

**ROTHERHAM MILITARY COMMUNITY VETERANS CENTRE
(MCVC)
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

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ROTHERHAM MILITARY COMMUNITY VETERANS CENTRE (MCVC)

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Principal Office:	The Army Reserve Centre McKay VC Barracks Fitzwilliam Road Rotherham S65 1SH
Registered Charity Number:	1169595
Trustees:	Carl Andrew Bunting Stuart Carvell - <i>appointed 01/06/2025</i> Tony Clabby Lt Col John Dawson MBE Diane Etchell - <i>appointed 01/06/2025</i> Michael Green Damian Hardy - <i>appointed 01/06/2025</i> Major Adrian Hunt KVRM DL Captain Sam Rodgers – <i>resigned 04/04/2025</i>
Chair of the Trustees:	Major Adrian Hunt KVRM DL
Vice Chair:	Lt Col John Dawson M.B.E
Principal Bankers:	Virgin Money 1 Frederick Street Rotherham S60 1QP
Independent Examiner:	Angela Hayes Community Accountant 22 Brocklehurst Avenue Barnsley S70 3EE

The Trustees of Rotherham Military Community Veterans Centre (MCVC) present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 31 December 2025. The Trustees have prepared the accounts on a Receipts and Payments basis, in accordance with the provisions of the Charities Act 2011 pertaining to smaller charities.

Structure, Governance and Management

Rotherham Military Community Veterans Centre (MCVC) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission and governed by its Association Model Constitution which was adopted on 29 September 2016.

Prior to the incorporation of the CIO, Rotherham Military Community Veterans Centre (MCVC) was an unincorporated association. The CIO acquired the charitable funds and activities of the unincorporated Rotherham MCVC on 11 October 2016.

Membership of the CIO is open to those with previous military service (Regular Reserves), their families and dependants. In addition MCVC membership is open to anyone who is interested in furthering its purposes, and who, by applying for membership, has indicated agreement to become a member and acceptance of the duty of members to act in good faith to further the purposes of the CIO. If the CIO is wound up, the members have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

The affairs of the CIO are managed by its Board of Trustees who may exercise all powers of the CIO. The Trustees delegate day-to-day management of MCVC to the Executive Chair who has line management responsibilities for the Development Manager and the Executive Committee.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are nominated by other trustees and appointed by a resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting. There must be at least three trustees in office, with a maximum of twelve on the Board of Trustees. One third of the charity trustees shall retire from office at the AGM. The charity trustees to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or re-appointment. If any trustees were last appointed or reappointed on the same day, those to retire will be determined by lot.

In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the Trustees have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

The Trustees who served during the period, and to the date of signing of this report, are listed on page 3 of this report.

Charitable Objectives

The objects of the charity, which are stated in the governing document, are:

To relieve the needs of and to promote the good health and wellbeing of ex-service personnel (HM Armed Forces) and their dependants in the Rotherham area, in particular but not exclusively by providing them with comradeship, help and assistance and by offering them a signposting service to expert support providers for their benefit.

Our Mission Statement

MCVC will provide comradeship and a signposting service to expert support providers for ex-service personnel and their dependants in the Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council area and beyond.

Public Benefit

The trustees have taken due regard of guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in planning the objectives and activities for the year.

The Charity's Beneficiaries

Beneficiaries are defined as any person who has served in the Regular, Reserve or as an auxiliary in the Royal Navy (incl RM), Merchant Navy, Army, or Royal Air Force. These are direct beneficiaries of the charity. MCVC also recognise, in keeping with our mission statement, the dependants of beneficiaries; spouses, partners and their children.

Related Parties

The trustees consider that there are no related parties to the charity.

Risk Management

The Trustees are responsible for identifying and managing risk. The trustees show due diligence by examining the major risks that the charity faces and put systems into operation so that steps can be taken to reduce these risks.

Activities, Achievements and Performance during the year

The financial year ending 31st December 2025 has been a bit of a whirlwind of activity, both structurally within the organisation and externally through community engagement, trips and events.

We are now developing partnerships, both locally and regionally, with established military charities and support services. Through our work with the 'Thrive Together' initiative, we have linked with charities and veteran support networks in the North East. Our 'Move to Grid' project has also opened up more organisations we can collaborate with.

Internally we have been busy restructuring our Executive Committee to include new volunteers with skills that moving forward we will need, to not only widen our appeal to other veterans but also to streamline the back-office support

We have continued with our regular drop ins and invited several guest speakers to share information that is relevant to our veterans' needs. We have also had several high-profile visitors including the Secretary of State for Defence RT Hon. John Healey MP, and the Mayor of Rotherham, Cllr Rukhsana Ismail. Visits have also been made by the Armed Forces Champions and their Support Officers from all three neighbouring authorities.

A lot of time has been spent on health and wellbeing over the last year with several veterans either experiencing loss of close family members or mental health issues brought on by their own ill health. Several of these situations have involved engaging with statutory services as well as OP Courage and various veterans' specific mental health support networks.

The team received a call for help from a family member to help locate a missing veteran. Because of the quick reactions and the use of social media 'veterans' specific platforms', the missing veteran was quickly located and is now on the 'Warrior Programme' receiving specific mental health support.

During this reporting period we have moved forward into a larger media presence with more engagement with local media platforms, more content on our Facebook and website. This increase has been noticed by several organisations who now feed events through our networks to gain interest.

June saw the celebration of Armed Forces Day throughout the country. The MCVC attended the 4 South Yorkshire events promoting the charity across the regions.

In September we received notification that our charity had been awarded the Reserve Forces & Cadet Association's (RFCA) Gold Employer Recognition Award, along with the Queens Award for Voluntary Service. We believe we are the only charity/organisation in Yorkshire to hold these two prestigious awards. September also saw the performance by the Band of the Royal Yorkshire Regiment, who gave an outstanding performance in Rotherham Minster to raise funds for the Minster roof and military charities.

A lot of time over the last 12 months has been spent developing two databases. One contains the personal details of our veterans and allows us to track their interaction with us and also gives us relevant contact information. Moving forward this database will become increasingly important around the welfare element of our work, as it will aid us in conveying details about a veteran to support partners and for future referrals. The second database development was 'Move to Grid' which is an on-line service, providing information for veterans across South Yorkshire, veterans organisations and support providers.

We have been successful in securing 2 years' continuation funding from the National Lottery Fund, along with some smaller grants that have allowed us to continue our work.

This year has been about creating memories for some of our community whilst progressing the reputation of the Charity. In May we helped to support the Mayor of Rotherham in celebrating VE day. The team came up with the idea of a commemorative coin to mark the 80th anniversary. Their design and presentation, in conjunction with some thoughtful numbering choices, managed to steal the show. We followed this up in August with a trip to the National Arboretum for the VJ celebrations with HRH King Charles III. Gary, our Design and Comms Officer, designed both the VE and VJ commemorative coins.

In October 2025 we delivered our first South Yorkshire wide launch event of our 'Move to Grid' App. This has taken a lot of work and despite some smaller organisations' reservations, it received a warm welcome at its launch. The Launch event was hosted by the Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Councillor Safiya Saeed, at Sheffield Town Hall and welcomed several keynote speakers including the Deputy Lieutenant of South Yorkshire, Lt Col Mac McPherson, the Secretary of State for Defence Rt Hon John Healey MP, Air Vice Marshall Edwards, Jonny Ball, Afghan Veterans and Colin Davidson, Warrior Programme. The event received great praise from all the attendees.

For Remembrance, the MCVC were in demand, firstly supporting the RBL Poppy Appeal but also working to organise veteran activities at Rotherham United's Remembrance game. Yet again RMBC requested our advice and support with the Remembrance service in Clifton Park and we have received several requests for support from schools, care homes and churches.

The year ended in our usual MCVC style with our own Christmas lunch and with a celebration of our gold award being collected in York on the team's behalf by Adie and Chris. We supported Padre Albert's carol concert, all while still supporting our welfare cases throughout the festive period.

I believe we now have a very supportive, stable and very well-respected team promoting the ethos of “veterans supporting veterans” that is the envy of any organisation in Yorkshire. This hasn't gone unnoticed by the people in the right positions and hopefully this will prove to be beneficial for the Charity .

Future Plans

The way forward over the next 12 months will be dictated by two major programmes, one we are already in receipt of funds from and one we are due to hear about in the next few weeks. This level of funding requires another step change for the organisation with enhanced staffing and resources to allow for limited expansion of directly delivered services to the Armed Forces community.

Funding from the National lottery over the next two years will allow for the re-distribution of workloads back to the core elements we require within the office management structure. This in turn will then release staff to further support the outreach and welfare elements of our support to veterans across Rotherham with an enhanced service.

The second major programme is the Government's new Valour initiative; this would be a 3-year support programme to bring equality to the opportunities and support across the UK. The Model that we currently deliver is seen as gold standard by local authorities, partner agencies and has the recognition of the Secretary of State for Defence. Should the Valour contract be awarded to the MCVC it would again increase the demand for services and generate a wider sphere of influence around the delivery of veteran specific services across the county. The approach of MCVC could eventually be used as a national model of excellence.

Over the next few months, the team will be planning for both eventualities and the strategic decisions and direction formed as part of consultation with our service users. Those options will then be presented to the Board of Trustees in the form of a short and medium term business plan to be scrutinised against our strategic direction for compliance.

During the short term, strategic and pro-active relationships will be made with select partners who will support our next steps and who we believe could help to enhance our offer across the region, again making sure no veteran or family member is disadvantaged by their service and supporting our ethos of ‘veterans supporting veterans’.

Policy on Reserves

The current policy is that the trustees will maintain as a reserve of unrestricted funds, one month's salaries cost and three months general running costs. Based on the levels of expenditure in this financial period, this equates to approximately £20,000.

At the financial year end, the unrestricted reserves stand at £27,797 (2024: £26,576) which is above the target amount. The additional reserves are required as a contingency in the event of a gap in funding for staff costs and to support the further development of MCVC. The Trustees will continue to review the level of reserves required as the charity grows.

Financial Review

In common with other charities of a similar size and nature, MCVC has limited resources and its ongoing operations are currently dependant on funding from grant providers, together with financial support and fundraising from corporate and individual donors.

The financial statements are set out in pages 10 to 15 of this report. During the 12-month reporting period, the charity generated income of £161,844. Total expenditure during the period was £130,413, resulting in a surplus for the year of £31,431. The surplus was due to the balances remaining on restricted funds received during the year. The total funds of the charity at year-end stand at £104,892. The reserves of the charity, represented by unrestricted funds, stand at £27,797 at the year end.

Statement of Trustee Responsibility

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the provisions of the governing document.

The trustees 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 declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Signed:

Date:

Major Adrian Hunt KVRM DL, Chair of the Trustees

I report on the accounts for the year ending 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 10 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Dated:

Angela Hayes, FMAAT
Community Accountant
22 Brocklehurst Avenue, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S70 3EE

 | Licensed
Accountant

Angela Hayes is licensed and regulated by
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ROTHERHAM MILITARY COMMUNITY VETERANS CENTRE (MCVC)

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	01 Jan to 31 Dec 2025			01 Sep 2023 to 31 Dec 2024		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Gifts, donations & fundraising	16,414	125	16,539	20,417	1,274	21,691
Grants	2 -	144,919	144,919	600	164,149	164,749
Other income	386	-	386	-	-	-
Total Receipts	16,800	145,044	161,844	21,017	165,423	186,440
Payments						
Salaries cost	6 -	87,670	87,670	-	69,105	69,105
Volunteer expenses	47	264	311	-	38	38
Travel expenses	-	531	531	593	819	1,412
Staff training	87	-	87	81	1,100	1,181
Uniforms & workwear	1,048	-	1,048	400	567	967
Printing, stationery & admin expense	1,109	3,204	4,313	611	2,061	2,672
Telephone & internet	-	2,365	2,365	324	1,428	1,752
Advertising	533	-	533	75	545	620
Insurance	-	794	794	-	681	681
Room hire	80	3,265	3,345	565	13,470	14,035
Events, activities & therapies	10,600	6,612	17,212	5,667	30,752	36,419
Fundraising expenses	245	-	245	-	-	-
Website & ICT	151	2,086	2,237	-	3,399	3,399
Vehicle expenses	44	3,321	3,365	367	2,673	3,040
Repairs, maintenance & renewals	102	-	102	373	291	664
Equipment & furniture	30	241	271	46	381	427
Membership & subscriptions	-	140	140	156	942	1,098
Professional fees & consultancy	-	3,653	3,653	291	1,247	1,538
Accountancy fees	-	550	550	-	550	550
Sundry & miscellaneous expenses	1,503	138	1,641	2,910	1,230	4,140
Total Payments	15,579	114,834	130,413	12,459	131,279	143,738
Surplus/(deficit)	1,221	30,210	31,431	8,558	34,144	42,702
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	1,788	(1,788)	-
Net movement in funds	1,221	30,210	31,431	10,346	32,356	42,702
Total funds brought forward	26,576	46,885	73,461	16,230	14,529	30,759
Total funds carried forward	27,797	77,095	104,892	26,576	46,885	73,461

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Monetary Assets			
Cash in hand		2	83
Bank Current Account		104,890	73,378
Total Monetary Assets		<u>104,892</u>	<u>73,461</u>
<u>Represented by:</u>			
General Unrestricted Fund		27,797	26,576
Restricted Funds	7	77,095	46,885
Total Funds		<u>104,892</u>	<u>73,461</u>
 Other Assets and Liabilities			
<u>Fixed Assets retained for the charity's own use (est present value)</u>			
Converted van		28,000	32,000
Computer equipment		-	2,356
		<u>28,000</u>	<u>34,356</u>
<u>Debtors</u>			
Prepayment of insurance		843	873
Prepayment of rent		625	5,000
		<u>1,468</u>	<u>5,873</u>
<u>Creditors and other liabilities</u>			
Accountancy fee		(575)	(550)
HMRC liability (PAYE)		(3,761)	(291)
Nest pension		(655)	-
VAR Payroll Bureau		(98)	-
BT		(126)	-
Green Route Media		(1,340)	-
Expenses		(165)	-
Casting Innovations		-	(440)
Room hire		-	(190)
		<u>(6,720)</u>	<u>(1,471)</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Signed:

Date:

Major Adrian Hunt KVRM DL, Chair of the Trustees

1. Accounting policies

Basis of the preparation of the accounts

The financial statements have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the requirements of the Charity Commission.

Receipts & Payments Accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year. In this context, 'cash' includes cash equivalents, for example bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

Funds Structure

Unrestricted funds

Represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Unrestricted funds may arise from general donations, fundraising activities, grants of a general nature and fees for service provision.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are those funds that have been provided to the charity for particular purposes and which may only be spent for the purposes for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on the fund, unless permission is given by the funder to remove the restriction on the balance outstanding.

Restricted funds will arise from grants and donations given to the charity for specific purposes

Income

All incoming resources are recognised when they are receivable and are accounted for gross.

Expenditure

The charity is not registered for VAT and all expenditure is shown inclusive of non-recoverable VAT.

ROTHERHAM MILITARY COMMUNITY VETERANS CENTRE (MCVC)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS continued

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

2. Grants received

	2025	2024
	£	£
Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust	-	9,625
The National Lottery Community Fund	107,725	95,374
Defence Medical Welfare Service (Thrive Together)	32,194	-
Veterans' Foundation	-	39,150
Voluntary Action Rotherham (Mental Health)	-	5,100
Voluntary Action Rotherham (Recovery)	5,000	5,000
Voluntary Action Rotherham (P&EI)	-	4,000
Voluntary Action Rotherham (Health Check Sessions)	-	600
Freemasonry & Lieutenancies Partnership	-	3,500
Asda Foundation	-	400
James Neil Foundation	-	2,000
Total	<u>144,919</u>	<u>164,749</u>

The 2024 grant of £600 from Voluntary Action Rotherham was unrestricted. All other grant income is restricted funds.

3. Trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses

During the financial year, out of pocket travel expenses were paid to one trustee, to the value of £35. There was no remuneration, expenses or benefits made to trustees in the previous financial period.

4. Related party transactions

There were no transactions with any person or party closely related to a trustee, during this or the previous financial period.

5. Independent Examiner's Fee

During the period, the cost of the Independent Examination and accountancy services, provided by Angela Hayes, Community Accountant, was £550 (2024: £550).

6. Staff Costs

The average number of staff employed during the financial period was 5 (2024: 3).

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS continued

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

7. Restricted Funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
Hardship Fund	208	125	(10)	-	323
The National Lottery Community Fund 2024-25	15,585	31,650	(47,235)	-	-
The National Lottery Community Fund 2025-27	-	76,075	(7,843)	-	68,232
Veterans' Foundation	24,309	-	(19,621)	-	4,688
Defence Medical Welfare Service (Thrive Together)	-	32,194	(31,383)	-	811
Freemasonry & Lieutenancies Partnership	500	-	(500)	-	-
Voluntary Action Rotherham: Recovery	1,670	5,000	(3,903)	-	2,767
Voluntary Action Rotherham: P&EI	3,339	-	(3,339)	-	-
Armed Forces Day Donations	274	-	-	-	274
Casting Innovations	1,000	-	(1,000)	-	-
TOTAL	46,885	145,044	(114,834)	-	77,095

8. Restricted Funds Summary

- The Hardship Fund - a fund that provides small grants to individuals during times of need.
- The National Lottery Community Fund 2024-25 - a two-year Reaching Communities Grant, to help fund the provision of staff (including a Development Manager and Administrative Support Personnel), along with running costs for the organisation.
- The National Lottery Community Fund 2025-27 - a two-year Reaching Communities Grant, commencing November 2025, to help fund the provision of staff, together with activity costs and general running costs for the organisation.
- Veterans' Foundation – funding to employ an admin worker for a period of two years to support the Development Manager to provide support and assistance to the veterans community.
- Defence Medical Welfare Service – A grant to support the delivery of the Thrive Together programme in the NE & Y region.
- Freemasonry & Lieutenancies Partnership – funding to help support the provision of activities.
- VAR Recovery – Building Recovery in Communities, a grant to fund therapeutic activity sessions for veterans in recovery.
- VAR P&E – a grant from the Prevention & Early Intervention Grant Programme (Combatting Social Isolation) to help to fund our activities which are designed to help those who are at risk of becoming lonely, or who are already in the process of combatting loneliness.
- Armed Forces Day Donations – restricted donations for Armed Forces Day events.
- Casting Innovations – A restricted donation to fund sessions at Casting Innovation.