# NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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# STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The appeal and popularity of marksmanship promoted by the NRA as part of its charitable purposes is reflected in its healthy membership, which stands at 10,061at the end of 2024, and the increasing levels of participation in competitions organised by the NRA.

During 2024, National Shooting Centre Limited ("NSC"), the NRA's wholly-owned subsidiary, was very busy delivering a wide range of shooting activities. Bisley Shooting Ground, the NSC's sporting clay shooting business, enjoyed another successful year, yielding a profit of £439,086 on turnover £1,833,423.

The annual Imperial Meeting is the flagship event in the competition calendar. In 2024 it attracted 2,413 competitors from 24 countries. It also continues to enjoy the support of current and former members of the Armed Forces and emergency services, as well as cadets with 1,416 of them participating in one or more of the events in the Imperial. The Meeting was blessed with kind weather, a welcome relief after recent years challenged by COVID, fire and storms.

We continue to spend significant time and resources engaging with those responsible for regulation. Effective regulatory oversight of firearms ownership is important and the NRA contributes to an informed and rational approach to this important issue. We work with government and police to enable people to develop their marksmanship skills in ways that are responsible and accessible. We also contributed to the on-going consultation on the use of lead-free ammunition, given the impact that restrictions on lead would have on the charitable activities of the NRA.

Net cash provided by operations is £1,678,193 for the year, significantly more than the net cash of £478,059 in 2023, reflecting a higher surplus and improvement in debtor and creditor positions. The net surplus for the year is £571,764 compared to the net surplus of £51,301 in 2023; this includes a gain on investments of £28,019 compared to a gain of £8,832 in 2023.

The results for 2024 are a reflection of the continued interest in target shooting and an increase in staffing levels as demands on the NRA increase. We continue to exercise tight control on costs as part of restoring our financial resilience.

The NRA could not carry out its work without the support of its members, its tenants and those who use the ranges at Bisley. I want to thank all of them for their continued support and contribution to the on-going work of the NRA.

The success of the NRA would not be possible without committed and effective management. Andrew Mercer, our Secretary-General, has assembled an executive team that is committed to the success of the NRA and the NSC. In turn, they lead a vibrant and enthusiastic workforce who deal with members, tenants and customers throughout the year. They continue to draw on the ability and commitment of our Trustees, who volunteer to spend many hours forming and articulating critical policy for the executive to implement.

David Lacey 14 April 2025

# TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

This is the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements of the National Rifle Association ("the NRA") for the year ended 31 December 2024. In preparing this report, the Trustees have had regard to the Guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales in *Public benefit: reporting (PB3)*.

# 1 Objectives and Activities

1.1 The charitable objectives for which the NRA was established are set out in the Second Schedule to the Royal Charter of the NRA. These objectives are:

"to promote and encourage marksmanship throughout the Queen's dominions in the interests of defence and the permanence of the volunteer and auxiliary forces, naval, military and air."

- 1.2 The NRA promotes its purposes for the public benefit in three main ways:
  - (a) by promoting military and "mixed" (i.e. civilian and military) competitive shooting, in furtherance of the promotion of the efficiency of the armed forces of the Crown and the efficiency of the police, fire and rescue and ambulance services;
  - (b) by promoting civilian youth shooting, both competitive and non-competitive, to provide a pathway to adult civilian competitive shooting as well as its incidental educational benefit; and
  - (c) by promoting competitive adult civilian-only shooting in the interests of Defence of the Realm as described in its charitable objectives.
- 1.3 The Trustees are aware that the Charity Commission believes that the connection between civilian marksmanship and Defence of the Realm is tenuous. That is not a view shared by the NRA, but at this stage the NRA has not sought to challenge that view while information is collected on the participation levels of military, emergency services and cadet personnel in events organised by the NRA. Despite the huge advances in military technology during the period since the founding of the NRA, expertise with small arms remains an essential skill within our defence and security services and marksmanship is a key element of that expertise. In what continues to be a troubled world, the maintenance of efficient and skilled defence and security services is of immense benefit to the public of the United Kingdom. Civilian shooting has significant potential to contribute to the national resilience of the United Kingdom in times of emergency.
- 1.4 The competitive shooting organised by the NRA is open to military, emergency services and civilian marksmen and the Trustees believe that this activity promotes the purpose described in paragraph 1.2(a). The participation rates of military and emergency service personnel and cadets in 2024 averaged 44.75%, compared to 42.95% in 2023, across all NRA competitions.
- 1.5 The NRA conducts the following activities as part of furthering its charitable objectives:
  - (a) publishing the NRA Journal;
  - (b) operating a membership scheme;
  - (c) organising shooting competitions to promote charitable purposes open to current and former military, police and other emergency service personnel, cadets, students and civilians;
  - (d) promoting marksmanship for cadets and students at schools and higher education institutions;

- (e) providing information and advice to politicians and civil servants in relation to matters concerning marksmanship;
- (f) maintaining and curating the NRA Museum and Trophies for marksmanship competitions;
- (g) conducting training courses in marksmanship and in instruction of marksmanship that are open to current and former military, police and other emergency service personnel, cadets, students and civilian marksmen; publishing rules for marksmanship competitions and training manuals for use in connections with training courses;
- (h) organising marksmanship competitions open to current and former military, police and other emergency service personnel, cadets, students and civilian marksmen including the Imperial Meeting, the Phoenix Meeting, the Trafalgar Meeting and the Adaptive Championship;
- (i) operating a Home Office Approved Rifle Club to encourage marksmanship and facilitate the acquisition and use of firearms and providing advice and guidance for compliance with firearms licensing laws; and
- (j) publishing guidance for the safe design and operation of ranges.
- 1.6 The consolidated accounts limit the scope for demonstrating the contribution of each activity in the financial information published below.
- 1.7 The NRA, along with the wider shooting community, recognises that safety in the use of firearms is of paramount importance. There are obvious risks of harm associated with the careless use, or deliberate misuse, of firearms. The NRA firmly believes that by encouraging participants to undergo organised training, and by the maintenance of a rigorous disciplinary code for its membership, it helps to minimise the chances of accidental harm arising from the use of such equipment.
- 1.8 There are, as with many activities, incidental harms associated with target shooting, such as a degree of noise pollution, contamination of small areas of land by spent projectiles and restrictions on access to range danger areas. All of these are kept to a minimum, the success of which contributes to the flourishing of rare fauna and flora found on the large Site of Special Scientific Interest that covers most of the Bisley ranges.
- In addition to those of military service age, target shooting is an activity in which the young, the elderly, the able-bodied and those with physical disabilities can all participate. There are few constraints on involvement except for those arising out of firearms legislation. In 2024, major competitions attracted competitors between 13 and 86 years of age. Shooting provides an activity which can be, and is, continued by members of the armed services who have been injured in the line of duty to the considerable benefit of participants' morale and rehabilitation.
- Non-competitive or "recreational" marksmanship activities are conducted by National Shooting Centre Limited ("NSC"), the wholly-owned subsidiary of the NRA. This is consistent with the fact that target shooting is not currently recognised as a sport for charitable purposes and so the NRA is not able to promote marksmanship as a sport.
- 1.11 Civilian marksmanship is often misunderstood by the public and its contribution to the public good is often understated. The NRA seeks to tackle these issues as part of pursuing its charitable objectives and through its activities make a difference to the way civilian marksmanship is

- perceived. A positive perception of these activities will encourage more people to engage in them, which is a key measure of the success of the NRA in pursuing its charitable objectives.
- 1.12 The achievement of its aims will further its legal purposes by demonstrating that its charitable objectives make a contribution to the public good through its commitment to the Efficiency of the Armed Forces and education.
- 1.13 The strategies used by the NRA for achieving its aims and objectives include:
  - (a) promoting marksmanship in schools and universities;
  - (b) engaging with cadet forces through the Council for Cadet Rifle Shooting;
  - (c) working with the British Army, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force to develop and improve our engagement with it as part of our contribution to Efficiency of the Armed Forces; and
  - (d) providing firearms training facilities to the Armed Forces, Police and other emergency services.
- 1.14 The NRA uses the following criteria and measures in assessing its success in achieving its aims and objectives:
  - (a) participation levels in the marksmanship events that it organises;
  - (b) growth in its membership; and
  - (c) the number of people engaging in the training activities provided by the NRA.
- 1.15 The significant activities undertaken in 2024 were providing ranges and other training facilities, including for police forces, and these contributed to the achievement of the NRA's aims and objectives by providing competitions to test and improve the marksmanship of military personnel, and train and improve the skills of police firearms officers. The Imperial Meeting in 2024 was organised by the NRA and blessed with kind weather and gentle conditions.
- 1.16 The short-term aims and objectives of the NRA are to:
  - (a) promote effective communication with members and the wider public about the charitable activities of the NRA:
  - (b) continue to develop effective procedures for the management of its land and buildings;
  - (c) promote the contribution of civilian marksmanship to the Efficiency of the Armed Forces; and
  - (d) improve range and other training facilities at Bisley for the use by the NSC as part of its business.
- 1.17 The medium and longer-term aims and objectives of the NRA are to:
  - (a) ensure that the land and buildings owned by the NRA are maintained and used in an effective way in the best interests of the NRA;

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- (b) engage comprehensively across the Armed Forces and emergency services as part of promoting the contribution of civilian marksmanship to all branches of the military and emergency services; and
- (c) increase access to regional ranges.
- 1.18 The aims and objectives for 2025 provide a base from which to develop the longer-term aims and objectives of the NRA. The strategy of the Trustees is to see steady year-on-year growth in key metrics, recognising that there are limits on the extent to which civilian marksmanship can grow in the United Kingdom.
- 1.19 Social investment does not form a material part of the charitable and investment activities of the NRA.
- 1.20 The grant-making policy of the NRA facilitates and improves access to ranges and marksmanship improvement. Grants are considered where they support organisations that promote marksmanship or enhance the engagement of the NRA with the armed forces and cadets. This contributes to the aims and objectives of the NRA by providing alternative routes for the NRA to contribute to the public good provided by civilian marksmanship activities. This can be particularly useful as a way of promoting the objects of the NRA across the United Kingdom, away from the base of the NRA at Bisley Camp.
- 1.21 The NRA welcomes the contribution that volunteers make to the ability of the NRA to undertake activities such as acting as range officers, instructors and competition administrators. The difficulty in attributing an economic value to that contribution prevents it being included in the statement of financial activities, but the Trustees are keen to recognise and acknowledge it.

# 2 Achievements and Performance

- 2.1 The key measures of success as assessed by the Trustees are:
  - (a) increases in the membership of the NRA;
  - (b) growth in demand for, and increasing use of, the Bisley range complex managed by NSC;
  - (c) monitoring and increasing involvement in competitive shooting, particularly amongst military, emergency services and cadets;
  - (d) delivering a financial surplus in accordance with the annual budget; and
  - (e) organising a range of competitions and training programmes in the year with an increase in participation.
- 2.2 The NRA organised the following training courses during 2024:

Type of Course	Participants 2024	Participants 2023
Probationary	874	860
Range Conducting Officer / Rang Safety Officer	e 488	454

Instructor, Renewal, Conversion	494	543
Skills Courses	131	177

- 2.3 The Pavilion training centre at Bisley provides a permanent base for the team of instructors and coaches. The facilities continue to prove popular and serve a growing portfolio of training programmes. The large number of NRA membership applications has increased the demand for Probationary training, although was once again tempered by significant delays in police background checks on new applicants. Other training delivered in the year included courses for Range Conducting Officers for military ranges, ambulance service personnel, arctic expedition team leaders and regional range operators both at Bisley and regionally. We also successfully delivered the first range day firearms familiarisation course for police firearms licensing staff for the College of Policing.
- A series of Discipline Days were delivered to provide specific training by enthusiastic volunteers respected within their shooting discipline. The courses offer fundamental skills coaching and help encourage new shooters to compete in competitions; courses run for Civilian Service Rifle, Gallery Rifle and Pistol and Target Shotgun were well received.
- 2.5 The NRA provides, and continues to invest to improve, a centre of excellence in marksmanship at Bisley for the use of the Regular Services, Reserve Forces, Cadets, Police and civilians.
- 2.6 The NRA works with Government, European organisations and the Police to facilitate the implementation and administration of firearms legislation, recognising the importance of this to civilian marksmanship.
- 2.7 NSC staff regularly provide advice and guidance to range operators and those wishing to develop new ranges.
- 2.8 The NRA continues to maintain a close dialogue with the Ministry of Defence as part of discharging its charitable objectives. The MoD use the NRA's Range Conducting Officer qualification and Shooter Certification Schemes to validate the competency of civilian shooting on MoD ranges. The NSC works with the MoD to identify any impending range closures so that early negotiations can take place over their feasibility, and the potential for the lease or purchase of such ranges to enable their continued use by civilians, cadets and reserve forces in support of marksmanship nationally.
- 2.9 The NRA maintains its governance of full-bore target shooting, including the upkeep and publication of the rules and regulations for shooting competitions. These are set out in the NRA Handbook ("Bisley Bible"), which is published in the spring of each year, and in a number of ancillary publications.
- 2.10 The NRA encourages full bore target shooting by organising, or causing to be organised, competitions at various levels; and positive promotion through social media and other channels. The NRA's Facebook page is an important communication and promotional tool with a weekly reach of up to 115,000.
- 2.11 The NRA organised an extensive range of competitions in 2024; over the course of the year military, emergency services and cadets accounted for 44.75% of total competitors. The participation in major events and competitions held during 2024 were as follows:

Event	Participants 2024	Participants 2023
Imperial Meeting		
- Schools	348	349
- Service Rifle	104	54
- Adaptive	51	48
- Civilian Service Rifle	145	139
- Match Rifle	152	113
- F Class	65	40
- Target Rifle	857	866
- Pistol & Gallery Rifle	91	95
- Historic Arms	71	62
- McQueen	109	163
-300 metre	13	26
Gallery Rifle Events		
- Spring Action Weekend	207	195
-Phoenix Meeting	415	423
- Autumn Action Weekend	188	185
Civilian Service Rifle League	873	831
Inter Counties	129	148
Trafalgar Meeting	179	159
Target Shotgun Spring Festival	73	67
Target Shotgun Autumn Festival	60	55
Cottesloe Heath Challenge	105	107
Target Shotgun League	186	162
Historic Service Rifle Spring	58	40
Historic Service Rifle Autumn	65	41

Hand Gun League	69	60
Mini Rifle	118	118
Total	4,766	4,573

- 2.12 During 2024, the NRA continued to upgrade its land and buildings at Bisley, including the developments of the third serviced caravan site, and the refurbishment of range infrastructure and accommodation that is licensed to NSC as part of its commercial activities.
- 2.13 The NRA promotes membership of the NRA as a way of enabling and encouraging people to contribute to the charitable activities of the NRA. The changes in the membership numbers during 2023 were as follows:

Membership type	31/12/24	31/12/23	Net change
Individual Total	10,061	10,157	-96
Clubs	672	684	-8
Schools	33	33	n/c
Associations	39	41	-2

- 2.14 The NRA seeks to maintain a sound financial base. The financial results for the year, as set out below, show a reasonable surplus after an investment gain in the NRA's financial position, which is helping the NRA to restore its balance sheet resilience as described in the Reserves Policy. The need to generate consistent surpluses is vital for the organisation to fund the refurbishment of the landholdings of the NRA, invest in the future and improve and expand the charitable activities of the NRA across the country.
- 2.15 The work of the NRA has benefitted society as a whole by continuing to promote the efficiency of the Armed Forces so that it is better able to discharge its important functions. The work of the NRA with cadets and students has enhanced their education. While recognising the different view taken by the Charity Commission, the NRA believes that promoting opportunities for civilian marksmanship also plays a role in the Defence of the Realm for the good of the nation.
- 2.16 The NRA does not engage in any material fundraising activities. The NRA does provide a membership scheme for people who wish to support the objectives of the NRA. The number of individual members decreased by 96 and affiliated organisations by 10 during 2024.
- 2.17 Listed investments increased in value by £28,019 (2023: increased £8.832).
- 2.18 No material expenditure was incurred to raise income in the future.
- 2.19 The important work of the Armed Forces is enhanced by the activities of the NRA through the competitions it organises and thus the charitable activities of the NRA produce a benefit at a societal level. At an individual level, the activities of the NRA provide an opportunity for people to develop

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personal skills by providing training and access to the facilities needed to pursue marksmanship activities.

2.20 The NRA fosters positive relations with its employees as they are key to the effective delivery of the charitable activities of the NRA. This also applies to its engagement with the members of the NRA, as they provide an important contribution to the funding of the NRA and of course are essential to enhancing the levels of marksmanship in competitions that the NRA organises. The Trustees are also committed to positive engagement with the wider community. This is important to demonstrate the public benefit that flows from the pursuit of the NRA's charitable activities. The NRA recognises the importance of fostering a positive public appreciation of its activities and to dispel misunderstandings, particularly in relation to safety and responsibility of the activities that it conducts.

## **3** Financial Review

- 3.1 The NRA's consolidated income for the year to 31 December 2024 was £11,121,664 (2023: £10,022,504). Expenditure increased to £10,577,919 (2023: £9,980,035). This has resulted in a consolidated surplus for the year of £571,764 (2023: £51,301) including gains on the market value of investments of £28,019 (2023 Gain: £8,832).
- 3.2 References to "Group" or "Consolidated" refer to the combined total of the NRA and the NSC.
- 3.3 Principal income sources for the NRA are membership subscriptions, competition entry fees, fees for training courses and rents receivable; and for the NSC fees for range use, revenue from sales of ammunition, and fees for clay target shooting.
- 3.4 The consolidated surplus is a combination of strong demand for shooting at Bisley and significant expenditure in renewing and upgrading range infrastructure and other plant and buildings. The sporting clay business at Bisley acquired in 2020, known as Bisley Shooting Ground, made a significant contribution to the surplus in 2024.
- 3.5 The NSC continues to improve integration with specialised IT systems for armoury storage, range bookings and ammunition sales. This integration is yielding improved accuracy and timeliness of management and financial reporting by NSC, which in turn facilitates effective financial management of the Group.
- 3.6 Works in the Pavilion to provide a new air rifle range, multi-functional event facilities and improved hotel accommodation progressed well in 2024.
- 3.7 Capital expenditure during 2024 of £1,054,851 (2023: £458,385) has been funded from cash flow, deposits and donations, and focused on projects to improve the effective conduct of marksmanship activities at Bisley, commercial shooting operations, and the development of 28 fully serviced caravan pitches.
- 3.8 To address a backlog of maintenance, expenditure on estate maintenance and associated permanent staff costs in 2024 was £962,789 (2023: £814,275).
- 3.9 The Trustees consider that surplus financial resources should be available to the NRA in order to:
  - (a) provide Balance Sheet resilience in line with the Trustee's Reserves Policy

- (b) ensure continued achievement of its charitable objects during an unforeseen temporary reduction in income and to mitigate the impact of other risks, and
- (c) accumulate funds for major projects which cannot be financed out of annual income.
- 3.10 The Trustees have considered short-medium term liquidity in the Reserves Policy with a target cash balance and Acid Test ratio, and the medium to longer term capacity to fund capital projects, both for reinvestment and development.
- 3.11 The Trustees agreed a budget for 2024 which focussed on managing liquidity and rebuilding balance sheet resilience, and set financial policies intended to address these and other exposures, including ensuring that during any year the expenditure of surpluses on capital or development is managed so as to sustain a forecast cash balance of at least £250,000. This was not achieved consistently throughout 2024 due to high ammunition stock levels and slower receipts for serviced caravan pitches. The cash at year end was £1,310,427 (2023: £674,410) include membership subscriptions paid in advance.
- 3.12 The Trustees consider that the accumulation of financial resources for major projects and to mitigate any unforeseen temporary reduction in income is most effectively measured by the liquid resources readily available from the Group's unrestricted funds.
- 3.13 The Trustees aim to maintain sufficient liquidity to ensure that current liabilities are covered by cash or readily monetised assets without the need to utilise the overdraft facility.
- 3.14 The Trustees recognise the need to generate additional funds to fund much-needed capital and revenue projects on Bisley camp and in the regions.
- 3.15 Trustees consider that surplus financial resources should be available to the charity to enable the continuation of charitable activity during unforeseen events and mitigate the impact of other risks, and to accumulate funds for major projects which cannot be financed by annual income.
- 3.16 At the end of 2024 the total funds of the NRA were £9,701,204 including £157,459 (Overseas Team Fund), £65,106 (Young Shooters Fund) and £5,021 (Imperial Special Prize Fund) as restricted funds, and £385,975 (Special Prizes Fund) as an Endowment Fund. The amount of free reserves at the end of the reporting period, after making allowance for any restricted funds, the amount of designations, commitments and the carrying amount of fixed assets which the NRA considers to represent a commitment of the reserves it holds is negative £529,562 (2023: negative £601,062).
- 3.17 The Trustees have considered the level of negative free reserves and judge it sustainable for a charity with substantial property fixed assets. This allows continuing substantial investment in capital expenditure especially as membership and rents in advance are £1,581,957 (2023: £1,536,076) and are not included in the reserves figure. A valuation of the estate was undertaken in 2020 and valued the estate at £10million.
- 3.18 The Trustees have approved a Reserve Policy and believe that the amount of reserves is consistent with their policies and plans.
- 3.19 The Trustees, having carefully reviewed the Charity's forecasts, plans and procedures are not aware of any material uncertainties about the ability of the NRA to continue as a going concern. The impact of high inflation and pressures on household budgets on the demand for NRA services has been limited. Trustees are confident that liquidity will be maintained through a combination of

- continued support for NRA activities, good demand for NSC services, rigorous cost control, and discretionary expense management.
- 3.20 The agenda of matters for consideration at each trustee meeting is largely determined by an assessment of the risks affecting the charity and the need for Trustees to consider means by which those risks may be mitigated. Consideration of risks and their mitigation is therefore a routine part of the business of Council.
- 3.21 Key risks that are likely to affect the financial position of the NRA and its subsidiary going forward as identified in the risk register are:
  - (a) a shooting incident involving a lawfully-owned firearm leading to the implementation of restrictive firearms legislation;
  - (b) a disease outbreak that leads to closure of ranges;
  - (c) cyber-attack leading to the loss of data;
  - (d) safety failures leading to restrictions to access to MoD ranges which then limits the scope for organised marksmanship; and
  - (e) restrictions on the use of lead in ammunition.
- 3.22 The principal funding sources of the NRA during the reporting period were:
  - (a) rent and licence fees paid in respect of leases and licences of land belonging to the NRA;
  - (b) Gift Aid donation of the taxable profit of NSC;
  - (c) competition entry and training fees; and
  - (d) membership and affiliation fees paid to the NRA by members and affiliated organisations.
- 3.23 The NRA does not operate a defined benefit pension scheme.
- 3.24 The NRA segregates its restricted and endowment funds from its unrestricted funds and invests them separately. The Trustees have wide ranging powers, conferred upon them by the Association's Royal Charter, to invest and divest the funds of the charity at their discretion and as they think fit.
- 3.25 In practice, the Trustees provide the Charity's risk appetite and loss tolerance for the investment managers, Rathbones Investment Management Ltd and Philip J Milton & Company Plc. The NRA have instructed its investment managers to act on a discretionary basis on this risk strategy. Their performance is benchmarked against representative equity indices. The Trustees have not imposed any particular social, environmental or ethical constraints on the management of the investments.
- 3.26 The NRA does not have any fund that can be realised only by disposing of tangible fixed assets or programme-related investments.
- 3.27 The NRA is one of three member bodies of British Shooting, a private company limited by guarantee. The NRA does not provide any funding to British Shooting, and has no financial liability in respect of the company except the liability to contribute a nominal amount if the company is

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wound up. British Shooting receives grants from UK Sport and Sport England primarily to fund the training and development of Olympic and Paralympic shooters.

3.28 The NRA has no fund or subsidiary undertaking that is in deficit.

# 4 Plans for future periods

- 4.1 The NRA will continue to pursue its objectives as set out above. In addition to its on-going day-to-day activities it will:
  - (a) continue to increase investment in the shooting facilities at Bisley as a centre of excellence for marksmanship while continuing to improve its financial position;
  - (b) explore the opportunities to improve the usage of the Bisley assets by the Civil Nuclear Constabulary and other police, armed forces, and other firearms training organisations as well as commercial tenants who enhance the income of the NRA:
  - (c) continue its discussions with MoD and private range operators with the goal of ensuring the maximum possible availability of ranges for civilian use;
  - (d) improve and enhance the reputation of the NRA as promoter of competitive target shooting and improve the public profile of competitive target shooting;
  - (e) ensure that NSC delivers consistently good value and invests cash surpluses where appropriate in its business; and
  - (f) increase membership with particular emphasis on increasing the number of younger shooters both at Bisley and in the regions.
- 4.2 The Trustees publishing the 2022–2027 Strategic Framework, setting nine strategic goals for the delivery of the NRA's strategic vision to "Promote marksmanship to everyone including Armed Forces' personnel in order to support sportsmanship, education, well-being and Armed Forces' efficiency".
- 4.3 Our engagement with the Charity Commission during 2019 and 2020 emphasised the importance of not just complying with law and guidance but being able to demonstrate this compliance. There are inevitably costs involved in the compliance process but this will be essential for the long-term interests of the NRA. The Trustees are using the experience gained from this to direct future plans and are conscious of the need to ensure that resources are allocated effectively to promote those plans and for the overall success of the charity.

# 5 Structure, governance and management

- 5.1 The NRA was founded in 1859. The NRA was incorporated in England and Wales by Royal Charter dated 21 October 1890, and became a registered charity on 21 March 1963. The governing document of the NRA is the Royal Charter and its two Schedules.
- 5.2 The NRA has a single wholly-owned subsidiary, National Shooting Centre Limited ("NSC"), which is a company incorporated with limited liability in England and Wales. The NSC carries out trading and commercial activities, which the NRA is not permitted to carry out because of its charitable status.

- 5.3 Under the Royal Charter, the direction of the affairs and concerns of the NRA and the entire management of its property and funds are vested in the Council. The Council consists of the Trustees who are appointed in accordance with the Second Schedule of the Royal Charter as follows:
  - (a) the Chairman is elected by the General Council of the NRA;
  - (b) the Treasurer is elected by the General Council of the NRA;
  - (c) the Chairman of the Shooting Committee is a Trustee by virtue of holding that office and is elected by the members of the Shooting Committee of the General Council of the NRA;
  - (d) the Chairman of the Membership Committee is a Trustee by virtue of holding that office and is elected by the members of the Membership Committee of the General Council of the NRA;
  - (e) up to four Trustees are elected by General Council from among its members; and
  - (f) up to four Trustees are selected by the other Trustees with the approval of General Council.
- The General Council is a representative body formed under the Second Schedule to the Royal Charter by election of the members of the NRA. Its role is to advise and make recommendations to the Council and provide representation of the membership of the Association. The General Council consists of up to 72 members including the Chairman, the Treasurer, 15 elected Ordinary members, 15 elected Regional members, 12 elected Shooting Discipline members, up to 19 ex-officio members and up to 9 co-opted members.
- 5.5 No external body is entitled to appoint any Trustee.
- 5.6 The Council has established the following Committees:
  - (a) Investment Committee;
  - (b) Audit Committee; and
  - (c) Real Estate Committee.
- 5.7 The Investment Committee liaises with the investment managers appointed by the Trustees and monitors the performance of the investments of the NRA.
- Trustees review and approve the Secretary General's remuneration each year, and review bi-monthly HR reports that include the recruitment of key management.
- 5.9 The Audit Committee liaises with the auditors of the NRA and is involved in the oversight of the annual audit of the NRA.
- 5.10 The Real Estate Committee provides advice, guidance and recommendations at the request of the professional staff of the NRA in relation to the granting, administration and renewal of leases, monitors the process of granting and renewing leases and the administration of leases during their term and advises the Trustees on strategy and policy in relation to the management of the real estate of the NRA.

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- 5.11 The Trustees are all volunteers. The NRA has a full time Secretary General supported by other professional staff tasked with the day-to-day running of the NRA.
- 5.12 The Secretary-General also serves as Chief Executive of NSC. A number of employees of the NRA are seconded to NSC. NSC pays NRA for the services of those employees under the secondment provisions of a co-operation agreement between the NRA and the NSC.
- 5.13 The NSC board includes a minimum of one independent director in accordance with guidance from the Charity Commission. A director is "independent" for these purposes if he or she is not a Trustee or an employee of the NRA. The NSC obtains independent professional advice when its directors consider it is appropriate to do so.
- 5.14 As part of the process for the induction of new Trustees, each Trustee:
  - (a) signs the Code of Conduct and Confidentiality Undertaking to agree to their terms;
  - (b) completes a register of interests as part of the management of conflict of interests;
  - (c) receives a detailed briefing upon appointment including an explanation of the proceedings of Council and the duties of Trustees;
  - (d) receives a copy of the Charity Commission CC3 (The Essential Trustee), CC29 (Conflicts of Interest: A Guide for Charity Trustees), and CC30 (Finding New Trustees);
  - (e) signs Charity Commission Automatic Disqualification and Trustee Eligibility Declarations; and
  - (f) signs HMRC Declaration of Trustees (Fit and Proper Person).
- 5.15 The NRA co-operates closely with the NSC under the terms of a co-operation agreement. That agreement deals with such matters as gift aid payments by NSC to NRA, the conduct of business by NSC, financial reporting, the secondment of NRA staff to NSC and data protection issues.

# **6** Reference and Administrative Details

- 6.1 The NRA is registered as a charity under the name "National Rifle Association". The NRA does not use any other name apart from the abbreviation "NRA" or "the Association".
- 6.2 The charity registration number of the NRA is 219858 and it has two company registration numbers: RC000372 for National Rifle Association and RC000791 for The National Rifle Association. The NRA is not registered in any jurisdiction other than England and Wales.
- 6.3 The principal office of the NRA is at Bisley Camp, Brookwood, Surrey GU24 0PB. As a Royal Charter company, the NRA does not have a registered office address.
- 6.4 The Trustees in office at the date this report was approved or who served as a Trustee during the reporting period are:

David Lacey (Chairman)

Andrew Reynolds (Treasurer)

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Gary Alexander

Alice Gran

Nick Brasier (retired September 2024)

Robert Bruce

Julia Hilger-Ellis

John Webster

John Bloomfield

James Harris

Christopher Lees

Nicholas David

Richard Stebbings (appointed September 2024)

- 6.5 The NRA has no corporate Trustees.
- No person holds the title to property belonging to the NRA as custodian, trustee or nominee except the Investment Managers named below, who hold certain investments as nominee for the NRA.
- No person who served as a Trustee holds any title to property belonging to the NRA.
- 6.8 The Trustees engaged the following professionals during 2024:

(a) Solicitors: Moore Barlow LLP, 55 Quarry Street, Guildford,

Surrey GUI 3UE

Irwin Mitchell LLP, 40 Holborn Viaduct, London

EC1N 2PZ

Farrer & Co LLP, 66 Lincoln's Inn Fields,

Holborn, London WC2A 3LH

(b) Auditors: HaysMac LLP, Chartered Accountants, 10 Queen

Street Place, London EC4R 1AG

(c) Surveyors: Gascoignes, Gillingham House, 2 Pannells Ct,

Guildford GU1 4EU

(d) Bankers: Barclays Bank PLC, Town Gate House, Church

Street East, Woking, Surrey GU21 1AE

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(e) Investment Rathbones Investment Management Ltd,
Managers: Connaught House, Alexandra Terrace, Guildford,

Surrey, GU1 3DA

Philip J Milton & Company Plc, Sterling House, 17 Joy Street, Barnstaple, Devon EX31 1HE

- 6.9 The following key senior members of staff, who are the Executive of the NRA, are or have been responsible for the day-to-day management of the charity, and its subsidiary undertaking, National Shooting Centre Limited, in the course of 2024:
  - (a) Andrew Mercer, Secretary General of the NRA and Chief Executive of the NSC; and
  - (b) Gary Freeman, Group Accountant of the NRA

# **7** Exemptions from Disclosure

The Trustees have not requested authority from the Charity Commission for England and Wales to omit any information from this report.

# 8 Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

No Trustee is acting as custodian Trustees. The NRA acts as custodian, managing a bank account on behalf of ICFRA (International Confederation of Fullbore Rifle Associations) members' funds belonging to the Beneficial Owners.

# 9 Auditors

- 9.1 HaysMac LLP have confirmed their willingness to be reappointed as auditors for the next year.
- 9.2 The Trustees at the date of approval of this Trustees' Annual Report confirm that so far as each of them is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the NRA's auditors are unaware, and the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

# 10 Trustees' responsibilities in the preparation of financial statements

- 10.1 The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report 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 law applicable to charities in England and Wales 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 group and the charity and of incoming resources and application of those resources, including income and expenditure for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:
  - (a) Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
  - (b) Observe the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP);

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- (c) Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (d) State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- (e) Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group will continue in operation.
- 10.3 The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Royal Charter. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.
- The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report was appro	oved by the Trustees	on 14 April 2024	and was signed on	their behalf by the Cl	hairman
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David Lacey

Chairman

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of National Rifle Association for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial activities, group and parent charity balance sheets, consolidated cash flow statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent charity's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of the group's net movement in funds for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

# **Basis for opinion**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

# Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' report and the Chairman's statement. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

# Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent charity; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the parent charity financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES** (continued) **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

# Responsibilities of trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on pages 16 and 17, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the group or the parent charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the group and the environment in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to those standard to royal charter charities, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011, income tax, payroll tax and sales tax.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate journal entries to revenue and management bias in accounting estimates. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Inspecting correspondence with regulators and tax authorities;
- Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;
- Evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities;
- Identifying and testing journals, in particular journal entries posted with unusual account combinations, postings by unusual users or with unusual descriptions; and
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their critical accounting estimates

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <a href="https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities">www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities</a>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

# Use of our report

**Statutory Auditors** 

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity's trustees as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

HaysMac LLP	15/04/25
HaysMac LLP	Date'

HaysMac LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including an Income & Expenditure Account) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	$\begin{array}{cccc} \textbf{Unrestricted} & \textbf{Restricted} & \textbf{Endowment} \\ \textbf{Funds} & \textbf{Funds} & \textbf{Funds} \\ \textbf{\pounds} & \textbf{\pounds} & \textbf{\pounds} \end{array}$		Funds	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies Other trading activities:	1	1,599,326	9,662	-	1,608,988	1,361,912
- Operations - Estate Investments	2 3	5,559,801 2,418,141	6,203	10,744	5,559,801 2,418,141 16,947	5,148,663 2,189,817 17,230
Charitable shooting activities  Total income	4	1,513,734	4,053 19,918	10,744	1,517,787	1,304,882
Expenditure on: Raising funds: - Operations	2	5,746,147			5,746,146	5,466,274
- Estate Charitable shooting activities	5 6	1,960,894 2,826,605	44,273	- -	1,960,895 2,870,878	1,792,202 2,721,559
Total expenditure		10,533,646	44,273	<u>-</u>	10,577,919	9,980,035
Gains/losses on investments	13	<u>-</u>	7,692	20,327	28,019	8,832
Net income	8	557,356	(16,663)	31,071	571,764	51,301
Transfers between funds		-	10,744	(10,744)	-	-
Net movement in funds	8	557,356	(5,919)	20,327	571,764	51,301
Reconciliation of funds Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2024	1	8,530,287	233,505	365,648	9,129,440	9,078,139
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2024		9,087,643	227,586	385,975	9,701,204	9,129,440

All income and expenditure are derived from the group's continuing activities.

No separate Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses has been presented as all such gains and losses have been recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including an Income & Expenditure Account) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 Total
Income and endowments					
from: Donations and legacies Other trading activities:	1	1,335,830	26,082	-	1,361,912
- Operations	2	5,148,663	_	-	5,148,663
- Estate	3	2,189,817	-	-	2,189,817
Investments		-	6,487	10,743	17,230
Charitable shooting activities	4	1,300,916	3,966	-	1,304,882
Total income		9,975,226	36,535	10,743	10,022,504
Expenditure on: Raising funds: - Operations	2	5,466,274			5,466,274
-			-	-	, ,
- Estate	5	1,792,202	-	-	1,792,202
Charitable shooting activities	6	2,665,735	55,824	-	2,721,559
Total expenditure		9,924,211	55,824	-	9,980,035
Gains on investments	13	<u>-</u>	(5,444)	14,276	8,832
Net Income	8	51,015	(24,733)	25,019	51,301
Transfers between funds		-	10,743	(10,743)	-
Net movement in funds	8	51,015	(13,990)	14,276	51,301
Reconciliation of funds Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2023	d	8,479,272	247,495	351,372	9,078,139
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2022		8,530,287	233,505	365,648	9,129,440

# GROUP AND CHARITY BALANCE SHEETS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £	Charity 2024 £	Charity 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets					
Fixed assets Intangible assets	11 12	9,624,735 309,709	9,133,837 364,364	7,177,798 309,709	6,590,464 364,364
Investments	13	523,199	495,180	611,587	583,568
		10,457,643	9,993,381	8,099,094	7,538,396
Current assets					
Stocks	14	1,050,796	923,550	31,334	35,097
Debtors	15	856,220	952,345	2,138,326	2,161,608
Cash at bank and in hand		1,310,427	674,410	867,041	372,474
		3,217,443	2,550,305	3,036,701	2,569,179
<b>Creditors</b> Amounts falling due within one year	16	(3,138,925)	(2,741,297)	(2,165,360)	(2,041,488)
Net current (liabilities) / assets		78,518	(190,992)	871.3 <del>4</del> 1	527,691
rect current (nabilities) / assets		70,510	(190,992)	071.541	327,091
Total assets less current Liabilities		10,536,161	9,802,389	8,970,435	8,066,087
Deferred income	17	(834,957)	(672,949)	(619,209)	(422,260)
Net assets		9,701,204	9,129,440	8,351,226	7,643,827
Funds of the Charity					
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	18	9,087,643	8,530,287	7,737,665	7,044,674
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Overseas Team Fund	19	157,459	166,106	157,459	166,106
Young Shooters Fund	19	65,106	62,358	65,106	62,358
Imperial Special Prize Fund	19	5,021	5,041	5,021	5,041
<b>Endowment Fund</b>					
Special Prizes Fund	20	385,975	365,648	385,975	365,648
Total Charity Funds		9,701,204	9,129,440	8,351,226	7,643,827
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The financial statements on pages 20 to 47 were approved by the Council and authorised for issue on 14 April 2025 and are signed on its behalf by:

David Lacey

Chairman of the Council

Andrew Reynolds

Treasurer

# CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	£	2024 €	£	2023 £
Net cash provided by operating activities	29	~	1,678,193	~	478,059
Cash flow from operating activities: Interest Paid		(4,272)		(6,781)	
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities			(4,272)		(6,781)
Cash flow from investing activities:					
Dividends, interest and rents from investments Proceeds from the sales of property, plant and equipment		16,947		17,231	
Purchase of property, plant and equipment excluding donations		(1,054,851)		(458,385)	
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities Change in cash and cash			(1,037,904)		(441,154)
equivalents in the reporting period	29		636,017		30,124
Cash and cash equivalents at the					
beginning of the reporting period	29		674,410		644,286
Cash and cash equivalents at the					
end of the reporting period	29		1,310,427		674,410

# ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The principal accounting policies that have been adopted in the preparation of these accounts are as follows:

# **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standards 102 (FRS102). The financial statements comply with all current statutory requirements, the Royal Charter and By-Laws of the Association. The recommendations in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102) (second edition effective 1 January 2019) issued by the Charity Commission have been followed. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised under the historical cost convention unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The National Rifle Association meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

# Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The Trustees have assessed whether the going concern assumption is appropriate and taken into account all available information about the future, which is at least, but is not limited to, twelve months from the date these financial statements are authorised for issue. In making their assessment, Trustees have reviewed detailed forecasts which will be updated quarterly. These forecasts have reflected experiences gained in 2024 and management's plans. The Trustees consider that the going concern basis for preparation of the charitable group's financial statements remains appropriate. In arriving at this conclusion they have taken into consideration the result in the year ended 31 December 2024, the forecasts to 31st May 2026, 2025 monthly accounts, and cash flow projections for the period of twelve months from the date of approval of these accounts. They have also taken into account the substantial positive net assets position of the charitable group, and the uncommitted £1m overdraft facility secured at a 10% LTV ratio.

# **Basis of consolidation**

These financial statements consolidate the results of the charity and its wholly owned subsidiary undertaking National Shooting Centre Limited. A separate Statement of Financial Activities and Income and Expenditure account for the charity has not been presented because it has taken advantage of the exemption afforded by the Charities SORP.

# **Income**

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income, it is probable, and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Donations are normally brought into account when received, and are stated gross of any attributable tax recoverable. All grants are credited to income in the period to which they relate. Government and institutional grants are accounted for on a receivable basis in line with the performance model. Donations and grants given for specific purposes are treated as restricted income.

All other income, including investment income, is accounted for on a receivable basis as and when earned.

# **Expenditure**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is allocated as direct costs in the statement of financial activities where the costs can be identified as being directly related to generating funds, to a charitable activity, or to governance matters. Where costs cannot be directly attributed, they have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities. The basis on which support costs have been allocated are set out in note 7.

Since the property at Bisley is the Association's major asset, the income and expenditure relating to the Estate is shown separately.

# ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### Irrecoverable value added tax

Where expenditure relates to specific events, the relevant irrecoverable Value Added Tax is charged to that event. Irrecoverable Value Added Tax on attributable purchases is charged to Support Costs.

# Gift Aid payments

The charity encourages all donors to provide funds to the group by way of tax efficient Gift Aid payments wherever possible.

# **Pension contributions**

The group makes contributions into money purchase pension schemes on behalf of certain employees. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the group, being invested with independent insurance companies.

The amount charged against income in respect of pension costs and other post-retirement benefits is the contributions payable in the year. Differences between contributions payable in the year and contributions actually paid are shown as either accruals or prepayments in the balance sheet.

## **Taxation**

The charity does not undertake taxable activities. However, the Association's wholly owned trading subsidiary is liable to UK corporation tax on its profits after deduction of payments made under gift aid.

In respect of the trading subsidiary, deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated, but not reversed, at the balance sheet date, where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date. Timing differences are differences between the company's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements.

Deferred tax is measured at the average tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is measured on a non-discounted basis.

# Fixed assets and depreciation

Individual fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised at cost. Fixed assets are held at historic cost less depreciation and are further subject to an annual impairment assessment. Depreciation is recognised through the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives on the following basis:

Freehold land
Long leasehold land
Buildings (Freehold & Leasehold)
Range modifications, plant & equipment
Fixture, fittings & equipment
Rifles for hire
Heritage assets

Not depreciated
Over the period of the lease
2% on cost or valuation
2%, 5%, 10% or 25% on cost or valuation
25% on cost
10% on cost

The NRA maintains a large collection of heritage assets, comprising firearms, trophies, paintings books and ephemera which date back to the formation of the association in 1860. The ephemera comprises of medals, brochures, targets and other objects which reflect the history of target shooting. Due to the size of the collection and limitations on the display area of the museum it is not possible to display the whole of the collection.

Not depreciated

# ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Heritage assets which are purchased are reported in the Balance Sheet at cost. Many heritage assets have been donated and therefore have no attributed cost recognised in the balance sheet. They include 719 trophies dating from 1770, plus a number of firearms and other heritage assets stated above. The cost of obtaining professional valuations of donated assets is considered disproportionate to the value gained and so remain off balance sheet.

Acquisitions must meet two requirements, namely being relevant to the history of the NRA; and of sufficient quality to justify the cost and time of curation and storage. Museum assets displayed and stored in the NRA Museum, and managed by the Curator and his team. Trophies are managed by NRA staff when stored between competitions and displayed for prize presentations. Disposals are assessed by criteria including restrictions imposed by donors, impact on the overall collection, likely proceeds, and resulting reductions in costs and space.

## Goodwill and amortisation

Goodwill is accounted for at cost and amortised at 10% of cost per annum on a straight-line basis, subject to an annual impairment review.

## **Investments**

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they arise

## **Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is based upon the estimated selling price less further costs expected to be incurred at disposal. Provision is made for obsolete and slow-moving items.

# Leased assets and obligations

Where assets are financed by leasing agreements that give rights approximating to ownership ("finance leases") the assets are treated as if they had been purchased outright. The amount capitalised is the present value of the minimum lease payments payable during the lease term. The corresponding leasing commitments are shown as obligations to the lessor.

Lease payments are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements, and the interest is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in proportion to the remaining balance outstanding.

All other leases are "operating leases" and the annual rentals are charged to the profit and loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Rent-free periods received for entering into a lease are accounted for over the period of the lease so as to spread the benefit received over the lease term.

# Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. All differences are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

# Life & term members fund

Life and term membership subscriptions received are credited to the Life & Term Members Fund in full. These subscriptions are then amortised, and released to the Statement of Financial Activities as income, over 20 years for life members, over 8 years for junior life members, or over the number of years applicable for term membership on the sliding scale.

# ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

# **Fund accounting**

General funds comprise the accumulated surplus of unrestricted incoming resources over resources expended as adjusted for other recognised gains and losses, other than those allocated to the Designated Fund. They are available for use in furtherance of the general objectives of the group.

Designated funds comprise the accumulated capital grants received less the accumulated depreciation on the assets acquired with those grants.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions imposed by donors. The purpose and use of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts. Amounts unspent at the year-end are carried forward in the balance sheet, and the underlying assets are segregated from the Association's general funds.

Endowment funds are capital funds, which are held in trust to provide a continuing income stream. The income is then used subject to any specific conditions imposed by the donors of the original capital funds. The underlying assets are also segregated from the Association's general funds.

# **Financial instruments**

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 their settlement value.

# Significant judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the Group's accounting policies. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of the amount, events or actions, actual results may ultimately differ from those estimates. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects current and future periods.

The Trustees consider the following to be areas subject to key estimation or judgement:

Receivable assets book value – having assessed the circumstances and expected recoverability of trade debtors which remain outstanding at the date of approval of these financial statements, management have considered that the current estimated provision for bad debts is sufficient and that the remaining net debtors are fully recoverable.

Land and buildings – leases and licences are granted for NRA land and buildings to members, affiliated organisations and commercial operators engaged in target shooting, with the primary use in association with the NRA's ranges at Bisley. Management consider as the renting of these properties support and encourage charitable activities (marksmanship competition and training etc.) they have appropriately been classified as tangible assets.

Goodwill asset book value – the estimated recoverable value of goodwill has been calculated using a discounted future cash flow model using several assumptions on interest rates and future cash flows of the underlying assets, which has sufficiently supported the book value of £310k. Should the underlying assumptions change, this may have an impact on the book value in future periods.

Heritage assets book value – included within tangible fixed assets are heritage assets of £278k held at historic cost and without depreciation on the basis of an indefinite useful life. The cost of obtaining a recent professional valuation is not commensurate with the benefit to obtaining the valuation, and as such no recent

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valuation have been carried out. In assessing for annual impairment, key estimation has been used to justify that their current fair value exceeds the book cost and no impairment is required.

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024 £	Total 2023
Subscriptions	1,468,920	-	1,468,920	1,238,776
Gift aid	128,602	-	128,602	92,886
Donations	1,804	9,662	11,466	30,250
	1,599,326	9,662	1,608,988	1,361,912

# **2** Other trading activities - operations

The charity owns 100% of the issued share capital of National Shooting Centre Limited ("NSC"), which carries on the trading operations of the group. Audited financial statements for NSC are filed annually with the Registrar of Companies.

A summary of the profit and loss account and statement of changes in equity is set out below:

	2024 £	2023 £
Turnover and Other operating income	6,340,158	5,872,537
Costs		
Cost of sales	2,662,273	2,565,991
Other operating expenses and interest payable	3,083,873	2,900,283
	(5,746,146)	(5,466,274)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	594,012	406,263
Gift Aid	(703,279)	(511,107)
Retained profit	(109,267)	(104,844)

The income of £6,340,158 (2023: £5,872,537) less inter-company revenue of £753,991 (2023: £697,508) and less lottery fund write down of £26,366 (2023: £26,366) gives £5,559,801 (2023: £5,148,663) which matches the SOFA.

A summary of the balance sheet of the subsidiary is set out below:

Fixed assets Tangible assets	2,446,937	2,543,375
Current assets		
Stocks	1,019,463	888,452
Debtors	166,944	171,763
Cash at bank and in hand	443,387	301,937
Carried forward	1,629,794	1,362,152

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2	Other trading activities - operati	ons (continued)		2024	2023
				£	£
	Brought forward			1,629,794	1,362,152
	Creditors				
	Amounts falling due within one ye	ear		(2,446,991)	(2,103,527)
	Net current (liabilities)			(871,197)	(741,375)
	Total assets less current liabilitie	es		1,629,740	1,802,000
	Creditors				
	Amounts falling due after more that	an one year		(890,374)	(953,367)
	Net Assets			739,366	848,633
	Capital & Reserves				
	Called up share capital			88,388	88,388
	Profit and loss account  Shareholders' funds			650,978 739,366	760,245 848,633
	Shareholders funds				
3	Other trading activities – esta				
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds £	funds £	2024 £	2023 £
	Rents	1,416,378	_	1,416,378	1,364,279
	Services and utilities recovered	452,846	_	452,846	497,208
	Other	548,917	-	548,917	328,330
		2,418,141	-	2,418,141	2,189,817
4	Charitable shooting activities				
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
	Imperial meeting	888,446	4,053	892,499	778,386
	Course hire	366,986	-	366,986	292,759
	Other shooting events	258,302	<u> </u>	258,302	233,737
		1,513,734	4,053	1,517,787	1,304,882
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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

# 5 Expenditure on raising funds - Estates

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Permanent staff costs	466,772	-	466,772	389,486
Maintenance	496,017	-	496,017	424,789
Utilities	504,494	-	504,494	589,867
Rents, rates and cleaning	43,149	-	43,149	43,746
Depreciation	167,822	-	167,822	178,458
Other	24,015	-	24,015	-
	1,702,269	-	1,702,269	1,626,346
Support costs (see note 7)	258,626	<u>-</u>	258,626	165,856
	1,960,895		1,960,895	1,792,202

# **6** Charitable shooting activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment fund	<b>Total</b> 2024	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Permanent staff costs	886,731	-	-	886,731	893,100
Imperial Meeting	473,125	805	-	473,930	429,670
Imperial Meeting prizes	-	7,969	-	7,969	7,433
Courses and other NRA events	468,461	-	-	468,461	397,070
Support of other bodies/teams	6,654	19	-	6,673	4,354
Support of young shooters	-	4,680	-	4,680	12,075
Team travel	-	26,791	-	26,791	31,115
Membership insurance	250,435	-	-	250,435	295,720
Insurance	117,877	-	-	117,877	89,948
Depreciation	149,175	-	-	149,175	158,630
	2,352,458	40,264	-	2,392,722	2,319,115
Support costs (see note 7)	474,147	4,009	-	478,156	402,444
	2,826,605	44,273	-	2,870,878	2,721,559

The table above excludes the following upon consolidation £753,991 (2023: £697,508) of inter-company costs £437,034 (2023: £424,119) Imperial Meeting, £294,948 (2023: £260,699) Courses and other NRA Events, £20,823 (2023: £12,148) Support of other bodies and teams, £1,186 (2023: £542) general overheads, primarily ammunition supplies and range hire, have been excluded on consolidation.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

# **7** Support and governance costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. The charity initially identifies the costs of its support functions. It then identifies those costs which relate to the governance function. Having identified its governance costs, the remaining support costs together with the governance costs are apportioned between the two key charitable activities undertaken in the year. Refer to the table below for the basis for apportionment and the analysis of support and governance costs.

	2024 £	2023 £
General fund		
Permanent staff costs	93,779	103,608
Trustee costs	8,254	5,466
Information technology costs	52,897	45,661
Office and banking costs	196,506	159,073
Professional fees	303,124	165,984
Audit Fee	18,000	17,850
Bank Interest	4,272	6,781
Depreciation	55,941	59,486
	732,773	563,909
Allocated to:		
Expenditure on raising funds – estate	(258,626)	(165,856)
Charitable shooting activities	(474,147)	(398,053)
<u>-</u>	-	
Restricted fund Investment management charges	1,109	1,080
Endowment fund Investment management charges	2,900	3,311

Included within the total costs are governance costs of £26,254 (2023: £23,316) made up of £8,254 (2023: £5,466) trustee costs and £18,000 (2023: £17,850) audit fees. The support and governance costs allocation is based on a weighted average proportion.

# **8** Net movement in funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation and amortisation of tangible fixed assets:		
- Owned assets	563,953	626,128
Rent receivable under operating leases	(769,930)	(736,879)
Operating lease rentals payable:		
- Land and buildings	22,896	22,896
Auditor's remuneration:		
- Group Audit fees	32,727	32,727
- Fees for other services	1,636	4,504
Bank interest payable	4,272	6,781

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

9	Staff costs		
		2024	2023
		Number	Number
	The average monthly number of persons employed by the group		
	during the year was:		
	Office, maintenance, range staff and instructors	91	90

Total emoluments for the period for all the Association's and its trading subsidiary's employees, including temporary staff and markers employed during the Imperial Meeting, were:

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs Other benefits	3,220,956 303,013 137,293 19,174	3,001,696 287,023 116,451 20,348
	3,680,436	3,425,554

The group pays an employer's contribution of between 2% and 5% of basic salary into the personal pension funds of certain of its employees, and contracted in national insurance contributions are paid in respect of all staff.

Based on remuneration and benefits in kind, as defined for income tax purposes employee's annual emoluments were between

	2024	2025
£60,000 - £60,999	2	2
£80,000 - £89,999	1	2
£90,000 - £99,999	1	0
£140,000 - £149,99	0	1
£150,000 - £159,999	1	0

The key management personnel comprise the Secretary General, Head of Shooting & Training, Regional Ranges Manager, Membership Services Manager, Head of Operations and Group Accountant. The six (2023: eight) key management personnel remunerations for the year totalled £608,356 (2023: £651,341).

# 10 Transactions relating to Trustees

# **Trustees' costs**

No trustee (2023: none) received remuneration. Two trustee (2023: two) received reimbursements of £773 (2023: £654) for out of pocket travel and subsistence expenses.

# **Property transactions**

Five (2023: five) Trustees occupy accommodation at Bisley for shooting purposes at rentals available to all members of the Association with total rental income during the year of £11,021 (2023: £9,536).

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

# 11 Fixed assets

Group	Freehold land & buildings £	Leasehold land & buildings £	Range modifications, plant & machinery £	Fixtures fittings & equipment £	Heritage assets £	2024 Total £
Cost or valuation: 1 January 2024 Transfer Additions	6,077,452 173,280	1,292,536 (173,280)	7,526,247 - 971,135	1,134,077 - 83,716	277,961 - -	16,308,273 - 1,054,851
Disposals	_	_	_	_	_	_
<b>31 December 2024</b>	6,250,732	1,119,256	8,497,382	1,217,793	277,961	17,363,124
Depreciation 1 January 2024 Transfer Charge for the year Disposals 31 December 2024 Net book value 31 December 2024 31 December 2023	1,741,955 71,330 58,828 	638,572 (71,330) 20,990 	3,808,731 414,628 	985,178 69,507 	277,961 277,961	7,174,436 - 563,953 - 7,738,389 - 9,624,735 - 9,133,837
The net book value of fixe	d assets compris	ses:			2024 £	2023 £
Assets held for charity use Estate assets Assets held for administrative purposes Assets held by trading subsidiary					1,687,502 5,071,215 419,081 2,446,937 9,624,735	1,549,420 4,656,253 384,789 2,543,375 9,133,837

The Trustees have taken the option provided by the transitional provisions contained within FRS 102 to rebase the valuation of land and buildings and range modifications as at 1 January 2014 and treat this as a deemed cost.

# **Heritage Assets**

The NRA maintains a large collection of heritage assets, comprising firearms, trophies, paintings books and ephemera which date back to the formation of the association in 1860. The ephemera comprises of medals, brochures, targets and other objects which reflect the history of target shooting.

## Five-year summary

No disposals or impairment of heritage assets have been recognised in the past five years. Acquisitions are made by purchase or donation. 3 firearms and 4 shooting accessories have been purchased in the past five years, and there have been 4 donated firearms and 6 donated trophies and ephemera.

	2024 £	2023 £	2022 £	2021 £	2020 £
Additions:					
Number of donated assets	-	-	5	4	_
Donated value as deemed cost	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of purchases	1,066	6,000	5,000	2,185	
Total recognised additions:	1,066	6,000	5,000	2,185	-

# **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** (continued)

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

11	Fixed assets (continued)			_			
	Charity	Freehold land & buildings £	Leasehold land & buildings £	Range modifications, plant & machinery £	Fixtures fittings & equipment £	Heritage assets £	2024 Total £
	Cost or valuation: 1 January 2024 Transfer	6,077,452 173,280	809,586 (173,280)	3,205,132	519,675	277,961	10,889,806
	Additions	-	-	900,138	5,480	_	905,618
	Disposals						
	31 December 2024	6,250,732	636,306	4,105,270	525,155	277,961	11,795,424
	Depreciation 1 January 2024 Transfer Charge for the year	1,741,955 71,330 58,828	423,757 (71,330) 11,331	1,653,788 - 231,608	479,842 - 16,517	- - -	4,299,342
	Disposals	20,020	11,001	251,000	10,017		210,20
	31 December 2024	1,872,113	363,758	1,885,396	496,359		4,617,626
	Net book value 31 December 2024	4,378,619	272,548	2,219,874	28,796	277,961	7,177,798
	31 December 2023	4,335,497	385,829	1,551,344	39,833	277,961	6,590,464
	The net book value of fixe	ed assets compris	ses:			2024 £	2023 £
	Assets held for charity use Estate assets Assets held for administra					1,687,502 5,071,215 419,081	1,549,420 4,656,255 384,789
						7,177,798	6,590,464
						277,961 11  - 4, - 4, - 4, - 4, - 4, - 4, - 4, - 7, - 4, - 7, - 4, - 7, - 4, - 7, - 7, - 7, - 7, - 7, - 7, - 7, - 7	

Range fixtures, modifications, plant and machinery, office equipment and furniture are included in the accounts at cost. Range modification expenditure incurred in order to obtain the 904 certificate has been included at cost. The construction cost of the clay ranges, built with the support of the Lottery Grant, is included within range modifications.

#### **12** Goodwill

Goodwiii		
	Group & Charity	Goodwill relates to the
Cost or valuation:	£	acquisition of Bisley Shooting
1 January 2024	546,546	Ground in August 2020. The
Additions	-	income received in the year
31 December 2024	546,546	was £1,833,423 (2023:
31 December 2024	340,340	£1,588,195) and profit
Amortisation		£439,086 (2023: £268,915).
1 January 2024	182,182	
Charge for the year	54,655	
charge for the year	34,033	
31 December 2024	236,837	
Net book value		
31 December 2024	309,709	
31 December 2023	364,364	
31 December 2023		

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

12	T4
1.3	Investments

	Group 2024 ₤	Group 2023 £	Charity 2024 ₤	Charity 2023
At 1 January 2024 Additions	495,180 183,376	486,348 45,179	583,568 183,376	574,736 45,179
Disposals	(182,914)	(52,368)	(182,914)	(52,368)
Increase/(decrease) in valuation	27,557	16,021	27,557	16,021
At 31 December 2024	523,199	495,180	611,587	583,568

At 31 December 2024, the market value and historical cost of the investments were represented by:

	Group market value 2024 £	Group historical cost 2024 £	Charity market value 2024 £	Charity historical cost 2024 £
Special Prizes Funds				
Category A Funds	353,042	318,886	353,042	318,886
Category B Funds	16,173	16,223	16,173	16,223
Cash	16,760	-	16,760	-
	385,975	335,109	385,975	335,109
Overseas Team Fund	137,224	153,232	137,224	153,232
Subsidiary company shares	-	-	88,388	88,388
At 31 December 2024	523,199	488,341	611,587	576,729
At 31 December 2023	495,180	464,395	583,568	552,783

The Special Prizes Fund is the Endowment Fund referred to in Note 21 and invested in investment trusts and unit trusts and loan stocks. The portfolio is split into category A funds where the NRA is the ultimate beneficiary and category B funds where the donor has named the ultimate beneficiary. In the year Trustees approved a resolution to adopt a "Total Return" policy from 1 January 2023 for the fund to enable distribution of both income and investments gains to fund prize payments

The Overseas Team Fund is a Restricted Fund referred to in Note 20 and invested in a portfolio of quoted unit trusts and investment bonds £137,224 (2023: £129,532).

The Association's wholly owned subsidiary company, National Shooting Centre Limited, is incorporated in the United Kingdom and carries out that portion of the Association's business which is assessed to be of a trading nature.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

14	Stock				
		Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £	Charity 2024 £	Charity 2023
	Ammunition	892,646	740,169	-	-
	Medals and badges	19,627	25,639	19,627	25,639
	Souvenirs	12,965	10,659	11,707	9,458

23,457

27,978

74,123

1,050,796

25,108

33,773

88,202

923,550

31,334

35,097

Ammunition stock levels increased to £892,646 (2023: £740,169) to ensure continuity of supply in response to increased global demand for ammunition and components as a result of the war in Ukraine and other conflicts.

## 15 Debtors

Clays

**Bisley Shooting Ground** 

Hire and other stock

		Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £	Charity 2024 £	Charity 2023
	Amounts due within year:				
	Trade debtors	485,985	643,397	330,716	502,488
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	1,449,049	1,381,026
	Other debtors and prepayments	370,235	308,948	358,561	278,094
		856,220	952,345	2,138,326	2,161,608
16	Creditors  Amounts falling due within one year:				
	,	Group 2024	Group 2023	Charity 2024	Charity 2023
		£	£	£	£
	Trade creditors	706,360	447,397	188,147	122,225
	Membership in advance	1,156,034	1,090,765	1,156,034	1,090,765
	Rents and utilities in advance	425,923	445,311	421,089	442,454
	Other creditors	543,808	518,368	166,081	219,367
	Accruals	175,338	116,023	141,149	81,916
	Deferred income (note 18)	131,462	123,433	92,860	84,761
		3,138,925	2,741,297	2,165,360	2,041,488

The association's banking facilities are secured by way of a legal charge over the charity's freehold properties which were valued at £10 million on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020. The Reserves Policy includes the uncommitted £1 million limit of the overdraft.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

17	Deferred income				
		Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £	Charity 2024 £	Charity 2023
	Due within one year (see note 17) Due after more than one year	131,462 834,957	123,433 672,949	92,860 619,209	84,761 422,260
		966,419	796,382	712,069	507,021
		Group 2024 ₤	Group 2023 £	Charity 2024 £	Charity 2023
	Deferred lease premium income: At 1 January 2024 Additions during the year	295,555	148,229 177,640	295,555	148,229 177,640
	Transferred to Estate income	(30,734)	(30,314)	(30,734)	(30,314)
	At 31 December 2024	264,821	295,555	264,821	295,555
	Deferred lease premium income: At 1 January 2024 Additions during the year	49,307	53,790	-	-
	Transferred to Operations income	(4,483)	(4,483)	-	-
	At 31 December 2024	44,824	49,307	-	-
	Life & Term Members Funds: At 1 January 2024 Additions during the year Transferred to Membership income	40,113 1,482 (7,238)	44,530 3,432 (7,849)	40,113 1,482 (7,238)	44,530 3,432 (7,849)
	At 31 December 2024	34,357	40,113	34,357	40,113
	Rifle Donation: At 1 January 2024 Additions during the year	18,556	7,407 16,075	6,156	7,407
	Transferred to Charitable income	(1,043)	(4,926)	(1,043)	(1,251)
	At 31 December 2024	17,513	18,556	5,113	6,156
	Optics Donation: At 1 January 2024	17,426	21,610	-	-
	Additions during the year Transferred to Operations income	(4,196)	(4,184)	-	-
	At 31 December 2024	13,230	17,426	-	-

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

## 17 Deferred income (continued)

Deferred caravan rent income:         £	)
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Transferred to Special Prizes Fund - (5,042) - (5,042)	1
At 31 December 2024	_
Deferred Wharncliffe Lease Premium	
income:	
At 1 January 2024 185,000	
Additions during the year 185,000 - 185,000 - Transferred to Estates Income (3,947) - (3,947) -	
Transferred to Estates income $(3,947)$ - $(3,947)$ -	
At 31 December 2024 181,053 - 181,053 -	_
966,419 796,382 712,069 507,021	_

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

## 18 Unrestricted funds

Group & Charity	Balance 1 January			31 1	Balance December
	2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	2024 £
National Shooting Centre Lottery capital grant funds	760,245 725,368	5,559,801	(5,746,147)	77,079 (26,368)	650,978 699,000
Designated Fund	1,485,613	5,559,801	(5,746,147)	50,711	1,349,978
General Fund (Charity Only)	7,044,674	5,531,201	(4,787,499)	50.711	7,737,665
	8,530,287	11,091,002	(10,533,646)	-	9,087,643

Designated Funds included within the Unrestricted Funds of the group at the balance sheet date are profits retained within the balance sheet of the charity's wholly owned subsidiary and the net book value of the capital assets purchased with the Lottery grant.

Included within the General Fund at the balance sheet date are unrealised gains of £3,036,356 (2023: £3,036,356) relating to the revaluation of certain fixed assets, calculated by reference to the implementation of FRS102 under the transitional arrangements.

Group & Charity	Balance 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	31 Transfers £	Balance December 2023 £
National Shooting Centre Lottery capital grant funds Designated Fund	865,090 751,734 1,616,824	5,148,663	(5,466,274)	212,766 (26,366) 186,400	760,245 725,368 1,485,613
General Fund (Charity Only)	6,682,448	4,826,563	(4,457,937)	(186,400)	7,044,674
	8,479,272	9,975,226	(9,924,211)		8,530,287

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#### 19 Restricted funds

## **Group & Charity**

	Balance 1 January 2024	Income	Unrealised Investment Expenditure Gains/(Losses)		Balance 31 December Transfers 2024	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Overseas Team Fund	166,106	17,046	(33,385)	7,692	-	157,459
Young Shooters Fund	62,358	2,767	(19)	-	-	65,106
Imperial Special						
Prizes Fund	5,041	105	(10,869)	-	10,744	5,021
	233,505	19,918	(44,273)	7,692	10,744	227,586

The Overseas Team Fund detailed in Note 13 provides support for overseas travel for teams of our various shooting disciplines. During the year, the fund received donations and investment income, and paid for the travel costs of teams overseas. Income for the year was £17,046 (2023: £25,425), expenditure £33,385 (2023: £45,076) and unrealised gain on investments £7,692 (2023: loss £5,544).

The Young Shooters fund (formerly the Millennium Scholarship Fund) was formed to help young shooters continue in the target shooting in the year just after they have left school. Income for the year was £2,767 (2023: £6,069) and expenditure £19 (2023: £5).

The Special Prizes fund consists of a donation from Mr D Friend and dividends from the endowment fund to cover the costs of the Imperial prize money. Income for the year was £105 (2023: £5,041), the endowment fund transfer £10,744 (2023: £10,743) and expenditure £10,869 (2023: £10,743).

## **Group & Charity**

	Balance 1 January		Unrealised Investment		31	Balance December
	2023 £	Income £	Expenditure G £	fains/(Losses)	Transfers £	2023 £
Overseas Team Fund	191,201	25,425	(45,076)	(5,444)	-	166,106
Young Shooters Fund	56,294	6,069	(5)	-	-	62,358
Imperial Special						
Prizes Fund	-	5,041	(10,743)	-	10,743	5,041
_	247,495	36,535	(55,824)	(5,444)	10,743	233,505

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 20 Endowment funds

## **Group & Charity**

	Balance 1 January 2024	Income	Expenditures Ga	Unrealised Investment ains/(Losses)	Transfers	Balance 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Special Prizes Fund	365,648	10,744	-	20,327	(10,744)	385,975
	365,648	10,744	-	20,327	(10,744)	385,975

The Special Prizes Fund referred to in Note 13 is an endowment fund comprising amounts held on trust to provide prizes at the Imperial Meeting from the income generated by investment of the capital. Included within the Special Prizes Fund at the balance sheet date are unrealised gains of £166,154 (2023: £147,913) relating to the revaluation of investments.

Fund B includes amounts held on behalf of five linked charities, the Commander Whitlock Trust, Gunmakers Cup, Halford Memorial Prize, The Stock Exchange Prize and Whitehead Trust Fund.

## **Group & Charity**

	Balance 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditures G	Unrealised Investment ains/(Losses) £	Transfers £	Balance 31 December 2023 £
Special Prizes Fund	351,372	10,743	-	14,276	(10,743)	365,648
	351,372	10,743	-	14,276	(10,743)	365,648

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#### 20b Total Return

With effect from 1 January 2023, the Trustees resolved to adopt the Total Return accounting approach to the Special Prizes Fund. Under this approach, the total value of the Fund as at 1 January 2023 was divided between the Permanent Endowment, which represents the original capital value of the Fund as at 1 January 2008 adjusted for CPI inflation, and the Unapplied Total Return, which represents capital gains on the Fund's investments in excess of CPI inflation.

Under the Total Return approach, investment income and investment gains are credited to the Unapplied Total Return. The Trustees' policy, which is subject to review from time to time, is to apply CPI inflation to the Trust for Investment to maintain the real value of the Fund's original capital.

The allocation of Unapplied Total Return to the fund for application represents the amounts withdrawn from investments during the year, in line with the Trustees' policy. The table below sets out the movements on the Fund during the year.

	Permanent Endowment £	Unapplied Total Return £	Total £
Balance as 1 January 2024	248,836	116,812	365,648
Investment income Investment gains Investment managers fees		13,644 20,327 (2,900)	13,644 20,327 (2,900)
Inflation indexation	248,836 6,401	147,883 (6,401)	396,719
Allocation of unapplied total returns income	255,237	141,482 (10,744)	396,719 (10,744)
Balance as at 31 December 2024	255,237	130,738	385,975

### 21 Funds Held As Custodian Trustee

The National Rifle Association acts as custodian, managing a bank account on behalf of ICFRA members' funds belonging to the Beneficial Owners. Assets held in this way are not aggregated in these financial statements as the Association does not control them. The assets held in this way may be summarised as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
ICFRA	41,512	40,039
Total assets held as custodian trustee	41,512	40,039

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

## 22 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 December 2024 are represented by:

				Imperial		
	Designated		Young	Special	Special	
	General	Overseas	<b>Shooters</b>	<b>Prizes</b>	<b>Prizes</b>	2024
Group	Funds	<b>TeamFund</b>	Find	Fund	Fund	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed	9,617,205	-	7,530	-	-	9,624,735
assets						
Intangible assets	309,709	-	-	-	-	309,709
Fixed asset	-	137,224	-	-	385,975	523,199
investments						
Current assets	3,134,611	20,235	57,576	5,021	-	3,217,443
Current	(3,138,925)	-	-	-	-	(3,138,925)
liabilities						
Deferred	(834,957)	-	-	-	-	(834,957)
income						
	9,087,643	157,459	65,106	5,021	385,975	9,701,204

**Note:** Tangible fixed assets of £9,617,205 (2023: £9,126,307) include £699,000 (2023: £725,368) representing the total of Designated Funds in relation to Capital Grants in the charity's wholly owned subsidiary.

Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:

Group	Designated General Funds	Overseas TeamFund £	Young Shooters Find £	Imperial Special Prizes Fund £	Special Prizes Fund £	2023 Total
Tangible fixed assets	9,126,307	-	7,530	-	-	9,133,837
Intangible assets	364,364	-	-	-	-	364,364
Fixed asset investments	-	129,532	-	-	365,648	495,180
Current assets	2,453,862	36,574	54,828	5,041	-	2,550,305
Current liabilities	(2,741,297)	-	-	-	-	(2,741,297)
Deferred income	(672,949)					(672,949)
	8,530,287	166,106	62,358	5,041	365,648	9,129,440

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

## Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Fund balances at 31 December 2024 are represented by:

	Designated General	Overseas	Young Shooters	Imperial Special Prizes	Special Prizes	2024
_Charity	Funds	<b>TeamFund</b>	Find	Fund	Fund	Total
F	£	£	£	£	£	£
<sup>u</sup> Tangible fixed n <sub>assets</sub>	7,170,268	-	7,530	-	-	7,177,798
d <sub>Intangible</sub> assets	309,709	-	-	-	-	309,709
b <sub>Fixed</sub> asset ainvestments	88,388	137,224	-	-	385,975	611,587
<sup>1</sup> Current assets	2,953,869	20,235	57,576	5,021	-	3,036,701
<sup>a</sup> Current <sup>n</sup> liabilities	(2,165,360)	-	-	-	-	(2,165,360)
<sup>c</sup> Deferred <sup>e</sup> income s	(619,209)			-		(619,209)
a	7,737,665	157,459	65,106	5,021	385,975	8,351,226

Fund balances as 31 December 2023 are represented by:

				Imperial		
	Designated		Young	Special	Special	
	General	Overseas	<b>Shooters</b>	Prizes	<b>Prizes</b>	2023
Charity	Funds	<b>TeamFund</b>	Find	Fund	Fund	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed	6,582,934	-	7,530	-	-	6,590,464
assets						
Intangible	364,364	-	-	-	-	364,364
assets						
Fixed asset	88,388	129,532	-	-	365,648	583,568
investments						
Current assets	2,472,736	36,574	54,828	5,041	-	2,569,179
Current	(2,041,488)	-	-	-	-	(2,041,488)
liabilities						
Deferred	(422,260)	-	-	-	-	(422,260)
income						
	7,044,674	166,106	62,358	5,041	365,648	7,643,827

## **24** Related party transactions

Management fees of £223,500 (2023: £223,500) and rent of £41,000 (2023: £41,000) were charged to the National Shooting Centre Limited; the closing intercompany balance was £745,770 (2023: £869,919). There were no further related party transactions (2023: one).

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## 25 Contingent liabilities

On 10 July 2000, a 50 year debenture was created in favour of The English Sports Council, representing a fixed and floating charge over all the assets of the subsidiary company, against the performance of the company's obligations under the Lottery Fund Agreement relating to the grant for the clay shooting complex for the 2002 Commonwealth Games. The amount repayable to The English Sports Council in the event that these obligations crystallise is £2,036,647 (2023: £2,036,647).

## **26** Lessee Commitments under operating leases

At 31 December 2024, the group and charity had total lessee commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Group 2024	Group 2023	Charity 2024	Charity 2023
	£	£	£	£ 2023
Land and buildings:				
- Less than 1 year	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
- 1-5 years	21,947	21,947	21,947	21,947
- Greater than 5 years	160,252	166,252	160,252	166,252
	188,199	194,199	188,199	194,199

## 27 Lessor Commitments under operating leases

At 31 December 2024, the group and charity had total lessor Commitments under finance leases as follows:

	Group	Group	Charity	Charity
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Land and buildings:				
- Less than 1 year	992,102	951,305	992,102	951,305
- 1-5 years	3,068,025	2,936,685	3,068,025	2,936,685
- Greater than 5 years	6,338,085	5,800,298	6,338,085	5,800,298
	10,398,212	9,688,288	10,398,212	9,688,288

# **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** (continued) **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

## **28** Post Balance Sheet Event

After a successful recruitment process Trustees appointed Simon Lee as Secretary General to replace Andrew Mercer who retires in June 2025 after 12 years in post.

## Notes to the consolidated cash flow statements

## 29.1 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net income	571,764	51,301
Gains on investments	(28,019)	(9,157)
Dividends received	(16,947)	(16,906)
Interest payable	4,272	6,781
Depreciation	563,953	626,128
Amortisation	54,655	54,654
(Increase) in stocks	(127,246)	(267,373)
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	96,125	(242,538)
Increase in creditors	559,636	275,169
Net cash inflow from operating activities	1,678,193	478,059

## 29.2 Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 January 2024 £	Cash flow	Non-cash changes £	At 31 December 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	674,410	636,017		1,310,427
Net cash	674,410	636,017	-	1,310,427