

FRIENDS OF CORINIUM MUSEUM

England & Wales - Charity number 1118026

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2007-02-19

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

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Activities

Objects: 1. THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC BY THE PROMOTION, SUPPORT, ASSISTANCE, IMPROVEMENT AND DISPLAY OF THE COLLECTIONS OF ARTICLES OF HISTORIC, ARCHAEOLOGICAL, OR LOCAL INTEREST MAINTAINED BY THE CORINIUM MUSEUM IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE INCLUDING ASSISTANCE WITH THE ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL ARTEFACTS AND BY FOSTERING PUBLIC INTEREST IN THIS MUSEUM

Activities: Fund raising for the benefit of the Corinium Museum by recruitment of members and holding events, trips, etc. for members to raise additional funds.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** CORINIUM MUSEUM IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE
- Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-31	£22,124	£8,030	-	-
2023-10-31	£28,943	£14,806	-	-
2022-10-31	£35,434	£30,955	-	-
2021-10-31	£14,687	£12,721	-	-
2020-10-31	£9,528	£2,369	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Kathryn Allison	Chair	2021-11-02
Anthony Willmott Berry		2015-08-17
Edward Philip Charles Allsop		2014-02-25
Peter John Hughes		2025-08-28

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Trustees' Report for Year ending 31st October 2023

“The Friends support the work and objectives of the Museum by helping with fund-raising for special events, the acquisition of artefacts, raising public awareness and participating in the work of the Museum.”

1. Membership

Numbers have remained fairly static with the number of new Members balancing losses which primarily result from the high age profile of membership. Focus continues on the need to attract younger members of the community.

2. Committee

We were joined by a new member, Colin Cheek, whose IT skills are being applied in the design of a new website. An appeal was made for a new secretary to join the Committee.

3. Museum operation and staffing

Museum staff under the leadership of Emma Stewart (Museum Director) have had to adapt to a change in the Museum operating company, following the termination of the SLM ten years contract and the District Council's award of a new contract to Freedom Leisure.

The commitment and creativity of the Museum team provides an excellent backing for the Friends' Committee's activities, enabling us to work together to support public events and workshops and generally to identify opportunities which can help to enhance public profile.

4. Events in 2023

Friends enjoyed a visit to the Roman baths in Bath and had a private talk from Amanda Hart who had left her post as Director of the Corinium Museum in 2022 to take up the role of Roman Baths Director.

We were able to assess progress since last year's summer dig at the Seven Sisters tumulus with another well-attended visit.

The Committee manned a stand at the annual Winstone Trust lecture in the Parish Church which is always well attended and provides a good opportunity to raise profile and try to attract recruits from a wide group.

The various social events are seen as a good recruitment opportunity and Members are encouraged to introduce their friends and acquaintances, bearing in mind the importance of attracting younger members of the community.

5. Acquisitions

A post-Medieval silver seal from the locality was acquired through the British Museum for £450. As identified in Section 7, we are focussing on some important future projects.

6. Finances

The Treasurer's Report at the AGM confirmed that the Friends had made a small surplus from the Gladiators Exhibition, shown in a consolidation of income and expenditure from three financial years.

The level of retained funds has been improving with a view to providing for known projects (see below).

7. 2024

The Friends have committed to the funding of the conservation costs (some £6,000) of two Roman cavalry swords which have been gifted to the Museum and we will also assist in further fundraising for some £20,000 for their display.

There is a community initiative to obtain on loan from the British Museum and to display in the Museum, a well-known local Roman mosaic which was removed from the town some two hundred years ago. Its return to the town will be a high profile event giving scope for wider public activities.

Archaeological excavations upon the line of the Roman Ermin Way (A417 highway improvements) are under way, finds from this falling into the category of Known Unknowns.

8. Public Profile and Fundraising

Work is in progress to create a more comprehensive website which makes it easy for members of the public to join the Friends and pay online, for Members to book and pay for events and for people to make donations for our identified projects. A card reader has also been acquired, enabling electronic donations to be made.

9. Summary

The Committee recognises that the key to a successful voluntary organisation is for the Committee and Members to enjoy their roles, the activities and the social interaction and to feel that progress in fulfilling the charity objectives is being made. We appreciate having a membership which is active and engages well in enjoying the Museum and helping to enhance its profile.

Edward Allsop
Trustee and Hon. Treasurer
August 2024

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Accounts for year ending 31st October 2023
for Charity Commission

INCOME

Subscriptions	4,233.50
Donations	7,734.73
Gift Aid	1,088.68
Bank Interest	467.74
Gladiator Exhibition	13,783.50
Easy Fundraising/Just Giving	49.75
Friends visit to Bath	985.00
Fundraising	600.00
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EXPENDITURE

Receptions/Recruitment	852.22
Administration	82.39
Purchase of Artefacts	450.00
Membership of BAFM and insurance	400.00
Project Payments	9,984.00
Visit to Bath	953.00
Subscriptions	216.00
Miscellaneous	1,250.00
Website	520.00
Bank charges	98.06
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	14,805.67

Net Balance for year 14,137.23

Balances brought forward 31,557.29

Account balance at year end 45,694.52



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Friends of Corinium Museum

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st October 2023

**Charity no
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basis of report**

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The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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- b) the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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Signed:

M L Wilton

Date:

15th August 2024

Name:

Mark Wilton

Relevant professional

Chartered Accountant



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1. Membership

Showing a gradual recovery after a Covid era decline, membership now stands at just over one hundred. The objective every year is to try to recruit additional younger members to provide more balance to the age profile.

2. Committee

This consists of ten members who, in their respective roles, give their time unstintingly.

The call is made at each AGM for anyone who wishes to contribute more to the Friends to join the Committee. This allows older members to feel that they can retire without leaving too few trying to do too much. Skills in the realm of technology are an advantage to assist with fundraising and public profile.

3. Museum operation and staffing

The Museum Director, Katherine Walker, who is also a Committee member, is leaving to take up a new appointment in Cornwall. The Trustees are grateful for her input over the last year and in particular her part in taking on the Gladiator Exhibition which had been organised by her predecessor.

There is close co-operation between Committee members and the Director and other staff in the Museum.

4. Exhibition

The year saw the Friends' sponsorship of the Exhibition "Gladiators: A Cemetery of Secrets". The planning and installation of the Exhibition has involved a lot of work, with no guarantee of the financial return. However, it was considered to be a good initiative to help raise the profile of the Museum and the Trustees were confident that further funding could be obtained from local bodies, (see Finances below). The exhibition opened in October 2022 and is scheduled to run until April 2023.

Honorary Member, Ben Miller, entered with enthusiasm into his role of opening the Exhibition and we are grateful to him for his support.

5. Acquisitions

Two rings, one gold and one silver, and a Medieval silver gilt dress hook were acquired at a cost of £1,725. There were no known large acquisitions to provide for.

6. Finances

The Museum and the Friends secured donations from the Winstone Trust, St James's Place, SLM, Sewell Mullings and Logie and Cirencester Town Council. Our thanks are given to all those bodies, some of whom are repeat donors.

Funding for the Exhibition shows a potential shortfall of some £18,000. The additional entry fee of £1 per person which comes to the Friends will reduce this deficit, but further fundraising will probably also be necessary.

7. Programme of Events for 2023

Plans are being made for a trip to the Roman Baths in Bath in addition to more local activities.

Summary

The Friends, in close co-operation with Museum staff, provide an invaluable role in supporting the profile and operation of the Museum.

Edward Allsop
Trustee and Hon Treasurer
August 2023

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Summary for Charity Commission

Income

Subscriptions	4,658.00
Donations	1,029.22
Gift Aid	925.51
Bank Interest	256.87
Easy Fundraising	164.08
Fundraising	<u>28,400.00</u>
A	35,433.68

Expenditure

Receptions/Recruitment	615.98
Administration	160.30
Purchase of Artefacts	1,725.00
Membership of BAFM and insurance	349.00
Project Payments	28,000.00
Bank charges	<u>105.03</u>
B	30,955.31

Net Balance for year **A-B** **4,478.37**

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Signed:

Mark Wilton

Date:

9th August 2024

Name:

Mark Wilton

Relevant professional

Chartered Accountant

qualification(s) or body (if any): FCA of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

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