**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1129753** 

The D-Day Revisited Society
Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2018

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# Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2018

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2018. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

The trustees delegate day-to-day management of the charity to the Chairman John Phipps, and Secretary & Treasurer Victoria Phipps, with support from fellow trustee Eleanor Gibbs.

# Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2018

# Objectives and activities Objectives and aims

The trustees apply the income of the charity in furthering the following objects ("the objects"):

- 1. the relief of former members of the Armed Forces of the Crown who are in need by virtue of financial hardship, sickness, disability or the effects of old age and who are:
- (a) Veterans of the D-Day Landings in Normandy; or
- (b) Veterans of other conflicts in which HM Armed Forces were involved;
- 2. the commemoration and remembrance of members of the Armed Forces of the Crown who died while on active service and the encouragement of public recognition of the sacrifice made by such persons;
- 3. the education of the public, especially the younger generation, in the history of World War II in particular through the stories and memories of those persons who were serving in the Armed Forces of the Crown during World War II.

D-Day Revisited was first established in October 2008 for the primary purpose of funding a 65th anniversary visit by British Armed Forces Veterans to the Normandy Landings Sites and surrounding region. Assets of the Society were settled in Trust on 12th March 2009; a further Trust Deed was executed dated 20th May 2009, when charitable status was granted. Functions of the Society are all carried out by volunteers and include regular meetings.

Since and including June 2009 the Charity has taken a large group of veterans & helpers to Normandy every year. June 2018 was therefore the 10th pilgrimage with each year including on average 40 veterans. This is usually the largest group visiting Normandy for the anniversary, and many events are planned to ensure good use of time. Special care is given to health and safety, routinely including a significant quantity of professional medics. Details of pilgrimage visits can be found on the charity's website www.d-dayrevisited.co.uk

As always, the Charity maintains the guiding adage that since these men and women didn't have to meet costs for their first visit to Normandy in 1944, they shouldn't have to pay now! Accordingly, the whole of the anniversary trip is free of charge to veterans, with a modest (concessionary) contribution requested from a veteran's companion or spouse.

The D-Day Landings in June 1944 remain the largest seaborne landings in world history. Thousands of lives were lost in this massive offensive, and we hope to pay some small tribute to the boys who never came home by ensuring they are not forgotten. These trips are so personally important for World War II Veterans who survived and made promises that they would make that journey and take the time to remember their fallen comrades.

The charity makes considerable efforts to ensure that visits to Normandy are as beneficial and memorable as possible; this is for veterans themselves, but also members of their families, guests and those whom we meet in Portsmouth and in France. In terms of "Public Good", the charity makes efforts to provide opportunities for veterans to engage with the public, especially with the younger generations.

# Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2018

### Objectives and activities Significant activities

Directed by its Trustees, this year The D-Day Revisited Society continued in pursuit of its primary aims to operate in support of the Normandy veterans. The main activity was the group pilgrimage visit to the D-Day landing grounds in Normandy. This took place during the period 2 June 2018 to 9 June 2018 with a contingent of 30 veterans accompanied by spouses, helpers, a General Practioner and six medical volunteers currently serving with the Queen Alexandra Royal Army Nursing Corps.

As well as conducting these annual visits to Normandy, the charity continues to provide an online forum where World War II veterans can record and share their experiences with younger generations. The 'D-Day Revisited' team continues to brainstorm to find ways of improving awareness amongst younger generations about what these men and women achieved and sacrificed.

For valuable guidance, the charity includes two veterans in all its meetings. These are Richard Llewellyn (RN - HMS Ajax) and John Dennett (RN - HMLST 322). Such close consultation helps to ensure the charity properly includes input from the veterans which is used to manage expectations. An ongoing close connection with veterans is maintained throughout the year.

Following the success of last year's Christmas reunion and in anticipation of the significant 75th anniversary of D-Day, the charity arranged another veterans' reunion. This time we gathered 20 veterans and their spouses / companions from across the country together on board the Royal Yacht Britannia. For the generation who well remember newsreel footage of HM The Queen and her family cruising around the world on this beautiful yacht, it was quite a treat indeed. The occasion was a great success, enjoyed very much by all who attended.

As is tradition, the June 2018 pilgrimage trip began with a group visit to Southwick House in Portsmouth. As General Eisenhower's wartime HQ, this is a fitting place perfectly themed for the first evening. This year's guest was the Hon. Henry Montgomery, grandson of 1st Viscount Montgomery of Alamein. It was wonderful for the veterans to meet and mingle with "Monty's grandson" and he was likewise very humbled by the experience of meeting them.

At the close of this calendar year we look forward to the 75th anniversary in June 2019. The restoration of wartime gunboat HM MASB 27 continues and we hope this unique vessel will be completed by Spring 2019 ready to make her first voyage across the English Channel in 75 years, alongside the veterans who will be travelling to Normandy by ferry in June. MASB 27 will spend the 75th anniversary moored alongside other Royal Navy 'Coastal Forces' gunboats at Pegasus Bridge. Together they will offer visitors a rare insight of how sailors lived and worked together in small boats to fight the enemy and the elements at sea during World War II.

D-Day Revisited has also begun another project to bring greater awareness to Normandy veterans on the 75th anniversary of D-Day. At present the charity is seeking funds to bring the 'D-Day 75 Garden' to the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in May 2019. This 6 day long annual horticultural event commences just two weeks before the anniversary. Therefore it offers an ideal platform from which to introduce our Normandy veteran friends on home soil and give them an opportunity to share their stories with members of the public.

The garden will invite visitors to imagine what it must be like for elderly veterans to reflect back on the events of 6 June 1944 and remember the experiences they endured as young men making that first terrifying step which eventually led to the liberation of an entire continent. We hope it will inspire people to take the opportunity to learn more about the story of D-Day.

# Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2018

# Objectives and activities Significant activities

June 2019 will also mark the charity's 11th and final pilgrimage to Normandy. Therefore great effort is being made to ensure the experience is as memorable as possible for all the veterans who join us. As always we look to our committee members to offer guidance so that we provide an itinerary which encompasses all the things our veteran friends would like to do, on what will be for many their last visit to France.

#### **Public benefit**

We have referred to advice contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives, and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives which they have set.

Veteran members of our committee have told us of the positive feedback they have had from their comrades; often expressing how uplifted they feel after the visit to Normandy with D-Day Revisited. Many of these elderly ladies and gentlemen lead relatively small lives nowadays, with very few people aware of the extraordinary things they did in their youth, fighting for freedom in Europe. Travelling to France in the company of those who fought alongside them and paying tribute to the friends who didn't come home is a very cathartic and enriching experience for them. It is also hugely valuable for the younger generations in Normandy to see the old veterans making this effort and to have the opportunity to speak with them about what happened. It inspires in all of us a will to listen to their personal accounts and spread awareness of what happened, so future generations might avoid a similar conflict in future.

#### Grantmaking

The charity awards grants of £725 each to veterans and their carers to help pay for their anniversary trips to the battlegrounds in which they fought. These grants are awarded once the veteran has been verified and they have provided evidence of their travel arrangements.

### Financial review

### Financial position

Resources incoming and expended of the charity for the period are mostly related to the 74th Anniversary trip to Normandy in June 2018. The Trustees were grateful to HM Treasury for very significant financial support from the LIBOR Fund.

As with previous years, the charity asked companions to make a financial contribution towards the cost of their place. Although acknowledging income from the LIBOR Fund, it was judged necessary for booking and administrative purposes to require this payment. Not least of the concern is to secure a binding commitment from those who plan to join the group. Also, it is readily appreciated by those travelling that extra costs are met beyond the intended scope of LIBOR support.

To comply with the organisation's own strict rule, all the veterans must be included free of charge. The £200 contribution from companions, along with smaller individual donations helped towards extra costs.

The trustees consider that there are no major risks or uncertainties facing the charity.

### Reserves policy

There were significant reserves at 31 December 2018 due to receipt of the LIBOR funds; however these reserves will be utilised in future years as additional funding is passed on to veterans planning to make their trips.

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2018

### Structure, governance and management Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

### Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Trust Deed states that the first trustees shall hold office for fixed terms of between three and four years. There must be at least three trustees. Apart from the first trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution of the trustees passed at a special meeting called under clause 15 of the Deed.

In selecting individuals for appointment as Trustees, the Deed states that Trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.

### Organisational structure

The trustees meet at least once a quarter to manage the affairs of the charity.

### Induction and training of new trustees

New trustees are provided with copies of the Charity Commission's leaflet CC3, describing Responsibilities of Charity Trustees.

### Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The trustees have conducted their own review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

It is a benefit to the charity that it is closely supported by a trading company which provides premises and administration facilities free of charge. The same company is ISO certified and the charity draws on those procedures for risk assessment and management generally.

### Reference and administrative details Registered Charity number

1129753

### Principal address

The Armoury Building Hawarden Aviation Park Flint Road Chester CH4 0GZ

### **Trustees**

J H Phipps V A Phipps F Faversham-Pullen E Gibbs

- resigned 1/2/2019
- appointed 16/4/2019

# Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2018

Reference and administrative details Independent examiner Ellis & Co Chartered Accountants 114-120 Northgate Street Chester CH1 2HT

**Bankers** 

NatWest Bank plc

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29:10:19 and signed on its behalf by:

V A Phipps - Trustee

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The D-Day Revisited Society

### Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The D-Day Revisited Society

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 Trust'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

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- 2. the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- 3. the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities(Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

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Robert Ellis FCA
Ellis & Co
Chartered Accountants
114-120 Northgate Street
Chester
CH1 2HT

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### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2018

	fund	2017 Total funds £
Notes	_	2
3 4	530,420	15,196
	7,759	6,400
	538,179	21,596
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	287,007 5,210	393,565 23,277
	6,103	5,067
	298,320	421,909
	239,859	(400,313)
	672,296	1,072,609
	912,155	672,296
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**Continuing operations**All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

### Statement of Financial Position At 31 December 2018

		2018 Unrestricted fund	2017 Total funds
	Notes	£	£
Fixed assets Tangible assets	10	234,682	87,204
Current assets Debtors Cash at bank	11	17,452 829,284	255 599,712
		846,736	599,967
Creditors Amounts falling due within one year	12	(169,263)	(14,875)
Net current assets		677,473	585,092
Total assets less current liabilities		912,155	672,296
Net assets		912,155	672,296
Funds Unrestricted funds	13	912,155	672,296
Total funds		912,155	672,296
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The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 29.10.19. and were signed on its behalf by:

V A Phipps -Trustee

# Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 December 2018

	Notes	2018 £	2017 £
Cash flows from operating activities: Cash generated from operations	1	377,050	(343,115)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		377,050	(343,115)
Cash flows from investing activities: Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(147,478)	(59,454)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		(147,478)	(59,454)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	in	229,572 599,712	(402,569) 1,002,281
Cash and cash equivalents at the end the reporting period	of	829,284	599,712

# Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 December 2018

### 1. Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

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	2018	2017
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per		
the statement of financial activities)	239,859	(400,313)
Adjustments for:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(17,197)	56,109
Increase in creditors	154,388	1,089
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	377,050	(343,115)

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2018

### 1. The charity

The charity is an unincorporated charity controlled by a deed of trust, registered in England.

The principal address is: The Armoury Building Hawarden Aviation Park Flint Road Chester CH4 0GZ

### 2. Accounting policies

### Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the Charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

### Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

#### Allocation and apportionment of costs

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

#### Tangible fixed assets

No depreciation has been provided on the charity's sole tangible fixed asset, an MASB 27 Gunboat, as it was not ready for use by the charity at 31 December 2018.

#### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2018

### 2. Accounting policies - continued

#### **Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

### Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts.

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

### Going concern

These accounts have been prepared on the going concern bases of accounting. There are no material uncertainties relating to the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The charity has significant cash reserves and very few liabilities.

### 3. Donations and legacies

	2018	2017
	£	£
Donations	30,420	15,196
Exceptional items	500,000	
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	530,420	15,196

The exceptional donations and legacies relate to funds donated by HM Treasury. These funds originally came from fines levied on the banking industry for manipulating LIBOR.

#### 4. Income from charitable activities

		2018	2017
	Activity	£	£
Trip contributions	Veterans' commemorative trips	7,759	6,400
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# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2018

### 5. Charitable activities costs

		Direct costs	Grant funding of activities (See note 6)	Totals
		£	£	£
	Veterans' commemorative trips	77,072	209,935	287,007
	Charitable donations	5,210	200,000	5,210
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		82,282	209,935	292,217
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6.	Grants payable			
			2018 £	2017 £
	Veterans' commemorative trips		209,935	318,750

### 7. Support costs

	Governance			
	Management £	Finance £	costs £	Totals £
Other resources expended	4,238	11	1,854	6,103

#### 8. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2018 nor for the year ended 31 December 2017.

### Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2018 nor for the year ended 31 December 2017.

### 9. Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted fund £
Income and endowments from Donations and legacies	15,196
Charitable activities Veterans' commemorative trips	6,400
Total	21,596

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2018

9.	Comparatives for the statement of financial activities - continued	U	nrestricted fund £
	Expenditure on Charitable activities Veterans' commemorative trips Charitable donations		393,565 23,277
	Other		5,067
	Total		421,909
	Net income/(expenditure)		(400,313)
	Reconciliation of funds		
	Total funds brought forward		1,072,609
	Total funds carried forward		672,296
10.	Tangible fixed assets		MASB 27 Gunboat £
	Cost At 1 January 2018 Additions		87,204 147,478
	At 31 December 2018		234,682
	Net book value At 31 December 2018		234,682
	At 31 December 2017		87,204
11.	Debtors: amounts falling due within one year		( <del>2</del>
	Prepayments and accrued income	2018 £ 17,452	2017 £ 255

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2018

### 12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

2018	2017
£	£
1,794	-
165,619	13,085
1,850	1,790
169,263	14,875
	£ 1,794 165,619 1,850

### 13. Movement in funds

	At 1/1/18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/18
Unrestricted funds General fund	672,296	239,859	912,155
TOTAL FUNDS	672,296	239,859	912,155

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Movement in funds
Unrestricted funds General fund	538,179	(298,320)	239,859
TOTAL FUNDS	538,179	(298,320)	239,859

#### Comparatives for movement in funds

Comparatives for movement in funds	At 1/1/17 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/17 £
Unrestricted Funds General fund	1,072,609	(400,313)	672,296
TOTAL FUNDS	1,072,609	(400,313)	672,296

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2018

#### 13. Movement in funds - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds General fund	21,596	(421,909)	(400,313)
TOTAL FUNDS	21,596	(421,909)	(400,313)

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

		Net movement	
	At 1/1/17 £	in funds £	At 31/12/18 £
Unrestricted funds General fund	1,072,609	(160,454)	912,155
TOTAL FUNDS	1,072,609	(160,454)	912,155

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds
Unrestricted funds General fund	559,775	(720,229)	(160,454)
TOTAL FUNDS	559,775	(720,229)	(160,454)

### 14. Related party disclosures

Trustees J H Phipps and V A Phipps are directors of Cokebusters Limited. During the year Cokebusters Limited made donations of £22,665 (2017: £2,564) to the Charity, and paid certain expenses on behalf of the Charity. At 31 December 2018 the amount due to Cokebusters Limited was £165,619 (2017: £13,085). The directors are not looking for repayment of this debt until the MASB 27 boat is sold.

Cokebusters Limited also provided office space to the charity. No charge has been included in the charity accounts in relation to this office space.

The trustees provided their time to the charity for no charge.

# Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2018

	2018 £	2017 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies Donations Exceptional items	30,420 500,000	15,196
	530,420	15,196
Charitable activities Trip contributions	7,759	6,400
Total incoming resources	538,179	21,596
Expenditure		
Charitable activities Insurance Trip costs Donations Grants to individuals	3,210 77,072 2,000 209,935	1,995 72,820 23,277 318,750
Support costs Management Postage and stationery Website costs	292,217 62 3,225	416,842 705 1,344
Travel and subsistence	951	1,164
Finance Bank charges	4,238 11	3,213 64
Governance costs Accountancy fees	1,854	1,790
Total resources expended	298,320	421,909
Net income/(expenditure)	239,859	(400,313)