

BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

**COMMITTEE REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 5 APRIL 2024

As approved by the committee on

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OFFICERS AND THEIR ADVISORS
BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

COMMITTEE

Chairperson
Honorary secretary
Honorary treasurer

David Orwin
Robert McCartney
Gail Baxter

Trustee
Trustee
Trustee
Trustee
Trustee
Trustee

William McWilliams
Connor Ferguson
Ian Reid
Megan Baxter
Samuel McLoughlin
Dale Lockhart

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**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF
BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD**

We the management committee of Beyond the Battlefield (hereafter referred to as the Association) present our report below. The financial statements which have been independently examined for the period ended 5 April 2024 follow on page 5 and they are preceded by the Report of the Accountants.

COMMITTEE

The management committee of the Association during the financial period was:

David Orwin	Chairperson
Gail Baxter	Honorary Treasurer
Robert McCartney	Honorary Secretary

In accordance with the constitution of the Association the serving officers offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The constitution of the Association requires the committee to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a fair view of the state of affairs of the Association and any surplus or deficit remaining after carrying out the activities for the period. In preparing those financial statements, the committee is required to:-

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Make any necessary judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Association will continue in business.

The committee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Association and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with its constitution. In particular, the committee is responsible for ensuring that all monies raised on behalf of the Association are applied to further its objectives and for no other purpose. The committee is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Association and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE - continued

BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Association is established to prevent or relieve poverty and promote the health and wellbeing of members and young people involved in the group (hereinafter called the "beneficiaries") resident in Northern Ireland and living around the area known as the Ards and the North Down region (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") and in particular'

- a) To relieve need, hardship and distress amongst the beneficiaries and their families through provision of welfare advice and social activities with the aim of providing effective progression into the adult world as responsible individuals.
- b) To provide counselling and emotional support to those beneficiaries suffering from mental health problems, psychological trauma, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and the associated problems dealing with Alcohol abuse, 'drugs' and family problems
- c) To act as an advocate and intermediary between government and social services personnel and local support providers.
- d) To advance the education of the beneficiaries, their families and the general public as to the social issues and associated problems and inform them of the support and advice available
- e) To advance any other exclusively charitable purpose as the management, may, from time to time, decide in accordance with the law of association.

During the financial year, work continued in line with our charitable objectives and objects and the needs of our members and service users. Throughout the year we employed five members of staff at the café and three core members of staff within the Newtownards offices. Fundraising remained difficult post Covid-19 and we had much increased demand for our mental health services and other services during the year and included both a Covid-19 increase and Afghanistan withdrawal increase. Our Trustees continued to provide ongoing support and guidance through the year offering their skills and expertise.

RESULTS

The summarised results of the Charity for the financial year are set out in the Income and Expenditure Account on page 5.

The surplus arising for the periods has been transferred to the accumulated funds account to be carried forward into the next accounting period.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE - continued**BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD****FIXED ASSETS**

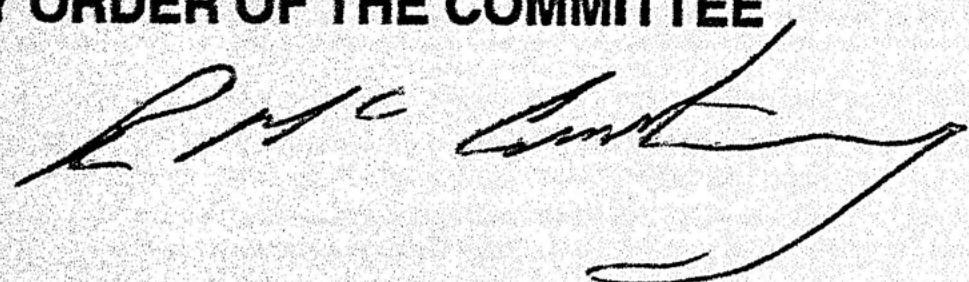
The Association have not invested in acquisition of any fixed assets and therefore no capital expenditure has been incurred during this financial year.

TAX STATUS

For the purpose of taxation, Beyond the Battlefield is accepted as a charity by HMRC under reference NIC100198.

ACCOUNTANTS

A resolution proposing to appointment of Clarke&Co. as reporting accountants of the company will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE

Robert McCartney
HONORARY SECRETARY

Date: 29/1/2025

**ACCOUNTANTS REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD**

I report on the accounts for Beyond the Battlefield, as set out on pages 5 to 10, which cover the activities of the association as laid out in the Association Report for the year ending 5 April 2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (NI) 2008 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:-

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- Follow the procedure laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

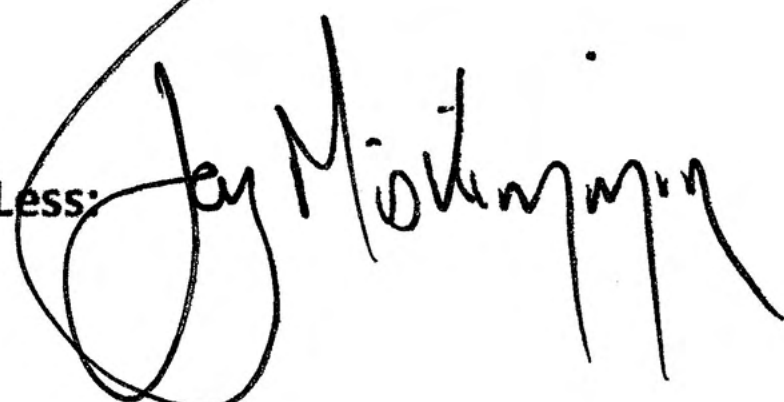
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts presents a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act 2008
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2008
 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.

Accounts4Less:



Date: 30.1.25

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024	NOTE	2024 £
INCOME	1C	243,783
EXPENDITURE	3	300,739
DEFICIT FOR THE PERIOD		(56,956)
MOVEMENT IN DESIGNATED FUNDS		31,445
ACCUMULATED FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		48,886
ACCUMULATED FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>23,375</u>

BALANCE SHEET
BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

	NOTE	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			358,722
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock	4	3,500	
Cash at bank		19,775	
Investment Account		-	
Cash in hand		100	
		<u>23,375</u>	
Less: Creditors due within one year	5	<u>46,792</u>	
		46,792	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			(23,417)
TOTAL NET ASSETS			<u>335,305</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
GENERAL FUNDS ACCOUNT	7		19,875
DESIGNATED FUNDS ACCOUNT			
Veteran's Centre	156,041		
Bedrooms	98,193		
Coffee Shop	61,196		
A&ND Good Relations	-		
Veteran's Lunch Club	-		
AFCFT Battlefield River Searching	-		
ARCS 2021-2022	-		
AFCFT Battlefield River Searching	-		
Afghanistan	-		
Veterans Foundation	-		
		<u>315,430</u>	
			335,305
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SIGNED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

David Orwin

CHAIRPERSON

Date: 29/01/2025



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Association's financial statements.

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared using a modified cash basis where appropriate, under the historical cost convention.

(b) Cash Flow

The accounts do not include a cash flow statement because the Association, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirements to prepare such a statement.

(c) Income

Donations under Gift Aid

Donations under Gift Aid comprise the cash received during the period and the respective income tax claims received and receivable.

Other donations and Income

All other donations and Income comprise the cash received and collected in the period.

(d) Designated Funds

Donations received for designated funds are transferred upon receipt into the relevant specified fund account.

Expenditure comprise amounts paid during the period and where appropriate, accrued expenditure up to the balance sheet date.

(e) Expenditure

Expenditure comprises amounts paid during the period and where appropriate accrued expenditure up to the balance sheet date.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – continued

BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

(f) Taxation

Surpluses arising on the general and designated funds accounts are applied towards the charitable activities of the Association. Consequently, all income arising is exempt from taxation.

2 COMMITTEE AND OTHER VOLUNTEER MEMBERS

All of the management committee and other volunteer members engaged by the Association during the period provided their time and services voluntarily and without remuneration. The Association did employ two members of the staff during the financial period.

At the end of the financial period the total number of volunteers varied up to 26.

3 EXPENDITURE

Expenditure during the period comprised the following costs:-

Direct charitable expenses

	£	£
Fundraising	-	
Travel	-	
Events/meetings	5,832	
Designated Project Distribution	74,261	
Cash distributions General Fund	31,721	
		111,814

Other operating expenses

Rent	30,660	
Wages	128,373	
Light & Heat	10,978	
Bank fees	394	
Advertising	150	
Telephone	2,428	
Accountancy	3,105	
Insurance	4,346	
Miscellaneous	216	
Office equipment & stationary	8,275	
Uniforms	-	
		188,925

Total expenditure in the period

300,739

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – continued

BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

4	DEBTORS	2024
		£
		<u>NIL</u>
5	CREDITORS – DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2024
		£
	Accruals	1,600
	VAT Liability payable	15,442
	PAYE Liability payable	<u>29,750</u>
		46,792

6 PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHANGES

There were no other liabilities or changes at the end of the financial period.

7 GENERAL FUNDS ACCOUNT

The balance of the General Funds Account remains under the control and stewardship of the committee for the period discharge of the Association's charitable objectives and operations generally.

As at the 5 April 2024 the balance of General Funds Account to be carried forward into the next accounting period is **£19,875**.

**GENERAL FUND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT SCHEDULE**

BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

Income

Investment activities –	
Coffee shop	80,808
General Income –	
Donations	59,717
Designated Projects -	
Grants	103,258
Gif Aid Refunds	-
	<u>243,783</u>

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