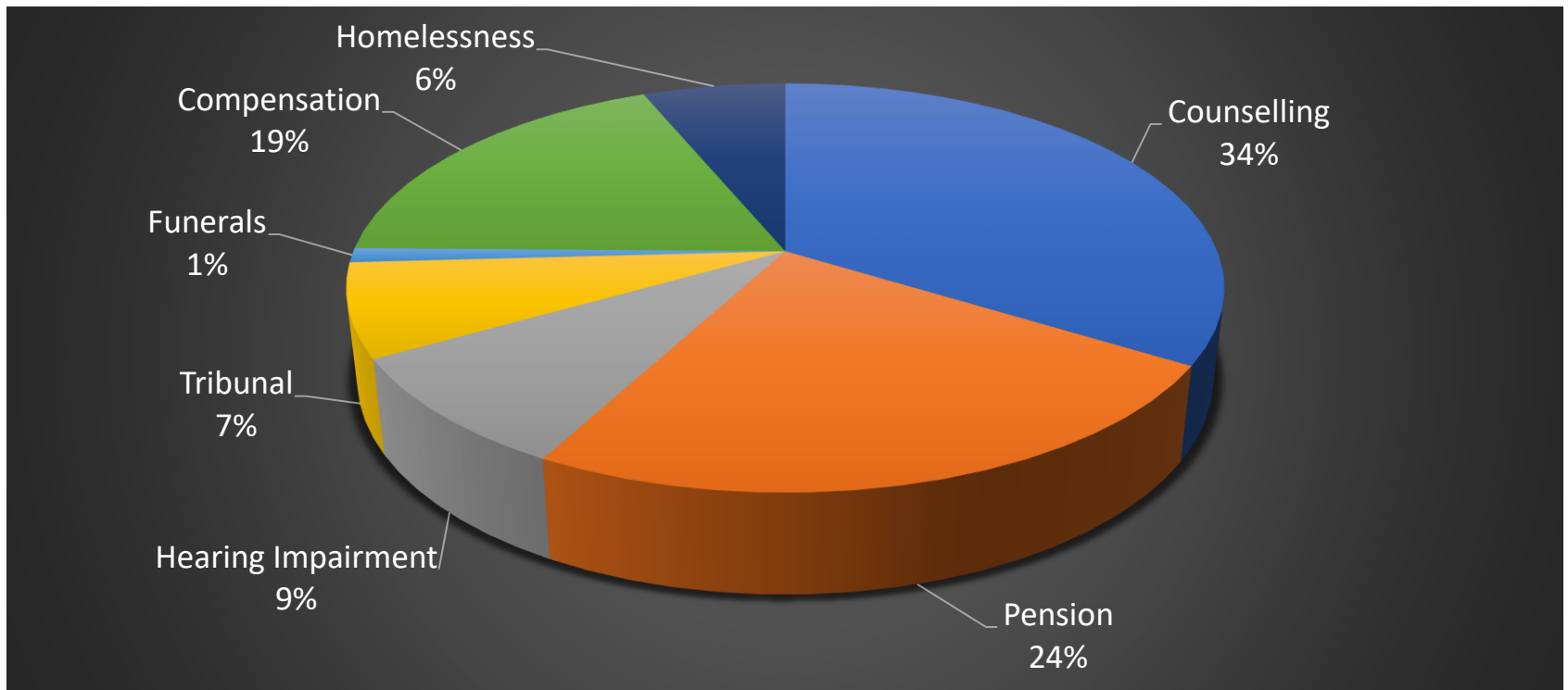


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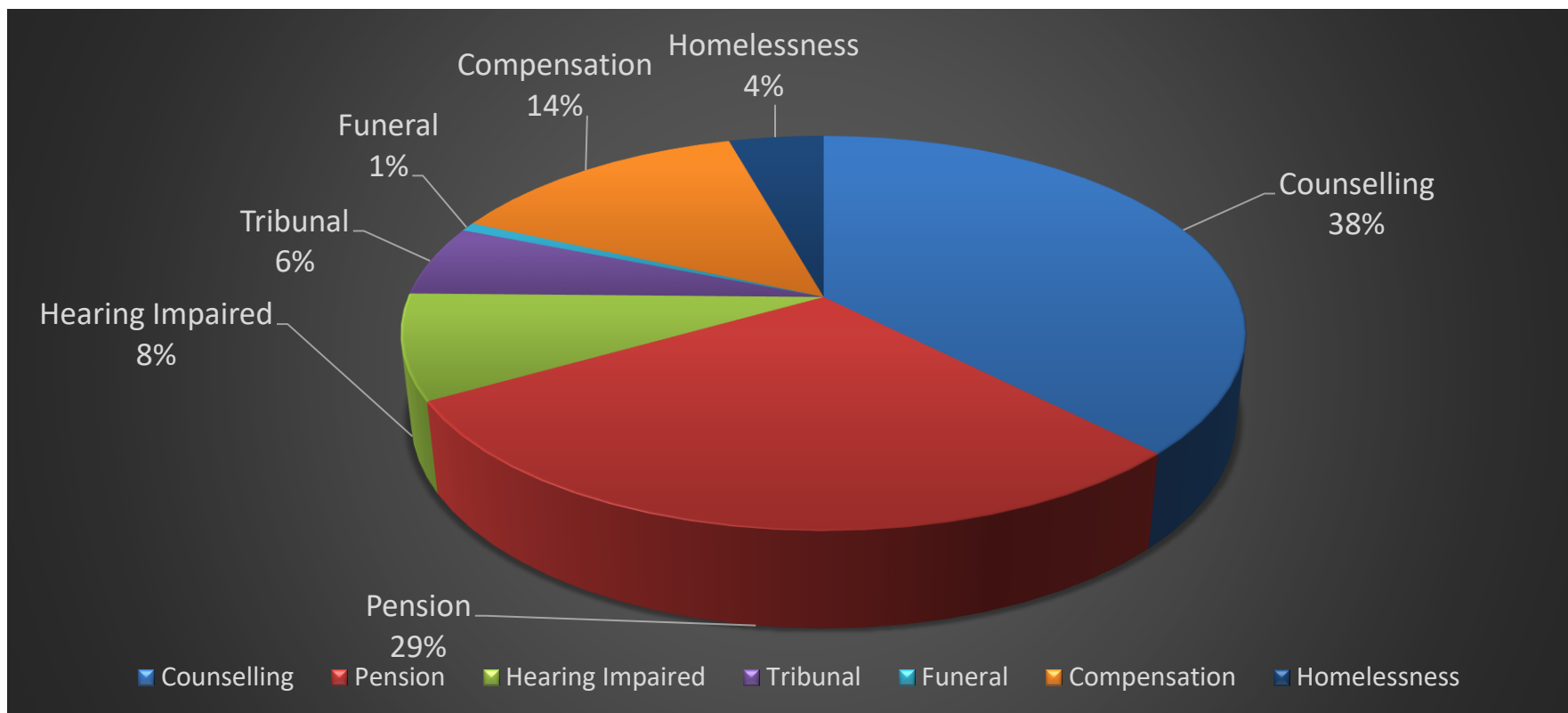
January to December 2019



Client Presenting Issues January to December 2020



Client Presenting Issues January to December 2021



January to December 2022

- 10,000 leaflets disseminated
- 7,000 cards disseminated
- 10,000 A5 Flyers disseminated



Main issues discussed in counselling

- Service
- Self esteem
- Mental ill-health
- Family conflict
- Family breakdown
- Drug / Alcohol Abuse
- Physical Health
- Afghanistan withdrawal
- PTSD
- Anxiety
- Self isolation
- Victim anger
- Emotional abuse
- Rape / Sexual Abuse
- Violent abuse

Barriers to seeking support

- Showing signs of weakness
- Unaware of the support services available
- Fear of losing contact with friends, family's and communities
- Recognising that they require support
- Lack of trust – security issues



Harbour House



A Veterans Centre has been a long term pipe project of Beyond the Battlefield's. In September 2021 a building was found in Portavogie and a 20 Year Lease was signed for the centre.

Harbour House will offer a safe space of respite for veterans and their families and also offer a space for veterans who find themselves homeless.

The centre was developed and refurbished and includes the following:

- Eight ensuite double-twin bedrooms
- A coffee shop
- Outward bounds centre
- Restaurant with training space opportunity

Harbour House



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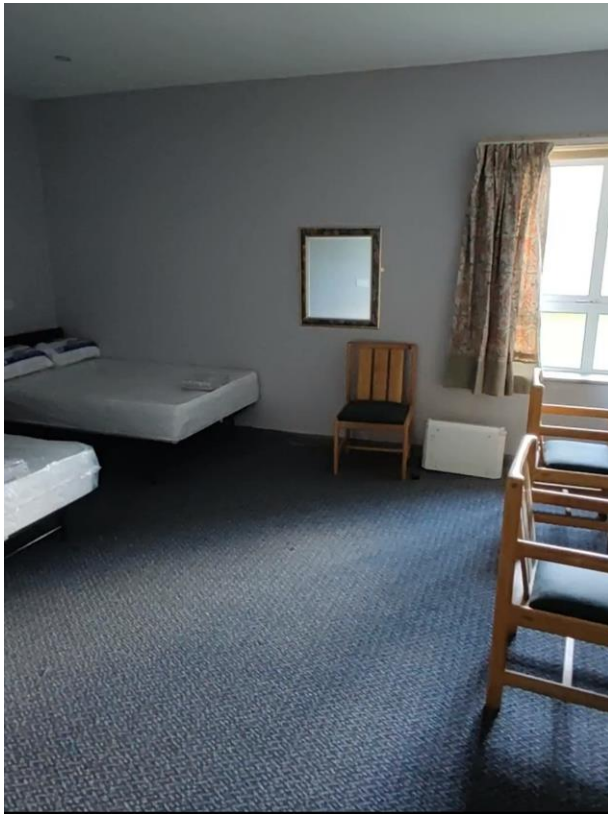
Rendezvous Café



Rendezvous Café



Harbour House



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Beyond The
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Join our river searching project

The project offers: River Searching with magnets;
kayaking, fishing and it's all FREE!

Every veteran is welcome, no matter what your
ability or where you live in Northern Ireland.

Contact our office for more details:
info@beyondthebattlefield.org
or call us on 02891228389

This Project is supported with funding from



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Harbour House Outward Bounds



Harbour House Future Plans



vision for a Retreat

. trellis to the side of wall to privacy.



Shelter Built around corner



Deborah
2022

Planting

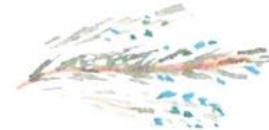
On trellis of retreat; Jasmine, Roses and honeysuckle for all day scent and pollinators.

Around Retreat

Hedge of Rosemary, Lavender with a floor of thyme + camomille.

Inside the retreat.

- * Leave space for a wheelchair.
- * Add a cupboard to the wall to house a book of remembrance
- * Add a droppable side table.
- * Heater



Harbour House Future Plans

Le Area.

Memorial Stone
seating over the plants
The visitor is immersed
sensory planting.

Windows with
window boxes
seasonally planted

Chatty area with trellis
planted with scented
climbing plants. Jasmine
Roses.



Sensory table
wheelchair
accessible.
Rosemary, Thyme
cayenne, mint

Arbour to the front of Memorial
Stone for a sense of journey + privacy

THANKS TO ALL OUR FUNDERS





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Beyond the Battlefield

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100198

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of 'Beyond the Battlefield' Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 5 April 2023, which are set below.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

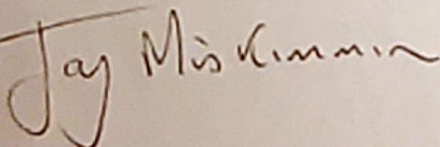
It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. CCNI ARR07 –

Independent examiner's statement I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

SIGNED:



Name: JOY MISKIMMIN

Relevant professional qualification or body:

Address: 29 WESTLAND DRIVE BALLYWALTER BT22 2TH

Date 30.1.24