

45 Commando Veterans (Scotland) SCIO

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the period 1st October 2022-30th September 2023

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC046830



CONTENTS PAGE

Index	Page
Trustee Annual Report	2-4
Independent Examiners Report	5
Statement of Receipts and Payments	6
Statement of Balances	7
Notes	8-11

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The trustees are pleased to present their report and financial statements together with the independent examiners report for the period ended 30th September 2023.

Charity Name 45 COMMANDO VETERANS (SCOTLAND)SCIO

Charity Number SC046830

Principal Address c/o Mr Colin Smith
45 CDO VETERANS (SCOTLAND) SCIO
77 Beechwood Road
Arbroath
Angus
DD11 4HU

Current Trustees

Stuart Lavery	Chair
Colin Smith	Secretary/Treasurer
Janet Mills	
Linda Oliver	
Paul Barnes	

Independent Examiner Susan Godsall ACIE
35 Keptie Road
Arbroath
Angus
DD11 3EF
[Tel:07894102025](tel:07894102025)
Email sgodsall@hotmail.com

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

45 Commando Veterans is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation(a SCIO), and it was registered in its current form on 5th September 2016. Previously the charity was a voluntary organisation which changed its name to that of a SCIO.

We have a two tier structure with an elected committee comprising of Associate members, this committee is responsible for the day to day running of the Association. The actions of the committee are overseen by the Trustees.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are recruited at the Annual General Meeting. The office bearers are elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Organisation Structure

The trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the charity.

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

The organisations purposes are:

To identify former servicemen, their families and dependants who are in need and are not currently receiving the help that they require and are entitled to. To prevent and relieve poverty, financial hardship or distress of former servicemen, their families and dependants through coordinating with the appropriate agencies and allied organisations. To offer moral and practical aid and in cases where financial assistance is required, to offer such.

To provide transport for former servicemen, their families and dependants to attend Remembrance Services and Commemoration events where they would not otherwise be able to do so.

Activities

We have established strong links with SSAFA, the armed forces charity, Help for Heroes and Help our Wounded. These organisations provide valuable assistance to those in need. They do however require time for the formalities to be completed prior to releasing aid. We can provide immediate assistance up until the larger organisations can take over, thus reducing the anxiety often felt by those in need. Our assistance takes many forms. Moral support for those who are having difficulty in the move to civilian life by introducing them to other former service personnel with whom they can discuss their problems. Practical support by for example providing transport for hospital visits for relatives and dependants. Visiting those in hospital. Financial support, this takes the form of short-term emergency assistance while we arrange for the large charities to provide access to their funds.

Our minibus is extremely busy ferrying veterans, their families, dependants to and from hospitals, to remembrance and commemorative events, and to various veteran's breakfasts. These breakfasts enable veterans to meet and interact with other former service personnel in a relaxed informal environment where they can discuss their problems.

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

We are continuing to rent a container for all of the merchandise we hold and other extra items for the transport.

To promote the charity we have paid for some tee shirts and had business cards made for contacts within the group.

Merchandise has been bought to the value of £1377 mainly this is for events or show which we attend and these are given to members of the public and they in turn put into our fundraising funds.

Many events took place including Glamis show, Farming yesteryear fundraising took place and the total raised was £2438. We had a Chelsea pensioners lunch, Christmas event and a trip was arranged to the Somme Battlefield in France mid-year where wreaths were laid. Our normal visits to Spean Bridge memorial also took place.

Hospital visits to members were required and families were transported to visit the patients receiving inpatient care.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview


The results for the period are set out in the attached accounts. The total income for the year was £4,548. The total expenditure was £8,255. The results show a deficit of £3,707. Leaving unrestricted funds of £298 and restricted funds of £nil total funds remaining are £298.

RESERVES POLICY


No reserves policy in place at this time.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the trustees on the 11th of May 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Stuart Lavery
Chair



Date

45 COMMANDO VETERANS (SCOTLAND) SCIO SC046830
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period 1st October 2022 to 30th September 2023 which are set out on pages 6-10.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of the Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 seeks explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination, **no matter has come to my attention**

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the following requirements have not been met: - To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44 (1) (a) or the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and - To prepare accounts with accord with the accounting record and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations.

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.



Independent Examiner



Date of signing

Susan Godsall ACIE
Independent Examiner
35 Keptie Road
Arbroath
Angus
DD11 3EF

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Receipts				
Donations	2,110	-	2,110	2,037
Grants	-	-	-	5,000
Fundraising	2,438	-	2,438	1,718
TOTAL RECEIPTS	4,548	-	4,548	8,755
Payments				
Expenses for fundraising	229	-	229	535
Charitable Activities	7,826	-	7,826	9,682
Independent Examination	200	-	200	150
Other	-	-	-	350
TOTAL PAYMENTS	8,255	-	8,255	10,717
Surplus/Deficit for period	- 3,707	-	- 3,707	- 1,962

45 COMMANDO VETERANS (SCOTLAND) SCIO
 Annual Report & Financial Statements
 For the period 1st October 2022 to 30th September 2023

STATEMENT OF BALANCES

	2023 £ Unrestricted	2023 £ Restricted	2023 £ Total	2022 £ Total
Funds Reconciliation				
Balance as at 1st October	4,005	0	4,005	5,967
Surplus/Deficit	-3,707	0	-3,707	-1,962
	298	0	298	4,005
Bank & Cash Balances				
Balance Main Account	298	0	298	4,005
	298	0	298	4,005
Assets				
Minibus at cost			5,000	5,000
Liabilities				
Independent Examination Fee	200	0	200	150
	200	0	200	150

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on the 11th of May 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Stuart Lavery
 Chairperson

Date 11th MAY 2026

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Basis of Preparation

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with:

- a) The Charities & Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005
- b) The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2. Fund Accounting

- a) Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.
- b) Restricted funds are those that may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, or when funds are raised for a specific purposes.
- c) Any purposes are set out below in the further notes

3. Taxation

- a) The charity is not liable to corporation tax or capital gains tax on its charitable activities
- b) The charity is not registered for VAT, thus all costs are shown inclusive of VAT charged.

4. Transactions with trustees and related parties

- a) No remuneration was paid to trustees or any persons connected with them during the year (2022-2023£nil)
- b) No travelling expenses were reimbursed to trustees during this period.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS cont'd

5. Donations Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
The Golf Veterinary Members	500 1,610	0 0	500 1,610	0 2,037
			<hr/>	
	2,110	0	2,110	2,037
			<hr/>	

6. Grants

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Lottery	0	0	0	5,000
			<hr/>	
	0	0	0	5,000
			<hr/>	

7. Cost of Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Insurance	284	0	284	738
Prof Fee	13	0	13	500
Merchandise	1,377	0	1,377	1,923
Container Hire	520	0	520	368
Stationery	101	0	101	378
Events/Activities	2,417	0	2,417	1,376
Vehicle Expenses	714	0	714	2,970
Fuel	1,589	0	1,589	1,379
Advertising	811	0	811	0
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	50
			<hr/>	
	7,826	0	7,826	9,682
			<hr/>	

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS cont'd

8. Movement in Funds

	As at 01/10/2022 £	Receipts £	Payments £	As at 30/09/2023 £
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	4005	4,548	8,255	298
	<hr/>			
	4005	4,548	8,255	298
Restricted Funds				
	0	0	0	0
	<hr/>			
	0	0	0	0
	<hr/>			
Total Funds	4005	4,548	8,255	298
	<hr/>			

Purpose of Funds

General Fund

Unrestricted funds for any charitable purpose

Restricted Fund

Restricted fund for restricted spending whether from Funder or fundraising