CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 Jan 2025 to 31 Dec 2025

Charity name: FRONT LINE NAVAL CHAPLAINS

Charity registration number: 1187195

Objectives and Activities

The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document are:

1. To advance the education of the public in the subject of the history of Royal Navy Chaplaincy; in such ways as the charity trustees think fit, including by:

a. research into the history of Royal Navy Chaplaincy and its contribution to the wellbeing of the Naval Service, naval service veterans and their families; in particular, but not limited to, the impact of such ministry during armed conflicts, and

b. the creation and secure storage of an archive of relevant learning and material, in both digital and physical forms, to illustrate and evidence that history, and

c. the dissemination and publication of that material and knowledge through the use of information media such as the internet, books, photographs, exhibitions, conferences and lectures.

For the purpose of this clause, the naval service and the royal navy and royal marines includes the royal navy, royal marines, royal fleet auxiliary and ships taken up from the trade, together with embedded elements of the other armed forces and supporting organisations.

2. To promote the military efficiency of the armed forces of the crown by identifying and encouraging excellence and best practice in Royal Naval chaplaincy through:

a. running the Association of Royal Naval Chaplains, to support the Naval Chaplaincy Service and to enable serving and former members to mix together,

b. encouraging esprit de corps within naval chaplaincy.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit.

1. Work continues on the Naval Chaplaincy Service (NCS) History project, with steady progress through the year.

2. The Chaplain Kit Tanner painting project has had an excellent year, with the painting now complete and the fundraising bought to a successful conclusion, ready for the unveiling of the painting in early 2026

3. A project to produce replica WW1 Royal Navy Chaplain badges has raised awareness of the charity and understanding of the history behind the development of uniform for Naval Chaplains.

4. The trustees welcomed the Revd David Simpson RN and Dr Kirsty Brock to the board of trustees

Public benefit.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Volunteers.

All our work is undertaken by our trustees and volunteers.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity.

1. By collecting and disseminating examples of chaplaincy best practice the charity enables serving chaplains and other clergy to minister effectively in real-life situations of stress and anxiety. This activity also informs Service Personnel and others about the support available from chaplains, and thus to access this support.

2. Through the Association of Royal Naval Chaplains serving and retired chaplains are supported and their esprit de corps encouraged.

3. The history of Naval Chaplaincy is researched, preserved and disseminated, thus enabling the development of best practice in ministry.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	**The charity is in a satisfactory and stable financial position.**
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	**The charity does not hold reserves.**
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	**Nil**
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	**The charity's structure is such that there are no liabilities requiring the holding of a reserve.**
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	**n/a**
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	**The trustees are content that the charity is a going concern.**

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		

Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	**Constitution**
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	**CIO**
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	**The trustees appoint new trustees as required, bearing in mind the expertise and capabilities required to run the charity.**

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Front Line Naval Chaplains
Other name the charity uses	The Association of Royal Navy Chaplains
Registered charity number	1187195
Charity's principal address	Emmanuel Parish Office, 1 Compton Avenue, Plymouth, PL3 5BZ.

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Rev Simon Springett	Chair	
Linda Parker		
Rev Rory Clare		
Mark Barton		
Rev Tudor James Thomas-Botwood		
Rev Alexander Buckley		
David Simpson		From 25 January
Kirsty Brock	Secretary	From 25 January
Ed Wills		

The charity does not hold any funds as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Simon Springett.	
Full name(s)	SIMON SPRINGETT	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	

Date	26 Sep 2026

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01-Jan-25	To	Period end date 31-Dec-25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations, legacies and grants	9,567	-	-	9,567	8,232
Gift aid (tax recovered)	109	-	-	109	258
Bank interest	108	-	-	108	420
Other receipts	74	-	-	74	94
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	9,858	-	-	9,858	9,004
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	9,858	-	-	9,858	9,004
A3 Payments					
Cost of charitable activities	9,610	-	-	9,610	4,181
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	9,610	-	-	9,610	4,181
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	9,610	-	-	9,610	4,181
Net of receipts/(payments)	249	-	-	249	4,823
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	15,581	-	-	15,581	-
Cash funds this year end	15,830	-	-	15,830	4,823

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		15,830	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	15,830	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Simon Springett	Simon Springett	26/09/2026