

WARDROOM MESS

HMS NELSON

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For Period

1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

Registered Charity No. 1128774

Trustees' Annual Report and Comments

Wardroom Mess HMS NELSON

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Covering the Accounting Year:	1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023
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Governing Document:	Constitution (Mess Rules)
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Trustee selection method:	Appointed as such by the Naval Secretary.
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Independent Examiner:	Peter Nicholls MBE MAAT 5 Nursery Road Havant Hants PO9 3BG
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HMS NELSON WARDROOM MESS

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BALANCE SHEET

31 March 2023

31-Mar-22

<u>Fixed Assets</u>	Note		
Mess Property	7	£ 219,100.00	£ 236,191.65
Investments	2	<u>£ 193,709.00</u>	<u>£ 207,412.00</u>
Total Fixed Assets		£ 412,809.00	£ 443,603.65
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Stock	7A	£ 36,116.17	£ 41,024.67
Members Mess Bills at Sep 21		£ 8,791.81	£ 16,442.63
Sodexo Mess Bills		£ 33,417.32	£ 30,453.05
Debtors & Prepayments	8	£ 6,061.00	£ 5,044.00
Cash (inc Floats)		£ 1,852.89	£ 2,997.11
Current Accounts		£ 35,261.83	£ 72,906.25
Fairfax Prepaid Card		£ 1,998.79	£ 580.37
Scottish Widows Deposit Account		<u>£ 52,654.16</u>	<u>£ 46,153.65</u>
Total Current Assets		£ 176,153.97	£ 215,601.73
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Creditors	9	£ 17,167.23	£ 35,550.04
VAT due		<u>£ (4,824.19)</u>	<u>£ (2,503.66)</u>
Total Current Liabilities		£ 12,343.04	£ 33,046.38
Net Current Assets		<u>£ 163,810.93</u>	<u>£ 182,555.35</u>
Net Assets		<u>£ 576,619.93</u>	<u>£ 626,159.00</u>
Funds:			
General Fund		£ 552,619.93	£ 606,159.00
Insurance Provision (Designated)		<u>£ 24,000.00</u>	<u>£ 20,000.00</u>
		<u>£ 576,619.93</u>	<u>£ 626,159.00</u>

Approved on 29 May 2023

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Captain A Robinson Royal Navy
Sole Managing Trustee

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Statement of Financial Activities

For year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes		<u>Previous Year</u>
Income			
Charitable Activities		£ 197,454.71	£ 192,138.69
Other Trading Activities		£ 42,995.55	£ 9,984.53
Investment Income		£ 6,680.81	£ 5,797.82
Total Income	3	<u>£ 247,131.07</u>	<u>£ 207,921.04</u>
Expenditure			
Raising Funds		£ 33,792.73	£ 4,060.31
Charitable Activities		£ 253,916.87	£ 205,399.42
Total Expenditure	4	<u>£ 287,709.60</u>	<u>£ 209,459.73</u>
Net (Expenditure)		£ (40,578.53)	£ (1,538.69)
Net Gains (or Losses) on investments		£ (13,703.00)	£ 6,368.79
Net Income (or Expenditure)		<u>£ (54,281.53)</u>	<u>£ 4,830.10</u>
Plus Previous Year Adjustments		£ 4,742.46	£ 652.14
Total funds brought forward		£ 626,159.00	£ 620,676.76
Total funds carried forward		<u>£ 576,619.93</u>	<u>£ 626,159.00</u>

HMS NELSON WARDROOM MESS FUND

Notes to the Accounts dated 31 March 2023

Note 1 - Accounting policies

a. The financial statements are prepared under the historic cost convention (as modified by the revaluation of fixed asset investments) and in accordance with applicable accounting standards: Charities Statement of Recommended Practice 2019, UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Acts.

Income

- a. Donations are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Mess becomes entitled to the donation or grant and it is reasonably certain that it will be received.
- b. Incoming resources from fund raising are reported gross in the SOFA
- c. Intangible income is not included in the accounts.
- d. The Mess receives no unpaid volunteer help.
- e. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

Expenditure and liabilities

- a. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Mess to the expenditure.

Assets

- a. Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £100. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt. Non depreciating items such as artefacts, silver and pictures are revalued periodically. Depreciation is straight line over the estimated life of the item but is not allocated to any of the activity costs.
- b. Investments on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the date of the Balance Sheet or at best estimate of market value.
- c. Stocks are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

Note 2 - Investments

Quilter Cheviot	at 1 Apr 22	£ 207,412.00
Unrealised Gain or (Loss)		<u>£ (13,703.00)</u>
Quilter Cheviott	at 31 Mar 23	<u>£ 193,709.00</u>

Cost price £199,986

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Note 3 - Income

	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2021-22</u>
<i>Charitable Activities</i>		
Mess Subscriptions	£ 45,423.65	£ 50,999.69
Associate Member Subs	£ 6,766.88	£ 9,603.87
Mess Functions	£ 103,612.43	£ 70,114.57
Bar Sales	£ 40,788.75	£ 60,478.52
Laid Down Wine Sales	£ 749.28	£ 790.20
Coffee	£ 64.50	£ 24.92
History Books & Other Income	<u>£ 49.22</u>	<u>£ 126.92</u>
	£ 197,454.71	£ 192,138.69
<i>Other Trading Activities</i>		
Functions (Non Mess)	£ 33,792.73	£ 4,060.31
Function Levy & Surplus	£ 7,778.73	£ 5,069.26
Family Rooms	£ -	£ 104.97
Z Bed/IT Equipment	£ 554.67	£ -
Crystal Sales	£ 121.49	£ 41.66
Memento Sales	<u>£ 747.93</u>	<u>£ 708.33</u>
	£ 42,995.55	£ 9,984.53
<i>Investment Income</i>		
Interest	£ 294.77	£ 45.00
Investment Dividends	<u>£ 6,386.04</u>	<u>£ 5,752.82</u>
	£ 6,680.81	£ 5,797.82
Total Income	<u><u>£ 247,131.07</u></u>	<u><u>£ 207,921.04</u></u>

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Note 4 - Expenditure

	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2021-22</u>
<i>Raising Funds</i>		
Functions (Non Mess)	£ 33,792.73	£ 4,060.31
<i>Charitable Activities</i>		
Trading		
Function Expenditure (from tickets)	£ 103,612.43	£ 70,114.57
Function Expenditure (from subsidies)	£ 51,014.94	£ 18,828.69
Bar Purchases	£ 29,309.74	£ 48,488.24
Port /Wine Purchases	£ 747.20	£ 790.20
Mementos	£ 1,940.00	£ -
Shop	£ 2.57	£ 77.75
Additional VAT	£ 949.00	£ -
Mess Running Costs		
Mess Guests	£ 109.11	£ 313.96
Newspapers & Periodicals	£ 8,256.50	£ 7,859.24
TV & Amenities	£ 4,084.69	£ 1,645.47
LAF Sports	£ 3,600.00	£ 3,600.00
Repairs & Renewals	£ 3,193.86	£ 1,264.79
Christmas Decorations	£ 10,200.00	£ 14,400.00
Christmas Draw Subsidy	£ -	£ 157.98
Insurances	£ 1,022.56	£ 1,454.56
Trophy Hire	£ 797.48	£ 656.00
Laundry	£ 1,142.50	£ 335.98
Dining Room Consumables	£ -	£ 189.07
Tea/Coffee	£ 9,265.08	£ 7,432.73
Presentations	£ 465.00	£ 122.08
Printing, Postage & Stationery	£ 577.87	£ 254.29
Performing Rights Society	£ 1,430.94	£ 1,263.57
Fish Tank	£ 100.45	£ 923.10
Governance Costs		
Examination of Accounts	£ 2,460.00	£ 2,410.00
Support Costs		
Committee Mtgs	£ 228.32	£ -
Depreciation	£ 18,393.65	£ 20,932.22
Card Charges	£ 1,009.31	£ 1,099.52
Bank Charges	£ 3.67	£ 785.41
	<u>£ 253,916.87</u>	<u>£ 205,399.42</u>
Total Expenditure	<u><u>£ 287,709.60</u></u>	<u><u>£ 209,459.73</u></u>

Note 5 - Employees

The fund does not have any employees.

Note 6 - Trustees and Other Related Parties

- a. No expenses or emoluments have been paid to the sole Managing Trustee
- b. The Managing Trustee holds the same position in the Leisure and Amenities Fund (LAF).
The Wardroom pays monthly sports contributions to the LAF.
- c. There are no amounts due to or from the sole Managing Trustee

Note 7 - Tangible Fixed Assets - Property Account

Property Valuation as at 1 Apr 22	£ 236,191.65
Plus additions	£ 1,302.00
Less Depreciation	£ (18,393.65)
Property Valuation at 31 Mar 23	<u>£ 219,100.00</u>
Comprising	
Artefacts, Pictures, Silver	£ 130,230.00
Depreciating items	£ 88,870.00
	<u>£ 219,100.00</u>

Note 7A - Stocks

Bar	£ 19,474.86
Laid Down Wine & Port	£ 15,391.31
Mementos	£ 1,250.00
	<u>£ 36,116.17</u>

Note 8 - Miscellaneous Debtors and Prepayments

Interest Accrued (Estimated)	£ 50.00
Prepayments	
Twickenham Coach	£ 1,200.00
Twickenham Tickets	£ 3,260.00
Coffee Machine rent	£ 214.00
Insurance	£ 937.00
PRS/PPL	£ 118.00
Sky TV	£ 136.00
TV Licence	£ 146.00
	<u>£ 6,061.00</u>

Note 9 - Creditors (all due within one year)

Sodexo	£ 1,551.47
Asahi	£ 1,551.48
Volunteer Band	£ 200.00
Mr Synott	£ 55.50
Insignia	£ 1,022.56
Draw Prize	£ 900.00
BrewGas	£ 175.00
Newspapers	£ 3,125.00
Trophy Hire 21/22, 22/23	£ 1,344.54
Card Charges	£ 100.00
PNIE	£ 630.00
PAYD	£ 491.90
Laundry	£ 83.57
HMS Excellemt WR	£ 258.28
Miscellaneous Holdings	£ 169.55
Christmas Draw	£ 1,657.93
Crown - D94/D95	£ 1,079.26
Crown - Functions	£ 1,741.89
Dept Dinners	£ 669.81
Staff Fund	£ 50.00
Charity Chests	£ 309.49
	<u>£ 17,167.23</u>

Note 10 - Endowment or Restricted Income Funds

There are none

Other Information

- a. The fund does not have any material commitments not provided for in the accounts
- b. The fund has not given any guarantees to any third party that could be called on at the year end.
- c. The fund has not granted any loans.
- d. The fund did not make any ex gratia payments during the year.

Declarations

- a. The Trustee has not changed the year end date nor the length of the fund's financial year
- b. The fund has one designated fund
- c. All the fund's operations are continuing operations and there were no discontinued operations.
- d. No funds are in deficit.
- e. The fund has no marketable intangible assets
- f. There were no interfund loans outstanding at the balance sheet date.
- g. None of the funds functional assets have been revalued during the year and the fund does not have a policy of revaluation of these assets.
- h. The fund has no material fixed assets which have not been capitalised and included in the Balance Sheet.

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Trading Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

		<u>Year to</u> <u>31-Mar-22</u>
<u>Beers & Spirits</u>		
Sales (incl discount & corkage)	£ 40,788.75	£ 60,478.52
Cost of Sales	<u>£ (28,019.04)</u>	<u>£ (47,453.14)</u>
Gross Profit	£ 12,769.71	£ 13,025.38
Gross Profit on Sales	31.3%	21.5%
Gross Profit on Cost of Sales (= av Mark up)	45.6%	27.4%
Less Expenses:		
Gas & Sundries	<u>£ (1,290.70)</u>	<u>£ (1,035.10)</u>
Net Profit	28.1% <u>£ 11,479.01</u>	19.8% <u>£ 11,990.28</u>
<u>Laid Down Wines</u>		
Sales	£ 749.28	£ 790.20
Cost of Sales	<u>£ (747.20)</u>	<u>£ (790.20)</u>
Gross Profit	0.3% <u>£ 2.08</u>	0.0% <u>£ -</u>

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