

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 214015

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020
FOR
PARACHUTE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION**

PARACHUTE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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PARACHUTE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

PATRON:

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales KG KT PC GCB AK QSO ADC

PRESIDENT:

Lieutenant General Sir John Lorimer KCB DSO MBE.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Lieutenant Colonel L. Cradden MBE (Chairman)

Mr. J.J. Wilson (Vice Chairman)

Mr. L. Riggs (resigned April 2020)

Mr. J. Hardicker

Mr. P. Bryant

Mr. M. Wattam

Mr D. Smart (appointed January 2020)

Mr P. Morrison (deceased October 2020)

Mr D. Singletary

Mr. G Duffus

Mr. V. Thorn

Mr. T. Wood

Mr A. Ellis (appointed April 2020)

Mr B. Black (appointed May 2021)

CHARITABLE STATUS:

The Association is a registered charity No. 214015

GOVERNING DOCUMENT:

Constitution dated 20 June 1964, as amended 8 July 1972, 3 July 1978, 9 May 1993, 31 October 1999, 13 May 2000, 8 July 2001, 8 October 2005, 26 January 2008, 12 October 2008, 18 July 2009, 6 July 2013, 27 November 2014, 8 July 2017 and 13 October 2018.

CHARITY ADDRESS:

R.H.Q The Parachute Regiment
Merville Barracks,
Circular Road South,
Colchester,
Essex,
CO2 7UT

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS:

Bright Brown Limited
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Exchange House,
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. 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 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Objects of the Parachute Regimental Association are:

- To promote the efficiency of the Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces by fostering esprit de corps and maintaining contact between past and present members thereof.
- To relieve either generally or individually persons who are serving or who have served in the Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces.
- The commemoration and remembrance of those members of the Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces who have died while on active service; and the encouragement of public recognition of the sacrifice made by such persons.

Significant activities

The Association and its branches participate in support and organise a range of activities which provide a public benefit. These include:

- Public Regimental events to raise awareness about the role of the Regiment, to encourage public support for the Regiment and to assist in recruitment.
- Holding events and reunions for past and present members of the Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces, to assist in esprit de corps.
- Acts of remembrance (e.g. Regimental Memorial Day at the National Memorial Arboretum, Armistice Day, RBL Field of Remembrance, Ardennes, Rhine Crossing, Arnhem, Aden and the Falklands) which raise public awareness of those who have lost their lives or put themselves at risk in service of the public.
- Maintaining a membership network and encouraging social contact in order to identify those former members and dependants who may be in need from time to time.
- Providing local Welfare Officers who visit members and dependants who may be sick, recently bereaved, or find themselves in difficult circumstances.
- In collaboration with other Regimental Charities, make grants (either individually or to an organisation) to support past and present members of the Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces and their dependants who are in need.
- Supporting Parachute Regiment recruits whilst undergoing training at the Infantry Training Centre at Catterick.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

During the year, the charity has undertaken the following activities:

1. Provided financial and organisational support to the Regional Airborne Forces Days across the Country.
2. Attended funerals and memorial services of former serving members of The Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces.
3. Actively fundraised for other Regimental Charities i.e. The Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces Charity (Support Our Paras).
4. Provided physical support to virtual services for the Regimental Memorial Day at Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces Memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum.
5. Made donations in support of the maintenance of Regimental Memorials.
6. Provided grants in support of and organisational support to:
 - Recruit Platoon passing out parades at ITC Catterick.
 - Support to Airborne 'In Pensioners' at the Royal Hospital Chelsea.
 - The Parachute Regimental Association Executive Committee Biannual meeting.
 - The Parachute Regimental Association Annual General Meeting (virtual).
 - The Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces Memorial day (filmed service).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The result for the year shows a surplus (net income) of £65,061 compared to a surplus of £141,631 in 2019, the main cause of this is a more modest increase in the value of investments, £57,273 in 2020 compared to £116,758 in 2019. Given the difficulties in the investment markets faced in 2020 as a result of the pandemic, the Trustees are delighted with the performance of their investment managers over this period.

Income for the year totalled £85,229 (2019: £141,236), this decrease was as a result of fewer donations and grants received in the year mostly as a result of the pandemic. Donated services and facilities from the Ministry of Defence (MOD) decreased in 2020 to £50,819 (2019: £54,785). This donated services figure represents free office accommodation and the provision of employee services to the charity (the related costs are shown within the wages expenditure line on the detailed SOFA).

Total resources expended in the year amounted to £77,441 compared to £116,363 in 2019, an decrease of £38,922. Expenditure decreased as a result of the inability to run events and commemorations during the majority of 2020.

Investment policy and objectives

At the year end the charity held investments, with a market value of £896,276 (2019: £826,585), with JM Finn. At the year end there is a increase in the investment value of £57,273 which is reflected in the statement of financial activities.

The Trustees have the power to invest in such assets as they feel appropriate and meet both the requirements of the charity in the short and long-term and are also risk appropriate to the charity. The Trustees regularly review the performance of its investments in line with the charity's current and future plans.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

As at 31 December 2020 the charity's total reserves were £933,454 (2019: £868,393), all of which were unrestricted for the charity to use in meeting its charitable objectives. The Trustees have reviewed their current level of reserves which equate to just over 8 times the charity's normal annual expenditure, this ratio has remained relatively constant over the last few years until 2019, and has been mostly dependent on the fluctuations in investment performance which is the major cause of the increase in reserves. The Trustees consider their level of reserves to be reasonable having reviewed the economic climate and risks to the charity's income.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

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

Constitution dated 20 June 1964, as amended 8 July 1972, 3 July 1978, 9 May 1993, 31 October 1999, 13 May 2000, 8 July 2001, 8 October 2005, 26 January 2008, 12 October 2008, 18 July 2009, 6 July 2013, 27 November 2014, 8 July 2017 and 13 October 2018.

Organisational structure

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 1.

The Chairman of the Committee of Management is a serving officer nominated by the Parachute Regiment; presently this is the Regimental Lieutenant Colonel.

Further members of the Committee of Management comprise of one representative of the following regions: Anglia, London, Midlands, North, North East, North West, South, South East, South West, Wales, and Yorkshire. These representatives are elected by branches of their own region and hold office for three years.

The Association structure comprises of:

- a) The central Association charity (registered number 214015): In support of its charitable activities the central charity offers individual membership to eligible individuals and provides central and regional support for local branches.
- b) 80 local branches which exist to further the purposes of the Association and are separately registered with their respective charity regulator. (PRA members may additionally become members of one or more local branches.) The elected members of the committee of management of the central Association charity also act as Regional Secretaries and provide regional support during the course of the year to branches in their respective region.

Related parties

The Parachute Regimental Association is one of a number of charities connected with the Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces, but these are not considered to be related parties under FRS 102. A summary of any related parties and transactions with them is set out in note 12 to the financial statements.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22 Sep 21 and signed on its behalf by:

..... 
Lt Col L Cradden MBE - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
PARACHUTE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Parachute Regimental Association

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Parachute Regimental Association (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



David Stevens ACA
Chartered accountant
Bright Brown Limited
Chartered Accountants
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Date: 6/10/2021.....

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

		2020 Unrestricted funds £	2019 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies		61,430	77,493
Charitable activities			
Promoting the efficiency of the Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces		-	21,962
Other trading activities	2	661	11,751
Investment income	3	23,138	28,240
Other income		-	1,790
Total		<u>85,229</u>	<u>141,236</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	4	6,256	13,314
Charitable activities			
Promoting the efficiency of the Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces		70,974	98,361
Commemorations and remembrance		211	4,688
Total		<u>77,441</u>	<u>116,363</u>
Net gains on investments		<u>57,273</u>	<u>116,758</u>
NET INCOME		65,061	141,631
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		868,393	726,762
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>933,454</u></u>	<u><u>868,393</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

PARACHUTE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

**BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Notes	2020 Unrestricted funds £	2019 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	8	134	798
Investments	9	896,276	826,585
		<u>896,410</u>	<u>827,383</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	10	450	450
Debtors	11	12,500	14,381
Cash at bank		28,948	36,101
		<u>41,898</u>	<u>50,932</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(4,854)	(9,922)
		<u>37,044</u>	<u>41,010</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>933,454</u>	<u>868,393</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>933,454</u>	<u>868,393</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>933,454</u>	<u>868,393</u>
FUNDS	13		
Unrestricted funds		933,454	868,393
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>933,454</u>	<u>868,393</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on22 Sep 21..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....L Cradden.....
L Cradden MBE - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. 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 2019)', 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, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

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.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment - Straight line over 3 years

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Where there are any restricted or designated funds a further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2020	2019
	£	£
Stock sales	<u>661</u>	<u>11,751</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2020	2019
	£	£
Dividend income	<u>23,138</u>	<u>28,240</u>

4. RAISING FUNDS

Investment management costs

	2020	2019
	£	£
Portfolio management	<u>6,256</u>	<u>6,039</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Trustees' expenses

During the year members of the Committee of Management received reimbursement for travel, and other expenditure of £625 (2019: £10,743).

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2020	2019
Management and administration	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The post of Veterans Officer is considered to be key management personnel, although the post is funded by the MOD. The total employee benefits for this post were £31,736 (2019: £37,103).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	77,493	-	77,493
Charitable activities			
Promoting the efficiency of the Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces	10,000	11,962	21,962
Other trading activities	11,751	-	11,751
Investment income	28,240	-	28,240
Other income	1,790	-	1,790
Total	129,274	11,962	141,236
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	13,314	-	13,314
Charitable activities			
Promoting the efficiency of the Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces	86,399	11,962	98,361
Commemorations and remembrance	4,688	-	4,688
Total	104,401	11,962	116,363
Net gains on investments	116,758	-	116,758
NET INCOME	141,631	-	141,631
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	726,762	-	726,762
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	868,393	-	868,393

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £
COST	
At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	<u>2,552</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 January 2020	1,754
Charge for year	<u>664</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>2,418</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2020	<u>134</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>798</u>

9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 January 2020	826,585
Additions	134,917
Disposals	(147,337)
Revaluations	<u>82,111</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>896,276</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2020	<u>896,276</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>826,585</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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10. STOCKS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Stocks	450	450

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other debtors	690	2,123
North-West region	2,018	2,018
Midlands region	5,903	5,903
Yorkshire region	3,184	3,280
Prepayments	705	1,057
	<u>12,500</u>	<u>14,381</u>

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	511
Taxation and social security	232	-
Other creditors	4,622	9,411
	<u>4,854</u>	<u>9,922</u>

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.20	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.20
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General charitable activities	868,393	65,061	933,454
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>868,393</u>	<u>65,061</u>	<u>933,454</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General charitable activities	85,229	(77,441)	57,273	65,061
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>85,229</u>	<u>(77,441)</u>	<u>57,273</u>	<u>65,061</u>

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General charitable activities	726,762	141,631	868,393
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>726,762</u>	<u>141,631</u>	<u>868,393</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General charitable activities	129,274	(104,401)	116,758	141,631
Restricted funds				
Airborne soldier grant	11,962	(11,962)	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>141,236</u>	<u>(116,363)</u>	<u>116,758</u>	<u>141,631</u>

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

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General charitable activities	726,762	206,692	933,454
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>726,762</u>	<u>206,692</u>	<u>933,454</u>

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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 £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General charitable activities	214,503	(181,842)	174,031	206,692
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>226,465</u>	<u>(193,804)</u>	<u>174,031</u>	<u>206,692</u>

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2020.

PARACHUTE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	2020	2019
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Legacies and donations	4,798	13,038
Subscriptions	5,813	7,566
Donated services and facilities	50,819	54,785
Yorkshire region	-	1,174
North West region	-	930
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	61,430	77,493
Other trading activities		
Stock sales	661	11,751
Investment income		
Dividend income	23,138	28,240
Charitable activities		
Grants	-	21,962
Other income		
Income from lapel pins and NMA tickets	-	1,790
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Total incoming resources	85,229	141,236
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Stock purchases	-	7,275
Investment management costs		
Portfolio management	6,256	6,039
Charitable activities		
Wages (donated services included)	57,839	61,716
Yorkshire region expenses	97	2,694
North West region expenses	-	1,575
Midland region expenses	-	450
Event costs	-	11,962
Travelling expenses	-	325
Newsletter printing and stationery	1,468	2,233
Advertising	300	-
Computer expenses	158	150
Carried forward	59,862	81,105

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PARACHUTE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	59,862	81,105
Insurance	2,670	3,490
Sundries	888	245
Bank charges	105	234
Depreciation	664	664
Commemorations	211	4,688
Grants	5,500	1,070
	<u>69,900</u>	<u>91,496</u>
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Committee meeting expenses	625	10,743
Accountancy and legal fees	660	810
	<u>1,285</u>	<u>11,553</u>
Total resources expended	<u>77,441</u>	<u>116,363</u>
Net income before gains and losses	7,788	24,873
Realised and unrealised gains and losses		
Realised and unrealised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	57,273	116,758
Net income	<u><u>65,061</u></u>	<u><u>141,631</u></u>

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