

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
DWR REGIMENTAL TRUSTEES:**  
**DWR Association      Friends of DWR      Iron Duke**  
(Registered Charity No 234617) (Registered Charity No 1068463) (Registered Charity No 264601)

**HELD AT**  
**BANKFIELD MUSEUM**  
**ON TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**

Present	Brigadier Andrew Meek Colonel Simon Newton Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Drake Major David Harrap Major Patrick Ennis Captain John Hogg Major Simon Morgan	Chairman
In attendance	Mrs Joanne Hawley (Hawley Business Solutions) Mr Scott Flaving	Finance Minutes

This note records the decisions made at the last Trustees meeting.

1. Comradeship. Trustees agreed to support the functions listed below with a grant in order to offset costs.
  - The ‘Molar’ reunions (twice a year).
  - The Halifax reunions (April and October)
  - The 33/76 gathering at Strensall (subject to confirmation of the event)
  - The Wellington College officers and wives lunch (from the Officers Dinner Club account).
2. Heritage.
  - The Memorial. This will require cleaning annually. Calderdale Council will be approached to determine what financial support they might provide given that they now are the owners of the Memorial.
  - The Museum. The Regimental Museum is in need of updating in order to include the Crimean War, World War 1 and the formation of the Yorkshire Regiment. This is likely to be costly and Trustees agreed to underwrite the project to a total of £50,000 in anticipation that other funding will be found.
  - The Archives. The digitisation of our archives is a real success story. Three new PCs and ancillary equipment have been procured to support this ongoing work.

- Erquinghem Lys. The project to locate and re-inter the remains of soldiers killed there in April 1918 (including 14 members of The Regiment) is ongoing but taking longer than anticipated. The next dig is not expected to occur before mid 2021. Trustees have already agreed to support this project financially to a maximum of £15,000 and they reaffirmed this commitment at the meeting.

3. Regimental Property. A considerable amount of property (silver and chattels) remains and it will take some time to dispose of to all. It was agreed that:

- All anonymous silver (no Regimental markings or names) to be sold by weight.
- The Regimental brooches to be valued and once these are known disposal to be determined.
- All remaining attractive items to be sold through the Regimental website in small batches using a mixture of sealed bids and fixed prices.
- Formal notification of these sales to be made through the website, The Iron Duke and Facebook.

4. The Iron Duke.

- Trustees reaffirmed the grant to enable the magazine to continue to be published.
- Following publication of the winter edition there will be a special edition covering the Memorial which will be published in the spring of 2020.
- Thereafter, due to the need to maintain the quality of content, there will be one edition per year.
- There will be a need for additional content and this need will be publicised widely.

5. The Yorkshire Regiment (YR) and DWR Heritage.

- The YR has established a committee to oversee the heritage of the antecedent regiments for which it is and will be responsible. This is a good first step.
- The DWR iconic items that are on long loan to the YR are being checked annually by the Regimental Secretary YR.

6. Association Communications. Currently email, Facebook and the website are used to communicate to the Association. A reminder will be sent through the Facebook page to remind everyone of the website as a source of information.