

Registered Charity Number: 1107149

**The Friends of the RWA**

**Trustees Report and Accounts**

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

**Royal West of England Academy**  
**Queen's Road, BRISTOL BS8 1PX**

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**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2024**

The Friends exist, as explained below, to support the Royal West of England Academy. With origins in the Subscribing Members at the Academy's foundation in 1844, they became an independent unincorporated charitable association governed by a constitution adopted in February 1999, modified on 1 November 2004 (prior to registration as a charity), and again on 20 November 2020.

The Friends' affairs are run by a committee of Trustees, elected annually by the membership. The Trustees acting during 2024 were:

Jane Boot  
*(appointed April 2015)*

Catherine Frances Davey  
*(appointed October 2023)*

Anne Christine Jewell  
*(retired August 2024)*

Gordon Lewis  
*(appointed June 2021)*

Andrew Nixon  
*(appointed July 2018)*

Stephen Noreiko  
*(appointed October 2021)*

Mónica Cuellar Parreño  
*(appointed October 2023)*

Sue Quirk  
*(appointed February 2021)*

Laurel Smart  
*(appointed April 2019)*

Patricia Triggs  
*(appointed December 2020)*

No Trustee has received any remuneration or other benefits, nor any Trustee's expenses.

The Charity's bankers are: HSBC-UK  
62 George White Street  
BRISTOL BS1 3BA

The Accounts show total net receipts of £51,307, and payments of £50,240, which include donations to the Royal West of England Academy of £46,000.

The Friends of the Royal West of England Academy is a charity which exists, as the name implies, to support the Royal West of England Academy. Our primary, and most obvious, support is financial. Regular monthly reports on the state of our finances are the basis on which the amounts of our continuing donations are decided by the Trustees. Growth in membership, to currently more than 1300 individuals, has brought increased receipts, and we end 2024 with a small surplus.

In previous years we have undertaken targeted fund-raising for specific ends, but this year all donations have been given as unrestricted funds for

the RWA to use as it sees fit. In total during 2024 we donated £46,000, a significant increase on the £33,600 we donated in 2023.

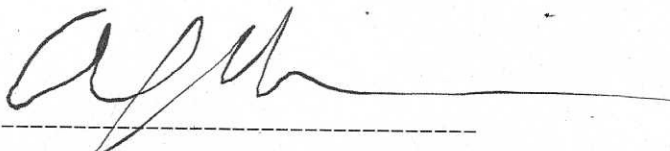
The Friends, as a community of established or aspiring artists and art-lovers, support the presence and further the purposes of the RWA with a range of activities.

Regular monthly talks are delivered by RWA Academicians and artists who are experts in their field, either in the galleries when the speaker is talking about a current exhibition, or as illustrated talks in a meeting room. Through these popular Talks, Friends have valuable opportunities to meet with and talk to a wide range of artists, and gain an understanding of their practices.

A highly successful programme of Trips and Visits takes groups of Friends further afield, to a variety of destinations of cultural or artistic interest. This year we have organised five day trips — to Coventry, Swansea, Kelmscott Manor, Worcester, and London — as well as a very successful three-night residential visit to Cornwall. These trips are profitable and make a significant contribution to our funds.

The Friends' Exhibition gives artist Friends an opportunity to show their work in the prestigious surroundings of the RWA. Five exhibitions have been held in the past ten years, and the next is planned for 2026. Bringing joy and purpose to artists and the public alike, the Friends' Exhibition is more than just an exhibition, it creates an opportunity for artists to get involved, to build networks, to make friends, and of course contribute to fund raising."

We publicise our work, keep Friends updated, and help promote the Royal West of England Academy generally through our communication channels: a monthly email newsletter, a quarterly printed newsletter sent to all Friends, an Instagram account, and the Floating Circle blog.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Nixon', followed by a long horizontal line.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees, Mr Andrew Nixon, Chair

FRIENDS OF THE ROYAL WEST OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds 2023
<b><i>Receipts</i></b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Subscriptions & Donations	39,450	34,347
Gift Aid return	3,329	2,330
Net Contribution from Trips & Visits	3,801	3,246
Net Contribution from Exhibitions*	4,727	1,717
<b>TOTAL NET RECEIPTS</b>	<b>51,307</b>	<b>41,640</b>
<b><i>Payments</i></b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Administrative Support	(547)	(774)
Printing, postage, publicity	(2,768)	(5,523)
Insurance including BAFM Membership	(925)	(808)
<b>RUNNING COST OF FRWA</b>	<b>(4,240)</b>	<b>(7,105)</b>
<b><i>Net Running Surplus</i></b>	<b>47,067</b>	<b>34,535</b>
<b><i>Donations to RWA</i></b>	<b>(46,000)</b>	<b>(33,600)</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>(50,240)</b>	<b>(40,705)</b>
<b><u>NET RECEIPTS (PAYMENTS)</u></b>	<b><u>1,067</u></b>	<b><u>935</u></b>
<b>Total Funds at start of year</b>	<b>4,784</b>	<b>3,849</b>
<b>Total Funds at end of year</b>	<b>5,851</b>	<b>4,784</b>

\*Exhibition expenses in 2023 included venue hire for the Friends' Exhibition in 2022 (£1056) as well as for 2023 (£1086).


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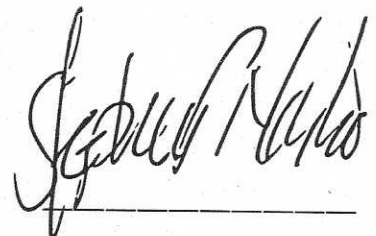
**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds 2023
	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	0	0
<b>CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</b>		
Cash at bank	5,851	4,784
Unpresented Cheques	0	0
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<b><u>Total Net Assets</u></b>	<b>5,851</b>	<b>4,784</b>
<b><u>Funds Balance</u></b>	<b>5,851</b>	<b>4,784</b>

These accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis for  
presentation and approval at the next  
General Meeting of the Friends of the RWA



Mr Andrew Nixon  
Chair



Stephen F. Noreiko  
Treasurer

## THE FRIENDS OF THE RWA

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FRIENDS OF THE RWA

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out on pages 4 and 5.

#### ***Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner***

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under charity law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### ***Basis of the Independent Examiner's report***

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### ***Independent examiner's statement***

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Section 132 of the charities Act 2011 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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