

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2023 to 31st January 2023

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 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

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. Within the The trustees a wealth of violin and bowed instruments knowledge, expertise and experience is represented since it includes 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 |
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Trustees

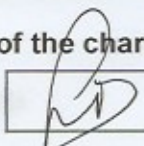
Helen Michetslager, Chair
Judith Blackwell, Secretary
Luke Lindforth-Delaney, Treasurer
Tim Southon, Administrator
Mark Robinson,
Elaine Spicer,
Paul Bowers,
Elisabeth Summers (appointed 13/3/23)
Adam Winskill (appointed 13/3/23)
Sheena Laurie (appointed 13/3/23)
Philip Ihle

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

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Rowan Armour-Brown Memorial Trust

1102886

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 01/01/2023 To 31/12/2023

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 | 2,000 | - | - | 2,000 | |
| Deposit account interest | 227 | - | - | 227 | |
| Instrument and tool sales | 20,187 | - | - | 20,187 | - |
| | -0 | - | - | - | - |
| | -0 | - | - | - | - |
| | -0 | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 26,591 | - | - | 26,591 | - |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table) | | | | | |
| | -0 | -0 | -0 | - | -0 |
| | -0 | -0 | -0 | - | -0 |
| Sub total | -0 | -0 | -0 | - | -0 |
| 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 | -0 | -0 | - | -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 | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| B3 Investment assets | | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| B5 Liabilities | | 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 | |
| | | LUKE LINDSAY-DEANE | 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)

1102888

Set out on pages

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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 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 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:

17/10/2024

Name:

Colin Noel Garrett

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

Solicitor (retired)

Address:

17 North Road
Berkhamsted
HP4 3DX

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.