

Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
Period start date			To	Period end date		
Day 01	Month 01	Year 2023		Day 31	Month 12	Year 2023

Section AReference and administration details

Branch name

NEWTOWNARDS

(referred to hereinafter as either the “Branch” or the “Charity”)

Other names / number Branch is known by

Branch Number 539

Registered charity number (if any)

NIC: 109122

Bangor

Flat 20

195 Donaghadee Road

Carrickfergus

BT20 4DG

Names of the Branch charity trustees who manage the charity (generally known as the Branch Committee)

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	P Forbes	Chair		Branch Members
2	J Duffy	Vice-Chair		Branch Members
3	M Morrison	Treasurer		Branch Members
4	L Casson	Secretary		Branch Members



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

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 His Majesty’s Air Forces, their spouses and dependents, together with the widows and widowers and dependents of those who died whilst serving or subsequently.
Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)	We had a busy year with Welfare for Veterans. We had 2 veterans who were homeless, so we had to get help from other charities to help get them into accommodation. We also visited veterans to make sure they were coping and if help either financial or other was required.



Section D **Achievements and performance**

Summary of the main achievements of the branch during the year

As a small Branch due to the age of most of our members we were able to check on our very elderly members, as we increased the RAFA profile in this area. We were invited as a military charity to meetings with other military charities we have never previously been involved with and hopefully we can keep this going.

Our aims are to assist veterans and their families and to that end we had a very busy year.


We had to ask for assistance from another veterans charity in some extreme cases.

Due to the cost of living, we were contacted by veterans requiring financial assistance.

Section E **Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the branch's trustees

Signature(s)	
Full name(s)	Linda Casson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary

Date 31st December 2023

