

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 8230197 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1151194

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2017
for
Veterans in Communities
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

N J Grindrod & Co Limited
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Veterans in Communities

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

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Reference and Administrative Details
for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

TRUSTEES

R Barker MBE (Chairman)
J F Beilby
C E Crawforth (appointed 14.7.16)
B G Hyde
Mrs J D Owen (resigned 21.10.16)
J B Payton MBE
D A Peat OBE
S Smallridge (resigned 14.7.16)
Major C R Smethurst

COMPANY SECRETARY

J B Payton MBE

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2017. 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable Objects

The charitable objects of VIC as registered with the Charity Commission are:

To relieve need, suffering and distress amongst veterans of all branches of the Armed Forces and their partners, spouses and dependents in such ways as the Trustees shall think fit, particularly but not exclusively, by providing a comprehensive and diverse outreach programme developed, designed and delivered by veterans for veterans in the North West which supports veterans suffering the effects of war and have found the transition from military to civilian life difficult as a means to preserve and protect their physical and mental health; support their resettlement, rehabilitation, if needed, and their retraining to help them obtain employment.

VIC Mission Statement

To ensure that ex-service personnel and their families can return to, belong and prosper in their communities.

Objectives

- To provide open access to a trusted single point of contact ensuring all who may experience immediate and future difficulty in transitioning from military to civilian life in any way know where to go, who to see and what to do
- To provide a range of interventions to meet the individual need of the AFC member to accomplish transition
- To provide access to every opportunity available to maintain health and wellbeing and achieve a return to economic activity
- To provide ongoing support to veterans and their families that promotes continuing recovery for as long as is required and recognition that family and dependants as integral to recovery
- To deliver back to the community the benefit of their service skills and knowledge
- To provide subject matter expertise and support to Local Authorities and their Armed Forces Community Covenant partners in gaining a 'veterans eye-view' and assistance in engaging with the community
- To highlight and promote awareness of veterans needs
- Establish pathways and partnerships for joint working to achieve mutual outcomes and resource efficiencies

Veterans in Communities is founded on peer support and committed to partnership and collaborative working to achieve positive outcomes that result in returning, belonging and prospering.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

VIC Aims

- To provide support for ex-military personnel, ex-emergency services and prison service personnel and their families
- To encourage others to bring their knowledge, experience and expertise to provide help, support and advice to members of the Armed Forces and uniformed civilian communities and build on existing services and develop others
- To encourage the integration of former service personnel into civilian life by encouraging them to contribute their service experience and skills to help the local community
- To work together in partnership with others to support the Armed Forces Community Covenant in recognising in-service and ex-service personnel and their families.
- To establish partnerships through pledges which while not replacing statutory services, work towards addressing issues which affect former armed forces personnel and their families.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Veterans in Communities has enjoyed another successful year, with details shared on pages 20-31 of these financial statements.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funders

Veterans in Communities is grateful to all the funders who have made the delivery of services possible during the year:

- East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group
- Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale Clinical Commissioning Group through their Social Investment Fund
- The Armed Forces Covenant Fund supporting extended service provision through our Open All Hours project
- Lancashire County Council Building Resilience Fund

We were fortunate to receive the following restricted funding which will be utilised as we move into 2017/2018 to deliver specific activities related to social inclusion. Veterans in Production, outdoor activities and the Changing Futures programme:

- ABF The Soldiers' Charity
- Greggs Foundation
- Big Lottery Fund and European Social Fund for the Changing Futures programme

VIC continues to receive support from a number of local small businesses which have maintained their association with VIC over a number of years: Catherine Smythe Media, Liz Henson Photography, and In4Sight.

Partnership working is extremely important to VIC and we thank our partners for their input and collaboration; Citizen's Advice Rossendale, Military Veterans Service, Royal British Legion, Lancashire Wellbeing Service, Rochdale Metropolitan Council, Inspire, to name just a few.

Those who work with us to raise awareness and funds are also gratefully recognised; local branches of Asda, Tesco and Morrisons; local churches; local community events such as Bacup Carnival, Haslingden Street Fair, and Trawden Show; Rossendale Business Awards; the people of East Lancashire who have been so generous with donations of equipment, furniture and donations for the use of our members.

Investment policy

The Trustees of Veterans in Communities review the Investment Policy on an annual basis, considering cash flow needs of the organisation and the level of reserves available for investment.

At this time the Trustees feel there are not sufficient assets available for investment without creating a high risk level for cashflow.

The Trustees do take into consideration the limits of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme and when funds allow, deposit monies held above the £85,000 limit into an additional, unrelated bank account. However, the Trustees have determined that this account must be instantly accessible and, where possible, be interest bearing.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The Trustees of Veterans in Communities review the Reserves Policy on an annual basis, considering the reserves available, the need to designate funds against potential redundancy costs, future commitments and the level of risk acceptable to the Trustees.

The Trustees have determined that Veterans in Communities will maintain free reserves equivalent to a maximum of 25% of the projected expenditure for the following year. In the event that all or any funding is lost, the reserves will enable VIC to maintain a service whilst researching and sourcing other funding.

At 31st March 2017 VIC has £52,332 (2016: £30,927) as free reserves. This represents 28.5% of budgeted expenditure for the financial year 2017/2018. This figure falls slightly outside the parameters set by the Trustees and will be considered and addressed by the Board of Trustees during the year.

VIC is fortunate to hold the asset of the VIC building within its accounts. However, this building is held in trust for the community and its value cannot be realised to the benefit of VIC.

The statement of Financial Activities set out on page 9 shows how our funds were raised and applied during the year. This statement separates funds, which the charity itself controls - unrestricted funds, from funds which have to be spent in a manner determined by the donor - restricted funds.

The trustees are guarantors of the company. Their liabilities as set out in the memorandum are limited to £10 per guarantor.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Veterans In Communities (VIC) is a registered charity operating within a company limited by guarantee. VIC incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee in September 2012 and achieved charitable status in March 2013.

VIC currently has a Board of 7 Trustees responsible for governance and developing and driving strategy. A sub group of senior staff and Trustees form the Executive Group that has a day-by-day management role. The Trustees are voluntary social entrepreneurs who are passionate about the area and have worked for years to make it a better place to live and work. They are all local people chosen for their skills and experience. They give generously of their private time, at their own expense, with a shared commitment to building a better future for ex-services personnel, their families and the wider community.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Veterans in Communities for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17 August 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R Barker', written in a cursive style.

R Barker MBE - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Veterans in Communities

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 set out on pages ten to eighteen.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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)

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Veterans in Communities

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17 August 2017

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.17 Total funds £	31.3.16 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	15				
Voluntary income		35,638	85,502	121,140	215,120
Activities for generating funds	2	6,962	-	6,962	7,011
Investment income	3	<u>56</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>48</u>
Total		42,656	85,502	128,158	222,179
 EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
Charitable Activities		19,268	159,393	178,661	180,241
Governance costs		<u>1,983</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,983</u>	<u>2,200</u>
Total		21,251	159,393	180,644	182,441
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		21,405	(73,891)	(52,486)	39,738
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		30,927	134,535	165,462	125,724
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>52,332</u>	<u>60,644</u>	<u>112,976</u>	<u>165,462</u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Statement of Financial Position
At 31 March 2017

	Notes	31.3.17 £	31.3.16 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	279,548	274,424
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	10	7,105	2,973
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>122,396</u>	<u>178,330</u>
		129,501	181,303
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(26,073)	(33,708)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>103,428</u>	<u>147,595</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		382,976	422,019
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(270,000)	(256,557)
NET ASSETS		<u><u>112,976</u></u>	<u><u>165,462</u></u>
FUNDS	13		
Unrestricted funds		52,332	30,927
Restricted funds		<u>60,644</u>	<u>134,535</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u><u>112,976</u></u>	<u><u>165,462</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Statement of Financial Position - continued

At 31 March 2017

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 479A of the Companies Act 2006 relating to subsidiary charitable companies for the year ended 31 March 2017.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 17 August 2017 and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Barker', with a stylized flourish at the end.

R Barker MBE -Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, 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 Companies Act 2006. 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.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Freehold property	- not provided
Plant and machinery	- 25% on cost
Fixtures, fittings and office equipment	- 33% on cost and 25% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 25% on cost

The property is shown at the value when gifted and is not to be depreciated as it has no specific useful life. Its full value is shown within 'Tangible Fixed Assets' (note 9) and 'Contingent liability' (note 12) and will remain there indefinitely. Correspondingly, the 'Contingent liability' (note 12) will remain there indefinitely until VIC no longer has use for the property and it is gifted back to the Haslingden Community.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation 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.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	31.3.17	31.3.16
	£	£
Rental income	1,646	270
Bus hire	-	300
Art sales	2,702	5,715
Subscriptions	1,392	584
Merchandise sales	<u>1,222</u>	<u>142</u>
	<u>6,962</u>	<u>7,011</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.17	31.3.16
	£	£
Bank interest	<u>56</u>	<u>48</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct costs	Support costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Charitable Activities	178,661	-	178,661
Governance costs	<u>-</u>	<u>1,983</u>	<u>1,983</u>
	<u>178,661</u>	<u>1,983</u>	<u>180,644</u>

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.17	31.3.16
	£	£
Accountancy fees	1,983	2,200
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>(3,198)</u>	<u>21,223</u>

Depreciation on the property is no longer required and has therefore been written back to its original gifted value on the basis that VIC will enjoy use during its lifetime and will not benefit from any appreciation in value after any transfer of ownership.

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2017 nor for the year ended 31 March 2016.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2017 nor for the year ended 31 March 2016.

7. STAFF COSTS

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

	31.3.17	31.3.16
Support staff	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

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

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS			
Voluntary income	45,882	169,238	215,120
Activities for generating funds	7,011	-	7,011
Investment income	<u>48</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48</u>
Total	52,941	169,238	222,179
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable Activities	51,711	128,530	180,241
Governance costs	<u>2,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,200</u>
Total	<u>53,911</u>	<u>128,530</u>	<u>182,441</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(970)	40,708	39,738
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>31,897</u>	<u>93,827</u>	<u>125,724</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>30,927</u>	<u>134,535</u>	<u>165,462</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures, fittings and office equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 April 2016	270,000	14,632	27,250	17,994	329,876
Additions	-	-	1,926	-	1,926
At 31 March 2017	<u>270,000</u>	<u>14,632</u>	<u>29,176</u>	<u>17,994</u>	<u>331,802</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2016	16,200	7,316	22,939	8,997	55,452
Charge for year	<u>(16,200)</u>	<u>3,658</u>	<u>4,845</u>	<u>4,499</u>	<u>(3,198)</u>
At 31 March 2017	<u>-</u>	<u>10,974</u>	<u>27,784</u>	<u>13,496</u>	<u>52,254</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2017	<u>270,000</u>	<u>3,658</u>	<u>1,392</u>	<u>4,498</u>	<u>279,548</u>
At 31 March 2016	<u>253,800</u>	<u>7,316</u>	<u>4,311</u>	<u>8,997</u>	<u>274,424</u>

Depreciation on the property is no longer required and has therefore been written back to its original gifted value on the basis that VIC will enjoy use during its lifetime and will not benefit from any appreciation in value after any transfer of ownership.

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.17 £	31.3.16 £
Trade debtors	213	-
Other debtors	96	-
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>6,796</u>	<u>2,973</u>
	<u>7,105</u>	<u>2,973</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.17	31.3.16
	£	£
Trade creditors	6,492	5,641
Social security and other taxes	-	3,511
Other creditors	4,772	5,134
Accruals	6,652	2,248
Deferred income	<u>8,157</u>	<u>17,174</u>
	<u>26,073</u>	<u>33,708</u>

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	31.3.17	31.3.16
	£	£
Contingent liability in respect of Gifted Property	<u>270,000</u>	<u>256,557</u>

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.16	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.17
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	18,505	27,231	45,736
Overcoming Barriers	12,422	(12,422)	-
HMR-INT	-	<u>6,597</u>	<u>6,597</u>
	<u>30,927</u>	<u>21,406</u>	<u>52,333</u>
Restricted funds			
RBC-MOD-AFCC	-	-	-
HMR-CCG	21,302	208	21,510
VIC Dig	-	-	-
Crew Bus	-	-	-
East Lancs CCG	90,000	(90,000)	-
DCEPT	6,036	(4,110)	1,926
MOD-Open All Hours	17,197	(17,197)	-
LCC Building Resilience Fund	-	26,228	26,228
Lancs CCAP	-	-	-
Greggs Foundation	-	1,790	1,790
Building Better Opportunities; Changing Futures	-	1,214	1,214
ABF The Soldiers	-	<u>7,975</u>	<u>7,975</u>
	<u>134,535</u>	<u>(73,892)</u>	<u>60,643</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>165,462</u>	<u>(52,486)</u>	<u>112,976</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	15,868	11,363	27,231
Overcoming Barriers	-	(12,422)	(12,422)
HMR-INT	<u>26,788</u>	<u>(20,191)</u>	<u>6,597</u>
	42,656	(21,250)	21,406
Restricted funds			
RBC-MOD-AFCC	3,618	(3,618)	-
HMR-CCG	21,710	(21,502)	208
VIC Dig	3,658	(3,658)	-
Crew Bus	4,499	(4,499)	-
East Lancs CCG	-	(90,000)	(90,000)
DCEPT	-	(4,110)	(4,110)
MOD-Open All Hours	-	(17,197)	(17,197)
LCC Building Resilience Fund	40,000	(13,772)	26,228
Lancs CCAP	300	(300)	-
Greggs Foundation	1,790	-	1,790
Building Better Opportunities	1,927	(713)	1,214
ABF The Soldiers	<u>8,000</u>	<u>(25)</u>	<u>7,975</u>
	85,502	(159,394)	(73,892)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>128,158</u>	<u>(180,644)</u>	<u>(52,486)</u>

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2017.

Veterans in Communities

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.17 Total funds £	31.3.16 Total funds £
15. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS				
Voluntary income				
Donations	4,095	-	4,095	9,533
RBC-MOD-AFCC	-	3,618	3,618	6,937
HMR-CCG	-	21,710	21,710	21,302
RBL-Poppy Factory	-	-	-	3,750
Fundraising-Singing	3,260	-	3,260	3,309
Fundraising-Other	1,195	-	1,195	2,670
VIC Dig	-	3,658	3,658	3,658
Crew Bus	-	4,499	4,499	6,360
East Lancs CCG	-	-	-	90,000
Creative Community	-	-	-	6,992
Social Prescribing	-	-	-	2,854
DCEPT	-	-	-	6,500
Memorial Parade	-	-	-	500
Overcoming Barriers	-	-	-	30,370
MOD-Open All Hours	-	-	-	19,885
Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent	-	-	-	500
Freedom parade	200	-	200	-
Voices concert	100	-	100	-
HMR-INT	26,788	-	26,788	-
Building Better Opportunities	-	1,927	1,927	-
ABF The Soldiers	-	8,000	8,000	-
LCC Building Resilience Fund	-	40,000	40,000	-
Lancs CCAP	-	300	300	-
Greggs Foundation	-	1,790	1,790	-
	<u>35,638</u>	<u>85,502</u>	<u>121,140</u>	<u>215,120</u>
Activities for generating funds				
Rental income	1,646	-	1,646	270
Bus hire	-	-	-	300
Art sales	2,702	-	2,702	5,715
Subscriptions	1,392	-	1,392	584
Merchandise sales	<u>1,222</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,222</u>	<u>142</u>
	6,962	-	6,962	7,011

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Veterans in Communities

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.17 Total funds £	31.3.16 Total funds £
Investment income				
Bank interest	<u>56</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>48</u>
Total incoming resources	42,656	85,502	128,158	222,179
 EXPENDITURE				
Charitable activities				
Direct costs	-	6,264	6,264	22,630
Staff costs	19,244	102,976	122,220	96,062
Motor expenses	-	6,636	6,636	3,185
Travel and refreshments	-	1,607	1,607	4,619
Rent	-	1,032	1,032	3,526
Gas, electricity and water	-	5,871	5,871	5,849
Telephone and computer costs	-	8,544	8,544	5,798
Post, stationery and adverts	-	3,230	3,230	3,684
Insurance	-	2,991	2,991	2,207
Professional fees	-	780	780	6,686
Repairs	-	3,672	3,672	1,365
Miscellaneous equipment	-	300	300	420
Cleaning and hygiene	-	615	615	170
Sundries	23	1,873	1,896	2,817
Depreciation	<u>-</u>	<u>13,003</u>	<u>13,003</u>	<u>21,223</u>
	19,267	159,394	178,661	180,241
Support costs				
Governance costs				
Auditors' remuneration	<u>1,983</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,983</u>	<u>2,200</u>
Total resources expended	21,250	159,394	180,644	182,441
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Net (expenditure)/income	<u>21,406</u>	<u>(73,892)</u>	<u>(52,486)</u>	<u>39,738</u>

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Supporting ex-military and emergency services personnel, and their families

200+

outreach sessions delivered across Pendle, Rossendale, Rochdale, Heywood and Middleton

120+

new members identified, registered and provided with information and support

Support and referrals to access services

- ♦ Military Veterans Service
- ♦ Royal British Legion
- ♦ Citizens' Advice
- ♦ Food parcels
- ♦ Regimental Associations
- ♦ GP
- ♦ Housing support with local authorities and Shelter

Encouraging members to use their skills and experience to benefit the local community

VIC members worked with St James Primary School, Haslingden to build a tool shed and create an outdoor garden and learning area

3 inter-age projects completed by VIC and Prince's Trust groups

- ♦ VIC allotment
- ♦ Memorial garden at The Lighthouse, Lower Chapel in Darwen
- ♦ Living Museum

Weekly art class delivered free by veterans in a local sheltered housing accommodation for those living with dementia, social isolation and caring responsibilities

Working in partnership to support the Armed Forces Covenant and recognise in-service and ex-service personnel

Representation on and active participation in 3
Armed Forces Covenant Groups

- ♦ Pendle
- ♦ Burnley
- ♦ Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale

- Full partner in the delivery of the Integrated
Neighbourhood Team contract in HMR
- Partnership work and delivery with
BFC in the Community
- Participation in Mental Health Awareness
Week events

Representation at 10 Remembrance and Armistice
Day events across East Lancashire and Heywood,
Middleton & Rochdale

Armed Forces Week flag raising ceremony in
Haslingden

Establishing partnerships to work towards addressing issues affecting former armed forces personnel and their families

Innovative new partnership as part of the delivery of the Integrated Neighbourhood Teams contract in Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale
A specific role raising awareness of ex-services personnel and supporting identified individuals

18

Presentations and training sessions given to partner agencies on the issues faced by ex-services personnel

18

Information stands held across East Lancashire, Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale to raise awareness

Supporting health and wellbeing

Peer support
Art Group
Singing Group
Craft Group

Allotment projects in Rossendale and Middleton

Annual programme of walks, activities and social inclusion trips

Arboretum visit	Kayaking
Leeds Armouries visit	Team building
Crosby visit	
Imperial War Museum North visit	

Opportunities to learn new skills

First Aid training	
Navigation training	Fire safety training
ICT course	Creative Writing
British Sign Language course	

Supporting health and wellbeing Cont.

*Open All Hours project funded by the Armed Forces
Covenant Grants:*
Bank Holiday openings
Quiz nights

VIC support and participation in setting up and
delivering new Veterans Breakfast Clubs in
Rochdale and Bury

Outdoor activity days in partnership with local
providers and organisations supporting ex-service
personnel

Return to economic activity

Partner in the delivery of £3.5m project funded by the Big Lottery Fund and the European Social Fund; Changing Futures.

One to one support tailored to meet the needs of the individual and an action plan to help them achieve skills, confidence and move towards finding employment

Delivery of courses to improve skills and increase confidence

Fundraising

VIC Singing Group raised a staggering
£3,260 from collections during
performances

Donations to VIC totalled £4,095

Other fundraising raised a further £1,194

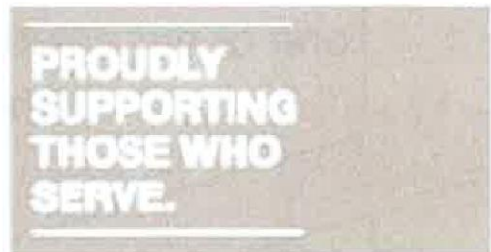
Volunteers

VIC is extremely grateful to each and every one of our volunteers who give so generously of their time and skills.

- ♦ Art Group
- ♦ Walking programme
- ♦ Social inclusion trips
- ♦ Crafty Chatters

- ♦ Singing Group
- ♦ Allotment
- ♦ Outreach, especially in Middleton and Hyndburn

Thank you to our funders



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*Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale
Clinical Commissioning Group*

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Awards and Recognition



Veterans in Communities was a proud finalist in the 2017 Soldiering On Awards, Working Together category.



Veteran and volunteer, Darren Horsnell won the regional final of the Britain Has Spirit Awards and was a finalist in the National Award



Veteran and volunteer Tony Stubbs was finalist in the Volunteer of the Year awards in Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale

Impact

I visited VIC for the first time on Tuesday with my Dad. I cannot tell enough people just how special that day was.

My dad was smiling all afternoon, especially when telling Mum about his visit and the lovely VIC members there.

The twinkle in his eyes was back and I got to spend time with my Dad enjoying himself and passing on his past experiences including gardening, model building and painting, whilst in the company of fellow ex-servicemen and women.

In these days of austerity with so many services closing down we are amazed at the facilities at VIC.

We really can't thank you enough for making us so welcome.

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to take part in The Somme Vigil.

Please also thank Liz and all the veterans for their warm welcome. I was so pleased to be able to pay my respects to the fallen in this way. I have been to many Remembrance Services over the years in many different places, visited dozens of cemeteries and memorials but this centenary has been especially poignant; a once in a lifetime event. I had to bite my lip very hard on hearing the whistle in the morning. I was very impressed with the work of the centre and to see how much the veterans appreciated this little corner of calm in their troubled lives.

I spoke to an RAF regiment veteran and he chatted for some time about how he is making slow but positive progress in dealing with his issues, both physical and mental. I was so interested in his art work and poetry and was concentrating so much on listening to him that I have forgotten his name.

Do pass on my best wishes to him and my hopes that he will keep making good progress. The same goes for all those I met; they certainly have the best opportunity for support within such a caring group.