

Charity registration number NIC100517

**THE ROYAL IRISH REGIMENT BENEVOLENT FUND
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

THE ROYAL IRISH REGIMENT BENEVOLENT FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 As restated £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	4	130,134	877,670	1,007,804	629,130
Charitable activities	3	68	-	68	157
Investments	5	492,079	-	492,079	462,526
Total income		622,281	877,670	1,499,951	1,091,813
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	33,933	-	33,933	36,638
Charitable activities	7	350,967	151,407	502,374	604,950
Other	11	6,324	-	6,324	3,500
Total resources expended		391,224	151,407	542,631	645,088
Net gains on investments	12	(722,003)	-	(722,003)	(40,493)
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(490,946)	726,263	235,317	406,232
Gross transfers between funds		726,263	(726,263)	-	-
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		235,317	-	235,317	406,232
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		8,324,723	900	8,325,623	7,919,392
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		8,560,040	900	8,560,940	8,325,624

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
				As restated	As restated
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14		3,000,491		2,276,877
Investments			5,356,510		5,711,710
			<u>8,357,001</u>		<u>7,988,587</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	15	70,041		59,895	
Cash at bank and in hand		171,043		296,551	
		<u>241,084</u>		<u>356,446</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(37,145)		(19,409)	
Net current assets			<u>203,939</u>		<u>337,037</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>8,560,940</u>		<u>8,325,624</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds			900		901
Unrestricted funds			8,560,040		8,324,723
			<u>8,560,940</u>		<u>8,325,624</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 13 March 2024


Trustee

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations			475,479		3,163
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(726,263)		(235,123)	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		(366,803)		(202,618)	
Investment income received		492,079		462,526	
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities			(600,987)		24,785
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
			<u> </u>		<u> </u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(125,508)		27,948
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			296,551		268,603
			<u> </u>		<u> </u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			<u>171,043</u>		<u>296,551</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)

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1 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

2 Accounting policies

Royal Irish Benevolent Fund is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charity Commission of Northern Ireland. Its registered charity number is NIC100517.

2.1 Accounting convention

The accounts comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 Jan 2015).

The accounts have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

2.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

2.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2.4 Incoming resources

Income from charitable activities is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Donations and legacies are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Grant income is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably. Evidence of entitlement exists when the formal offer of funding is communicated in writing.

Investment income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents the return on investments held during the year.

2.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Benevolence is granted to individuals and institutions upon receipt of an application and approval by trustees.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

The Trustees have set a policy of 2% straight line based on their estimation of the life and residual value of the asset. However during the year various development works were started on this building by Royal Irish Regiment Charity and as such the Trustees have reassessed their estimations. In this regard they now believe that the building should not be depreciated and that this policy will be reassessed as the building is redeveloped. They believe this new policy provides a more reliable value of the building at the year end.

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2 Accounting policies

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2.7 Fixed asset investments

Investments

Investments are included at market value at the balance sheet date.

All gains and losses on investments are reflected in the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise and are separated between realised and unrealised gains and losses.

Realised gains and losses on investments are the aggregate of the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (or cost if purchased during the year).

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market value during the year.

2.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

2.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

2.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

3 Charitable activities

	Charitable Income 2023 £	Charitable Income 2022 £
Sales within charitable activities	68	157

4 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and gifts	69,315	726,263	795,578	297,419
Grants Received	60,819	151,407	212,226	331,711
	<u>130,134</u>	<u>877,670</u>	<u>1,007,804</u>	<u>629,130</u>
For the year ended 31 March 2022	<u>233,934</u>	<u>395,196</u>		<u>629,130</u>

Grants receivable for core activities

Army Museum Ogilby Trust	-	132,568	132,568	105,125
Ministry of Defence	44,598	-	44,598	76,776
Royal Ulster Rifles Association	2,186	-	2,186	750
Royal Irish Rangers Association	14,035	13,818	27,853	22,451
Department of Finance & Communities	-	2,788	2,788	4,543
New Military Gallery	-	-	-	122,066
38 Irish	-	2,233	2,233	-
	<u>60,819</u>	<u>151,407</u>	<u>212,226</u>	<u>331,711</u>

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5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023 £	2022 £
Income from listed investments	491,966	462,520
Interest receivable	113	6
	<u>492,079</u>	<u>462,526</u>

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023 £	2022 £
<u>Investment management</u>	33,933	36,638
	<u>33,933</u>	<u>36,638</u>

7 Charitable activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Event Costs	33,370	80,773
Wages	188,782	177,786
Management Meeting Expenses	1,506	2,500
Travel	3,932	8,717
Depreciation	2,648	2,648
Professional Fees	1,200	-
Repairs	335	3,534
Light & Heat	28,534	
Other Support Costs	11,758	8,922
	<u>272,065</u>	<u>284,880</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	230,309	320,070
	<u>502,374</u>	<u>604,950</u>

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8 Grants payable

	2023 £	2022 £
Grants to institutions	78,828	195,571
Grants to individuals	151,488	124,499
	<u>230,316</u>	<u>320,070</u>

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9 Trustees

Two Trustees were paid by Ministry of Defence as their work encompasses management of a few charities.

10 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number employees during the year was:

2023 Number	2022 Number
<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>

11 Other

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Unrestricted funds 2022
Governance	<u>6,324</u>	<u>3,500</u>

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12 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Gain/(Loss) on revaluation of investments	(722,003)	(40,493)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

14 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2022	2,353,671	15,217	2,368,888
Additions	726,263	-	726,263
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2023	3,079,934	15,217	3,095,151
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2022	84,742	7,270	92,012
Depreciation charged in the year	-	2,648	2,648
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2023	84,742	9,918	94,660
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2023	2,995,192	5,299	3,000,491
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2022	2,268,930	7,947	2,276,877
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The trustees have agreed that as the renovation work is ongoing there should be no depreciation charged to the accounts as the value of the building is likely to increase.

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15 Debtors		2023	2022
		£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:			
Trade debtors		-	3,442
Other debtors		70,041	56,453
		<u>70,041</u>	<u>59,895</u>

17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		2023	2022
		£	£
Other taxation and social security		3,976	4,264
Other creditors		24,517	6,493
Accruals and deferred income		8,652	8,652
		<u>37,145</u>	<u>19,409</u>

18 Analysis of net assets between funds						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	3,000,491	-	3,000,491	2,276,877	-	2,276,877
Investments	5,356,510	-	5,356,510	5,711,710	-	5,711,710
Current assets/(liabilities)	203,039	900	203,939	336,137	900	337,037
	<u>8,560,040</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>8,560,940</u>	<u>8,324,724</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>8,325,624</u>

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19 Movement in Funds

Fund	At 01/04/22 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Investment Gains/Losses £	Transfers £	At 31/03/23 £
Unrestricted	8,324,723	622,281	391,224	(722,003)	726,263	8,560,040
Restricted	900	877,670	151,407	-	(726,263)	900
	<u>8,325,623</u>	<u>1,499,951</u>	<u>542,631</u>	<u>(722,003)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,560,940</u>

20 Auditors Remuneration

Auditors remuneration was £5,000 (£5,000, 2022).

21 Related Party Transactions

Members of the Royal Irish Benevolent Fund who are also members of the Royal Irish Regimental Charity, and their dependents, can be entitled to financial assistance from both the Royal Irish benevolent Fund and the Royal Irish Regimental Charity.

In those cases the Royal Irish Regimental Charity make the total payment for financial assistance and are reimbursed by the Royal Irish Regiment Benevolent Fund for financial assistance due by the fund.

Note 22 contains information regarding a related party transaction and the payment of a trustee who is considered to be key management personnel. Employee costs include amounts for work undertaken on behalf of Royal Irish Regiment Charity.

During the year Royal Irish Regiment Charity received a £500,000 donation which was restricted for the purpose of refurbishing the building which will house the new museum. This building is owned by Royal Irish Regiment Benevolent Fund. Capital works of £726,263 were paid for by The Royal Irish Regimental Charity. This has been shown as a donation to Royal Irish Benevolent Fund and capitalised as part of the building cost.

22 Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

The Assistant Regimental Secretary Funds is the Trustee deemed as the key personnel responsible for the day to day management of the accounts. There is no remuneration as the individual is employed by the Ministry of Defence who cover all their salary costs including pension contributions and employer contributions. This is also a related party transaction. The salary costs paid by [REDACTED] is for work undertaken by Trustee's management of various charities including the Royal Irish Regiment Benevolent Fund.