

Friends of Corinium Museum  
Charity No. 1118026

Trustees' Report for Year ending 31.10.2022.

"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

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

# **Friends of Corinium Museum**

Registered Charity No. 1118026

Accounts for year ending 31st October 2022

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	28,400.00
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## **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	105.03
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**Net Balance for year**                      **A-B**                      **4,478.37**

Balances brought forward                      27,078.92

Account balance at year end                      

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31,557.29



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Friends of Corinium Museum

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1118026

Set out on pages

1 and 2 attached

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended *31/10/2022*

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

My examination includes a review of accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. I also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any 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.

"I have completed my examination and 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;

- a) accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- b) the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

9<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Name:

Mark Wilton

Relevant professional

Chartered Accountant

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(if any):**

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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.**