

**Charity Registered with HM Revenue & Customs Reference ZD02033**

**National Artillery Association**

**Trustees Report and Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 30 June 2023**

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**Independent Examiner's Report**  
**To the Trustees of the National Artillery Association**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2023**

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**

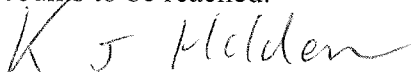
My examination was carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It 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  
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Date ..... 18 January 2024.

# **National Artillery Association**

## **Report of the Trustees**

### **For the year ended 30 June 2023**

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2023.

#### **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**

The Association has again supported the dinners at the RA Reserves Conference in February 2023 in both the Officers’ and Sergeants’ Messes. Competitions have continued at a detachment level within the Royal Artillery Reserve for the Training Year 2022-2023. In addition a plan is in progress to review and re-instate the Association’s silver inventory (as set out on page 14 of these financial statements) to a high standard of repair and condition. A further piece, an Individual Winners Goblet for the Queens Cup competition in 1891 was purchased at auction during the year for £430.

#### **Financial review**

The deficit for the year amounted to £5,100 after unrealised gains on the revaluation of investments of £297.

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. The funds in aggregate continue to be invested partly for income and partly for growth.

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**Report of the Trustees (continued)**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2023**

**Structure, governance and management**

The National Artillery Association is governed by a constitution as an unincorporated association. A motion was passed at the annual general meeting on 10 February 2018 authorising Colonel C E Comport, Major M H Taylor and Major A J Dines in their discretion as the Trustees to agree the form of a constitution to replace the then current rules and to be submitted to the Charity Commission. The constitution was accordingly 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.

**For the year ended 30 June 2023**

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.

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

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 2023.

Approved by the trustees on 18 January 2024

## C E Comport

D Middleton

M H Taylor

D Harris

A J Dines

# National Artillery Association

## Balance Sheet

at 30 June 2023

	Note	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	2	39,752		39,322	
Investments	2	<u>60,335</u>		<u>60,038</u>	
<i>Total fixed assets</i>			100,087		99,360
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	3	91		91	
Debtors	4	2,797		3,296	
Cash at bank	5	<u>3,561</u>		<u>8,430</u>	
<i>Total current assets</i>			6,449		11,817
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>1,211</u>		<u>752</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>5,238</u>		<u>11,065</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>105,325</u>		<u>110,425</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>			<u><u>105,325</u></u>		<u><u>110,425</u></u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>					
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			<u>105,325</u>		<u>110,425</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>			<u><u>£105,325</u></u>		<u><u>£110,425</u></u>

Approved by the trustees on 18 January 2024

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

The annexed notes form part of these financial statements

**National Artillery Association**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
		2023	2023	2022
		£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	7	840	840	620
Charitable activities	7	0	0	10
Investments	7	1,756	1,756	1,621
Other	7	175	175	125
<b>Total</b>		<u>2,771</u>	<u>2,771</u>	<u>2,376</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Raising funds		0	0	0
Charitable activities	8	3,000	3,000	1,490
Other	8	5,168	5,168	3,848
<b>Total</b>		<u>8,168</u>	<u>8,168</u>	<u>5,338</u>
Net gains and (losses) on investments	2	297	297	(3,777)
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		(5,100)	(5,100)	(6,739)
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses)</b>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(5,100)	(5,100)	(6,739)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<u>110,425</u>	<u>110,425</u>	<u>117,164</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>£105,325</u>	<u>£105,325</u>	<u>£110,425</u>



# National Artillery Association

## Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
<i>Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</i>	(7,640)	(4,614)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Dividends and interest	<u>1,756</u>	<u>1,621</u>
<i>Net cash provided by investing activities</i>	1,756	1,621
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Receipt of endowment	<u>1,015</u>	<u>620</u>
<i>Net cash provided by financing activities</i>	<u>1,015</u>	<u>620</u>
<i>Change in cash for the reporting period</i>		(2,373)
<b>Cash at the beginning of the reporting period</b>	<u>8,430</u>	<u>10,803</u>
<b>Cash at the end of the reporting period</b>	<u><u>£3,561</u></u>	<u><u>£8,430</u></u>

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
<i>Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period per statement of financial activities</i>	(5,100)	(6,739)
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
(Gains)/losses on investments and silver	(297)	4,378
Dividends and interest	(1,756)	(1,621)
Receipt of endowment	(1,015)	(620)
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	0	10
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	499	(191)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	459	169
<i>Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</i>	<u><u>(7,640)</u></u>	<u><u>(4,614)</u></u>

**National Artillery Association**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2023**

**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.

*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.

*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.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

for the year ended 30 June 2023

### 2. Fixed assets

#### *Tangible fixed assets*

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trophies at professional valuation		
Opening values at 1 July	39,322	39,922
Less: Cadiz trophy written-off	0	(600)
Addition: NAA Prize Shoburyness 1891	430	0
Closing values at 30 June	39,752	39,322

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 2022 and 30 June 2023.

#### *Investments*

	30 June 2023		30 June 2022	
	Valuation	Net	Valuation	Net
	£	gain/(loss)	£	gain/(loss)
13,034 Charibond	13,673	(1,118)	14,791	(1,279)
Charities Fixed Interest				
Common Investment				
Fund				
COIF Charities	46,662	1,415	45,247	(2,498)
Investment Fund				
(Purchased on 14 January				
2021 for £45,000)				
Investment for the	60,335	297	60,038	(3,777)
charity's own use at				
valuation				

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

for the year ended 30 June 2023

### 3. Stocks

	2023	2022
	£	£
Stocks at beginning of the period	91	101
Cost of sales	0	10
Write down to value of stock held	0	0
Ties at cost	91	91

### 4. Debtors and prepayments

Amounts falling due within one year:

	2023	2022
	£	£
RAI grant	2,000	2,000
Insurance prepayment	502	1,176
Tax recoverable	295	120
	2,797	3,296

### 5. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash at bank	3,651	8,430
Total cash	3,651	8,430

### 6. Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	1,211	752
	1,211	752

# National Artillery Association

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

for the year ended 30 June 2023

### 7. Income

	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Donations and legacies</b>			
Life membership			
Other subscriptions and donations	840		620
		840	620
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Profit on sale of ties	0		10
Surplus from dinners	0		0
	0	0	10
<b>Investment income</b>			
Dividends	1,352		1,333
Interest	404		288
	1,756	1,756	1,621
<b>Other</b>			
Tax recoverable	175	175	125
<b>Total income</b>		2,771	2,376

### 8. Expenditure on charitable activities

	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £
Grants to major units	0		0
Support for RA reserves conference	3,000		1,490
		3,000	1,490
Governance costs	0	0	0
		3,000	1,490

### 9. Other expenditure

	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £
Insurance and valuation fees	1,823		2,495
Accountancy	450		378
Travel	0		80
Website expenses	2,750		295
Cadiz Trophy	0		600
Loss on luncheon	145		0
		5,168	3,848

# **National Artillery Association**

**for the year ended 30 June 2023**

## **Schedule of Cups and Trophies**

	<b>Balance sheet</b>	<b>Insurance renewal 12 December 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>National Artillery Association cups and trophies</b>		
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	0
	<b>39,752</b>	<b>316,000</b>