

Good evening everyone,

Its nice to be able to be getting back to some sort of normal after the last 18 months or so, with the slow relaxing of covid rules and being able to get back to face to face activities, and hopefully the end of `zoom` meetings, hopefully this will all be a distant memory very soon.

With the UMT committee and uniformed staff working together to get the unit back to operational status within the covid guidelines we welcomed back cadets back as soon as we were able.

We have also been able to restart some of our projects and goals, for in and around the unit, in the summer we were able to have a work party weekend where we had a great turn out of staff, committee and parents were we finely managed clear the over grown area to the side of the vehicle access ramp and to straighten the fence line by removing the post that had made it a bit of a bottle neck, clearing the overgrowth along the fence line up to the paddle tennis courts next door, straightening and reinforcing the foundations of the fence along park drive and then the up hill task of weeding the area despite the best efforts of a few bees once the corner area was reached, we also removed the old ,unused tin shed in the corner near the double gates giving us a bit more useable space in the compound, all this and a general tidy up we managed to fill an 8 yard skip to capacity if not a little more. A massive thankyou to all who turn up to help weather it was for a couple of hours or the whole weekend.

Thanks to the park rangers next door around the same time the trees along the fence line with the two external classrooms were topped and trimmed letting in more light.

Once we were able to work indoors, although with limits on the number of people at anyone time we managed to redecorate the ward room and improve the seating.

We then turned our attention to one of the classrooms to turn it into our new IT room with a new bench desk and storage cupboards above although we did suffer from a very slow delivery service from our suppliers taking ages for the wall units to arrive and then to cap it all the doors turning up the wrong size, but which we have now finely been replaced and just need to fit them, we have also been able been able purchase three desk top computers thanks to a grant to enable cadets to complete any online courses during their sea cadet experience as well as their Duke of Edinburgh challengers.

Our lists of maintenance, improvements and projects are a continuous source of err. excitement and joy , and as we plough through these lists, we would where possible be pleased and thankful for any help during any of our future work party weekends, weather it be a couple of hours or the whole weekend.

Sadly we lost two of our long serving committee members during the past year, the formidable presence that was Barbara Keeble, a long time member of the committee long before I got here, gaining many grants over the years enabling this unit to be built and operate, holding many fund raising events, running tombola stalls at many local events and even getting up at stupid o'clock on a Sunday morning to have a stall at local car boot sales, and boy did she love a raffle at unit events, she was also a former Chair of the UMT and then the chair of our reformed P&SA committee, and at our last AGM was voted in as our deputy president.

Also this year we lost Ray Allman, who along with his wife Gwen was ever present around the unit, a former naval officer he loved a well turned out uniform. He was always ready to help what ever was needed, be it the mundane stuff like getting rid of the rubbish to the tip, keeping the galley in order, and other things around the unit to help keep things running smoothly. Then he was always there ready to lend a hand at local events weather we were on car parking duty, or taking equipment to various cadet events, helping to set up gazebos and stalls and towing the P&SA shooting range trailer all over the county to various events and shows. And of course the erm `superb` dad jokes that some how he managed to corner you with no matter how hard you tried to dodge them.

Barbara and Ray are both dearly mist and plans are under way to remember them in and around the unit.

Finely, not long before the covid crisis we had a meeting with the Maldon rotary club, and told them of our need for a new minibus, to help us comply with ever increasing rules like the emissions zone in London for when cadets have events, training opportunities, and competitions. We had some grant funds in place and waited to see what the rotary club would decide to donate to us, if anything.

Then lockdown, the rotary club were unable to meet to make a decision, we were also in a state of limbo, concentrating on keeping the unit ticking over, and zoom meetings.

As we came out of lockdown and slowly, very slowly things got a little freer, and then we heard from the rotary club and yes they would love to donate us, and we were able to get our new, well new to us, our new minibus, we organised the sign writing and now we have a superb asset to enable our cadets to go anywhere and we had the official key handover and the end of the summer, so a massive thank you to Maldon rotary club for their kind generosity.

So onwards and upwards and lets see what the next yeah brings

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UNIT NAME		RECONCILIATION		
MALDON AND DISTRICT		Opening Balances		
CHARITY NUMBER		£1,158.40	Bank Account	
1066185		£7,441.53	Saving Account	
Year ending 31 st March		£0.00	Petty Cash	
2021		£8,599.93	Total Opening Balance at	1st April 2020
Target		Closing Balances		Transfers
£28,491.17	£28,491.17	Bank Account		
£7,444.94	£7,444.94	Saving Account		
£0.00	£0.00	Petty Cash		
£35,936.11	£35,936.11	Total Closing Balance at	31st March 2021	
	£35,936.11	Closing Balance per AC1 Report		



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

MALDON AND DISTRICT

On accounts for the
year ended

31st March 2021

Charity no

1066185

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address: