

ROWAN ARMOUR-BROWN MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

England & Wales · Charity number 1102888

Details

Other names RAB TRUST

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2004-03-26

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (I) TO FACILITATE AND ENCOURAGE THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN THE CRAFT OF THE MAKING OR REPAIR AND RESTORATION OF BOWED STRING INSTRUMENTS BY THOSE ENGAGED AS AND REGISTERED AS FULL OR PART-TIME STUDENTS OF THIS CRAFT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OTHERWISE TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE THE APPRECIATION OF THE CRAFT OF VIOLIN MAKING AND RESTORATION BY PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES.(II) THE CHARITY MAY PROVIDE FUNDS AND MAKE OR ASSIST IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR INITIATING OR SPONSORING PROJECTS OF RESEARCH OR STUDY RELATING TO THE SAID CRAFT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC AND TO DISSEMINATE THE USEFUL RESULTS OF ANY SUCH RESEARCH.

Activities: WE FACILITATE AND ENCOURAGE THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF VIOLIN MAKERS BY PROVIDING FUNDS AND MAKING INTRODUCTIONS WHICH MAY LEAD TO WORK PLACEMENTS.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OTHERWISE
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£36,057	£14,737	-	-
2023-12-31	£26,591	£9,302	-	-
2022-12-31	£15,675	£13,119	-	-
2021-12-31	£16,213	£5,480	-	-
2020-12-31	£8,555	£5,751	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Elisabeth Ann Summers	Chair	2023-03-13
Adam Winskill		2023-03-13
ELAINE MARGARET SPICER		2010-04-15
JUDITH SARAH BLACKWELL		1999-03-10
Luke Damian Lindforth-Delaney		2020-03-13
Mark William Robinson		2018-05-04
Sheena Kelday Laurie		2023-03-13
Thomas Daniel Padday-Muir		2025-03-23

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

Charity name: Rowan Armour-Brown Memorial Trust Fund

Charity registration number: 1102888

Objectives and Activities

The Rowan Armour-Brown Memorial Trust Fund, also known as the RAB Trust, offers supplementary support and assistance to registered full and part-time students enrolled on violin making and bowed instrument restoration/repair courses within the UK.

We provide an annual award opportunity to provide assistance to registered students for purchasing items required for furthering their development in the craft of making, repairing and restoring violin and bowed instruments. Additionally the Trust provides numerous opportunities throughout the year for the enrolled students to purchase items fundamental to their studies and instrument making development at low cost. We also support registered students by facilitating work experience placements and participation in bowed instrument courses.

Achievements and Performance

There are three violin and bowed instruments colleges within the United Kingdom - Newark Violin Making School, Merton College and West Dean College. The Trust was able to assist 23 students by making awards of £12,030 combining of cash awards for tool purchases, the provision of tools directly where possible, study books, supplemental instrument courses and workshop placements for experience within a luthier or shop.

The Trust was bequeathed several workshop tool donations this year which led to our tool and instrument sales being more significant in size than we usually experience which enabled us to benefit the students to a greater extent than usual and also bolster our funding for future awards.

The Trust was also able to combine a special tool sale with a student forum at the annual Lutherie event in Newark allowing RAB trustees the opportunity to assist students not only in tool provision but also offer expert advice and facilitate networking. The Trust provided travel assistance for students travelling from Merton College and West Dean College to the event.

The Trust has additionally worked with the British Violin Makers Association (BVMA) to provide spaces for RAB Trust award students on their popular and often oversubscribed setup and bow making courses for which the Trust is grateful.

The Trust also made a sale of a cello that several of the Trustees had participated in completing and this sale alone generated a significant inflow for the Trust adding to build upon the previous exceptional year for fundraising.

Financial Review

The Trust funds itself through the sale of donations received usually in bequests. These donations are generally workshop clearances which may include instruments, books and violin making tools.

The RAB Trust financial year runs from January 2024 to December 2024 and has an overall cash balance of £70,208 of which £33,125 is held on deposit including reserves.

Due to the intermittent nature by which the Trust receives income through bequests or donations the funds held on deposit represent a significant reserve upon which to draw upon if so required.

This financial year the RAB Trust has received an income of £36,057.49 against a total expenditure of £14,736.52 generating a net income of £21,320.97.

Our overall cash balance at the close of December 2024 is £70,208 upon a previous year close of £48,887. As mentioned in the previous section the Trust has experienced another unusual year with regard to bequeathed donations but also significantly with the sale of a cello which in itself raised a net amount of £18,240 for the Trust.

The income received from instrument and tools sales amounted to £28,786 in total for the year with the *afore-mentioned cello sale representing almost over half that sum.* The Trust has also received an income of £1740 from online courses, £2000 from the Educational Services and significant donations from The Robinson Charitable Trust, The Marsh Charitable Trust and Michael Cane to whom we are most grateful.

The RAB Trust had made awards of £12,030 to students across 3 national colleges - Newark Violin Making School, Merton College and West Dean College. In addition to that monetary sum the Trust has also awarded tools, books and travel expenses to students.

Income **2024****Unrestricted funds**

Donations	£3967
Educational Services Grant	£2,000
Deposit Account Interest	£1304
Instrument and Tool Sales	£28,786

Total Receipts **£36,057****Payments**

Student Awards	£12,030
Advertising and Marketing	£1,219
Accountancy Software	£165
General Expenses	£686
Bank Fees	£26
Internet	£196
Travel	£415

Total Payments **£14,737****Net of Receipts/Payments** **£21,321****Cash Funds last Year End** **£48,887****Cash Funds this Year End** **£70,208**

Structure, Governance and Management

The Rowan Armour-Brown Memorial Trust Fund is an unincorporated charity governed by a trust deed. The trustees have been selected on the basis of their requisite skills, knowledge and experience for effective administration of the charity. The trustees represent a wealth of expertise and experience with violins and bowed instruments as luthiers who have worked at some of the industry's finest violin workshops and retailers.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Rowan Armour-Brown Memorial Trust Fund
Other name the charity uses	RAB Trust
Registered charity number	1102888
Charity's principal address	15 North Road, Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 1PW

Trustees

Elisabeth Summers, Chair
Judith Blackwell, Secretary
Luke Lindforth-Delaney, Treasurer
Mark Robinson
Elaine Spicer
Adam Winskill
Sheena Laurie

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) 

Full name(s) LUKE DAMIAN LINDFORTH-DELANEY

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) TREASURER

Date 22/1/25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

RAB TRUST
RAB TRUST

On accounts for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2024

Charity no (if any)

1102888

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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:

Colin Garrett

Date:

6 OCTOBER 2025

Name:

Colin Noël Garrett

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

Solicitor (retired)

Address:

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Berkhamsted

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Achievements and Performance

There are three violin and bowed instruments colleges within the United Kingdom - Newark Violin Making School, Merton College and West Dean College. The Trust was able to assist 14 students by making awards combining of cash awards for tool purchases, the provision of tools directly where possible, study books, supplemental instrument courses and workshop placements for experience within a luthier or shop.

The Trust was bequeathed several workshop tool donations this year which led to our tool and instrument sales being more significant in size than we usually experience which enabled us to benefit the students to a greater extent than usual and also bolster our funding for future awards.

The Trust was also able to combine a special tool sale with a student forum at the annual Lutherie event in Newark allowing RAB trustees the opportunity to assist students not only in tool provision but also offer expert advice and facilitate networking. The Trust provided travel assistance for students travelling from Merton College and West Dean College to the event.

The Trust has additionally worked with the British Violin Makers Association (BVMA) to provide spaces for RAB Trust award students on their popular and often oversubscribed setup and bow making courses for which the Trust is grateful.

The Trust also sold a “round robin” violin that several of the Trustees had participated in making since the COVID lockdown and this generated a significant inflow for the Trust adding to what was an exceptional year for fundraising.

Financial Review

The Trust funds itself through the sale of donations received usually in bequests. These bequest donations are generally workshop clearances which may include instruments, books and violin making tools. The Trust also receives monetary donations with one supporter providing a regular income to the Trust for which we are immensely grateful.

The RAB Trust financial year runs from January 2023 to December 2023 and has an overall cash balance of £48,887 of which £31,821 is held on deposit including reserves.

Due to the intermittent nature by which the Trust receives income through bequests or donations the funds held on deposit represent a significant reserve upon which to draw upon if so required.

This financial year (2023) the RAB Trust has received an income of £26,591 against a total expenditure of £9302 generating a net income of £17,289.

Our overall cash balance at the close of December 2023 is £48,887 upon a previous year close of £31,598. As mentioned in the previous section the Trust has experienced an unusual year with regard to bequeathed donations but also significantly with the sale of the RAB Trust “round robin” violin which in itself raised a net amount of £9120 for the Trust.

The income received from instrument and tools sales amounted to £20,187 in total for the year with the afore-mentioned violin sale representing almost half that sum. The Trust has also received a monetary income of £4177 from donors and £2000 from the Educational Services.

The RAB Trust had made awards of £6676 to assist 14 students across 3 national colleges - Newark Violin Making School, Merton College and West Dean College. In addition to that monetary sum the Trust has also awarded tools, books and travel expenses to students.

Income	2023
	Unrestricted funds
Donations	£4,177
Educational Services Grant	£2,000
Deposit Account Interest	£227
Instrument and Tool Sales	£20,187
Total Receipts	£26,591
Payments	
Student Awards	£6,676
Advertising and Marketing	£451
Accountancy Software	£154
General Expenses	£1,155
Postage, Freight and Courier	£336
Travel	£530
Total Payments	£9302
Net of Receipts/Payments	£17,289
Cash Funds last Year End	£31,598
Cash Funds this Year End	£48,887

Structure, Governance and Management

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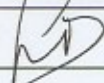
Helen Michetslager, Chair
Judith Blackwell, Secretary
Luke Lindforth-Delaney, Treasurer
Tim Southon, Administrator
Mark Robinson,
Elaine Spicer,
Paul Bowers,
Elisabeth Summers (appointed 13/3/23)
Adam Winskill (appointed 13/3/23)
Sheena Laurie (appointed 13/3/23)
Philip Ihle

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

LUKE LINDFORTH-DELANEY

Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

TREASURER

Date

6/10/24



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2023	To	31/12/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	4,177	-	-	4,177	-
Educational Services Grant	2,090	-	-	2,090	-
Deposit account interest	227	-	-	227	-
Instrument and tool sales	20,187	-	-	20,187	-
	-8	-	-	-8	-
	-8	-	-	-8	-
	-8	-	-	-8	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	26,591	-	-	26,591	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-8	-0	-8	-	-
	-8	-0	-8	-	-8
Sub total	-9	-8	-8	-	-8
Total receipts	26,591	-0	-0	26,591	-0
A3 Payments					
Student awards	6,676	-	-	6,676	-
Advertising and marketing	451	-	-	451	-
Accountancy fees	154	-	-	154	-
General expenses	1,155	-	-	1,155	-
Postage, Freight and courier	338	-	-	338	-
Travel	530	-	-	530	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
Sub total	9,302	-	-	9,302	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-0	-0	-0	-	-
	-0	-8	-0	-	-
Sub total	-0	-0	-0	-	-0
Total payments	9,302	-0	-0	9,302	-0
Net of receipts/(payments)	17,289	-	-	17,289	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	31,598	-	-	31,598	-
Cash funds this year end	48,887	-	-	48,887	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Total cash held	48,887	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	48,887	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments accounts)			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

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LUKE UNDERHILL - DEAN

6/10/24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
RAB Trust

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

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Signed:

Colin Garrett

Date:

17/10/2024

Name:

Colin Noel Garrett

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

Solicitor (retired)

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