

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the period ended 31st July 2024

Homeless Veterans Project

Scottish Charity Number SC049441

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	08	2023	To	31	07	2024

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

Homeless Veterans Project
SC049441
132 Rankin Court
Greenock
Postcode PA16 9 AZ

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Chairman		
2	Treasurer/ Secretary		
3	Vice Chair		
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Constitution

Trustee recruitment and appointment

No further Trustees Appointed

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The prevention and relief of poverty and homelessness within the Armed Forces Community

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Assisted Veteran and his daughter to navigate a domestic abuse situation and secured them accommodation and support until the veteran was in the position to support the family unit.

Supported Veterans with emergency payments to assist with food, utilities clothing and transport to be able to commence employment

Received and acted on referrals from Poppyscotland, Sacro, SSAFA and Help for Heroes to assist veterans with securing housing and also providing emergency accommodation.

Provided accommodation to 3 Veterans living in emergency hostel situations with our recently purchased static caravan

Provided emergency accommodation to 6 Veterans street homeless or sleeping in cars

Provided respite accommodation to 5 Veterans / couples recuperating from serious health conditions

Provided respite accommodation to a further 12 Veterans in need of a mental health break or family bonding break.

Assisted Veterans to navigate the local authority housing and benefits processes

Assisted Veterans by means of linking with other organisations in terms of health support, military pensions and permanent housing

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

The purchase of the Static Caravan for our "Operation Headspace" Project has been extremely well received by the military community.

It is used as short term emergency accommodation for veterans until we secure them temporary accommodation - we have experienced an increase in street homeless veterans / veterans sleeping in their cars due to the lack of local authority temporary accommodation.

We also utilise the caravan to Veterans and their families for short breaks who are struggling financially or in terms of the family relationship in order to prevent family breakdowns.

The caravan has been utilised by a significant number of veterans who are recuperating from illness or supporting a spouse recuperating from illness.

We also offer the caravan to veterans who need a short break for mental health reasons.

We believe this prevents breakdowns in relationships, and is beneficial to the overall health and well being of our veterans and their families, maintaining the family unit and family home.

From March 2024- November 2024 we utilised the caravan on 26 occasions 9 times for emergency/ homeless accommodation and 17 times for respite accommodation.

In terms of our links with other organisations this has been a good year and we have grown our contact network with MSPs and local councillors with positive outcomes including the Scottish Housing Minister.

Alternative sources of funding are being investigated for the next period as bucket collection opportunities are reducing.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity aims to retain funds of £5000 in order to provide emergency assistance to Veterans when requires and meet the costs of our storage facilities

Details of any deficit

£10 300 due to the outlay for the caravan - once off cost covered by reserves from previous period and still leaving £12, 779 as a healthy reserve

Donated facilities and services (if any)

Accounting services donated by Millfield Accounting

Other optional information

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) <i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i>		
Full name(s)		
Position (e.g. Chair)	Vice Chair	
Date	16/02/2025	

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Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1	August	2023		31	July	2024

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	4,801	-	-	-	4,801	10,923
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receipts from fundraising activities	23,237	-	-	-	23,237	20,323
Gross trading receipts	3,103	-	-	-	3,103	3,229
Income from investments other than land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total	31,141	-	-	-	31,141	34,475
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	31,141	-	-	-	31,141	34,475
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	211	-	-	-	211	335
Gross trading payments	780	-	-	-	780	750
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	40,450	-	-	-	40,450	20,611
Grants and donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Governance costs:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Audit / independent examination	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	41,441	-	-	-	41,441	21,696
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	41,441	-	-	-	41,441	21,696
Net receipts / (payments)	(10,300)	-	-	-	(10,300)	12,779
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(10,300)	-	-	-	(10,300)	12,779

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	24,833	-	-	-	24,833	12,054
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(10,301)	-	-	-	(10,301)	12,779
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	14,532	-	-	-	14,532	24,833
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	- 1	-	-	-	- 1	-
B2 Investments	Details			Fund to which asset belongs		Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
	None						
B3 Other assets	Details			Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
	Van (to help veterans move)		Unrestricted funds	5,495	NA	5,495	
	Caravan (for veterans to stay)		Unrestricted funds	16,195	NA	16,195	
			Total	21,690	-	21,690	
B4 Liabilities	Details			Fund to which liability relates		Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
	None						
B5 Contingent liabilities	Details			Fund to which liability relates		Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
	None						
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name					Date of approval
							16/02/2025

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

The prevention or relief of poverty and homelessness with the Armed Forces Veterans Community.

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
No grants were made			

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	V
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C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	V
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C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
N/A	No such transactions		

APPENDIX 3



		Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2					
Report to the trustees/members of Registered charity number On the accounts of the charity for the period Set out on pages	Charity name	HOMELESS VETERANS PROJECT					
		SC049441					
	Period start date				Period end date		
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	01	08	2023	to	31	07	2024
	5-7						
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner Basis of independent examiner's statement Independent examiner's statement	<p>The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.</p> <p>My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.</p> <p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations <p>have not been met, or</p> to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. 						
Signed:				Date:	17/02/2025		
Name:							
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):							
Address:							