



BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF MUSEUMS

*Patron
Chairman*

H. R. H. The Duke of Gloucester KG, GCVO, GCSiJ
Daniel Calley

September 2025

Dear fellow Friends,

On behalf of the committee of the British Association of Friends of Museums I welcome you to our 52nd AGM and conference. Bristol is both a city of great history and dynamic modernism with a wonderful diversity of museums. We hope you will enjoy your visit to the city and the hospitality of our hosts, the Friends of Bristol Museums, Galleries and Archives.

Financially, we have improved over last year. After a significant decline in funds the previous year, we have finished the present year with a modest decline of £163.90. Still, a loss is a loss and we will continue both to keep a close monitoring on our income and expenses. Two of the things which have helped us to better our financial position have been an increase in interest income from £147.38 in the previous year to £1,138.45 this year and the continuing income from BAFM trips. These income streams have helped us to maintain our membership fees at the same levels for many years. Last year we also received a generous legacy of £1,000 from our late member, Joy Heffernan. These funds are now in our investment account and will contribute to BAFM for many years to come. Do please consider leaving a legacy to BAFM.

During the year we were pleased to welcome two new Regional Coordinators, Richard Irvine for Scotland and Janet Ross-Mills for the North-West Region. They have already contributed to our work and we look forward to their being part of BAFM for many years to come. I hope those of you in their Regions have had a chance to meet them. We also now have two Youth Ambassadors, Christopher Tinmouth and Heather Stracey, who are here to support your own Young Friends groups or establish new ones.

We are very pleased to continue our partnership with the Marsh Charitable Trust, who sponsor our Friends of the Year award. We take it as a vote of confidence that such a prestigious charity has chosen to support and recognise the work of Friends of Museums. In addition we are continuing our Newsletters of the Year awards and Young Professional of the Year. We are also looking at a Volunteer of the Year award. Combined, these awards recognise the impact of your work and that of your members. Without Friends so many of our museums would cease to function.

BAFM trips during the past year included outings to East Anglia and Vicenza and the Veneto. As noted, these help to fund BAFM and they are a great way to enjoy the company of fellow Friends from all over the UK. They are also a way for Friends groups, whether within the UK or abroad, to share their experiences and museums with fellow Friends.

We continue to actively engage with international Friends groups, including participating in the World Federation of Friends of Museums conference in Naples this past May. If you are interested in participating in international events please contact me. You would be most welcome. October 12 is European Friends of Museums Day: do celebrate yourselves and your work.

It is a great pleasure to announce that Lord Reay has accepted the presidency of BAFM. Aeneas Mackay is a working peer with a deep interest in the cultural life of Britain. We look forward to working with him in the coming years. Lastly, we thank our long-term patron, the Duke of Gloucester, who continues to keep a gentle eye on all that we do.

Sincerely,

Daniel Calley

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**Accounts at
31st January 2025**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF MUSEUMS**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of British Association of Friends of Museums for the year ended 31st January 2025, which are set out on pages 2 and 3.

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").

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

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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other 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.

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Date : 12.9.25

British Association of Friends of Museums - Accounts for Period 1st February 2024 to 31st January 2025

	2024/2025 £	2023/2024 £
<u>1. Receipts and Payments Account</u>		
<u>Income Receipts</u>		
Subscriptions	15,051.00	16,365.00
Interest	1,139.45	147.38
Gift Aid	97.50	90.31
<u>Trading</u>		
Conference Doncaster	375.00	1,000.00
Conference Wisbech	3,430.00	-
East Anglia Trip	7,920.00	-
Members Insurance Scheme	34,376.80	34,350.70
Lisbon Trip	5,950.00	4,440.00
London Trip	1,750.00	1,785.00
Vincenzi Trip	1,000.00	-
Yorkshire Trip	4,440.00	7,866.00
Total Receipts	75,529.75	66,044.39
<u>Direct Charitable Expenditure</u>		
Journal	7,675.00	7,341.00
Member's Insurance Scheme	19,857.32	18,868.69
<u>Other Expenditure</u>		
Administration/Secretarial	19,999.92	19,999.92
Conference Bristol	110.00	-
Conference Doncaster	-	1,170.00
Conference Dundee	-	320.00
Conference Wisbech	3,061.78	58.21
Council Meetings	1,904.60	2,158.88
East Anglia Trip	7,169.00	-
Equipment	458.00	-
Food/Hospitality	164.17	53.10
Friends of the Year Award	-	500.00
Insurance Scheme Refunds	423.25	835.90
London Trip	1,610.00	1,610.00
Lisbon Trip	6,010.00	3,365.00
Photocopying	3.23	27.45
Postage	543.11	841.32
Printing	455.20	836.40
RC's Meeting Expenses	964.00	620.00
Stationery	228.44	138.40
Subscriptions Paid	998.18	428.87
Subscriptions Refunded	1,180.00	-
Sundries: Examiner's Fee, Wine for JK	771.88	-
Travel	1,334.01	513.14
Web Design & Maintenance	272.56	401.66
WFFM Conference	500.00	-
Yorkshire Trip	-	7,116.00
Young Museum Professional Award	-	1,000.00
Total Payments	75,693.65	68,203.94
Net gain/(loss) for period	(163.90)	(2,159.55)
Balance at 31st January 2024	58,447.30	Balance at 31st January 2023 60,606.85
Balance at 31st January 2025	58,283.40	Balance at 31st January 2024 58,447.30

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	2024/2025	2023/2024
	£	£

2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Monetary Assets

COIF	34,649.51	3,510.06
Barclays Bank	23,633.89	54,937.24
	58,283.40	58,447.30
Less unpresented cheques	0.00	0.00
Add uncleared credits	0.00	0.00
Total Assets	58,283.40	58,447.30

3. Restricted Funds

Nil

We have received permission from the original donors of the restricted funds to incorporate them into the general fund to enable the money to be used for general expenditure.

4. Unrestricted Funds

General Fund

Balance at 31st January 2025 58,283.40

Total funds to be carried forward to 2025/2026 **58,283.40**

Notes to the Financial Statements

Accounting Policies

- 1) The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.
 - 2) The charity converted to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 31st January 2015.
- The charity has no guarantees and has no outstanding debts.

Signed on behalf of the board



D Calley
Chairman

Date: 12.9.25