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THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
TRUSTEES AND

THE ANNUAL
ACCOUNTS
YEAR TO
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REPORT BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE QUEEN'S GURKHA ENGINEERS REGIMENTAL TRUST FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2025 (REGISTERED CHARITY NO 1011421)

Background.

The Queen's Gurkha Engineers Regimental Trust came into being on 10th March 1992, when the Trust Deed was formally adopted. Subsequently the structure of the Regiment changed dramatically as a result of reductions within the Brigade of Gurkhas and the withdrawal from Hong Kong.

Until recently The Regiment had been embodied in 69 & 70 Gurkha Field Squadrons QGE, which formed part of 36 Engineer Regiment however on 13 July 2023 20 Field Squadron Royal Engineers was redesignated and reformed as 67 Gurkha Field Squadron, the Queen's Gurkha Engineers. This made it the second Gurkha Field Squadron in 36 Engineer Regiment and the third Queen's Gurkha Engineer Squadron. 70 Gurkha Parachute Squadron now sits under 23 Air Assault Regiment Royal Engineers.

The year 2024/2025 was the twelfth full year that the Trust operated under the terms of the merger agreement whereby the Regimental Association's account and that of the Perowne Memorial Trust Fund amalgamated with the Regimental Trust. The Perowne Trust has now been wound up and so the account now only embraces the combined funds of the Trust and the Association. All the banking arrangements for the combined Fund were centralised with Holt's Military Banking. This has enabled a greatly simplified set of accounts to be produced with the participating entities having their income and expenditure consolidated under headings such as subscriptions, charitable donations (including educational grants), fraternity and administration.

Objects of the Trust

The objects of the Trust are:

- a. To promote the efficiency of the Regiment and the maintenance of its history, traditions and esprit de corps.
- b. To purchase such chattels and other property as is, in the opinion of the Managing Trustees, for the benefit of the Regiment and to insure and maintain such property.
- c. For other charitable purposes, promoting efficiency or esprit de corps of all ranks of or serving with the Regiment, including the provision of recreational facilities and amenities not provided for out of public funds.

- d. To provide for the relief of hardship, distress or poverty amongst serving or former members of the Brigade of Gurkhas and dependents by the provision or application of monies whether by gift or loan.

These objects have been borne in mind by the Trustees during the period under review.

Trustees and advisers.

Ex-officio;

Colonel Richard Walker OBE Chairman (Resigned 31st January 2025)

The Commandant QGE, Lieutenant Colonel Ryan Castro

The Gurkha Major, Major Govindabhadur Rana QGE

The four Co-opted Trustees at 28th February 2025 were:

Brigadier AD Harking OBE

Colonel DA Caulfield

Lieutenant Colonel AWHH Macleod

Lieutenant Colonel AA Gooch

The Secretary to the Trustees was Major Ian Moore; he remains an ex-officio Trustee and has taken over from Colonel Walker as Chairman of the Regimental Association..

Mr MFH Adler of The Independent Services Agency Ltd acted as treasurer and also remains an ex-officio Trustee of the Charity.

The Trust's investments are managed by BlackRock in The Armed Forces Charities Growth & Income Fund.

Income and Expenditure

The accounts attached to this report show the combined income and expenditure of the Regimental Trust. Income has arisen from the investment in the BlackRock Armed Forces Charities Growth & Income Fund and from bank deposit interest as well as from subscriptions, many under Gift Aid, from Members of the Regiment.

A £5,134.09 grant from the Brigade of Gurkhas Education and Welfare Fund was received and the proceeds spent on welfare for the direct benefit of serving members of the Regiment. Expenditure has covered such aspects as the publication of the Regimental Journal, the holding of a Reception at the House of Commons (largely funded by those attending the event), the Regimental Birthday and Deshain, contributions to the Gurkha Brigade Association, the Britain Nepal Society and to meeting certain other minor grants and administrative expenses.

Risk assessment and policy.

The Trustees review the risks, which might affect the Charity, on a regular basis. The main risk is assessed as being a major collapse of the Stock Market but, nevertheless, they consider that their investments, which are professionally managed by a major financial organisation, are as well diversified as they can be. The Trustees have experienced previous down turns in the market but, being a charity with long term expectations and requirements, they are content that their present investment policy is the proper one.

No documents are required to cover volunteer management, safeguarding vulnerable beneficiaries and complaints handling as the Charity has, and does not expect to have, any involvement in such matters.

Activities and achievements.

The activities planned for during the year namely the support of welfare and the maintenance of esprit de corps, were all achieved and were successful.

The Rules of the Regimental Association were reviewed and updated during the year.

Governance.

Trustees are selected on the basis of special skills that they can offer which will benefit the Charity in terms of its operation. A balance is maintained in order to ensure that both the interests of serving personnel as well as those of the retired are adequately and properly represented. Trustees' training is mainly achieved by virtue of positions held by Trustees in their civilian or military capacities. Where necessary, the Independent Services Agency Ltd provides specialised technical advice on relevant current charity matters. Use is also main of external Trustee training seminars.

The Trustees are all "volunteers" and offer their services on a financially un-rewarded basis. No other volunteers are employed. The treasurer's Agency is paid for its services but the treasurer himself receives no direct financial benefit.

No regular fund-raising activities were or are employed.

Public Benefit

The Trust achieves its objectives by the making of charitable grants out of its capital and income for the purpose of promoting the efficiency of the armed forces of The Crown, particularly by supporting the welfare of serving, and formerly serving, personnel and in commemorating the history and traditions of the Regiment.

The Charity makes a range of grants that, support activities that are not adequately, or directly, provided from Public Funds. The Trustees recognise the benefits that this brings to the Army generally.

They consider, therefore, that the Charity more than meets the requirement to provide Public Benefit under the charitable "Head" of "the promotion of the efficiency of the armed forces of The Crown"

Plans for the future.

The Trustees intend to grow the assets of the Regimental Trust and the Regimental Association. They will continue to assist the Regiment with grants for suitable charitable purposes.

Signed by a Trustee on behalf of all Trustees and Dated

2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Queen's Gurkha Engineers Regimental Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 28 February 2025 as set out on the attached documents.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Examiner

As the Charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does NOT apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act); and to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions of the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)b of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out 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 on record. 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 I do NOT express an audit opinion on the view given in the accounts.

Independent Examiners Statement

In connection with my examination, NO matter has come to my attention;

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any respect the requirements

~ to keep accounting records in accordance with the Act; and

~ to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name; S. A. CRANWELL-CHILD .

Place; West End

Date; 29 April 2025.

QGE Regimental Trust Income and Expenditure account 2024/2025						
Income 2023/2024		PREVIOUS YEAR	INCOME 2024/2025		CURRENT YEAR	
Investment Income						
QGEA		£3,550.68	QGEA			£3,737.56
Trust	(included in QGEA figure)		Trust	(included in QGEA figure)		
					£3,550.68	£3,737.56
Deposit Interest		£201.32	Deposit Interest		£187.45	
Subscriptions		£4,565.00	Subscriptions		£5,650.00	
Gift Aid on subs		£1,060.00	Gift Aid on subs		£1,231.28	
BEWF/SDPG		£12,907.06	BEWF		£15,134.09	
					£18,733.38	£22,202.82
			House of Commons Event			£4,555.00
					£22,284.06	
Magazine		£92.00	Magazine			£0.00
					£22,376.06	£30,495.38
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Expenditure 2023/2024						
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GBA Subscription		£405.00	GBA Subscription		£405.00	
			Brit/Nepal Society		£25.00	
36 Engr Regt HQBG Grants		£12,907.06	36 Engr Regt HQBG Grants		£15,134.09	
Brit/Nepal Society		£25.00	75th Reunion		N/a	
75th Reunion	N/a	£10,000.00	Regt Birthday grant		£1,500.00	
Regt Birthday grant		£1,500.00			£24,432.06	£17,064.09
			Magazine		£3,654.37	£3,442.20
			House of Commons Event			£5,744.88
Website	Domain Name	£330.55	Website	Domain Name		£0.00
Trust fee previous year		n/a	Trust adminstraion fee previous year			£1,500.00
Trust fee 2023/2024	(Creditor)	£1,500.00	Trust adminstraion fee			£1,600.00
			Col of Regt Leaving present			£31.00
			J Cross 100th Birthdaty			£50.00
Bank Charges		£77.00	Bank Charges			£60.00
Chattels			Chattels			£2,005.80
Total Expenditure		£30,398.98	Total Expenditure			£31,497.97
Total Income						
Total Income		£22,376.06	Total Income		£30,495.38	
Total expenditure						
Total expenditure		-£30,398.98	Total expenditure		-£31,497.97	
Excess of Expenditure over income						
Excess of Expenditure over income		-£8,022.92	Excess of Expenditure over income		-£1,002.59	

