

The Frazer Nash Archives

Trustees Report for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

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 specialist low volume car production.

The Archives were 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 and other engineering activities 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 in partnership with Godfrey Nash producing the GN light cycle car 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 Frazer Nash-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 75 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 a number of families, individuals and in particular 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, Archie Frazer Nash's post-AFN activities and the early Porsche era 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

Each year the archives puts on an exhibition around a central theme. 2024 told the story of the collaboration between AFN and BMW prior to WWII. The exhibition was open to the public, Frazer Nash car owners and enthusiasts together with members of the Vintage Sports Car Club. In addition the archives hosted a special day for the BMW Historic Motor Club.

The work of preserving, cataloguing and digitising the archives collection of photographs and documents continued to make progress. Some 250,000 images have now been digitized for future access and long-term preservation. Several groups of volunteers (Henley branch of The Arts Society and a number of car enthusiasts) meet up regularly to assist in conservation of material, cataloguing and getting ready for scanning.

The Trustees continued to provide information to owners, enthusiasts, commercial organisations and researchers in the UK and across the world. The Archives again was lucky to acquire and to be donated numerous artefacts of significance during the year from historic documents, trophies, unseen photographs to the early motorised bicycle where it all began. The ranks of willing volunteers has happily grown and we are also lucky to have a new trustee.

Financial Review

The archives are making a big push to make its digitized material more available to a wider audience, investing time and money in computer equipment, software as well as the more mundane ongoing building maintenance etc.

The Archives are grateful to the members of the Frazer Nash; Historic BMW and Porsche Car and the Vintage Sports Car Clubs and to individuals for their physical and 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, Clive Godsell (Chairman), Tom Hunt, Peter Livesey, John Marsh, Robert Mellors, Roger Richmond, Winston Teague, Matt Vincent.

James Trigwell (Patron),

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees;



Clive Godsell

Chairman

Dated 10th June 2025

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Receipts and Payments Account

Year Ended 31st December 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
Receipts			
Rental Income		16895	16895
Donations		5633	4102
FNCC		5200	5200
Gift Aid Tax Refund		1211	999
Sales & Promotions	1	1238	983
Interest Received		5235	280
		35,412	28,459
Payments			
Conservation and Archiving	2	95	1781
Car Maintenance and Insurance	3	1702	2454
Property Costs	4	5973	8622
Administrative, Travel & Office Expenses	5	14248	11366
Archive Additions	6	689	28
		22707	24251
Excess of Receipts over Payments		12705	4208

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Dated

Treasurer

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 2024

	2024	2023
1 Sales & Promotions		
Books	238	430
Porsche	400	275
Photos Drawings and reports	600	278
	<u>1238</u>	<u>983</u>
2 Conservation and Archiving		
Materials & Supplies	95	468
Hardware and Equipment Purchases		412
Scanning		901
	<u>95</u>	<u>1781</u>
3 Car Maintenance		
Insurance	1702	2454
	<u>1702</u>	<u>2454</u>
4 Property Costs		
Insurance including combined risk	2587	1344
Rates	3052	3095
Security upgrade		2325
Pump Service	284	275
Building Works - Robbins	50	1583
	<u>5973</u>	<u>8622</u>

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	2024	2023
Administrative, Travel and Office Expenses		
Telephone & Broadband	398	372
Web & Internet - Jarrett & Lam, Fasthost	2068	1031
Combined Risk Insurance (included above)		1246
PayPal and other Commission	20	20
Stationery & Supplies	202	1015
Disaster insurance- Harwell	432	396
Computer Additions	2103	
Exhibition Costs	1183	3002
Legal Fees	3000	
Fire and Security - maintenance		366
Travel and other expenses	4842	3918
	<u>14248</u>	<u>11366</u>
6 Archive Additions and Acquisitions		
Photo and book	53	28
Engine Stand	636	
	<u>689</u>	<u>28</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.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

The Frazer Nash Archives

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1072918

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2024

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

2 July 2025

Name:

James Simmonds Trigwell

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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