The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust

Registered charity number: 1189645

Receipts and payments account
for the year ended
31st March 2026

Wenn Townsend
Chartered Accountants
Oxford

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Trustees:	Lt Col Derek Plews VR (Chairman) Lt Col Simon Edward Wilkinson TD Major General Gregory Stephen Smith CB Mr John Sheldon Capt Courtenay Coade Mr Simon Williams (resigned 27.08.2025) Mr Stephen Berridge LT Col Michael Hrycak Mr Alastair Murray Countess Elizabeth Howe
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Independent examiner:	Benjamin Hayes FCA Partner Wenn Townsend Chartered Accountants 30 St Giles' Oxford OX1 3LE

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Trustees Report
for the year ended 31st March 2026

History, Objectives and Activities of the Trust

The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust was established in 1985 to collect, document, preserve and exhibit material relating to auxiliary military forces raised in the historic County of Buckinghamshire.

Representative parts of the Trust's collection have been on public exhibition at the Old Gaol Museum, Buckingham since 1993, and at Claydon House, by agreement with the National Trust, since 1995.

Those parts of the collection not on public exhibition are held at Buckinghamshire County Museum and Buckinghamshire County Record Office, that latter site being available to the public. In addition, some items are on display at T A Centres in the County.

The Trust is an accredited Museum.

Management Governance Arrangements

Per the requirement of the Trust Deed, the number of Trustees shall not be less than three in number and not exceed fifteen in number. There are currently nine Trustees. New Trustees are nominated by existing Trustees. The Trustees will make all decisions regarding the Trust and its actions.

Achievements and Performances of the Trust

The past 12 months have been a period of change for the Trust as we have sought to negotiate the transfer of a large part of the collection to the National Army Museum. This, in part, intended to ensure the long-term safe-keeping of this important group of artefacts. We are hopeful that these talks will be completed over the course of the coming year and that the transfer will be completed within that timeframe.

Despite the changes that are occurring, we have tried to continue our outreach activities, including attendance at local events and providing items from our extensive silverware collection for military-related engagements up and down the county. The Trust Chair has recently become a member of the Bucks Civilian Military Partnership Board and is using this appointment to highlight the role of the organization to a wider and influential audience. We continue to discuss with Buckinghamshire Council the possibility of housing some pf the silver collection in the County Archives. It is expected that this will happen once the archives have completed their planned move to ne accommodation in High Wycombe.

We have sought opportunities to continue to grow the collection, and added further items over the course of the year. We have also been successful in resolving an issue related to our investments, following the deaths of previous Trustees.

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Financial Review

Total income for the year was £2,354 (2025: £1,329), expenditure was £2,885 (2025: £3,224), giving a net loss for the year of £531 (2025: net loss of £1,895).

The Trustees consider the current level of free reserves of £18,373 (2025: £18,980) to be adequate.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity 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 in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable 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 operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust Deed. 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.

Agreed by the Trustees on 25th June 2026 and signed by

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Lt Col Derek Plews VR

Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust

I report to the Charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2026 which are set out on page 4.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Benjamin Hayes FCA
Partner
Wenn Townsend, Chartered Accountants
Oxford

25th June 2026

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Income and expenditure account
for the year ended 31st March 2026

Income	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**2026 Total**	**2025 Total**
Grants	-	-	-	-
Donations	100	-	100	147
Dividends	1,860	-	1,860	596
CAF Bank interest	318	76	394	586
	2,278	76	2,354	1,329
Less Expenditure				
Acquisition costs	1,708	-	1,708	855
Website costs	481	-	481	848
Accountant's fees	330	-	330	300
Changes to Buckingham Old Gaol Exhibition Case	-	-	-	1,000
Bank charges and general expenses	78	-	78	65
ZOOM Subscription	156	-	156	156
Storage boxes	132	-	132	-
	2,885	-	2,885	3,224
Net (expenditure)/ income	(607)	76	(531)	(1,895)
Balance of income brought forward	33,961	4,223	38,184	40,079
Balance of income carried forward	£ 33,354	£ 4,299	£ 37,653	£ 38,184
Represented by:				
1,323.607 M & G Securities Limited Charifund Inc Market value: £23,751 (2025: £20,096)	14,981	-	14,981	14,981
Cash at bank	18,373	4,299	22,672	23,203
	£ 33,354	£ 4,299	£ 37,653	£ 38,184

Lt Col Derek Plews VR)
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