

Charity Registered with HM Revenue & Customs Reference ZD02033

National Artillery Association

Trustees Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2025

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Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of the National Artillery Association

For the year ended 30 June 2025

I report on the financial statements which are set out on pages 4 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustee and Examiner

As described in the Trustees' Annual Report, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is my responsibility to conduct an independent examination of those statements and to report to you in accordance with regulation 31 of The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (SI.2008/629).

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, nothing has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (i) accounting records have not been kept in respect of the charity in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; or
- (ii) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (iii) the statement of accounts does not comply with any of the requirements of regulations 6, 7 or 8 of The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (SI.2008/629).

Nothing has come to my attention in connection with the examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

K J Holden
Lees Chartered Accountants
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Surrey
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Date

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Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 30 June 2025

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Objectives and activities

The National Artillery Association (“the Association”) is a charity whose objects are to promote the efficiency and morale of the Royal Artillery Reserve including advancing the science and practice of artillery and fostering the traditions of the Royal Artillery.

The Association was originally formed in 1863 at a time of national emergency and has traditionally encouraged the advancement of science and practice of artillery within the Royal Artillery Reserves through the medium of competition. The Trustees always ensure that the Association is compliant with the Charity Commission for England & Wales Charitable Purposes Guidance dated 16 September 2013.

Achievements and performance

No significant competitions took place within the Royal Artillery Reserve for the Training Year 2024-2025. The NAA agreed to provide support instead to a study weekend held by 106 Regiment. In addition, the Association turned its attention to the history of the Royal Artillery Reserve and the NAA's involvement with competitions in its early years which took place at Shoeburyness. Members of the NAA visited Shoeburyness in October 2024 to see the conservation work being currently undertaken there. A number of historical artefacts and documents from the latter half of the 19th century were purchased during the year at the same time as a further piece of silver, an Individual Winners Beaker for the Shooting competition in 1886, acquired for £307. A lunch for members was also held in September 2024.

Financial review

The deficit for the year amounted to £(3,030) after unrealised losses on the revaluation of investments of £1,810 and a realised loss of £136.

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves of the charity, at around £100,000. This provides sufficient funds to cover management, administration and support costs and to maintain the competition cups and trophies listed in the accounts. Unrestricted funds were maintained at least at this level throughout the year.

In accordance with the constitution, the Trustees have the power to invest in such stocks and shares as they see fit. During the year, the Trustees maintained their investments in the COIF Charities Investment Fund administered by CCLA Fund Managers Limited and in the Charities Fixed Interest Common Investment Fund administered by M&G Charities Investment Managers Limited. This fund was however closed by M&G at the end of June 2024. The funds in aggregate will continue to be invested partly for income and partly for growth and the amount released from the M&G Fund has been subsequently reinvested in an equivalent interest bearing fund with CCLA.

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Structure, governance and management

The National Artillery Association is governed by a constitution as an unincorporated association. The current constitution was adopted and signed by the Trustees on 26 July 2018.

The Charity Commission reviewed the constitution and other documents (as required) during the year ended 30 June 2019 and has given clear guidance that the National Artillery Association falls within the definition of “Excepted Charities” and is not required formally to register with the Charities Commission. The Trustees have adopted this approach for the Association.

The constitution has also been submitted to HM Revenue & Customs who have re-registered the National Artillery Association as a charity.

The National Artillery Association is administered by the Trustees who are responsible for the day to day running of the Association. The funds of the Association are at the disposal of the Trustees for the aims of the Association, unless otherwise specified by donors.

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its financial position at the end of that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required:

- to select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently,
- to make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- to state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to and departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue on existence.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

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Reference and administrative details

The name of the charity is the National Artillery Association.

The charity is registered with HM Revenue & Customs under reference ZD02033.

Registered Office: Artillery Centre,
 Larkhill,
 SALISBURY,
 Wiltshire,
 SP4 8QT.

The following were Trustees of the Association throughout the Reporting Year:

- Colonel C E Comport – Chairman
- Colonel D Middleton – Deputy Chairman
- Major M H Taylor – Treasurer
- Major D Harris – Secretary
- Major A J Dines – Non-portfolio Trustee

Auditors

Advantage has been taken of the provisions in the Charities Act with regard to the appointment of an independent examiner and not to undergo an audit of the accounts and records. K J Holden FCCA FCA has been appointed as examiner and to examine the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Approved by the trustees on 15 January 2026

C E Comport D Middleton M H Taylor D Harris A J Dines

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Balance Sheet

at 30 June 2025

	Note	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	2	44,964		45,093	
Investments	2	<u>37,897</u>		<u>53,971</u>	
<i>Total fixed assets</i>			82,861		99,064
Current assets					
Stocks	3	91		91	
Debtors	4	14,975		950	
Cash at bank	5	<u>4,059</u>		<u>4,968</u>	
<i>Total current assets</i>			19,125		6,009
Liabilities					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>1,079</u>		<u>1,136</u>	
Net current assets			<u>18,046</u>		<u>4,873</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>100,907</u>		<u>103,937</u>
Total net assets			<u>100,907</u>		<u>103,937</u>
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds			<u>100,907</u>		<u>103,937</u>
Total charity funds			<u>£100,907</u>		<u>£103,937</u>

Approved by the trustees on 15 January 2026

C E Comport

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The annexed notes form part of these financial statements

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 30 June 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
		2025	2025	2024
		£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	7	840		800
Charitable activities	7	0		0
Investments	7	1,769		1,699
Other	7	199		155
Total		2,808		2,654
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		0		0
Charitable activities	8	1,545		5,300
Other	9	2,347		2,378
Total		3,892		7,678
Net gains and (losses) on investments	2	(1,946)		3,636
Net income/(expenditure)		(3,030)		(1,388)
Other recognised gains/(losses)		0		0
Net movement in funds		(3,030)		(1,388)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		103,937		105,325
Total funds carried forward		£100,907		£103,937

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Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
<i>Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</i>	(17,538)	(5,470)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends and interest	1,769	1,699
Sale of investments	14,128	10,000
Purchase of fixed assets	(307)	(5,777)
<i>Net cash provided by investing activities</i>	(1,948)	5,922
Cash flows from financing activities		
Receipt of endowment	1,039	955
<i>Net cash provided by financing activities</i>	(909)	955
<i>Change in cash for the reporting period</i>		
Cash at the beginning of the reporting period	4,968	3,561
Cash at the end of the reporting period	£4,059	£4,968

Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
<i>Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period per statement of financial activities</i>	(3,030)	(1,388)
Adjustments for:		
(Gains)/losses on investments	1,946	(3,636)
Depreciation	436	436
Dividends and interest	(1,769)	(1,699)
Receipt of endowment	(1,039)	(955)
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	0	0
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(14,025)	1,847
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(57)	(75)
<i>Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</i>	(17,538)	(5,470)

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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2025

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and in accordance with FRS 102. In preparing the financial statements the charity follows best practice as set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the financial statements and comply with the charity's trust deed and charity law in England and Wales as it applies to the charity as a public benefit entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue and that thus the charity is a going concern.

Income

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of the Sources of Funds when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Investments

Investments are stated at their market value at the year-end. The market value of quoted securities is based on the middle market quotation on the relevant Stock Exchange. Income from investments is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Cups and trophies

Cups and trophies are shown professional valuation or cost, whichever is the more recent figure.

Silver boxes

Silver boxes are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and are depreciated over 10 years with a full year's charge in the year of manufacture.

Stocks

The stock of ties is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Debtors

Debtors include all amounts receivable in the accounting period.

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2. Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets

	30 June 2025		30 June 2024	
	Trophies	Boxes	Trophies	Boxes
	£	£	£	£
Opening value 1 July	41,170	3,923	39,752	0
Purchases	307	0	328	4,359
Plinths and bands	0	0	1,090	0
Less: depreciation	0	(436)	0	(436)
Closing value at 30 June	41,477	3,487	41,170	3,923
Aggregate tangible fixed assets	44,964		45,093	

Valuations have been carried out for insurance purposes at various dates between March 1986 and January 1991 by independent valuers. Those valuations have been adopted for the purposes of the Balance Sheet in these accounts and are otherwise unchanged between 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2025.

Investments

	30 June 2025			30 June 2024	
	Valuation	Net gain/(loss)	Disposal 24 June 2025	Valuation	Net gain/(loss)
	£	£	£	£	£
13,034 Charibond Charities Fixed Interest Common Investment Fund Units COIF Charities Investment Fund	0	(136)	14,128	14,263	590
Investment for the charity's own use at valuation	37,897	(1,810)	0	39,708	3,046
	37,897	(1,946)	14,128	53,791	3,636

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3. Stocks

	2025	2024
	£	£
Stocks at beginning of the period	91	91
Cost of sales	0	0
Write down to value of stock held	0	0
Ties at cost	<u>91</u>	<u>91</u>

4. Debtors and prepayments

Amounts falling due within one year:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Sale proceeds of Charibond	14,128	0
Insurance prepayment	502	500
Tax recoverable	345	450
	<u>14,975</u>	<u>950</u>

5. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash at bank	<u>4,059</u>	<u>4,968</u>
Total cash	<u>4,059</u>	<u>4,968</u>

6. Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	<u>1,079</u>	<u>1,136</u>
	<u>1,079</u>	<u>1,136</u>

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7. Income

	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £
Donations and legacies			
Life membership			
Other subscriptions and donations	840		800
		840	800
Charitable activities			
Profit on sale of ties	0		0
Surplus from dinners	0		0
		0	0
Investment income			
Dividends	1,091		1,139
Interest	678		560
	1,769	1,769	1,699
Other			
Tax recoverable		199	155
Total income		2,808	2,654

8. Expenditure on charitable activities

	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £
Repairs to trophies	0		2,800
Grants to major units	500		500
Write-off RAI Grant	0		2,000
Support for RA history	1,045		0
		1,545	5,300
Governance costs			
		1,545	5,300

9. Other expenditure

	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £
Insurance and valuation fees	1,148		1,150
Accountancy	414		414
Website expenses	0		377
Depreciation	436		437
Loss on luncheon	345		0
Bank charges	4		
		2,347	2,378

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Schedule of Cups and Trophies

	Balance sheet	Insurance renewal 12 December 2024
	£	£
National Artillery Association cups and trophies		
A King George V Cup – ‘The Queen’s Cup’	4,800	40,000
B NAA Challenge Cup, black plinth and engraving band	1,750	10,000
C Essex and Suffolk RGA Cup	4,500	50,000
D Surrey Yeomanry Cup	750	1,500
F Queen Victoria Cup 1894	-	25,000
G 1937 Challenge Cup	5,700	15,000
H Thales Air Defence Trophy	-	10,000
J Two handled trophy “Taurus”	1,225	1,500
K Shorts Missile Trophy	-	7,000
O The King’s Prize 1912	5,750	40,000
P Replica of 6pdr SBML Gun	-	10,000
Q Earl of Stradbroke Cup	2,272	15,000
R BP Trophy	5,500	40,000
S Dodds Trophy	-	0
T Inter-university Challenge Cup 94 oz	2,600	6,000
V “Sunday Times” Anti-Aircraft Trophy	3,500	40,000
W Jaeger le Coultre Atmos classic clock	975	3,000
X NAA Queens Cup Silver Goblet Replicas – 1975, 1983, 1984 and 1987	-	2,000
Z Queens Cup 1891 – Individual Winners Goblet	430	430
AA Silver Beaker Shooting Prize Elkington 1881	328	328
AB Silver Cup NAA Prize Elkington 1886	307	0
	40,387	316,758