

# AA Veterans Support

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100908

## Details

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**Known as** AAVSNI

**Status** Received

**Registered** 2014-12-09

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** To promote the welfare and well-being of all serving and ex-service men and women from or living in Northern Ireland by all or any of the following means: (1) provide, secure or promote the provision of counselling and other forms of therapeutic intervention, training and other assistance to find suitable employment, rehabilitation and resettlement services, advocacy, advice and guidance and general support services; (2) provide respite and support services to the families and carers of such persons; (3) seek to obtain medical treatment within Northern Ireland for all Ex-Service Personnel and their families

**What the charity does:** The advancement of education, 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, Counselling/support, Disability, Education/training, General charitable purposes, Human rights/equality, Medical/health/sickness, Relief of poverty, Research/evaluation, Volunteer development, Welfare/benevolent

**Who the charity helps:** Addictions (drug/solvent/alcohol abuse), Adult training, Community safety/crime prevention, Homelessness, Men, Mental health, Older people, Physical disabilities, Unemployed/low income, Volunteers, Women

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£75,030	£102,392	£0	1

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andy Allen Mbe		
Mr Alan Mearns		
Mr Michael Bingham		
Thomas Keenan		

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# Accounts

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## AA VETERANS SUPPORT

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	3	62,379	-	62,379	53,042	-	53,042
Charitable activities	4	-	12,651	12,651	-	79,890	79,890
<b>Total income</b>		<u>62,379</u>	<u>12,651</u>	<u>75,030</u>	<u>53,042</u>	<u>79,890</u>	<u>132,932</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Charitable activities	5	59,515	42,562	102,077	62,175	54,330	116,505
Other expenditure	10	315	-	315	293	-	293
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>59,830</u>	<u>42,562</u>	<u>102,392</u>	<u>62,468</u>	<u>54,330</u>	<u>116,798</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		2,549	(29,911)	(27,362)	(9,426)	25,560	16,134
Transfers between funds		(232)	232	-	4,406	(4,406)	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	7	2,317	(29,679)	(27,362)	(5,020)	21,154	16,134
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Fund balances at 1 July 2024		82,601	69,398	151,999	87,621	48,244	135,865
<b>Fund balances at 30 June 2025</b>		<u>84,918</u>	<u>39,719</u>	<u>124,637</u>	<u>82,601</u>	<u>69,398</u>	<u>151,999</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# AA VETERANS SUPPORT

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

	Notes	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	12		59,221		73,201
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	13	720		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		90,223		92,496	
		90,943		92,496	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	14	(25,527)		(13,698)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			65,416		78,798
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			124,637		151,999
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Restricted income funds	17		39,719		69,398
Unrestricted funds	18		84,918		82,601
			124,637		151,999

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 27.03.2026



Mr A Allen  
Trustee

# AA VETERANS SUPPORT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Charity information

AA Veterans Support is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is Unit C3 Edenderry Industrial Estate, 326 Crumlin Road, Belfast, Co. Antrim, BT14 7EE, Northern Ireland.

##### 1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

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. 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.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

##### 1.4 Income

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.

##### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings;

- Expenditure on charitable activities;
- Expenditure on raising funds; and
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

##### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

# AA VETERANS SUPPORT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and equipment	15% - 25% Reducing Balance
Fixtures and fittings	25% Reducing Balance
Motor vehicles	15% Reducing Balance

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.8 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.

#### 1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

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

##### **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.

##### **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.

# AA VETERANS SUPPORT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### ***Derecognition of financial liabilities***

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

#### **1.10 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.

#### **1.11 Retirement benefits**

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

#### **1.12 Allocation of support costs**

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office, finance, human resources, payroll and governance costs which support the Charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between the costs of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities. The basis on which support costs have been allocated are set out in note 6.

#### **1.13 Donated goods, facilities and services, including volunteers**

They are recognised as income when the charity has control over them, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. The benefit in kind is recognised as income and a corresponding amount recognised as expenditure in the period of receipt. However, where it is difficult to determine a true and accurate economic value to the donate good or service, this is not recognised in financial terms in the accounts. As a result, the time committed by the charity's volunteers is not monetarised in the accounts but recognised in the trustees' annual report for the significant and very invaluable contribution made by the volunteers to the charity.

### 2 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.

### 3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Donations and gifts	62,379	53,042

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

#### 3 Income from donations and legacies (Continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
<b>Donations and gifts</b>		
Donations	62,379	53,042
	<u>62,379</u>	<u>53,042</u>

#### 4 Income from charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2024 £
<b>Grant Income</b>		
Performance related grants	12,651	79,890
	<u>12,651</u>	<u>79,890</u>

#### Performance related grants analysis

	Grant Income 2025 £	Grant Income 2024 £
Armed Forces Covenant Fund - Navigator	-	25,487
Veterans Respite Garden	-	6,487
Armed Forces Covenant Fund - Veterans' Film Project	493	10,180
Armed Forces Covenant Fund - Tackling Isolation Through Camping	-	2,936
The National Lottery Community Fund	11,908	8,238
Pathway Navigator	250	20,542
Awards for All	-	6,020
	<u>12,651</u>	<u>79,890</u>

# AA VETERANS SUPPORT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

### 5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Direct costs</b>						
Staff costs	-	23,932	23,932	4,649	20,913	25,562
Depreciation and impairment	5,471	7,554	13,025	3,816	12,310	16,126
Programme costs	2,428	3,501	5,929	214	11,768	11,982
Counselling costs	430	3,606	4,036	490	8,645	9,135
Fundraising costs	5,119	-	5,119	7,446	-	7,446
Patrons Dinner	3,800	-	3,800	-	-	-
	<u>17,248</u>	<u>38,593</u>	<u>55,841</u>	<u>16,615</u>	<u>53,636</u>	<u>70,251</u>
<b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 6)</b>						
Support	39,843	3,969	43,812	43,970	454	44,424
Governance	2,424	-	2,424	1,590	240	1,830
	<u>59,515</u>	<u>42,562</u>	<u>102,077</u>	<u>62,175</u>	<u>54,330</u>	<u>116,505</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>						
Unrestricted funds	59,515	-	59,515	62,175	-	62,175
Restricted funds	-	42,562	42,562	-	54,330	54,330
	<u>59,515</u>	<u>42,562</u>	<u>102,077</u>	<u>62,175</u>	<u>54,330</u>	<u>116,505</u>

### 6 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Establishment Expenses	33,826	30,960
General Expenses	1,065	610
Insurance	3,411	2,216
Subscriptions	190	690
Printing, Postage and Stationary	2,202	2,649
Motor Expenses	2,270	5,164
Repairs and Maintenance	848	2,135
Governance costs	2,424	1,830
	<u>46,236</u>	<u>46,254</u>
<b>Analysed between:</b>		
Unrestricted Funds	42,267	45,560
Restricted Funds	3,969	694
	<u>46,236</u>	<u>46,254</u>

## AA VETERANS SUPPORT

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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<b>6 Support costs allocated to activities</b>	<b>(Continued)</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Governance costs comprise:</b>		
Audit fees	2,070	1,830
Legal and professional	354	-
	<u>2,424</u>	<u>1,830</u>
	<u><u>2,424</u></u>	<u><u>1,830</u></u>
<b>7 Net movement in funds</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	2,070	1,830
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	13,025	16,126
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	55	-
	<u>15,150</u>	<u>17,956</u>
	<u><u>15,150</u></u>	<u><u>17,956</u></u>
<b>8 Trustees</b>		
None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.		
<b>9 Employees</b>		
The average monthly number of employees during the year was:		
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u><u>1</u></u>	<u><u>1</u></u>
<b>Employment costs</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	16,734	17,945
Social security costs	5,994	6,304
Other pension costs	1,204	1,313
	<u>23,932</u>	<u>25,562</u>
	<u><u>23,932</u></u>	<u><u>25,562</u></u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

#### 10 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Net loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	55	-
Financing costs	260	293
	<u>315</u>	<u>293</u>

#### 11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

#### 12 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 July 2024	120,269	20,576	29,219	170,064
Disposals	-	-	(4,583)	(4,583)
At 30 June 2025	<u>120,269</u>	<u>20,576</u>	<u>24,636</u>	<u>165,481</u>
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>				
At 1 July 2024	61,727	12,981	22,155	96,863
Depreciation charged in the year	10,067	1,899	1,059	13,025
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	(3,628)	(3,628)
At 30 June 2025	<u>71,794</u>	<u>14,880</u>	<u>19,586</u>	<u>106,260</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>				
At 30 June 2025	<u>48,475</u>	<u>5,696</u>	<u>5,050</u>	<u>59,221</u>
At 30 June 2024	<u>58,542</u>	<u>7,595</u>	<u>7,064</u>	<u>73,201</u>

#### 13 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Prepayments and accrued income	720	-

## AA VETERANS SUPPORT

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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**14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
Other taxation and social security		-	2,039
Government grants	<b>15</b>	23,697	8,329
Other creditors		240	240
Accruals and deferred income		1,590	3,090
		<u>25,527</u>	<u>13,698</u>

## AA VETERANS SUPPORT

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

#### 15 Government grants

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	23,697	8,329
	<u>23,697</u>	<u>8,329</u>
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 July 2024	8,329	42,007
Released from previous periods	(5,448)	(42,007)
Resources deferred in the year	20,816	8,329
	<u>20,816</u>	<u>8,329</u>
Deferred income at 30 June 2025	23,697	8,329
	<u>23,697</u>	<u>8,329</u>

#### 16 Retirement benefit schemes

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Defined contribution schemes</b>		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	1,204	1,313
	<u>1,204</u>	<u>1,313</u>

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

#### 17 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 July 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 30 June 2025 £
The National Lottery Community Fund	38,250	11,908	(13,021)	-	37,137
DAERA Fishing Grant	200	-	-	-	200
Navigator Veterans Foundation	23,760	250	(24,242)	232	-
Veterans Film Project	7,188	493	(5,299)	-	2,382
	<u>69,398</u>	<u>12,651</u>	<u>(42,562)</u>	<u>232</u>	<u>39,719</u>
	<u>69,398</u>	<u>12,651</u>	<u>(42,562)</u>	<u>232</u>	<u>39,719</u>

## AA VETERANS SUPPORT

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

#### 17 Restricted funds (Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 July 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 30 June 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Project Life	3,044	-	(3,044)	-	-
The National Lottery Community Fund	45,000	8,238	(14,988)	-	38,250
DAERA Fishing Grant	200	-	-	-	200
Pathway Navigator	-	20,542	(19,738)	(804)	-
Awards for All	-	6,020	(6,020)	-	-
Veterans Respite Garden Project	-	6,487	(6,367)	(120)	-
Navigator Veterans Foundation	-	25,486	(1,726)	-	23,760
Veterans Film Project	-	10,181	(2,447)	(546)	7,188
Tackling Isolation through Camping	-	2,936	-	(2,936)	-
	<u>48,244</u>	<u>79,890</u>	<u>(54,330)</u>	<u>(4,406)</u>	<u>69,398</u>

#### 18 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 July 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 30 June 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	82,601	62,379	(59,830)	(232)	84,918
	<u>82,601</u>	<u>62,379</u>	<u>(59,830)</u>	<u>(232)</u>	<u>84,918</u>
Previous year:	At 1 July 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 30 June 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	87,621	53,042	(62,468)	4,406	82,601
	<u>87,621</u>	<u>53,042</u>	<u>(62,468)</u>	<u>4,406</u>	<u>82,601</u>

#### 19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
<b>At 30 June 2025:</b>			
Tangible assets	21,164	38,057	59,221
Current assets/(liabilities)	63,754	1,662	65,416
	<u>84,918</u>	<u>39,719</u>	<u>124,637</u>

## AA VETERANS SUPPORT

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

#### 19 Analysis of net assets between funds

(Continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>At 30 June 2024:</b>			
Tangible assets	27,765	45,436	73,201
Current assets/(liabilities)	54,836	23,962	78,798
	<u>82,601</u>	<u>69,398</u>	<u>151,999</u>

#### 20 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).

**AA Veterans Support**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100908

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# Accounts

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## AA VETERANS SUPPORT

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Restated Total 2023 £
<b><u>Income and endowments from:</u></b>					
Donations and legacies	3	53,042	-	53,042	64,531
Charitable activities	4	-	79,890	79,890	125,547
Other income	5	-	-	-	6,000
<b>Total income</b>		<b>53,042</b>	<b>79,890</b>	<b>132,932</b>	<b>196,078</b>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>					
Charitable activities	6	62,175	54,330	116,505	144,314
Other	11	293	-	293	278
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>62,468</b>	<b>54,330</b>	<b>116,798</b>	<b>144,592</b>
<b>Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers</b>		<b>(9,426)</b>	<b>25,560</b>	<b>16,134</b>	<b>51,486</b>
Gross transfers between funds		4,406	(4,406)	-	-
<b>Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(5,020)</b>	<b>21,154</b>	<b>16,134</b>	<b>51,486</b>
Fund balances restated at 1 July 2023		87,621	48,244	135,865	84,379
<b>Fund balances at 30 June 2024</b>		<b>82,601</b>	<b>69,398</b>	<b>151,999</b>	<b>135,865</b>

## **AA VETERANS SUPPORT**

### **STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024***

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

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

# AA VETERANS SUPPORT

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

		2024		2023 as restated	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	13		73,201		89,327
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		92,496		92,247	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	14	(13,698)		(45,709)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			78,798		46,538
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			151,999		135,865
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Restricted income funds	17		69,398		48,244
Unrestricted funds	18		82,601		87,621
			151,999		135,865

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 30 June 2024.

The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on .....



Mr A Allen  
Trustee

Company registration number NI607703 (Northern Ireland)

# AA VETERANS SUPPORT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Charity information

AA Veterans Support is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is Unit C3 Edenderry Industrial Estate, 326 Crumlin Road, Belfast, Co. Antrim, BT14 7EE, Northern Ireland.

##### 1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows

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. 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.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

##### 1.4 Income

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.

# AA VETERANS SUPPORT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings;

- Expenditure on charitable activities.
- Expenditure on raising funds and
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases

Plant and equipment	15% - 25% Reducing Balance
Fixtures and fittings	25% Reducing Balance
Motor vehicles	15% Reducing Balance

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.8 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.

#### **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

# AA VETERANS SUPPORT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### *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.

#### *Derecognition of financial liabilities*

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

#### 1.9 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.

#### 1.10 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

### 2 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.

## AA VETERANS SUPPORT

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

#### 3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Donations and gifts	53,042	64,531
<b>Donations and gifts</b>		
Other	53,042	64,531
	<u>53,042</u>	<u>64,531</u>

#### 4 Charitable activities

	2024 £	Restated 2023 £
Performance related grants	79,890	125,547
<b>Performance related grants</b>		
Armed Forces Covenant Fund - Navigator	25,487	7,462
Armed Forces Covenant Fund - Project Life	-	7,990
Veterans Respite Garden	6,487	45,000
Armed Forces Covenant Fund - Ahead of the Game	-	30,025
Armed Forces Covenant Fund - Veterans' Film Project	10,180	9,944
Armed Forces Covenant Fund - Tackling Isolation Through Camping	2,936	213
Lottery Respite	8,238	-
Pathway Navigator	20,542	20,958
Awards for All	6,020	3,955
	<u>79,890</u>	<u>125,547</u>

# AA VETERANS SUPPORT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024*

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5 Other income

	Total Unrestricted funds	
	2024	2023
	£	£
Other Income	-	6,000
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

## AA VETERANS SUPPORT

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

#### 6 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Expenditure 2024 £	Restricted Expenditure 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Staff costs	4,649	20,913	25,562	31,817
Depreciation and impairment	3,816	12,310	16,126	12,101
Programme Expenses	214	11,768	11,982	52,023
Counselling	490	8,645	9,135	7,805
Fundraising	7,446	-	7,446	1,114
	<u>16,615</u>	<u>53,636</u>	<u>70,251</u>	<u>104,860</u>
Share of support costs (see note 7)	43,970	454	44,424	36,724
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	1,590	240	1,830	2,730
	<u>62,175</u>	<u>54,330</u>	<u>116,505</u>	<u>144,314</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>				
Unrestricted funds	62,175	-	62,175	65,992
Restricted funds	-	54,330	54,330	78,322
	<u>62,175</u>	<u>54,330</u>	<u>116,505</u>	<u>144,314</u>
<b>For the year ended 30 June 2023</b>				
Unrestricted funds restated	65,992	-	65,992	65,992
Restricted funds restated	-	78,322	78,322	78,322
	<u>65,992</u>	<u>78,322</u>	<u>144,314</u>	<u>144,314</u>

## AA VETERANS SUPPORT

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

#### 7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2024	Support costs	Governance costs	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Establishment Expenses	30,960	-	30,960	27,174	-	27,174
General Expenses	610	-	610	936	-	936
Insurance	2,216	-	2,216	2,043	-	2,043
Subscriptions	690	-	690	702	-	702
Printing, Postage and Stationery	2,649	-	2,649	2,609	-	2,609
Motor Expenses	5,164	-	5,164	3,140	-	3,140
Repairs and Maintenance	2,135	-	2,135	120	-	120
Accountancy Fees	-	1,830	1,830	-	2,730	2,730
	<u>44,424</u>	<u>1,830</u>	<u>46,254</u>	<u>36,724</u>	<u>2,730</u>	<u>39,454</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	44,424	1,830	46,254	36,724	2,730	39,454

#### 8 Net movement in funds

2024  
£

2023  
£

The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):

Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	1,830	2,730
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	16,126	12,101
Loss/(profit) on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	(6,000)
	<u>18,956</u>	<u>18,831</u>

#### 9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

# AA VETERANS SUPPORT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

### 10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
	1	2
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
<b>Employment costs</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Wages and salaries	17,945	23,216
Social security costs	6,304	7,397
Other pension costs	1,313	1,204
	<u>25,562</u>	<u>31,817</u>

### 11 Other

	2024	2023
	£	£
Financing costs	293	278
	<u>293</u>	<u>278</u>

### 12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

## AA VETERANS SUPPORT

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

#### 13 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 July 2023 Restated	120,269	20,576	29,219	170,064
At 30 June 2024	120,269	20,576	29,219	170,064
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>				
At 1 July Restated	49,379	10,449	20,909	80,737
Depreciation charged in the year	12,348	2,532	1,246	16,126
At 30 June 2024	61,727	12,981	22,155	96,863
<b>Carrying amount</b>				
At 30 June 2024	58,542	7,595	7,064	73,201
Restated At 30 June 2023	70,890	10,127	8,310	89,327

#### 14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Other taxation and social security		2,039	541
Government grants	15	8,329	42,007
Other creditors		240	1,661
Accruals		3,090	1,500
		13,698	45,709

## AA VETERANS SUPPORT

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

#### 15 Government grants

	<b>2024</b>	<b>Restated 2023</b>
	£	£
Arising from government grants	8,329	42,007
	<u>8,329</u>	<u>42,007</u>

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>Restated 2023</b>
	£	£
Current liabilities	8,329	42,007
	<u>8,329</u>	<u>42,007</u>

#### 16 Retirement benefit schemes

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
<b>Defined contribution schemes</b>		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	1,313	1,204
	<u>1,313</u>	<u>1,204</u>

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

## AA VETERANS SUPPORT

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

#### 17 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used

	Restated	Movement in funds			Balance at 30 June 2024
	Balance at 1 July 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	
	£	£	£	£	£
Project Life	3,044	-	(3,044)	-	-
Lottery Respite	45,000	8,238	14,988)	-	38,250
DAERA Fishing Grant	200	-	-	-	200
Pathway Navigator	-	20,542	(19,738)	(804)	-
Awards for All	-	6,020	(6,020)	-	-
Veterans Respite Garden Project	-	6,487	(6,367)	(120)	-
Navigator Veterans Foundation	-	25,486	(1,726)	-	23,760
Veterans Film Project	-	10,181	(2,447)	(546)	7,188
Tackling Isolation through Camping	-	2,936	-	(2,936)	-
	48,244	79,890	(54,330)	(4,406)	69,398

#### 18 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	Restated	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 30 June 2024
	At 1 July 2023				
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	87,621	53,042	(62,468)	4,406	82,601
Previous year:	Restated	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Restated At 30 June 2023
	At 1 July 2022				
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	83,360	70,531	(66,270)	-	87,621

## AA VETERANS SUPPORT

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

#### 19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>At 30 June 2024:</b>			
Tangible assets	27,765	45,436	73,201
Current assets/(liabilities)	54,836	23,962	78,798
	<u>82,601</u>	<u>69,398</u>	<u>151,999</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Restated</b>			
<b>At 30 June 2023:</b>			
Tangible assets	21,755	67,572	89,327
Current assets/(liabilities)	65,866	(19,328)	46,538
	<u>87,621</u>	<u>48,244</u>	<u>135,865</u>

#### 20 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

## AA VETERANS SUPPORT

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024*

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#### 21 Prior period restatement

Certain comparative information has been restated in the current financial statements due to a prior period error.

In the prior period a restricted grant was received for the purposes of capital spend. The capital asset was purchased in the prior period however the cost of the capital asset was expensed as unrestricted expenditure in the statement of financial activities. The grant income in respect of this was recorded in deferred income.

The appropriate treatment of this grant receipt and capital purchase will have been to recognise the grant income in full in the year as restricted grant income and to recognise the purchase as a capital addition. The following restatements have been made to prior period figures to agree:

Tangible fixed assets restated from £44,327 to £89,327

Deferred income restated from £87,007 to £42,007

Unrestricted funds restated from £3,244 to £48,244

Restricted funds restated from £42,621 to £87,621.

Programme expenses have been restated from £97,023 to £52,023.

Where comparative information has been restated, the head up comparative information has been noted as 'Restated' in the primary statements and notes to the financial statements.

**AA Veterans Support**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100908

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# Annual report

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Charity registration number 100908

Company registration number NI607703 (Northern Ireland)

**AA VETERANS SUPPORT**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

# AA VETERANS SUPPORT

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Mr A Allen Mr M Bingham Mr T Keenan Mr Alan Mearns
<b>Charity number</b>	100908
<b>Company number</b>	NI607703
<b>Registered office</b>	Unit C3 Edenderry Industrial Estate 326 Crumlin Road Belfast Co Antrim Northern Ireland BT14 7EE
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<b>Solicitors</b>	O'Reilly Stewart Solicitors Courtside House 75-77 May Street Belfast BT1 3JL

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# AA VETERANS SUPPORT

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

### *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024*

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The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 30 June 2024

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019).

#### **OPENING STATEMENT FROM OUR CHAIRMAN – THOMAS KEENAN**

It is my privilege to present the Annual Report of AA Veterans Support Trustees for the year ending 30 June 2024, reflecting on another year of dedication, growth, and unwavering support for our veteran community.

Since our foundation in 2011, our journey has been defined by resilience and commitment. Over the years, we have navigated many challenges, from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic to the rising cost of living and, sadly, we have also experienced the loss of some of our valued and dedicated volunteers—individuals who gave their time, energy, and compassion to help others. Their contributions will never be forgotten, and we remain committed to honouring their legacy by continuing the work they so passionately supported.

This year, we have continued to offer a wide range of services, from respite breaks and outdoor activities to breakfast clubs, counselling, and more. These initiatives not only provide practical assistance but also help strengthen the sense of camaraderie that is so vital to the well-being of those who serve or have served and their families. None of this would be possible without the dedication of our volunteers, the generosity of the public, and the support of our funders, including the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust, the National Lottery Awards for All, the Community Fund, and the Veterans Foundation.

Our counselling service remains one of the cornerstones of our support offering, providing hundreds of hours of counselling every year to veterans in need. We know that transitioning from military to civilian life, coping with service-related trauma, or managing personal challenges can be difficult, which is why we ensure that these services are easily accessible and available without delay. We pride ourselves on removing unnecessary barriers so that those who need help can receive it promptly and confidentially. This commitment to physical and mental well-being is at the heart of everything we do.

Our monthly veterans' breakfast clubs remain a vital part of our support network, offering a safe and welcoming space where veterans can come together, share experiences, and access essential information about the support available to them. These gatherings foster a strong sense of camaraderie, helping to combat isolation and ensuring that no veteran feels alone.

We are deeply grateful to Ledley Hall Boys and Girls Club and Jumna Street Linfield Supporters Club, whose unwavering support makes these events possible. Their generosity in opening their doors and assisting with the delivery of our breakfast mornings goes above and beyond, creating a warm and supportive environment for all who attend. Their commitment truly exemplifies the community spirit and dedication to integrating our armed forces into the wider community, strengthening the bonds between veterans and the society they have served. Meanwhile, our Tri-Service Veterans Football team has not only provided a space for fitness and teamwork but has also brought veterans together through the shared love of the game.

At our outdoor activity centre, we have been able to deliver life-enhancing programmes thanks to the generosity of Laurencetown Orange Hall, which has allowed us to use the site free of charge. These activities have given veterans and their families the opportunity to spend quality time together, benefiting from the peace and healing that nature provides. The positive impact of this initiative has been truly remarkable.

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## AA VETERANS SUPPORT

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

#### *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024*

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The increasing demand for our respite breaks highlights just how crucial these opportunities are. Veterans and their families rely on these breaks as a chance to step away from daily pressures, reconnect with loved ones, and focus on their well-being. The speed at which bookings fill up is a testament to just how valued these opportunities are. Respite breaks are more than just a getaway—they are a vital tool in promoting mental health and emotional resilience. Recognising this growing demand, we are actively seeking ways to expand our capacity to ensure that more veterans can access this essential support.

Beyond these core initiatives, we have remained committed to providing welfare assistance, counselling, and other tailored support, while also engaging in outreach efforts across Northern Ireland. Through veterans' information sessions and community events, we have continued to raise awareness of the services available, ensuring that no veteran feels alone or unsupported.

As I reflect on the past year, I want to extend my sincere gratitude to our staff, volunteers, trustees, and supporters. Their dedication is the driving force behind everything we do. Their hard work and passion have allowed us to make a real difference in the lives of so many.

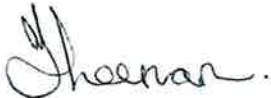
I also want to express my deep appreciation to the public. In difficult times, your generosity has not wavered. Your support enables us to continue providing essential services and making a meaningful impact in the lives of veterans and their families.

As we look ahead, our commitment remains strong. Together, we will continue to build on our successes, address the challenges that lie ahead, and ensure that those who serve or have served and their families receive the support, respect, and care they deserve.

**Together, let us continue to make a positive impact.**

**Thomas Keenan**

**(AAVS Chairman)**



# AA VETERANS SUPPORT

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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#### Objectives and activities

The Charity's objects ("Objects") are specifically restricted to the following

To promote the welfare and well-being of all serving and ex-service men and women from or living in Northern Ireland by all or any of the following means:

1. Provide, secure or promote the provision of counselling and other forms of therapeutic intervention, training and other assistance to find suitable employment, rehabilitation and resettlement services, advocacy advice and guidance and general support services.
2. Provide respite and support services to the families and carers of such persons
3. Seek to obtain medical treatment within Northern Ireland for all those who are injured.

#### PUBLIC BENEFIT

The public benefits that flow from the purpose of promoting the welfare and well-being of all service and ex-service men and women living in Northern Ireland are -

(1) Improved coping skills to deal with the adjustment to civilian life; reduced levels of stress and anxiety, improved self-care and self-help strategies and enhanced self-esteem and confidence leading to better mental, physical and emotional well-being, and enhanced employment prospects resulting in reduced levels of financial hardship.

(2) Reduced levels of stress and anxiety on the part of family members and increased knowledge and understanding of the range of support services available and how to access them.

(3) Diminished sense of isolation and heightened contact and engagement with family, friends and community. The beneficiaries are service and ex service men and women living in Northern Ireland and their families and carers. These benefits can be evidenced by internal progress records kept by AA Veterans Support, feedback from beneficiaries, evaluations of the work and impact of AA Veterans Support and ongoing research into the problems arising from adjustment to civilian life. No harm or private benefit arises from these purposes.

- Accommodation/housing
- Advice/advocacy/information
- Counselling/support
- Disability
- Education/training
- General charitable purposes
- Human rights/equality
- Medical/health/sickness
- Relief of poverty
- Research/evaluation
- Volunteer development
- Welfare/benevolence

# AA VETERANS SUPPORT

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

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### Achievements and performance

#### Expanding Our Impact Through Meaningful Projects.

Over the past year, AA Veterans Support has continued to grow and evolve, delivering an expanding range of projects and services aimed at improving the well-being of veterans and their families across Northern Ireland. Our commitment to **support, community integration, and skill development** remains unwavering, and we are proud to share some of the achievements from this reporting period.

#### Building on the Success of the Veterans Film Project

Following the success of the **Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust-funded Veterans Film Project**, we expanded our support for veterans interested in media production by launching a **dedicated video editing course**. This initiative built on the skills developed during our original film project, providing veterans with the opportunity to refine their expertise in **editing, storytelling, and production techniques**. With the necessary filming equipment now in place, we are confident this programme will further enable veterans to **continue producing high-quality content** while **developing transferable skills** for both personal and professional growth.

#### Tower to Tower Project – Learning from the Past

The Tower to Tower Project was a remarkable initiative that brought veterans and local children together in a cross-community educational programme exploring the sacrifices made during both World Wars.

The project culminated in a visit to the Somme battlefields, where participants could experience first hand the historical significance of the region and gain a greater appreciation for the courage and resilience of those who served. This initiative was a powerful example of education, remembrance, and community engagement, helping bridge the gap between past and present generations.

#### Honouring Service Through Sport

##### Ulster Branch of the Irish Guards Association Golf Day

We were deeply honoured to be chosen as the charity beneficiary for the annual Ulster Branch of the Irish Guards Association Golf Day. Not only did this event raise a significant amount of funds to support our work, but it also helped raise awareness of our services among a wider audience, many of whom veterans.

##### Frank Hewitt Memorial Trophy

In memory of our esteemed colleague and trustee Frank Hewitt, we were proud to host a memorial football tournament featuring several military and veterans' teams. This event was a fitting tribute to Frank's commitment to the veteran community and underscored the importance of sport in fostering well-being, teamwork, and camaraderie among those who have served.

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##### *Veterans Camera Club – Creativity Through Photography*

The **Veterans Camera Club** has continued to grow, providing **both experienced and novice photographers** with the opportunity to explore their creativity through the **medium of photography**. This initiative has proven to be a **therapeutic and engaging activity**, allowing veterans to connect, **express themselves artistically**, and **develop new skills in a supportive environment**.

##### **Veterans Respite Garden – Growing a Sense of Purpose**

Supported by **Argyle Business Centre and the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust**, our **Veterans Respite Garden Project** has been an impactful initiative over the past year. Veterans involved in this initiative have spoken of a **renewed sense of purpose and belonging**, with one veteran sharing

*“Reaching out to AAVS about the garden project turned out to be one of the best decisions I have made in a long time. Since leaving the army years ago I have struggled to find a sense of purpose and missed the camaraderie. However, volunteering with this project changed that. It reignited my sense of purpose and belonging. Witnessing firsthand how my efforts are transforming into something meaningful that will assist others like myself has been incredibly rewarding*

With the project coming together, we are excited to **expand its reach**, offering even more veterans and their families the chance to **connect, learn new skills, and enjoy the outdoors**.

##### **Veterans Christmas Lunch – A Celebration of Camaraderie**

A **second successful Veterans Christmas Lunch** was held at the **Royal British Legion on Montgomery Road**, generously sponsored by the **Belfast City Council Veterans Champion and the Northern Ireland Veterans Support Office**. The event was a **joyous occasion**, bringing veterans together for a **Christmas lunch, entertainment, and the opportunity to reconnect**.

We were honoured to welcome the **Northern Ireland Veterans Commissioner and serving members of the Armed Forces**, further strengthening **collaboration and support networks** within the veteran community.

##### **Engaging with BLESMA and Blind Veterans UK**

We were privileged to host **veterans from BLESMA and Blind Veterans UK** along with their families for a day at our **Veterans Outdoor Activity Centre**. Attendees took part in a variety of activities, including **fishing, static airsoft, bushcraft, archery, and more**. The event provided an invaluable opportunity for **friendships, banter, and camaraderie**, reinforcing the **power of community in veteran well-being**.

##### **Core Services and Continued Growth**

##### **Counselling Services – Delivering Essential Mental Health Support**

Our **counselling services** have remained a critical lifeline, offering **hundreds of hours of professional support** to veterans facing mental health challenges. Thanks to our **dedicated team of counsellors**, we were able to deliver **hundreds of hours of counselling** over the past year, ensuring that veterans received the **prompt and effective support they needed**.

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

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We take **immense pride** in our ability to provide **swift access to mental health services**, with the **majority of appointments scheduled within 48 hours** of the initial request. This commitment to **timely intervention** ensures that veterans are **not left waiting for critical support**. We are incredibly grateful to **National Lottery Awards for All** and Community Fund for funding that has helped sustain this vital service.

#### **Tackling Isolation Through the Camping Project**

Now in its **second year**, our **Tackling Isolation Through Camping Project** supported at the outset by the **Armed Forces Covenant Fund**, has provided **transformative outdoor experiences** for veterans and their families. With access to **state-of-the-art camping equipment** and our **Veterans Outdoor Activity Centre near Banbridge**, participants have engaged in activities including **bushcraft, archery, airsoft, fishing, and kayaking**.

This initiative has not only provided **enjoyable recreational opportunities** but has also played a crucial role in **reducing isolation, fostering community connections, and promoting mental well-being**.

#### **Veterans Breakfast Clubs – Strengthening Bonds**

Our **monthly veterans' breakfast clubs** have continued to be a cornerstone of our outreach efforts, offering a **welcoming space** for veterans to **connect, share experiences, and access support**.

We are particularly **grateful to Ledley Hall Boys and Girls Club and Jumna Street Linfield Supporters Club**, whose **generosity and community spirit** have been instrumental in supporting these gatherings. Their commitment to **integration and inclusion** has helped ensure that veterans feel **welcomed and valued within the wider community**.

#### **Veterans Football Team**

Our **Veterans Football Team** has gone from strength to strength, participating in **training sessions, matches, and tournaments** both locally and in England. In collaboration with the **Irish Football Association's 'Ahead of the Game' initiative**, we have also helped **deliver coaching qualifications**, allowing veterans to **gain new skills and contribute to local football clubs**.

#### **Welfare Assistance and Respite Breaks – A Lifeline for Veterans**

Our **welfare and outreach team** has been instrumental in supporting veterans facing **financial hardship, housing challenges, and other critical issues**. In addition, **respite breaks** continue to be in **high demand**, with **every available date booked and a waiting list in place**. These breaks offer a **much-needed sanctuary**, providing veterans and their families with an opportunity to **rest, reconnect, and recharge** in a **peaceful and supportive environment**.

#### **Looking Ahead**

As we reflect on the past year, we remain **deeply committed** to our mission of supporting veterans and their families. With **new initiatives under development** and a **strong foundation of partnerships, funders, and community support**, we look forward to **expanding our reach and making an even greater impact in the years to come**.

# AA VETERANS SUPPORT

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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**Together, we can make a difference.**

Some of the services we provided during this period were

- Counselling
- Support groups
- Benefits advice & guidance (including form filling)
- War pension & AFCS support and referrals
- Housing advice, guidance, and signposting
- Welfare Grants
- Respite breaks
- Breakfast clubs
- Outreach
- A range of bespoke projects

**The information detailed within the achievements and performance section is a snapshot detailing some of the activities, programmes and initiatives are involved or have directly delivered.**

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

The trustees have developed a reserves policy in order to protect against unforeseen circumstances. The policy states that AAVS will seek to build sufficient financial reserves to provide for twelve months in order that the charities ability to deliver services and develop the business in the manner planned can be achieved without any negative impact

The reserves policy is kept under review and amended accordingly to ensure current and future demand is met.

The restricted funds as at 30th June 2024 is £69,398 This is an increase of £21,154 from the previous year. The unrestricted funds as at 30th June 2024 is £82,601. This is a decrease of £5,020 from the previous year.

Income as at 30th June 2024 is £132,932 which is a decrease of £63,146 from the previous year. Expenditure as at 30th June 2024 is £116,798 which is a decrease of £27,794 from the previous year.

# AA VETERANS SUPPORT

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

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### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company, in the event of the same being wound up while it is a member, or within one year after it ceases to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before it ceases to be a member, and out of costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding £1.

The Trustees meet at least once a month and further as required.

AA Veterans Support is a member of the following bodies and are committed to best practice:

- The Confederation of Service Charities (COBSEO)
- The Northern Ireland Veterans Support Forum
- Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Act on (NICVA)
- Fundraising Regulator
- NIVSO Mental Health Forum

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were

Mr A Allen

Mr M Bingham

Mr T Keenan

Mr Alan Mearns

### **DIRECTORS (TRUSTEES)**

A Director must be aged eighteen years or older. No one may be appointed a director if he or she would be disqualified from acting under the provisions of article 34. The number of Directors shall not be less than three. A Director may not appoint an alternate Director or anyone to act on his or her behalf at meetings of the Directors.

### **APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS (TRUSTEES)**

- Not less than three-quarters of the Board of Directors shall be made up of serving or ex-service men or women.
- The current board of trustees for AAVS recognise the importance of having a diverse board, bringing a wealth of skills, experience, views, knowledge and approaches.
- New trustees are invited onto the Board at the annual general meeting and new board members receive induction training upon membership of the board.

## AA VETERANS SUPPORT

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

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#### TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the directors are required to

- ✓ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ✓ make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ✓ prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy, at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention, and detection, of fraud and other irregularities.

In relation to the financial statements which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the related notes:

- The trustees approve these financial statements and confirm that they are responsible for them, including selecting the appropriate accounting policies, applying them consistently and making, on a reasonable and prudent basis, the judgments underlying them. They have been prepared on the going concern basis on the grounds that the charity will continue in operation.
- The trustees confirm that they have made available to AAB Group Accountants Limited, all the charity's accounting records and provided all the information necessary for the compilation of the financial statements.
- The trustees confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief, the accounting records reflect all transactions of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2024.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr T Keenan

Trustee

Dated: 

**AA Veterans Support**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100908

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# Annual return

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# AA VETERANS SUPPORT

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF AA VETERANS SUPPORT

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of AA Veterans Support (the charity) for the year ended 30 June 2024.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the 2008 Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 386 of the 2006 Act; or
  - 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records or
  - 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
  - 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).
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## **AA VETERANS SUPPORT**

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

#### **TO THE TRUSTEES OF AA VETERANS SUPPORT**

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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 financial statements to be reached.

*Teresa Campbell*

**Teresa Campbell**  
**For, and on behalf of,**  
**AAB Group Accountants Limited**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**Statutory Auditors**  
**1 - 3 Arthur Street**  
**Belfast**  
**Co. Antrim**  
**BT1 4GA**  
**Northern Ireland**

Dated: 27.03.2025

**AA Veterans Support**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100908

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# Accounts

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## AA VETERANS SUPPORT

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b><u>Income and endowments from:</u></b>					
Donations and legacies	3	64,531	-	64,531	41,454
Charitable activities	4	-	80,547	80,547	75,279
Other income	5	6,000	-	6,000	-
<b>Total income</b>		<u>70,531</u>	<u>80,547</u>	<u>151,078</u>	<u>116,733</u>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>					
Raising funds	6	-	-	-	42
Charitable activities	7	110,992	78,322	189,314	141,532
Other	11	278	-	278	346
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>111,270</u>	<u>78,322</u>	<u>189,592</u>	<u>141,920</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		(40,739)	2,225	(38,514)	(25,187)
Fund balances at 1 July 2022		<u>83,360</u>	<u>1,019</u>	<u>84,379</u>	<u>109,566</u>
<b>Fund balances at 30 June 2023</b>		<u><u>42,621</u></u>	<u><u>3,244</u></u>	<u><u>45,865</u></u>	<u><u>84,379</u></u>

## **AA VETERANS SUPPORT**

### **STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023***

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

# AA VETERANS SUPPORT

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	12		44,327		56,428
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		92,247		100,026	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	13	(90,709)		(72,075)	
Net current assets			1,538		27,951
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			45,865		84,379
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	15		3,244		1,019
Unrestricted funds			42,621		83,360
			45,865		84,379

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 30 June 2023.

The director acknowledges his responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 22/3/2024



Mr A Allen  
Trustee

Company Registration No. NI607703

# AA VETERANS SUPPORT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023*

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

AA Veterans Support is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is Unit C3 Edenderry Industrial Estate, 326 Crumlin Road, Belfast, Co. Antrim, BT14 7EE, Northern Ireland.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

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. 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.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

#### 1.4 Income

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.

# AA VETERANS SUPPORT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings;

- Expenditure on charitable activities;
- Expenditure on raising funds; and
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and equipment	15% - 25% Reducing Balance
Fixtures and fittings	25% Reducing Balance
Motor vehicles	15% Reducing Balance

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

#### 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.8 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.

#### **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.

# AA VETERANS SUPPORT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### *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.

#### *Derecognition of financial liabilities*

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

#### 1.9 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.

#### 1.10 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

### 2 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.

## AA VETERANS SUPPORT

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

#### 3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations and gifts	64,531	41,454
	<u>64,531</u>	<u>41,454</u>
<b>Donations and gifts</b>		
Other	64,531	41,454
	<u>64,531</u>	<u>41,454</u>

#### 4 Charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Performance related grants	80,547	75,279
	<u>80,547</u>	<u>75,279</u>
<b>Performance related grants</b>		
Armed Forces Covenant Fund - Navigator	7,462	28,320
Armed Forces Covenant Fund - Project Life	7,990	21,503
Armed Forces Covenant Fund - Ahead of the Game	30,025	3,225
Armed Forces Covenant Fund - Veterans' Film Project	9,944	14,220
Armed Forces Covenant Fund - Tackling Isolation Through Camping	213	6,811
DAERA Fishing Grant	-	1,200
Pathway Navigator	20,958	-
Awards for All	3,955	-
	<u>80,547</u>	<u>75,279</u>

## AA VETERANS SUPPORT

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2023 £	2022 £
Other Income	6,000	-
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>

6 Raising funds

	Total	Unrestricted funds
	2023 £	2022 £
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Advertising	-	42
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
	-	42
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>

## AA VETERANS SUPPORT

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

#### 7 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Expenditure 2023 £	Restricted Expenditure 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Staff costs	5,509	26,308	31,817	33,226
Depreciation and impairment	4,577	7,524	12,101	13,769
Programme Expenses	58,508	38,515	97,023	39,529
Counselling	3,850	3,955	7,805	8,368
Fundraising	1,114	-	1,114	6,354
Caravan Expenses	-	-	-	2,330
	<u>73,558</u>	<u>76,302</u>	<u>149,860</u>	<u>103,576</u>
Share of support costs (see note 8)	35,232	1,492	36,724	37,335
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	2,202	528	2,730	621
	<u>110,992</u>	<u>78,322</u>	<u>189,314</u>	<u>141,532</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>				
Unrestricted funds	110,992	-	110,992	66,454
Restricted funds	-	78,322	78,322	75,078
	<u>110,992</u>	<u>78,322</u>	<u>189,314</u>	<u>141,532</u>
<b>For the year ended 30 June 2022</b>				
Unrestricted funds	66,454	-		66,454
Restricted funds	-	75,078		75,078
	<u>66,454</u>	<u>75,078</u>		<u>141,532</u>

## AA VETERANS SUPPORT

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

#### 8 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2023	Support costs	Governance costs	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Establishment Expenses	27,174	-	27,174	25,013	-	25,013
General Expenses	936	-	936	767	-	767
Insurance	2,043	-	2,043	4,379	-	4,379
Subscriptions	702	-	702	482	-	482
Printing, Postage and Stationery	2,609	-	2,609	3,109	-	3,109
Motor Expenses	3,140	-	3,140	2,802	-	2,802
Repairs and Maintenance	120	-	120	783	-	783
Accountancy Fees	-	2,730	2,730	-	-	-
Legal and professional	-	-	-	-	35	35
Accountancy Fees	-	-	-	-	586	586
	<u>36,724</u>	<u>2,730</u>	<u>39,454</u>	<u>37,335</u>	<u>621</u>	<u>37,956</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>36,724</u>	<u>2,730</u>	<u>39,454</u>	<u>37,335</u>	<u>621</u>	<u>37,956</u>

#### 9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
	2	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
<b>Employment costs</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	23,216	24,887
Social security costs	7,397	6,869
Other pension costs	1,204	1,470
	<u>31,817</u>	<u>33,226</u>
	<u>31,817</u>	<u>33,226</u>

#### 11 Other

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Financing costs	278	346
	<u>278</u>	<u>346</u>
	<u>278</u>	<u>346</u>

## AA VETERANS SUPPORT

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 12 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 July 2022	75,269	20,576	29,219	125,064
At 30 June 2023	75,269	20,576	29,219	125,064
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>				
At 1 July 2022	42,120	7,073	19,443	68,636
Depreciation charged in the year	7,259	3,376	1,466	12,101
At 30 June 2023	49,379	10,449	20,909	80,737
<b>Carrying amount</b>				
At 30 June 2023	25,890	10,127	8,310	44,327
At 30 June 2022	33,149	13,503	9,776	56,428

#### 13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Other taxation and social security		541	1,359
Deferred income	14	87,007	68,489
Other creditors		1,661	81
Accruals		1,500	2,146
		90,709	72,075

## AA VETERANS SUPPORT

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

#### 14 Deferred income

	2023 £	2022 £
Arising from government grants	87,007	-
Other deferred income	-	68,489
	<u>87,007</u>	<u>68,489</u>
	<u><u>87,007</u></u>	<u><u>68,489</u></u>

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Current liabilities	87,007	68,489
	<u>87,007</u>	<u>68,489</u>
	<u><u>87,007</u></u>	<u><u>68,489</u></u>

#### 15 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Balance at 30 June 2023 £
	Balance at 1 July 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	
Armed Forces Covenant Grant	819	55,634	(53,409)	3,044
DAERA Fishing Grant	200	-	-	200
Pathway Navigator	-	20,958	(20,958)	-
Awards for All	-	3,955	(3,955)	-
	<u>1,019</u>	<u>80,547</u>	<u>(78,322)</u>	<u>3,244</u>
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## AA VETERANS SUPPORT

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Fund 2023 £	Restricted Fund 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted Fund 2022 £	Restricted Fund 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 30 June 2023 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	21,755	22,572	44,327	56,428	-	56,428
Current assets/(liabilities)	20,866	(19,328)	1,538	26,932	1,019	27,951
	<u>42,621</u>	<u>3,244</u>	<u>45,865</u>	<u>83,360</u>	<u>1,019</u>	<u>84,379</u>

#### 17 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).

**AA Veterans Support**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100908

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# Annual report

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**Charity Registration No. 100908**

**Company Registration No. NI607703 (Northern Ireland)**

**AA VETERANS SUPPORT**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL**  
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# AA VETERANS SUPPORT

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Mr A Allen Mr M Bingham Mr T Keenan Mr Alan Mearns
<b>Charity number</b>	100908
<b>Company number</b>	NI607703
<b>Registered office</b>	Unit C3 Edenderry Industrial Estate 326 Crumlin Road Belfast Co. Antrim Northern Ireland BT14 7EE
<b>Independent examiner</b>	FPM Accountants Limited 1 - 3 Arthur Street Belfast Co. Antrim Northern Ireland BT1 4GA

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# **AA VETERANS SUPPORT**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)**

### ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023***

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The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019)

#### **OPENING STATEMENT FROM OUR CHAIRMAN – THOMAS KEENAN**

I am delighted to present the Annual Report of the AA Veterans Support Trustees for the year ending 30 June 2023, highlighting our accomplishments and endeavours over the past twelve months.

Since our inception in June 2011, our journey has been marked by resilience and dedication, overcoming various challenges, notably the recent impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and the subsequent cost-of-living crisis, which have affected numerous households.

Throughout the years, we have remained steadfast in our mission, delivering a diverse range of support services to thousands of veterans and their families throughout Northern Ireland. From respite breaks to counselling, from outdoor activities to camaraderie-building breakfast clubs and a dedicated film club, our support service offerings have provided vital assistance. None of this would have been achievable without the unwavering support of our volunteers, the generosity of the public, and the invaluable contributions from our funders, including the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust and the National Lottery Awards for All.

Our monthly veterans' breakfast clubs have served as safe havens, fostering camaraderie, and providing essential information about available support services to countless veterans. Additionally, our Tri-Service Veterans Football team has not only trained diligently but has also engaged in matches against other teams, fostering a sense of community and pride.

A small team of our dedicated volunteers have tirelessly worked towards not only the establishing the Veterans Outdoor Activity Centre in Banbridge but further expanding its output, offering veterans and their families a wide array of outdoor activities to enjoy and bond over.

The increasing demand for respite breaks during the caravan season underscores the critical role these breaks play in the well-being and rejuvenation of our veterans and their families. As bookings fill up rapidly, it is evident that these breaks provide much-needed relief and support to individuals who have served our country with honour and dedication.

Our respite breaks offer a sanctuary from the daily challenges and stresses that veterans and their families may face. They provide an opportunity to unwind, recharge, and reconnect with loved ones in a peaceful and supportive environment. For many, these breaks serve as a lifeline, offering a temporary reprieve from the physical and emotional tolls of military service. Moreover, the respite breaks promote mental health and emotional resilience by providing individuals with the time and space to focus on self-care and reflection.

## **AA VETERANS SUPPORT**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)**

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As we witness the increasing demand for respite breaks, we recognise the pressing need to expand our capacity to accommodate more individuals in need. We are actively exploring opportunities to broaden our offerings and expand the number of breaks we can provide each year.

Beyond these projects, we have continued to provide welfare assistance, counselling, and other forms of support, while actively participating in events and engagements across the province. Our outreach efforts, including veterans' information sessions, have aimed to raise awareness about the services we provide within the veteran community.

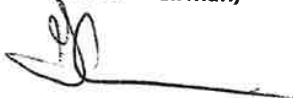
In conclusion, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to our staff, volunteers, trustees, and supporters whose dedication and commitment have propelled our mission forward. Their unwavering support has been instrumental in enabling us to deliver essential services to the service community throughout Northern Ireland.

I also extend my deepest appreciation to the public, especially during these challenging times, for their continued generosity and support. Your contributions enable us to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who serve or have served and their families.

**Together, let us continue to make a positive impact.**

**Thomas Keenan**

**(AAVS Chairman)**



# AA VETERANS SUPPORT

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023*

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### **Objectives and activities**

The trustees of AA Veterans Support present their annual report and accounts for the year-end **30 June 2023**.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006, the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005)", issued in March 2005 and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

### **OBJECTIVES**

The Charity's objects ("Objects") are specifically restricted to the following: -

To promote the welfare and well-being of all serving and ex-service men and women from or living in Northern Ireland by all or any of the following means:

1. Provide, secure or promote the provision of counselling and other forms of therapeutic intervention, training and other assistance to find suitable employment, rehabilitation and resettlement services, advocacy, advice and guidance and general support services;
2. Provide respite and support services to the families and carers of such persons;
3. Seek to obtain medical treatment within Northern Ireland for all those who are injured.

# AA VETERANS SUPPORT

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023*

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### **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The public benefits that flow from the purpose of promoting the welfare and well-being of all service and ex-service men and women living in Northern Ireland are -

(1) Improved coping skills to deal with the adjustment to civilian life; reduced levels of stress and anxiety, improved self-care and self-help strategies and enhanced self-esteem and confidence leading to better mental, physical and emotional well-being; and enhanced employment prospects resulting in reduced levels of financial hardship.

(2) Reduced levels of stress and anxiety on the part of family members and increased knowledge and understanding of the range of support services available and how to access them.

(3) Diminished sense of isolation and heightened contact and engagement with family, friends and community. The beneficiaries are service and ex-service men and women living in Northern Ireland and their families and carers. These benefits can be evidenced by internal progress records kept by AA Veterans Support, feedback from beneficiaries, evaluations of the work and impact of AA Veterans Support and ongoing research into the problems arising from adjustment to civilian life. No harm or private benefit arises from these purposes.

- Accommodation/housing
- Advice/advocacy/information
- Counselling/support
- Disability
- Education/training
- General charitable purposes
- Human rights/equality
- Medical/health/sickness
- Relief of poverty
- Research/evaluation
- Volunteer development
- Welfare/benevolence

# AA VETERANS SUPPORT

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023*

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### **Achievements and performance**

#### ***Counselling Services***

In the past financial year, our counselling services for veterans have maintained a strong trajectory of support and engagement. We have seen a consistently high number of veterans seeking mental health assistance, which came majority as direct referrals but also through partner agencies. Throughout the reporting period, we have sustained our capacity to promptly respond to veterans' needs, ensuring timely access to mental health appointments. The majority of appointments were scheduled and conducted within provided within a 48-hour window from the initial point of contact.

This swift response time underscores our commitment to delivering timely and effective support to those in need.

Operating across Northern Ireland, our dedicated team of eight experienced counsellors has been instrumental in delivering compassionate care and assistance to our veteran community. Collectively, they have contributed a total of 344 hours of counselling services during the reporting period, exemplifying our steadfast dedication to meeting the mental health needs of our veterans.

*As we reflect on our performance and service delivery, we remain steadfast in our commitment to providing accessible, responsive, and impactful mental health support to our veterans across Northern Ireland. Additionally, we extend our immense gratitude to the National Lottery Awards for All who provided funding to support the delivery of counselling.*

#### ***Tackling Isolation through Camping Project***

Thanks to the generous funding from the Armed Forces Covenant Fund, our Tackling Isolation through Camping Project, now in its second year, has made significant strides in enhancing the well-being of veterans and their families throughout the reporting period.

This initiative empowered AAVS to procure a diverse array of camping equipment, facilitating immersive outdoor experiences for veterans and their families. Our recently established Veteran's Outdoor Activity Centre, situated just outside Banbridge, stands as a pioneering endeavour in Northern Ireland, offering a comprehensive range of outdoor activities tailored to the unique needs and interests of our veteran community.

From engaging in bushcraft activities to mastering archery, airsoft, outdoor games, fishing, and navigating the waters through kayaking and canoeing, our veteran participants have embraced a wealth of opportunities for camaraderie, skill-building, and rejuvenation.

Through the Tackling Isolation through Camping Project, we have not only provided recreational outlets but also fostered a sense of belonging and connection among veterans, thereby mitigating feelings of isolation and promoting holistic well-being.

As we reflect on the accomplishments of this project, we express gratitude to the Armed Forces Covenant Fund for their unwavering support and reaffirm our commitment to enriching the lives of veterans and their families through innovative and inclusive initiatives.

## **AA VETERANS SUPPORT**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)**

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#### ***Veterans Breakfast Clubs and Christmas Lunch***

Throughout the year, we delivered a series of Veterans Breakfast Clubs on a monthly basis, along with a Veterans Christmas Lunch event. These initiatives were designed to foster a sense of community and support among service personnel, veterans, and their families, helping to tackling loneliness and isolation.

Provided free of charge, these gatherings served as inclusive spaces where attendees could come together to share stories, build camaraderie, and forge lasting friendships. Beyond the enjoyment of a

hearty breakfast and lunch, these events served as invaluable platforms for disseminating information about available support services and resources tailored to the needs of veterans and their families.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to expanding and enhancing our outreach efforts, ensuring that every veteran and their family members feel valued, supported, and connected within our community.

We continue to have a positive working relationship with other veteran's charities and sector stakeholders who we have worked closely with over the past twelve -months and in some instances in direct partnership to deliver projects. We recognise these relationships are crucial to ensure we deliver the best people support for those who serve or have served and their families throughout Northern Ireland. We will endeavour to not only maintain but also grow these relationships with other service charities and statutory agencies, as they are of vital importance to our service delivery.

#### ***Veterans Football Team and IFA Ahead of the Game Project***

We are pleased to present the progress of the Veterans Football Team and the IFA Ahead of the Game Project as part of our annual report, made possible through funding from the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust.

In collaboration with the Irish Football Association, our Ahead of the Game Project continues to flourish. We are proud to report the establishment and success of our veteran's football team, which has shown remarkable growth since its inception. The team convenes regularly for training sessions and has actively participated in numerous spirited and competitive matches. Notably, they showcased their skills in two tournaments, one held in Northern Ireland and the other in England.

Furthermore, the project surpassed our initial expectations by delivering a greater number of football coaching qualifications. This achievement facilitated the increased participation of veterans in our project, with many of them extending their involvement to local clubs. We are delighted to witness the project's positive impact and look forward to its legacy through the qualifications delivered and the establishment of the veteran's football team.

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### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)**

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##### ***Veterans Film Project***

The Veterans Film Project successfully wrapped up its activities for the reporting year by offering three courses tailored for veterans – an additional course than the two originally planned. Moving forward, we are preparing to introduce a more in-depth video editing course in the following months to complement the three film projects. These initiatives equipped veterans with diverse skills in film production, spanning script writing, sound design, lighting techniques, videography, and more.

Furthermore, the conclusion of the Armed Forces Covenant Funded veterans film project does not mark the culmination of the overarching initiative. As previously mentioned, a comprehensive video course will kick off soon, adding to the project's legacy. With a wide range of essential filming equipment now at our disposal, coupled with advanced editing skills, veterans will soon be able to produce mini productions in the near future.

##### ***Welfare Assistance and Respite Breaks***

Throughout the reporting period, our welfare and outreach team were heavily engaged in assisting veterans with a wide array of challenges. These included but were not limited to cost-of-living increase, housing concerns, financial benevolence, and assisting in the establishment of setting up a home.

Like pre-pandemic years, we witnessed substantial demand for our respite breaks. Our available dates filled up swiftly, necessitating the creation of a waiting list. The overwhelming demand underscores the necessity for expanded capacity, a matter currently under exploration. Our breaks provide much-needed relief and support to individuals who have served our country with honour and dedication.

Our respite breaks offer a sanctuary from the daily challenges and stresses that veterans and their families may face. They provide an opportunity to unwind, recharge, and reconnect with loved ones in a peaceful and supportive environment. For many, these breaks serve as a lifeline, offering a temporary reprieve from the physical and emotional tolls of military service. Moreover, the respite breaks promote mental health and emotional resilience by providing individuals with the time and space to focus on self-care and reflection.

Some of the main services we provided during this period were:

- Counselling
- Support groups
- Benefits advice & guidance (including form filling)
- War pension & AFCS support and referrals
- Housing advice, guidance, and signposting
- Welfare Grants
- Respite breaks
- Breakfast clubs
- A range of bespoke projects

# AA VETERANS SUPPORT

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

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### **Reserves Policy**

The total funds of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2023 were £45,865 (2022: £84,379) which includes restricted funds of £3,244 (2022: £1,019) and therefore not available for general purpose of the charity.

The trustees have developed a reserves policy in order to protect against unforeseen circumstances. The policy states that AAVS will seek to build sufficient financial reserves to provide for twelve months in order that the charities ability to deliver services and develop the business in the manner planned can be achieved without any negative impact. At 30 June 2023, the charity's free reserves are £20,866 which represents 2.25 months of unrestricted expenditure on charitable activities.

The reserves policy is kept under review and amended accordingly to ensure current and future demand is met.

### **Risk Assessment**

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

# AA VETERANS SUPPORT

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

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#### **FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN AND GOALS**

Our priorities for 2020-2025 reflect the growing demand for our services and the need to campaign to ensure those who serve or have served and their families throughout Northern Ireland receive the best possible support. Over the course of the past 5 years, we have delivered and built upon many aspects of our 5-year strategic plan. Our centre has become a central hub for veterans in Northern Ireland – providing a one-stop shop, which provides many vital support services under the one roof. Further to our centre in Belfast, working in collaboration with a dynamic group of former service personnel, we have, through the support of the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust, worked to establish a second hub providing support within the Londonderry and surrounding areas.

- Develop new and continue to deliver existing support services whilst evaluating areas of improvement and ongoing need.
- Evaluate the impact support services, are having and better inform any required improvements or changes.
- Continue to maintain and grow our 'Drop in & training Centre'.
- Continue to raise funds in order to support existing activities and growth plans to meet the need of our service users.
- Build new and grow existing relationships with other service providers to maximize the benefits for the service user – both within the statutory and voluntary sectors.
- Develop our volunteers, systems and operating methods to ensure that they effectively support AA Veterans Support's charitable activities, growth and development.
- Carry out research into the needs of our service users.
- Continue to develop and grow our counselling service alongside therapeutic support groups across Northern Ireland.
- Develop and grow our 'on the ground' presence and awareness of our services.

In the coming year we will be reviewing and where necessary updating our 5-year strategic plan and goals to ensure that as a organisation we continue to deliver the maximum output for those who serve or have served and their families across Northern Ireland.

# AA VETERANS SUPPORT

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

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### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company, in the event of the same being wound up while it is a member, or within one year after it ceases to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before it ceases to be a member, and out of costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding £1.

The Trustees meet at least once a month and further as required.

AA Veterans Support is a member of the following bodies and are committed to best practice:

- The Confederation of Service Charities (COBSEO)
- The Northern Ireland Veterans' Support Forum
- Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action (NICVA)
- Fundraising Regulator
- NIVSO Mental Health Forum

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr A Allen

Mr M Bingham

Mr V Hewitt

(Resigned 20 May 2023)

Mr T Keenan

Mr Alan Mearns

### Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the directors are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy, at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention, and detection, of fraud and other irregularities.

## **AA VETERANS SUPPORT**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023***

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#### **DIRECTORS (TRUSTEES)**

A Director must be aged eighteen years or older. No one may be appointed a Director if he or she would be disqualified from acting under the provisions of article 34. The number of Directors shall not be less than three. A Director may not appoint an alternate Director or anyone to act on his or her behalf at meetings of the Directors.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS (TRUSTEES)**

- Not less than three-quarters of the Board of Directors shall be made up of serving or ex-service men or women.
- The current board of trustees for AAVS recognise the importance of having a diverse board, bringing a wealth of skills, experience, views, knowledge and approaches.
- New trustees are invited onto the Board at the annual general meeting and new board members receive induction training upon membership of the board.

## AA VETERANS SUPPORT

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

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In relation to the financial statements which comprise, the Balance Sheet and the related notes:

- The trustees approve these financial statements and confirm that they are responsible for them, including selecting the appropriate accounting policies, applying them consistently and making, on a reasonable and prudent basis, the judgments underlying them. They have been prepared on the going concern basis on the grounds that the charity will continue in operation.
- The trustees confirm that they have made available to FPM Accountants Limited, all the charity's accounting records and provided all the information necessary for the compilation of the financial statements.
- The trustees confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief, the accounting records reflect all transactions of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2023.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



**Mr T Keenan**

Trustee

Dated: 22/3/2024

**AA Veterans Support**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100908

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# Annual return

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## **AA VETERANS SUPPORT**

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

#### **TO THE TRUSTEES OF AA VETERANS SUPPORT**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of AA Veterans Support (the charity) for the year ended 30 June 2023.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the 2008 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 386 of the 2006 Act; or
  - 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
  - 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
  - 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).
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## AA VETERANS SUPPORT

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF AA VETERANS SUPPORT

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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 financial statements to be reached.

*JL Grant*

**Lowry Grant, FCCA**  
**For, and on behalf of,**  
**FPM Accountants Limited**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**Statutory Auditors**  
**1 - 3 Arthur Street**  
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Northern Ireland

Dated: 22.03.2024