

## **The Frazer Nash Archives**

### **Trustees Report for the Year Ended 31st December 2023**

#### **Objects & Activities**

The objects of The Frazer Nash Archives (the Archives) are to advance public education in the history and development of motor sports cars, in particular the Frazer Nash marque and to further the study and understanding of mechanical science with reference to specialist low volume car production.

The Archives was founded as a charitable trust in 1998 when settlements were made into the trust by John Aldington that included detailed technical and commercial records, sporting trophies, engineering drawings, commercial reports, photographs and four Frazer Nash cars. These relate to activities in building and supporting Frazer Nash cars between the 1920s and 1950s by AFN Ltd and others.

The Frazer Nash car owes its derivation to Archie Frazer Nash and his great skills in developing advanced and sporting automobiles, beginning with the GN (Godfrey Nash) in 1911 and leading to the Frazer Nash in 1925.

H J Aldington (John Aldington's father) took over the AFN business from Archie Frazer Nash in 1928 and continued to manufacture Frazer Nash cars into the late 1930s whilst also importing BMW cars under the FN-BMW name. The business was supported by marketing other automobile, motorcycle, aircraft and industrial products. Post World War II, AFN Ltd developed a range of highly successful racing sports cars, whilst continuing to sustain income with non-automotive products and, ultimately, distributing Porsche cars from 1953. The AFN company was sold to Porsche AG in 1987 and the Archives retain Porsche historical records and memorabilia up to 1972.

Over a period of 60 years, GN, Frazer Nash, FN-BMW and Porsche cars enjoyed prodigious success in sporting events. Supporting this achievement, the Archives has the foremost collection of Frazer Nash cars, records, technical drawings, construction details, trophies, photographs, films, models, artwork, papers and associated memorabilia.

The trustees have readily accepted bequests from the family of Archie Frazer Nash. These have greatly extended the scope of the Archives holdings to include many documents and artefacts about the company producing the GN car, its founders and its products and activities during the period from 1911 to 1924, prior to the inception of the Frazer Nash. Also in the bequests is considerable documentation relating to the career of Archie Frazer Nash as a consulting engineer and innovator after his disassociation from AFN Ltd in 1928, including his personal diaries from 1932 to 1957.

Furthermore, donation of material from other sources relates to the Frazer Nash engineering companies with which Archie Frazer Nash was associated in the years following World War II, most of which is external to the automotive sector.

The Archives has embraced the interpretation of its objects to include both the GN period and Archie Frazer Nash's post-AFN activities and the early Porsche period, and routinely collects material on these subjects. The Archives has published the definitive biography of Archie Frazer Nash covering his lifetime and career and supplies other printed material of significance.

The Archives also contains much related material of wider public interest, such as aircraft, agricultural machinery, motorcycles and other engineered products donated at the time of formation of the Trust.

## **Achievements & Performance**

The Archives held two public open days during the year which were a great success. Visitors included those from the local area, Frazer Nash car owners and enthusiasts together with members of the Vintage Sports Car Club. The highlight of the open days was an exhibition dedicated to the GN overhead valve engine. Four cars with this special engine were on display, together with otherwise unseen photographs and drawings.

The work of preserving, cataloguing and digitising the archives collection of photographs and documents continued to make progress and trustees have engaged a new scanning company with more advanced techniques and greater capacity. However, progress during the year has been frustratingly slow and the Archives seeks more volunteers and those with professional archival expertise. Nonetheless, the Archives very much appreciates the continued dedication of the volunteers from the Henley branch of The Arts Society in conserving archive material.

The Trustees continued to provide information to owners, enthusiasts and researchers in the UK and across the world. The Archives acquired numerous artefacts of significance during the year from various sources including the donation of an important collection of GN technical notes and material from previous owners of Frazer Nash cars.

## **Financial Review**

In addition to funding the maintenance of the collection and the property in which it is held, the Archives continues to invest in computer equipment and the continued digitisation of the collection to facilitate virtual access via the archives website.

The building continues to require ongoing maintenance the cost of which has and will continue to increase. During the year the physical security was upgraded to enhance the protection of the collection.

Fixture and fittings acquired for the GN engine exhibition includes materials which will be used for future exhibitions.

The Archives are grateful to the members of the Frazer Nash; Historic BMW and Porsche Car Clubs and to individuals for their financial support during the year.

## **Structure Governance and Management**

The Frazer Nash Archives is constituted and governed by Declaration of Trust dated 12th November 1998.

The trustees who served during the year are as follows:-

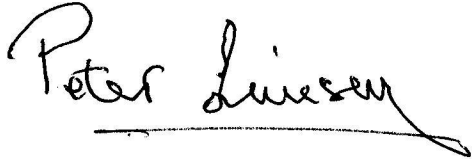
Louise Bunting; Peter Livesey (Chairman); John Marsh; Roger Richmond; Winston Teague; Clive Godsell; Robert Mellors, Matt Vincent.

The Patron of The Frazer Nash Archives is James Trigwell.

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees;

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Livesey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Peter Livesey,

Chairman

Dated

22.2.2024

## The Frazer Nash Archives. Trustee Information Only

### A. Accounting Policies

#### Basis of Accounts

In accordance with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011,  
the Archives prepares accounts on a receipts and payments basis.  
The accounts do not therefore show a true and fair view.  
The accounts do not include all income or expenditure relating to the period.  
No expenditure of a capital nature has been capitalised and no depreciation charged.  
The Archives is the custodian and legal owner of its collection the value of which is not  
included in the accounts.

### B. Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

	2023	2022
<b>1 Sales &amp; Promotions</b>		
Books	430	389
Porsche	275	325
Photos Drawings and reports( inc Thiesen in 2022)	278	995
	<u>983</u>	<u>1709</u>
<b>2 Conservation and Archiving</b>		
Materials & Supplies	468	335
Hardware and Equipment Purchases	412	
Scanning	901	
	<u>1781</u>	<u>335</u>
<b>3 Car Maintenance</b>		
Insurance	2454	2168
Power Plus battery		143
Other		20
	<u>2454</u>	<u>2331</u>
<b>4 Property Costs</b>		
Insurance	1344	1146
Rates	3095	2842
Security upgrade	2325	2325
Pump Service	275	236
Building Works - Robbins	1583	160
	<u>8622</u>	<u>6709</u>

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## Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

	2023	2022
<b>Administrative, Travel and Office Expenses</b>		
Telephone & Broadband	372	348
Web & Internet - Jarrett & Lam, Fasthost	1031	1548
Combined Risk Insurance	1246	1123
PayPal Commission	20	11
Stationery & Supplies	1015	99
Disaster insurance- Harwell	396	360
Exhibition Furniture & Fittings	3002	
Fire and Security - maintenance	366	
Travel and other expenses	3918	3852
	<u>11366</u>	<u>7341</u>
<b>6 Archive Additions and Acquisitions</b>		
Photo	28	
Harding Collection & Photos etc.		628
	<u>28</u>	<u>628</u>

### 7 Statement of Assets & Liabilities

The Archives is the legal owner of Frazer Nash automobiles memorabilia drawings photographs and the like together with cash resources. The Archives does not have any loans or other such liabilities.

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## Receipts and Payments Account

Year Ended 31st December 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
<b>Receipts</b>			
Rental Income		16895	16895
Donations		4102	4662
FNCC		5200	5200
Gift Aid Tax Refund		999	992
Sales & Promotions	1	983	1709
Interest Received		280	
		<u>28,459</u>	<u>29,458</u>
<b>Payments</b>			
Conservation and Archiving	2	1781	335
Car Maintenance and Insurance	3	2454	2331
Property Costs	4	8622	6709
Administrative, Travel & Office Expenses	5	11366	7341
Archive Additions	6	28	628
		<u>24251</u>	<u>17344</u>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>		<u><u>4208</u></u>	<u><u>12114</u></u>

R Mellors  
Treasurer

Dated

**Report to the trustees**

The Frazer Nash Archives

**On accounts for the year ended**

31 December 2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1072918

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

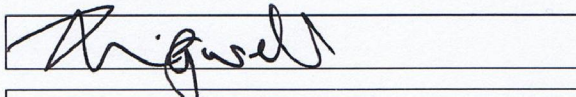
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

**Signed:****Date:**

12. March 2024

**Name:**

James Simmonds Trigwell

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body**

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