

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Section A: Reference and administration details

Branch Name	County Fermanagh		
Other names / number Branch is known by	None		
Registered charity number (if any)	NIC 108932		
Branch's principal address	c/o Mr R Hall		
	11 Benaughlin Park		
	Enniskillen		
	Postcode		

Names of the Branch charity trustees who manage the charity (generally known as the Branch Committee) (Please include all trustees for the Branch including custodian trustees in relation to branch property) *(Note: Details required are for the period 1 Jan – 31 Dec 25 only)*

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Mr Raymond Hall	Chair	
2	Mr Frank McGowan	Vice Chair	
3	Mr Selwyn Johnson	Treasurer	
4	Miss Deirdre Scarlett	Secretary	19 Feb 25 -31 Dec 25
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Section B: Structure, governance and management

Description of the branch's trusts

Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, constitution)	Royal Charter, Rules, Byelaws, Area and Branch Regulations of the Royal Air Forces Association.
How the Branch charity is constituted (e.g. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by the branch membership

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <p>Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</p> <p>The branch's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works.</p> <p>Relationship with any related parties (including branch club).</p> <p>Trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.</p>	The Charity's Organisational Structure
	The charity is a branch of the Royal Air Forces Association which is a Royal Charter body and registered as a charity in England and Wales under number 226686 and in Scotland under SC037673 ("the Association"). The Association has many branches all of which share the same charitable object as the Association and are subject to the same constitution.
	Trustee Induction & Training <i>(Please insert any induction training or training courses completed by Trustees)</i>
	Chairman has completed 'On Board' course for those sitting on Public Boards and gives advice and guidance to Charity Trustees and Board members on their roles and responsibilities
	Related Party Relationships <i>(e.g. Club if operated)</i>
	Not applicable
	Risk Management
	The County Fermanagh Branch follows all good practice arrangements in relation to Reputational and Financial Risk Management

Section C: Objectives and Activities

Summary of the objects of the branch set out in its governing document	To promote, through the comradeship engendered by its members, the welfare by charitable means of all serving and former members of Her Majesty's Air Forces, their spouses and dependents, together with the widows and widowers and dependents of those who died whilst serving or subsequently.
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Section D: Achievements and performance in 2025

Summary of the main achievements of the branch during the year	Chair Report
	<p>The County Fermanagh Branch had a very busy and extremely successful year in 2025 with the following notable achievements taking place during the year</p> <p>Meetings: A total of 5 Branch meetings took place during the year, all meetings were well attended by members</p> <p>Royal Air Forces Association WINGS Appeal: Our Branch under the direction of the Wings Appeal Officer, with excellent support from members, had a successful WINGS Appeal for 2024. The total collected and submitted to Branch HQ was in the amount of £4236.49p</p> <p>WW2 War Dead Remembrance and 201 Sqn Visit: County Fermanagh Branch was honoured in June 25 to participate in a poignant and memorable occasion as we welcomed a distinguished Royal Air Force delegation to Irvinestown to pay tribute to the 83 Royal Air Force and Commonwealth airmen laid to rest in the town's war graves at both the Church of Ireland and Roman Catholic cemeteries. A wreath-laying ceremony took place in quiet remembrance of these brave individuals whose ultimate sacrifice will never be forgotten.</p> <p>The commemorations continued with a visit to Castle Archdale, where the delegation toured the on-site museum, home to an extensive collection of exhibits relating to No. 201 Squadron and the area's proud wartime heritage. A highlight of the event was a special fly-past by a P-8 Poseidon aircraft from RAF Lossiemouth marking the anniversary of the final World War II Coastal Command Catalina flying boat sortie by No. 201 Squadron, which took place on 3 June 1945.</p> <p>VE80 Beating Retreat Ceremony and Concert in St Macartin's Cathedral : This event, hosted by the County Fermanagh Branch was a tremendous success and was attended by over 1000 members of the public, dignitaries and veterans as well as youth uniformed organisation. It formed a fitting tribute to mark the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe—</p> <p>Remembrance Parades and Church Services: The Branch as usual participated in Remembrance Sunday parades and Church Service in Enniskillen and Irvinestown. Wreaths were laid at both parades. It was very encouraging to see in particular the large numbers who attended the parade in Irvinestown particularly the youth organisations including the Air Training Corps.</p> <p>WellBeing. . Over the 25 year five small Well Being events took place in the Aisling Centre following Branch meetings, where members and beneficiaries were able to access the range of activities available through the Aisling Centre as well as socially interact over a cup of tea. Members also attended Christmas Dinner in early December. The highlight</p>

of our wellbeing activities was the visit to ROC Post in Portadown and a visit to the Ulster Aviation Museum in Lisburn

Treasurer Report

The County Fermanagh Branch operated 2 accounts in the reporting period:

- Branch General Account, No 48000018. Year end balance £1668.87
- Branch Welfare Account. No 48000281. Year end balance £3147.56

All funds which were part of the WINGS collection for 2024 were deposited in the Branch General Account and the total of the WINGS collection (£4236.49p) sent to HQ in Nov 25

The operation of these accounts is discussed in detail with the members at our AGM and full approval was given as to how they are managed. General good accounting practises are maintained for the operation of all financial accounts, these include having policies such as two signatures for each cheque, reporting on financial spend at each meeting, segregation of financial transactions to different people, counting of collection boxes, etc.

The main financial risk to the Branch has been identified as Fraud and the controls in place are considered adequate to control this risk. All accounts are examined by an independent examiner at year end. The Branch have no fixed assets. Full accounts are presented with the report:

Branch Welfare Officer Report

The Welfare Officer has attended training and update meetings with HQ Welfare team as required. He keeps in regular contacts with beneficiaries as necessary and follows diligently the governance processes with Charity guidance and the Royal Air Forces Association Policy.

Fundraising Report

The sum of £4236.49p was raised in WINGS Appeal mainly raised from School Collection. A substantial collection was raised at the VE Day of £772.96

The Branch were also awarded through two ring fenced donations support towards VE 80 costs- a total of £200.

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	Wellbeing / Social Report <i>(please insert details of the Branch Wellbeing and Social events/activities)</i>
	<p>Co Fermanagh Branch always has some form of well being event after their Branch Meeting, This may include talk, information signposting, physical exercise (Armchair aerobics, Yoga etc) Painting, planting etc. We always include tea and ligh refreshments to allow active socialising</p>
	Commemoration Report <i>(please insert details of the Branch Commemoration events/activities (Remembrance, Standard Bearers Attendance at Funerals etc.)</i>
	<p>Over the year we have taken part in War Graves remembrance, Remembrance Sunday (2 parades and Church Service), VE 80 Beating Retreat and Concert</p>
	Community Engagement Report <i>(please insert details of the Branch Community Engagement activities (other groups you connect with, joint events such as Veterans Breakfasts)</i>
	<p>Co Fermanagh Branch has a wide range of Groups we connect with, these include RBL, Not Forgotten Society, AGE Concern, Dementia Society, Aisling Centre, RFCA, NI Veterans</p>

Section E: Financial Review

Statement on Branch Expenditure <i>(How has branch expenditure supported the key objectives of the branch)</i>
<p>Direct Branch Expenditure this year from Current NO 1 Account amounted to £439.60. A total of £828.25 was spent on Well Bring Activity from Welfare funds</p>

Statement on Branch's Reserve Policy *(Branch Regulations stipulate that any Branch with total assets amounting to more than £5,000 should have a reserves policy and any Branch with assets over £10,000 should consider transferring excess funds across to the Branch Deposit Fund held at Association HQ. A template reserves policy can be found on the Branch Portal)*

No reserves policy

Statement on Branch's Investment Policy *(Please include a statement on Branch investments and holdings and how these are managed (if applicable))*

No investments

Section F: Declaration

We confirm that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the branch's trustees

We confirm that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the relevant Charity Regulator on public benefit.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the branch's trustees

Signature

Ray Hall

Full Name

Raymond Hall

Position (eg. Chair, Secretary)

Chair

Date

19 Feb 25