2025 ESSEX HISTORIC MILITARY VEHICLE ASSOCIATION

REGISTERED CHARITY 1155705

ANNUAL REPORT



ESSEX HMVA



Our objectives are:

The preservation, restoration and exhibition of historical military vehicles, armour, artillery and associated equipment, documents and artefacts and to advance the education of the public in the history of said historical military items

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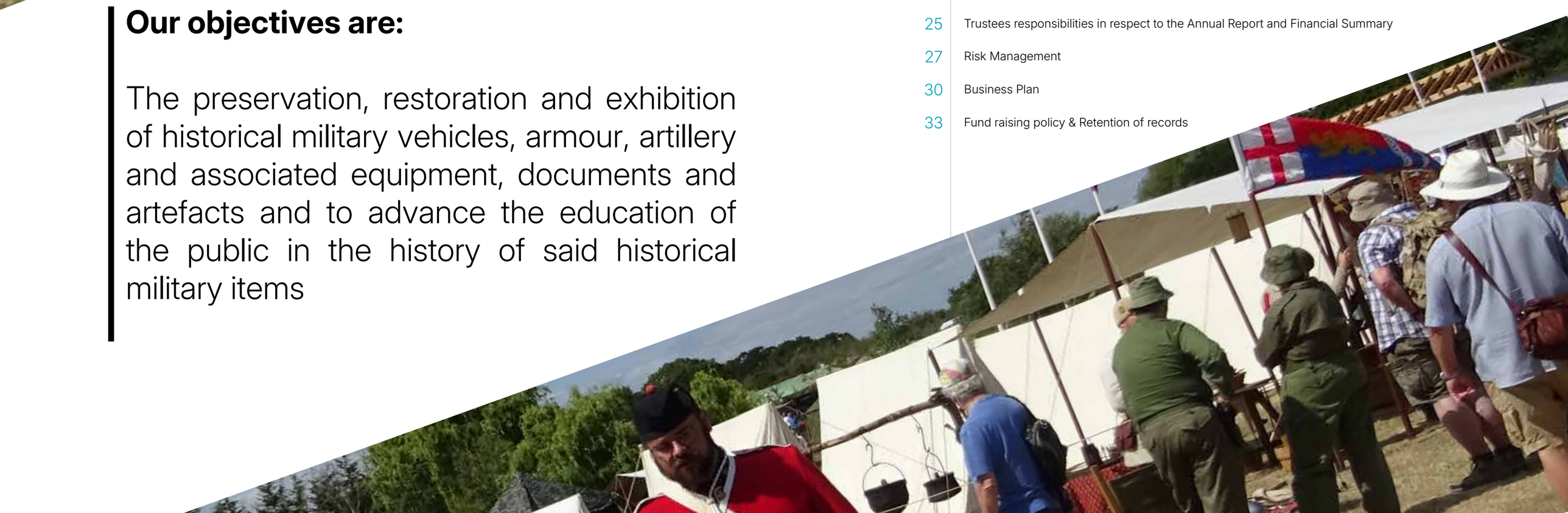
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INTRODUCTION

ESSEX HISTORIC MILITARY VEHICLE ASSOCIATION

ALSO KNOWN AS THE ESSEX HMVA
CHARITY No: 1155705

WEBSITE: https://www.essexhmva.co.uk

TRUSTEES

OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our Board of Trustees is currently made up of 11 Trustees, They set our strategic direction and are responsible for ensuring that the association upholds our values and governance, and delivers our objectives. They guide, advise and support the Chairman; they decide how the association's money is spent and approve our budgets.

The Board of Trustees met four times during the period and communicate frequently between meetings.

The trustees who served during this period and at the date of this report are listed below:

Colin Tebb
Chairman

Colin is known and respected by preservationists throughout the country and has been involved in military vehicle preservation from something that started purely as a small hobby, to working with Museum organisations and various preservation groups, before becoming the Essex area chairman of the MVT. He is also our show director for Echoes of History.

Marion Tebb
Safeguarding Trustee & Charity Secretary

Marion brings to our organization the administrative knowledge of her profession, along with a fresh perspective by coming from outside our association. She also oversees our non-member volunteer force who enjoy getting involved with our annual show and other events.

Russell Pacy
AI / IT Technology Trustee
PR / Media Trustee (along with David Smith)
Data Trustee (along with Peter Smith)
Membership administrator

Russell brings his experience from a commercial capacity having worked for global companies with IT systems to ensure we make productive use of our IT.

Peter Smith
Treasurer
Data Trustee (along with Russell Pacy)

Peter has a number of years' experience in the preservation field, having started his working life as a coach-builder, he now puts this experience to good use in giving help and advice to members regarding vehicle restoration. In addition, his knowledge of military artefacts is invaluable to the organisation. He brings his experience in running a business to the charity through financial controls and budget tracking. He implemented new asset policy, and oversaw us through the recent pandemic, adapting budgets for the loss of income.

David Smith
Publications Trustee
Membership Secretary
Newsletter Editor
PR / Media Trustee (backup to Russell Pacy)

David was one of the founding trustees of the Essex HMVA , and is responsible for all our on line media streams including personally implementing an e-newsletter about our fundraising. From the start, the e-newsletter was designed to be more than just an advert for our events and as such a substantial proportion of the content of these mails is given over to articles written with an educational element. He now works with a small team of volunteers, who are experts in the field of electronic media. This has expanded to include all membership communications. He works alongside Russell Pacy in this process, including our brand image.

Adam Clements
Trustee and Facilities Specialist

Adam has been volunteering for us for a number of years now, and brings his professional experience in audio visual technologies to our organisation.

Kerry Clements
Trustee, Deputy Show director

Kerry has been a Trustee since 2014 and holds qualifications in Events Management, Business and Event Management and Digital Marketing, bringing this expertise to the Essex HMVA, as well as a working experience of educational information and event management. Kerry is also invaluable as one of a younger generation who bring a youth element to our organisation and actively encourages new members to join through engagement.

Abi Mills
Trustee and Access & Participation Lead

Abi has a long track record in vehicle preservation and as our Access & Participation Lead.

Her role supports us through our events, but also ensures our events are inclusive, making sure that, for example - they are disability friendly.

Alan Zeller
Health and Safety Trustee
Living History Events Coordinator

Alan brings his extensive public sector health and safety experience and regulatory compliance to EHMVA. In addition to his role as Living History Liaison Management working with living History groups that attend and support our events.

Alan has more than 20 years experience working with Living History groups and organisations in the heritage sector.

Laura Willis
Trustee and Contractor Liaison

Laura has been volunteering for us for a number of years in a varied number of roles, Laura's can do attitude and approachable nature along with Kerry has formed a strong partnership.

Shaun Morgan
Trustee

Shaun has accepted the Trustee role in order for us to better understand the requirements of veterans and to assist us in devloping contacts with local groups.

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

GEORGE KING
Educational Officer

BARRY SMITH
Special Projects

NATASHA WEBSTER
Events Co-Ordinator

PETER WEBSTER
Infrastructure Support

DARREN COOK
Community Events Support

PATRONS

We are honoured that our joint Patrons continue to assist us so effectively:

The Rt Hon. Sir John Whittingdale OBE MP

and

Stephen Nunn
Stephen is highly regarded as a local historian, author, Ex-Mayor and Freeman of Maldon.

VOLUNTEERS

We also have many volunteers, mostly made up from associate members who assist us towards carrying out our main aims - either as a collective group, on their own or in smaller groups. They have shown the same enthusiasm to help towards our aims and objectives are, that the trustees show. They assist with a wide variety of jobs, we have also had assistance from outside organisations such as the Army Cadets.

CHANGES TO OUR ORGANISATION

The Essex HMVA continues to actively review our mix of trustees on a regular basis to ensure there are a variety of views and opinions regarding how the charity is run. We remain a charity which has an assortment of trustees from different ages, backgrounds and those who bring new ideas to the committee.

During 2025, we are pleased to report that both **Abi Mills** and **Shaun Morgan** accepted our invitation to become Trustees and we look forwards to a long working relationship with them both.

We always encourage new members to be given the opportunity to join the management team. One way we do this, is through our co-opted members, which gives an opportunity for those interested to progress.



STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

Any Newly appointed trustees are asked to confirm in writing that they have read and understood documents aimed to brief them of their legal obligations under charity law, their responsibilities as a trustee, the business plan and the recent financial performance of the association.

Our trustees remain ultimately responsible for the operation of the charity. Tasks are agreed and those responsible for conducting and delivering those tasks. These tasks are led by at least one trustee, and are usually supported by co-opted members.

We hold quarterly trustee meetings, during those meetings, our current activities are reported back, as well as future events and commitments. Where trustees are briefed on the progress and wider view of our charities direction and previously agreed decisions. We feel this is very important, as one of the reasons the charity was formed was those who came from our previous organisation had felt it to be undemocratic and non-inclusive.

Agreements on any course of action is dependent on the majority of trustees agreeing on the chosen direction.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Our associate membership continues to increase, but what appears to be a financial squeeze' may mean this is more challenging. We have members from all over the UK as well as a from Europe. This widens the access the public have to our vehicles and displays, . This has been a mix of people joining, from single individuals to families. We keep in contact with them through our monthly meetings and newsletters. We also have now been publishing our quarterly Olive Drab e-magazine, which we can use to inform and educate. We have a limited means scheme in place for those unable to meet the costs, though these costs are kept as low as possible to encourage engagement. We introduced our new free to join volunteer membership for those who want to start to help, and at a later date move to become a full associate member.

Our members also bring a wide range of knowledge and varied vehicles and artefacts. This means, at events the public get to see history up close, and with our living history members, experience history at first hand. We continue to encourage membership and public engagement as well as our continued efforts to engage with other organisations and museums. Many of the pictures in this report are of our members displays and their interactions with the public. They are from a diverse mix of backgrounds and ages. We encourage diversity as part of our associate membership recruitment process.



Above: Explaining soldiers equipment to curious visitors

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

2025 SUMMARY

"This period of reflection has coincided with a time of challenge for the Association"

2025 has been a year shaped by reflection, transition, and the steadfast commitment of our members. As the Essex Historic Military Vehicle Association continues its mission to preserve, educate, and commemorate, we have found ourselves at the heart of an extraordinary year of remembrance. Marking eighty years since the end of the Second World War, communities across Essex and beyond have come together to honour the sacrifices of 1945, and our vehicles and volunteers have played a proud role in those commemorations.

From school programmes exploring the final months of the war, to village and town events marking V-E Day and V-J Day anniversaries, our presence has helped bring the closing chapter of the conflict to life for thousands. The stories of 1945 — of relief, rebuilding, and the return to peace — have resonated deeply with audiences, and our living history displays have provided a tangible link to that moment when the world finally stepped out of the shadow of war. It has been a privilege to support so many remembrance activities in a year of such significance.

This period of reflection has coincided with a time of challenge for the Association. The loss of The Barn continues to test our resilience, and securing a new home for our vehicles and equipment became one of our most urgent priorities. Despite the uncertainty, our members have shown remarkable determination. Temporary storage, countless hours of labour, and a shared commitment to safeguarding our collection have ensured that nothing has been lost. We secured a new storage area, though public access at this time is not possible, so it remains our long term goals to find something which is. And this opportunity might be on the horizon after being contacted by local residents close to a WW2 T2 Hangar who have concerns over its future.

Alongside these efforts, our work has continued to grow across Essex. We have strengthened our relationships with heritage groups, councils, veterans' organisations, and community partners, all of whom have played a vital role in the success of our events and educational outreach. The appetite for authentic, hands-on history remains strong, and 2025 has shown once again how much can be achieved when organisations work together with shared purpose.

Despite the economic pressures affecting charities nationwide, our main fundraiser, the Echoes of History Show; proved once again that community spirit can overcome difficult circumstances. The dedication of our volunteers, exhibitors, and supporters ensured a successful event that will help sustain our work into 2026. Their commitment is a reminder that the values of service, remembrance, and education remain deeply rooted in our community.

As we look ahead, the future still holds uncertainty, but it also holds opportunity. The search for a new operational base continues, and we remain hopeful that the right site will emerge. Our members, our supporters, and our shared passion for preserving military history give us confidence that the Essex HMVA will not only endure but continue to grow.

To everyone who has contributed this year, thank you. Your time, your energy, and your belief in our mission ensure that the vehicles we preserve, and the stories we tell, remain alive for future generations.



Colin Tebb
Essex HMVA Chairman



Above (L-R): Colin Tebb (Chairman) , Stephen Nunn (Patron) and John Whittingdale (Patron)

AIMS AND ACTIVITIES

To educate and promote the study of military history by visiting schools and military establishments as well as holding public events. The preservation of military artefacts, including but not exclusively military vehicles to provide access for the general public to educational materials through our website to make representations where legislation could affect historical military items.

CLASSIFICATION

What

- **Education / Training**
- **Arts / Culture / Heritage / Science**
- **Environment / Conservation / Heritage**

Who

- **Other charities or voluntary bodies**
- **The General Public / Mankind**

How

- **Provides advocacy / advice / information**
- **Acts as an umbrella or resource body**

OUR CHARITY WORK, ACTIVITIES & PUBLIC BENEFIT

As many of our Associate members and Trustees visit a number of different shows and take part in activities in smaller groups, to save space within this report, we have focused on examples of events we did as bigger groups or with a larger impact. This forms part of our public benefit activity, as such, our trustees always take into account the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit as being at the core of what we do and how this is reviewed.



Above: Armed forces day 2025.

GENERAL POLICY

As well as running some events ourselves, we also attend events run by other organisations. Our own events including our Winter Gathering (a free event), and our Annual show, which is our main fund-raiser. We are looking to run more events, which will expand on what we do. Those events we get invited to attend are a mix of commercial and other Charities. We also support the British Army, attending their events.

The Essex HMVA kept to our aims to give a broad spectrum of activities and multi-period history, while keeping our costs as affordable as possible. The Association has had very positive feedback from the public, exhibitors and re-enactors all of whom took part in the our events. The amount of work put in by our trustees, co-ops, associate members, sponsors and volunteers cannot be under estimated. The association included a programme for our showcase event which included many educational articles.

POPPY COLLECTING

Throughout November our members assisted the British Legion with their local charity poppy selling.

LOCAL EVENTS

The Essex HMVA continues to support many local events, these are normally organised by local Charities or Local Authorities, though some are commercial ventures. This gives us an opportunity to promote our work, and to educate and inform the visitors about the history portrayed in the displays. Many of the displays span a large period the 20th century, from late pre WW2 to almost current military operations. This gives a "something for everyone" approach, although the association can adapt our displays to suit themed events.

VETERANS

The Association continues to support veterans where possible, Marion Tebb once again acted as host this year for serveral Veterans who attended the show.

PRESERVATION

The Essex HMVA remains committed to supporting the preservation of military vehicles and artefacts. We give advice on such things as the correct vehicle markings, sourcing spares, drawings, photos and documents. We are also helping with vehicle registrations, giving assistance with applications via the DVLA.



Above: Boreham Wood T2 Hangar

Our Involvement in the T2 Hangar Project

Our involvement in the T2 Hangar project began in response to a moment that resonated across the local heritage community: the demolition of the former RAF Boreham control tower. Its loss highlighted how vulnerable Chelmsford's remaining wartime structures had become, and it prompted us to look closely at the future of the T2 Hangar and the adjacent Romney Hut. What we found was a site rich in history, deeply valued by residents, yet facing uncertainty. That realisation brought our charity together with the Chelmsford Civic Society and members of the public who shared a determination that these buildings should not be allowed to disappear without a fight.

From the outset, our aim has been to champion the hangar not simply as a relic of the past, but as a future community asset. The Romney Hut, with its more manageable scale, offers an early opportunity to demonstrate what heritage can achieve when it is placed back into public hands. It has the potential to become a flexible space for learning, restoration workshops, community gatherings, and the preservation of traditional skills. The T2 Hangar itself, with its vast internal volume and unique wartime engineering, represents the long-term ambition: a heritage centre where historic vehicles can be restored in public view, where exhibitions can evolve, and where Chelmsford's aviation and military history can be interpreted in a way that is engaging, accessible, and relevant to new generations.

As public interest grew, we created a dedicated website and Facebook page to ensure the project remained open, accessible, and community-driven. These platforms have become a central hub for updates, historical information, and opportunities for involvement. They have allowed residents to share memories, photographs, and personal stories connected to RAF Boreham, and they have helped build a wider network of supporters who follow the project's progress and contribute to its development.

Our efforts have been strengthened by support from across the civic landscape. Chelmsford City Council has recognised the cultural and educational value of safeguarding the hangar and parish councils in the surrounding area have echoed this commitment, seeing the project as a future asset for both established communities and the emerging Chelmsford Garden Community. Local MPs have acknowledged the significance of the site and have helped ensure that heritage considerations remain part of the wider conversation about development and growth.

Most importantly, the public response has shown that this is a shared endeavour. Volunteers have stepped forward to assist with research, planning, and early-stage conservation work. The project has become a community movement rooted in the belief that heritage is strongest when it belongs to everyone.

As we move through 2025, our charity remains committed to securing the future of the T2 Hangar and Romney Hut as community-focused heritage spaces. The vision is clear: a centre that educates, inspires, and brings people together; a place where history is not only preserved, but lived. With continued partnership from civic bodies, heritage organisations and the public, we believe this project can become one of Chelmsford's most meaningful contributions to its own story.



Above: ‘Esther’

ESTHER DONATED JEEP

Esther, our airborne Jeep so generously donated to the Association, has continued to play a vital role throughout 2025 in raising awareness, supporting education, and strengthening our fundraising efforts. Her presence at events, schools, and community activities has become one of our most effective ways of connecting people with the realities of wartime service and the evolution of military engineering.

This year, Esther has been more than a historic vehicle; she has been a conversation starter. Whether parked at a show, displayed at a school visit, or featured in one of our fundraising days, she consistently draws people in. Sitting behind the wheel, children and adults alike gain a tangible sense of what it meant to operate such a vehicle under wartime conditions. The cramped space, the rugged simplicity, and the unmistakable character of an airborne Jeep help us bring history to life in a way that no static exhibit ever could.

Her dedicated Facebook Page has also grown in reach, allowing us to share restoration updates, historical insights, and event appearances with a wider audience. This digital engagement has supported our fundraising efforts, helping us highlight the importance of preserving vehicles like Esther for future generations.

We have continued to carry out repairs and maintenance as required to keep her roadworthy and safe for public interaction. As always, this work is undertaken with great care to preserve her originality and historical integrity. Every repair is a balance between conservation and practicality, ensuring that Esther remains both authentic and operational.

The discoveries made in recent years — from her appearance in ***A Bridge Too Far*** to the reinstatement of her original name — have deepened her story and strengthened her connection with the public. These details enrich every event she attends, offering layers of history that resonate with enthusiasts and newcomers alike.









Above: The Olive Drab Magazine Covers during 2025

OLIVE DRAB MAGAZINE

Most charities have a magazine, which they use to communicate with their associate members. We are particularly proud of our publication, which is called the 'Olive Drab'. This was a follow-on from a member's newsletter produced by our chairman for many years at a previous club. It is now produced by a small team, who also produce the monthly newsletters and other publications. The contents of this quarterly are a mix of historical articles as well as news, some of which are contributed by our own members and patrons.

Some of our published Photos and histories are from our members who were in the armed forces and have never been seen in print, their experiences would have been lost to future generations.

It has grown into something we also use to promote our association. The professional feel is attained by using Adobe publication software. We publish these both online and in a printed form. The feedback we get has been very positive, allowing us to engage with people who may not just have been interested in military vehicles.

As one of our members once expressed:

"it's not just full of green things".





Above: YouTube channel homepage

SOCIAL MEDIA AND ENGAGEMENT

In 2025, our commitment to engaging with the wider public through digital platforms has continued to grow in both reach and relevance. Social media remains a cornerstone of how we share our work, promote events, and foster dialogue around military history and heritage.

We now operate multiple Facebook accounts, including:
- Our Echoes of History Show page, which has surpassed 5,000 followers, reflecting the show's growing popularity and national reach.

- Our main organisational account, with over 1,000 followers, providing regular updates and behind-the-scenes insights.
- A closed members' group, which continues to be an effective space for direct communication, planning, and community building.
- Dedicated pages for the Olive Drab magazine, supporting our historical research and publications, and for Esther the Airborne Jeep, which has become a popular ambassador for our living history work.

Beyond Facebook, our Instagram account has helped us connect with new audiences through visual storytelling, and we are preparing to launch our TikTok channel, a platform that now rivals television as a primary source of information for younger generations. We see TikTok not as a novelty, but as a strategic tool to share our passion for history in short, engaging formats that resonate across age groups.

Importantly, we no longer subscribe to the outdated notion of a fixed "target audience." This approach limits reach and relevance. Instead, we embrace growth marketing, recognising that interest in heritage can emerge from unexpected quarters when content is authentic, accessible, and well-timed.

Our YouTube channel, originally established during the COVID-19 pandemic, remains a valuable archive of vehicle tours, artefact spotlights, and glimpses into our storage area.

It continues to serve as a resource for those unable to attend events in person.

While digital platforms offer cost-effective promotion, we still value traditional outreach. Leaflets remain part of our toolkit, distributed at events and in commercial spaces that support our mission.

We still intend to expand our talks programme, developing a suite of subjects that our members can present to schools, community groups, and heritage organisations. These talks will reflect our commitment to education, remembrance, and storytelling.



Above: Just a few vehicles that people could see at the Winter Gathering in 2025

EDUCATION, HISTORY AND REGULATIONS

Our education officer **George King**, as well as our Military History experts continue to represent the Essex HMVA for both Educational and Policy matters.

George King continues to visit schools to assist with classroom learning. This is a valuable free resource to schools who are under pressure to find new ways to educate but have little or no budgets to achieve this.

Although these are perfectly safe and have been found to already be to some of the strictest standards in Europe, there are plans to make the regulations even tighter, or possibly to ban them altogether. This could make it more difficult as a "mobile museum" and education portal, to give talks when you are unable to show the actual items.

OUR OTHER ACTIVITIES

During 2025, the Trust faced a significant setback with the loss of the barn, which had provided valuable storage and operational space. Despite this challenge, efforts have continued to ensure that the organisation remains active and focused on its objectives.

A major area of activity has been our continued involvement in efforts to secure the future of the Boreham Hangar. Working alongside local stakeholders and supporters, we have actively engaged with the community to raise awareness of the hangar's historical importance and to support initiatives aimed at its preservation.

The Trust has also explored new opportunities to generate income and broaden public engagement. We are investigating the possibility of delivering talks and other heritage-related activities, with donations from these events helping to support our charitable work. During the year we have continued to undertake school visits, helping to educate younger generations about local aviation and military heritage, while also maintaining our support for veteran organisations and remembrance-related activities.

Our Chairman has continued to promote the Trust's work through media engagement, including interviews on local radio, helping to raise awareness of our activities and the heritage we seek to preserve. Together, these activities have enabled the Trust to remain visible within the community and continue advancing its charitable objectives despite the challenges encountered during the year.

PRESS COVERAGE

The Essex HMVA continues to have favourable press coverage about our work, including radio stations, where we talk about our organisation and the work the association does as well as coverage in the local press, which included our annual showcase event. Our shows TV appearance on "wheeler dealers" gained much attention and the association has capitalised on this with many press requests.

FUTURE EVENTS

The Trust's principal focus during 2026 will be the delivery of its programme of public events, including the Winter Gathering, Armed Forces Day activities and our flagship Echoes of History show. These events provide important opportunities to engage with the public, promote local military and aviation heritage, and generate support for the charity's objectives.

Like many voluntary organisations, we continue to face rising costs across all areas of operation. These increasing financial pressures have placed additional strain on our ability to deliver free events and activities, particularly where venue hire, insurance, equipment and infrastructure costs continue to increase. As a result, the Trust will be reviewing ways to maintain the quality of its events while ensuring their long-term financial sustainability.

We will also continue to seek opportunities to strengthen our income streams through fundraising, donations and event-related activities, enabling us to preserve and develop our programme of heritage events for the benefit of the community. By carefully managing resources and building on the success of our established events, we aim to ensure that the Trust remains financially resilient whilst continuing to provide educational and commemorative activities throughout the year

OUR FINANCIAL SUMMARY

It was **not** a good start to 2025 for the charity, after 30 years we had to vacate, and at rather short notice our storage and restoration facility. Securing new facilities proved to be challenging and finding affordable premises extremely difficult, our first location proved to have a rat infestation issue, but luckily, we have now moved to a new home.

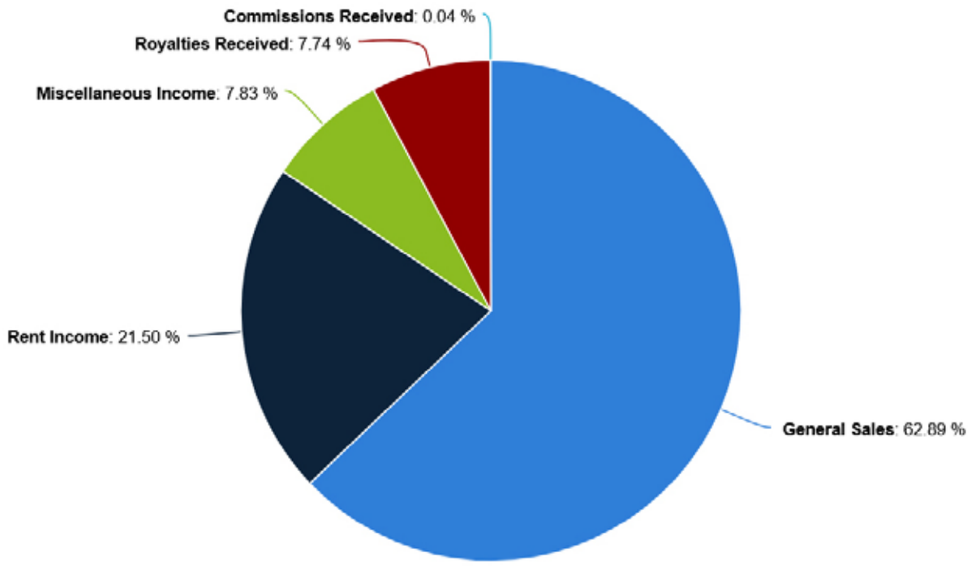
Despite our best efforts that move and transition proved to be a costly exercise and the rent has substantially increased. The membership is, as always, a steady financial foundation and we did secure some donations which helped offset the move. With the ongoing support of the trustees, we manage our finances efficiently.

Peter Smith, Treasurer

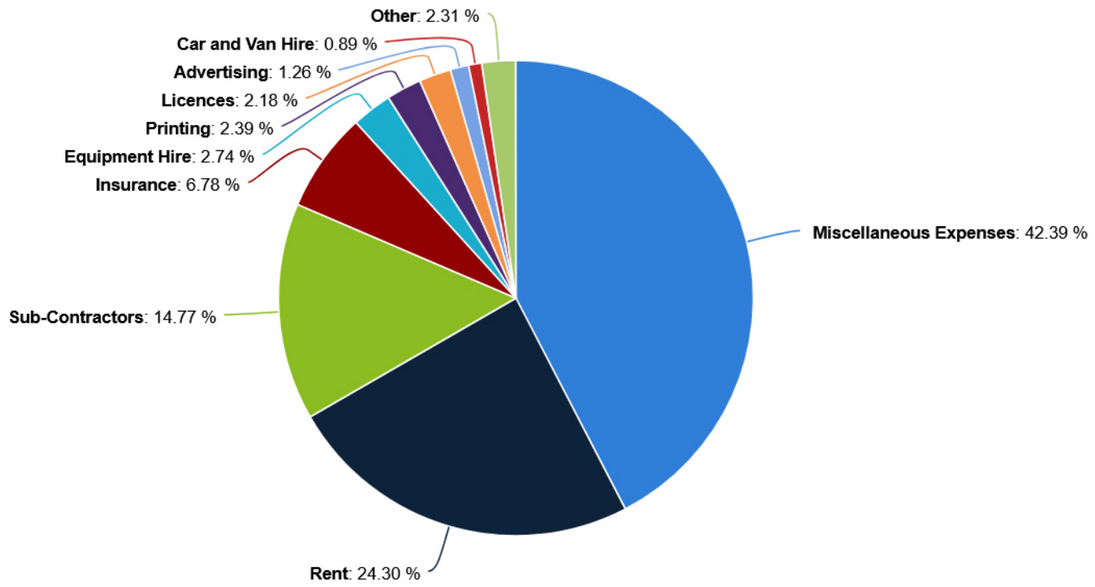
Payment Processors in use by the Essex HMVA (as of 2025)
PayPal UK Ltd (authorised by the FCA as an Electronic Money Institution)
TicketSource
SumUp

Total Turnover	**£36,776.65**
Total Expenses	**(£34,115.23)**
Profit Before Tax	**£2,661.42**
Tax amount	**£0**

INCOME



EXPENDITURE



TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial summary in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards (United Kingdom generally accepted accounting practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare the financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the Group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in March 2005, applicable accounting standards, the Charities Act 2011, and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable organization and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant material audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- The Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

The Trustees have a duty to report on how the charitable company provides public benefit by explaining:

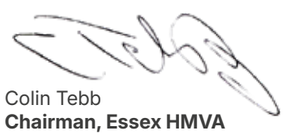
- The significant activities undertaken in order to carry out our aims for the public benefit; and
- Our achievements measured against those aims.

The Trustees confirm that we have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in reporting on the Charity's vision, purpose and goals, and on our objectives and achievements.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the information included on the Charity's website.

The Legal and Administrative Details form an integral part of this report.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf on the 25th of September 2025.



Colin Tebb
Chairman, Essex HMVA

RISK MANAGEMENT

During our set up we carried out a number of risk assessments using a "heat map" in order to grade possible risks to our association. Through this, we updated our Health and Safety Policy at the end of the year along with adding risk assessments for individual events with liability insurance for our associate members. One of the biggest challenges to the structure of our association was setting up a bank account. This took much longer than we expected due to delays caused by the bank. Our treasurer and chairman maintained pressure on the bank to speed the process along. Our treasurer was able to implement a temporary back up plan in order that we could keep tight financial control of incoming monies during this time, with the full support of the trustees.

As part of the risk management process, major risks have been reviewed and actions taken in mitigation. The Essex HMVA complies with the Charity Commission's list of internal financial controls in all material respects, though significant risks arise in the following areas:

- Health and Safety risks.
- Public liability risk that a third party or their representative, participating in an event either promoted by the Charity or organised in support of it may bring a lawsuit following death or serious injury as a consequence of their participation.
- Reputational risk that adverse publicity may lead to a reduction in future donations.
- Fraud risk that the Charity suffers financial loss as a result of fraudulent activity.
- Fundraising during the current economic climate continues to prove to be a challenge.

The Trustees have responsibility for ensuring that there is an appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Essex HMVA and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities, and to provide reasonable assurance that:

- The Essex HMVA is operating efficiently and effectively;
- Its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition;
- Proper records are maintained and financial information used within the Charity or for publication is reliable; and
- The charity complies with relevant laws and regulations.

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

- An annual budget approved by the Trustees;
- Regular consideration by the Trustees of financial results, variance from budgets and non-financial performance indicators;
- Delegation of authority and segregation of duties.
- Identification and management of risks.

INCIDENT REPORTING AND PERCEIVED FUTURE RISKS

Future risks remain at the front of our agenda at all meetings. One of the biggest future risks we currently face are due to new EU regulations. Following several attacks in mainland Europe the EU are looking at ways to curb the use or ownership of deactivated weapons. In the UK, we already have some of the strictest gun controls in Europe, but early assessments of regulations could mean we loose some historic artefacts including those fitted to vehicles. We plan to form a sub-committee with the view of keeping an eye on such legislation and ensuring this does not impact on the educational aspect of it. We will write a frame of reference for this committee to work under, which includes taking notes of the Charity Commission's guidance as contained in CC9 notes.

Further legislation that could affect us comes from those, which have impacts on vehicles. We are a member of the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs, who keep us up to date with changes that could affect us, as well close contact with those who make such legislation. This ensures that the rule of common sense remains and our voices are heard.

As a charity we need to ensure we remain of public benefit, comply with charity law, be relevant and not allow ourselves to be forced into an unacceptable situation, or conditions, which we have found some venue owners feel they wish to impose onto us. They remain commercial organisations, and therefore their outlook can be different to ours.

As part of our risk management, we require time after the event for evaluation and a full review of finances, and reports from all departments to ensure we comply with charity law. Although there is a risk to the loss of our main funding stream, we have already taken action to ensure we deal with this promptly.



Above: Just one of the varied displays at Armed Forces Day

The site gave us the ability to expand on the way we educate the public by expanding the historical aspect. The land owners are very supportive of charities, running events themselves and raising many thousands of pounds, so are much more in tune with charity events, and our need to have a longer term and more stable venue.

The charity generally has another successful year, and has no major incidents to report.

We have a number of written policies, which are guiding principles for the charity, and we can refer to these held in our central cloud document repository if there are any risks or issues that are identified. We reviewed these during our 2025 and have now instituted annual reviews.

One risk which has shown itself to have risen, is that of the risk of a terrorist incident. We therefore have a trustee who has undertaken ACT training, and will assess this risk at each public event. We may have to consider bag searches or other protection measures in order to counter the risk, and are mindful of possible changes in laws in the future.

BUSINESS PLAN



Above: Some of the many Vehicles at Echoes of History 2025

Short term Goals:

- To secure additional funding above our current actions in order that preservation and restoration activities can continue.
- Continue with our education programme, with more school visits
- Increase membership numbers and secure renewals
- Prepare and execute the 2026 Echoes of History Show
- Find replacement storage facilities due to the loss of our Barn

Medium Term Goals:

- Increase community interaction with programmes designed for schools and other educational facilities.
- Set up an online e-learning programme with advice for new starters, and educational resources for those interested in our military heritage.
- Encourage a greater number of younger people to take an interest in the conservation activities of the association

Long Term Goals:

- To expand on our educational elements of the Essex HMVA
- To secure premises to open a museum, those premises affording greater public access and housing a subset of the collection with the ability within the premises to stage exhibitions as well as giving us a venue to enhance our ability to provide an educational resource.

FUTURE PROJECTS

As we move into 2026, the Trust's primary objective remains securing a permanent storage and operational facility. Following the loss of our previous barn, finding a suitable replacement has become essential to safeguarding our equipment, displays and heritage assets. We are working towards securing a new facility by January 2026, providing a stable base from which to develop future projects and activities.

Alongside this, restoration work will continue on Esther, ensuring that this important vehicle remains available for educational displays, commemorative events and living history activities. The careful preservation of our vehicles and artefacts remains central to the Trust's aims.

We are also exploring opportunities to diversify our event programme through new themes and formats. One proposal under consideration is a specialist event focused on military communications and wartime radio equipment, highlighting the important role of communications in military operations and preserving the stories associated with this often-overlooked aspect of history. The Trust will continue to work closely with other heritage organisations, veteran groups and living history societies to share resources, expertise and opportunities. By developing new partnerships and strengthening existing relationships, we hope to broaden public engagement while ensuring our activities remain financially sustainable. Through these projects, we aim to preserve military heritage, support education and secure the long-term resilience of the Trust.

GUIDANCE

We continue to follow guidance sent to us from the Charity Commission, and use this to ensure our charities policy documents are kept relevant and up to date. Given recent bad press about the charity sector, it is as important now as it ever was to stay within the current guidelines. We also engaged with a new insurance company at the beginning of the year as we felt there could be some areas which pose a risk of having a cover gap. We now cover all associate members for public liability while they are attending events, as well as the usual charity and trustee cover. We also follow the guidance from the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs, who advise on matters of vehicle law and advice for holding events. We also give guidance, to members and public who own vehicles or equipment. This can be both historical or legal.

COLLECTIONS POLICY

The Essex HMVA has brought in a revised and updated collections policy following the donation to us of a military pumping unit. This was our first large asset, and we plan to use this for future use where we can display it in such a way to be of interest. Currently, this will be stored until we can check it over, carry out any repairs or restoration. One of the issues with donations of equipment is to have somewhere to store this. We can use our Barn facility as required for larger items, and the use of "guardians" for smaller items.

We have updated our written policy as part of the review and this is now stored in our on line Intranet file storage system. We also have some archives , which are books and information which has been digitised and will be used for reference use by those wishing us to assist them with historical or mechanical research.

FUND RAISING POLICY

Our main fund raising is achieved by running the Echoes of History event every year. Monies earnt from this are allocated to an annual budget to run the following years show and anything earnt beyond this is used to fund the charities running costs and aims. Membership monies collected are used to self-fund the membership operating costs and any surplus is retained in the main account for charity use. The association has reviewed our fund raising polices in line with our future income stream review and as part of a recent appeal for a special fund for purchasing new and replacement equipment. The Essex HMVA also gains additional funds from the use of charity buckets. This has helped with our general income, with the public being generous with their donations.

The Trustees have agreed to set a policy in place that the association will not cold call either our members or outside individuals to ask for donations. The Essex HMVA may call, write or email to remind members their membership has lapsed or in cases where we need to grant either reduced / free membership in order to comply with our policy on access to those on limited means. The association will also mailshot organisations or companies where there would be mutual interest in supporting us through advertising or sponsorship. Should in the future , the Essex HMVA wish to fund raise for a project, we will ensure this is done in such a way that does not put any pressure on those individuals contacted to contribute and without the use of any "cold call" listing either purchased or otherwise. The trustees note the adverse publicity and damage that can be attached to charities as a whole should we not act otherwise to the above. The Essex HMVA may from time to time use our social media to promote special fund raising activities or as part of our normal fund raising and general charity awareness.

RETENTION OF RECORDS

The Essex HMVA will retain such documents as required by law under the Companies Act/Charities Act for periods of time specified. We are moving all account invoices onto our Intranet system by scanning them. This is part of our new accounts system which we have rolled out.

DATA PROTECTION CHANGES

The Essex HMVA are pleased to say that the requirements under the General Data Protection Regulation legislation is being complied with, this regulation extends the rights of the individuals, granting the right to increased access to personal data or to its removal.



2025 ESSEX HISTORIC MILITARY VEHICLE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT

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To Date 31 December 2025

ESSEX HISTORIC MILITARY VEHICLE ASSOCIATION
Profit & Loss Statement
(All values reported in GBP)

Turnover			
4000	General Sales		18,955.49
4900	Miscellaneous Income		4,499.54
4901	Royalties Received		3,232.87
4902	Commissions Received		11.56
4904	Rent Income		8,880.00
		Total Turnover	**35,579.46**
Less Cost of Sales			
5000	General Purchases		(2,000.00)
5002	Miscellaneous Purchases		(3,977.26)
		Total Cost of Sales	**(5,977.26)**
		Gross Profit	**29,602.20**
Less Expenses			
6002	Sub-Contractors		(5,400.20)
6201	Advertising		(667.73)
6203	P.R. (Literature & Brochures)		(231.55)
6900	Miscellaneous Expenses		(7,102.36)
7009	Adjustments		773.86
7100	Rent		(16,700.00)
7302	Licences		(1,027.88)
7401	Car and Van Hire		(716.50)
7500	Printing		(1,395.95)
7501	Postage and Carriage		(97.02)
7506	Hosting Fees and IT Consumables		(213.08)
7601	Audit and Accountancy Fees		(90.00)
7603	Professional Fees		(94.00)
7900	Bank Interest Paid		95.47
7901	Bank Charges		(76.71)
8204	Insurance		(2,287.81)
		Total Expenses	**(35,231.46)**
		Profit Before Tax	**(5,629.26)**

4000 General sales:
includes Ticket, Stalls & Catering Concession income from the Echoes of History event.
4900 Miscellaneous Income:
Donations & Stalls.
4901 Royalties Received:
Income from Association Membership.
6002 Subcontractors:
Events First Aid & Echoes of History Toilet Hire.
6900 Miscellaneous Expenses:
General Event & Operating Costs & Miscellaneous Purchases.
7100 Rent:
Storage of vehicles and Show Equipment.
7603 Professional Fees:
Security, Car Park management and Gate ticket staff for Echoes of History.

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/ members of	Essex Historic Military Vehicle Association		
On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1155705
Set out on pages	1		

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.

Signed:	J L Grande	**Date:**	16/102026
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