

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
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Unrestricted funds

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

Total Receipts	£36,057
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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
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Net of Receipts/Payments	£21,321
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Cash Funds last Year End	£48,887
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Cash Funds this Year End	£70,208
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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

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	ROWAN ARMOUR-BROWN TRUST		1102088	CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from		1/1/24	To	31/12/24

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	3,967	-	-	3,967	4,177
Educational Services Grant	2,000	-	-	2,000	2,000
Deposit Account Interest	1,304	-	-	1,304	227
Instrument and Tool Sales	28,786	-	-	28,786	20,187
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	36,057	-	-	36,057	26,591
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-0	-0	-0	-	-
	-0	-0	-0	-	-0
Sub total	-0	-0	-0	-	-0
Total receipts	36,057	-0	-0	36,057	26,591
A3 Payments					
Student Awards	12,030	-	-	12,030	6,678
Advertising and Marketing	1,219	-	-	1,219	451
Accountancy Fees	185	-	-	185	154
General Expenses	686	-	-	686	1,155
Bank Fees	26	-	-	26	-
Internet	196	-	-	196	-
Postage, Freight and courier	-0	-	-	-	336
Travel	415	-	-	415	530
	-0	-	-	-	-
Sub total	14,737	-	-	14,737	9,302
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-0	-0	-0	-	-
	-0	-0	-0	-	-
Sub total	-0	-0	-0	-	-0
Total payments	14,737	-0	-0	14,737	9,302
Net of receipts/(payments)	21,320	-	-	21,320	17,289
A5 Transfers between funds	-0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	48,887	-	-	48,887	-
Cash funds this year end	70,207	-	-	70,207	17,289

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 funds	70,207	-	-	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
B3 Investment assets					
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use					
B5 Liabilities					
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
			LUKE WILLIAMS - DEANST	12/6/25 27/5/25	



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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):

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