

Trustees' Annual Report for the period	
Period start date	Period end date
01 January 2024	31 December 2024

Section A: Reference and administration details

Newtownards	Branch Name
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539	Other names / number Branch is known by
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109122	Registered charity number (if any)
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Branch's principal address	
FLAT 20	
195 DONAGHADEE ROAD.	
BANGOR BT20 4JG	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 24 only)**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	P. FERGUS	Chair	
2	L. CASSON	Secretary	
3	M. HERRIN	Treasurer	
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AS A BRANCH we Rely ON our  
Rebate from our wings  
Collection to cover our expenditure

Membership Engagement Report (please insert details of the Branch  
Membership Engagement (newsletters, social media etc.)

AS A BRANCH we try to keep in  
touch with members and also  
we would do home visits

Summary of  
the main  
achievements  
of the branch  
during the year  
(cont)

Wellbeing / Social Report (please insert details of the Branch Wellbeing  
and Social events/activities)

As we have our meetings in a home  
cinema, after meetings we would  
have a film night, we also hold  
breakfast meetings.

Commemoration Report (please insert details of the Branch  
Commemoration events/activities (Remembrance, Standard Bearers Attendance  
at Funerals etc.)

We have our Remembrance Sunday  
at our Local Cenotaph, and when  
ended we go around another 4  
Memorials in our area laying  
wreaths in the Association's name.

Community Engagement Report (please insert details of the Branch  
Community Engagement activities (other groups you connect with, joint events  
such as Veterans Breakfasts)

We have a good connection with the  
Veterans Association. Also we network  
with a local food bank through which  
we supply food parcels to local  
RAF veterans. At Christmas we take  
10 vets for a free dinner Much appreciated



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 2024

Summary of the main achievements of the branch during the year	Chair Report welfare of Veterans is the main aim of the
branch, we have had a busy year with welfare, and the cancellation of the winter fuel payments didn't help	
	Treasurer Report
we always keep some money in reserve due to the needs of Veterans. 2024 was a very telling time with welfare	



Summary of the main achievements of the branch during the year (cont)	Branch Welfare Officer Report welfare is a big problem in our area over the year we have assisted many vets. a couple of cases were very complex and so that is where calling over Veterans charities helped. Once the winter fuel payment stopped it became a headache, but so far we have kept everybody happy.
	Fundraising Report (please insert details of the Branch Fundraising activities i.e. Wings Appeal events)



Statement on Branch Expenditure (How has branch expenditure supported the key objectives of the branch)

BRANCH FUNDS HAVE ALLOWED US AS  
A BRANCH TO ASSIST VETERANS WHO  
FOUND THEMSELVES IN FINANCIAL  
DIFFICULTY.

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)

AS A BRANCH WE DO NOT HAVE ANY  
RESERVES.

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

WE HAVE 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.

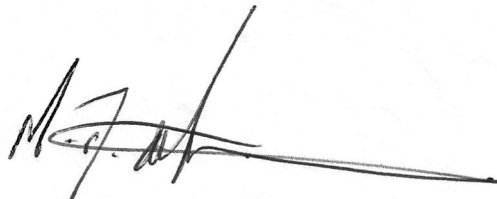
Signed on behalf of the branch's trustees

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



Full Name

MICHAEL MORRISON



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>	<p>The Charity's Organisational Structure</p>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p>Trustee Induction &amp; Training <i>(Please insert any induction training or training courses completed by Trustees)</i></p>
	<p>Related Party Relationships <i>(e.g. Club if operated)</i></p>
	<p>Risk Management <i>(include details of any Risk Management documents held)</i></p>