

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

England & Wales · Charity number 1166363

Details

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Activities

Objects: THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC BY THE PROMOTION, SUPPORT, ASSISTANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE WILLIAMSON ART GALLERY AND WIRRAL MUSEUMS AND THEIR CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE ACTIVITIES OF A GROUP OF FRIENDS

Activities: Education of the public by the promotion, support, assistance and improvement of the Williamson Art Gallery and Wirral Museums and their cultural and educational activities through the activities of a group of Friends.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Wirral

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-31	£12,709	£11,193	-	-
2023-10-31	£12,512	£11,133	-	-
2022-10-31	£9,859	£28,707	-	-
2021-10-31	£9,339	£10,883	-	-
2020-10-31	£32,625	£17,998	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
mary compton -rickett	Chair	2017-06-06
Ann Patricia Bibby		2025-04-30
Elaine Heritage		2019-01-21
JOHN ROBERT SOUTHWOOD		2016-11-01
Jane Doreen Horton		2016-11-01
Michael Studley		2022-11-22
Susanne Rosemary Christian		2025-04-30

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The Williamson's new year began with the launch of Borough of Culture at the gallery and an exhibition by local photographer Craig Easton, whose show, "is Anybody Listening," explored the struggles of families in Lancashire Towns in the late twentieth century and the identity of communities there now. He had worked with young photographers and their show, supported by Friends, was part of this larger show. Craig gave Friends an excellent talk on his work. This was followed by the Lowry travelling exhibition of L S Lowry's famous "Going To The Match", visiting WAG for the second time. Kirsty, the exhibitions officer, put together an excellent accompanying exhibition from our collection and Friends were given a talk by our marketing officer, Julia.

Once again Spring brought the Williamson Open into the galleries and despite the increased entry charge, the selection panel had a wide choice of entries and the show was its usual success. The other usual annual event, the Wirral Society of Arts Members Exhibition, did not in fact take place at WAG, but relocated to Mayer Hall. This was a lovely, if smaller, space but we do hope to see them back in the gallery. However, the gallery was able to host another Makefest in June and that was a wonderful event, showcasing across the gallery and Birkenhead Library local makers their work and techniques.

A gap in the programme for the year allowed the expansion of a planned exhibition "Into the Wyld". This was curated by Material Matters, a local collective of artists, who over three months put on three connected exhibitions, using a wide range of media and inspired by the medieval poem "Gawain and the Green Knight". It would be fair to say these exhibitions sometimes divided the room, but it was an excellent opportunity for local artists, such as the Weavers and Landlines to collaborate on a theme and exhibit their works both traditional, experiential and performance. The curators of each part gave Friends a talk and each talk was enthusiastic, generously long and really helped to explain the ideas behind the less obvious works. Thank you, Patric, John and Angelo. Accompanying these exhibitions, Alison Bailey Smith's recent beautiful jewellery work was on display in the foyer and cafe and was much admired.

The Priory events and activities detailed later in this report, continued to thrive and enjoy the continuing enthusiasm of its staff and volunteers. During this year, Wirral BC awarded a large sum from the regeneration fund to the Priory with the idea that improvements be made to the site, especially the Undercroft.

The Friends' activities took place as usual. We had our usual stall at the History and Heritage Fair now at Hulme Hall, Port Sunlight. We had several trips one local two further afield. The gardening team continued to attend weekly or fortnightly on a Monday to look after the green gallery garden. Unfortunately, two of the birch trees have had to be taken out, but they were declared disease free so we have fingers crossed on the others. It

continues to be a lovely outside space, if a little underused (although it was a poor summer!).

Sadly during this year the gallery lost two key members of staff; Niall Hodson, the Curator, left and then so did the Exhibitions Officer , Kirsty Hill. We wish them well. Even more unfortunately, by the end of this year, neither role had been filled and a Council spending freeze made matters more difficult. This obviously put a strain on an already depleted workforce . For these upcoming exhibitions, Friends have agreed to pay for the restoration of some of the Steer frames and new frames for a couple of drawings by Albert Richards, war artist and the subject of another planned exhibition for 2025.

Finally can I thank all the Trustees for their support during the year. Thanks to Susanne Christian our membership secretary for her tireless management of our membership list. Thanks to Mike Studley and Corinne Whitham for organising the trips and to Corinne for managing the Facebook page and the mail outs. Thanks to Alison Bailey Smith for the newsletter and this report and thanks to Jean Benfield for being minute secretary . A big thank you to Jane Horton our Treasurer. We have finally found a replacement in Ann Bibby , and the handover is planned for after the AGM. Jane has long been asking to be replaced and her patience is much appreciated. We welcome Ann in her new role when she takes over.

Finally, thanks to the members, for their continued support in difficult times.

Mary Compton-Rickett

Chair.

Charity registration number 1166363 (England and Wales)

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ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Members

Miss. M. Compton-Rickett
Mrs. J. Horton
Mr. D. Ainsley
Mr. J. Southwood
Mrs. C. Whitham
Mrs. E. Heritage
Mr. Michael Studley

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Independent examiner

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CHARITY MEMBERS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

The charity members present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)".

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to promote, support, assist and improve the Williamson Art Gallery and Wirral Museums, and their cultural and educational activities.

The charity members have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Financial review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The charity members consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The charity members have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The charity members who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Miss. M. Compton-Rickett

Mrs. J. Horton

Mr. D. Ainsley

Mr. J. Southwood

Mrs. C. Whitham

Mrs. E. Heritage

Mr. Michael Studley

The charity members' report was approved by the Board of Charity Members.

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Miss. M. Compton-Rickett

Chairman

Dated:

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE CHARITY MEMBERS OF WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

I report to the charity members on my examination of the financial statements of Williamson and Priory Friends (the charity) for the year ended 31 October 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity members of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

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Date:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	11,749	-	11,749	7,970	-	7,970
Charitable activities	4	960	-	960	4,042	500	4,542
Total income		<u>12,709</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,709</u>	<u>12,012</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>12,512</u>
Expenditure on:							
<u>Charitable activities</u>							
Unrestricted funds expenditure	5	<u>5,792</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>5,832</u>	<u>11,133</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>11,193</u>
Total expenditure		<u>5,792</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>5,832</u>	<u>11,133</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>11,193</u>
Net income and movement in funds		<u>6,917</u>	<u>(40)</u>	<u>6,877</u>	<u>879</u>	<u>440</u>	<u>1,319</u>
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 November 2023		<u>23,170</u>	<u>10,739</u>	<u>33,909</u>	<u>22,291</u>	<u>10,299</u>	<u>32,590</u>
Fund balances at 31 October 2024		<u><u>30,087</u></u>	<u><u>10,699</u></u>	<u><u>40,786</u></u>	<u><u>23,170</u></u>	<u><u>10,739</u></u>	<u><u>33,909</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		41,350		34,449	
Current liabilities	10	(564)		(540)	
Net current assets			40,786		33,909
Income funds					
Restricted funds	11		10,699		10,739
Unrestricted funds			30,087		23,170
			40,786		33,909

The financial statements were approved by the Charity Members on

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Miss. M. Compton-Rickett
Chairman

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Williamson and Priory Friends is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the charity members have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the charity members continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the charity members in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Resources expended during the year are categorised depending on the charitable activity for which they are incurred. These resources ensure the charity's continuous activity and can be subcategorised further between staffing costs and cost of materials, which are the most prominent resources expended.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.7 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the charity members are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations and gifts	5,111	1,451
Membership fees	6,638	6,519
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Charitable Income	Unrestricted Charitable Income
	2024	2023
	£	£
Admin	-	500
Priory	-	2,268
Hosting previews	-	269
Visits	960	1,505
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	960	4,542
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	960	4,042
Restricted funds	-	500
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

5 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds Expenditure 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds Expenditure 2023 £
Admin expenses	2,308	2,505
Membership expenses	19	574
Priory expenses	876	2,923
Gallery purchases	-	90
Hosting previews expenses	-	574
Publicity	1,549	1,560
Visits expenses	1,020	1,573
BAFTA gala expenses	-	800
Garden expenses	-	344
Stained glass windows	-	250
	<u>5,772</u>	<u>11,193</u>
	<u>5,772</u>	<u>11,193</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	5,732	11,133
Restricted funds	40	60
	<u>5,772</u>	<u>11,193</u>
For the year ended 31 October 2023		
Unrestricted funds	11,133	
Restricted funds	60	
	<u>11,193</u>	

6 Net movement in funds

	2024 £	2023 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	<u>564</u>	<u>540</u>

7 Charity Members

None of the charity members (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

10 Current liabilities

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	564	540

11 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 November 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 October 2024 £
General funds	10,739	-	(40)	10,699
Previous year:	At 1 November 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 October 2023 £
General funds	10,299	500	(60)	10,739

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

12 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 November 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 October 2024 £
General funds	23,170	12,709	(5,768)	30,111
Previous year:	At 1 November 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 October 2023 £
General funds	22,291	12,012	(11,133)	23,170

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 October 2024:			
Current assets/(liabilities)	30,087	10,699	40,786
	30,087	10,699	40,786
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
At 31 October 2023:			
Current assets/(liabilities)	23,170	10,739	33,909
	23,170	10,739	33,909

14 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

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CHAIR'S REPORT

Mary Compton-Rickett

This was the year of change, for the Williamson in particular, as staff who had been in post for many years retired or moved on. Colin Simpson, our long standing Principal Museums Officer retired and Niall Hodson, who had been working alongside Colin, took over as Curator. Jo Burns, the venue manager, left and we welcomed Samantha Howes. These changes marked a change in the staff structure and hierarchy, which has resulted in things being done a little differently, thus changing some of the ways the Friends and the venues we support interrelate. Things are arranged a little more formally than before. We had, for some time, enjoyed access to gallery facilities for the preparation of the newsletter and mail outs. As we all know WBC continues to struggle to stretch the budget, meaning each venue has to be as economical as possible. We were therefore asked to largely separate our administration from the gallery. Because Openings to the shows now have a different focus, Friends are being invited to fewer of these and we were offered instead more tailored events around the shows, a “meet the artist” or talk. The first event was meeting Helene Appel during her excellent and intriguing show.

The purpose of the Friends, to support both the Priory and the Williamson, of course remains the same and we supported two Sunday Serenades held in the summer and put in a partly successful bid to the Hemby Trust, which will enable three workshops to be held before Christmas in our next financial year. Our own activities included a visit to Port Sunlight and Norton Priory.

The gardening team has continued to keep the green gallery in good shape and visitors continue to enjoy it during the summer months. Unfortunately, one of the birch trees which form the focal point of the design has died and will need to be professionally removed and another one is not happy. It is the view of Wirral's tree preservation officer that disease is not the problem which is some comfort.

Membership remains healthy and at the end of our year stood at 515. As members were informed, our membership secretary had stood down in July and by the end of October our new secretary, Susanne Christian, had yet to take over. This is a very important role and we are grateful to both for excellent work. It was during this year that the committee took the decision to increase membership fees from £10 to a more realistic £20. Thank you all Members for your support.

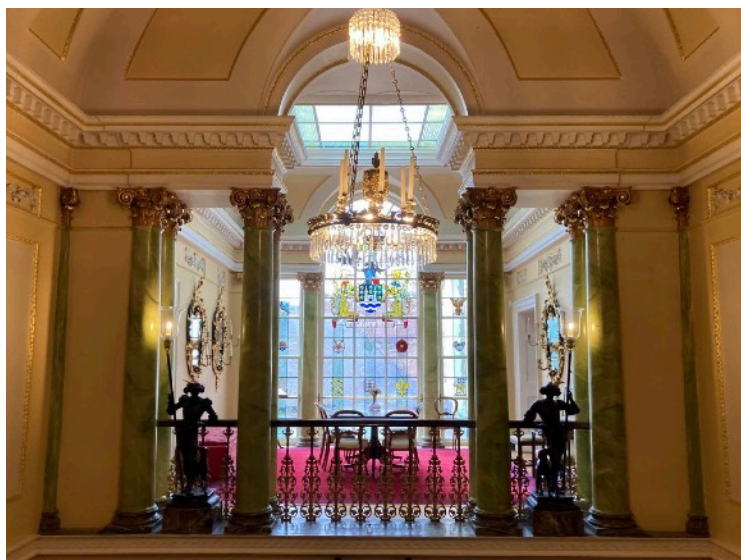
Myself and Corinne attended the AGM and Conference of BAFM (British Association of Friends of Museums) in September at Doncaster, one of the newly created cities. Whilst the talks were not about art galleries in a struggling economy, we were treated to an inspirational talk from one presenter who had created a career for himself and become an

expert in palaeontology largely from a standing start.

Both the Williamson and Birkenhead Priory enjoyed a successful year and numbers coming through the doors of both remain good. At the end of the year, we look forward to Wirral Regional Borough of Culture.

Mary Compton-Rickett

Chair.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Jane Horton

Firstly, thanks to all who have increased their subscriptions. This has enabled us to offset loss of other income and increase in some expenses.

Your increased membership subscriptions have helped to offset our loss of donations at the gallery, compulsory bank charges of £227 imposed by HSBC, and increased postal charges.

We no longer have the expense of providing refreshments.

This year we successfully bid for a grant from the Hemby Trust and were awarded £500 for Saturday Art classes. This spend together with £200 from the Friends will show in next years accounts.

Financial summary 1 November 2022 to 31 October 2023			
	Income	Expenditure	
Administration		£1,205	
Bank charges		£227	
Retirement gift		£1,005	
Donations at Gallery	£446		
Gallery purchases		£90	
Hosting previews	£269	£574	
Memberships	£6,519	£574	
Priory	£2,268	£2,923	
Publicity/Newsletter		£1,560	
Quad garden		£344	
Childrens art	£500	£250	
Sunday seranades		£800	
Visits	£1,505	£1,573	
	£11,507	£11,125	£382

VISITS

Corinne Whitham

After a very long break we were able to organise three visits for our Friends in 2023. We have always tried to make these trips interesting and relevant to the membership, to have something local and to go further afield for the others.

In 2023 we started with a guided tour of Port Sunlight in May where members made their own way to the meeting point to join a partially self guided tour of the village.

In July we went by coach to Norton Priory. There have obviously been strong historical links between Norton Priory and Birkenhead Priory and staff on both sites enjoy a good working relationship so it was fascinating to see how the site has developed with outside investment - something from which Birkenhead Priory will benefit in the near future (watch this space!). We were made very welcome with a guided tour, a tasty lunch and free time to explore the site.

In September, while we were still enjoying good weather, we went further afield to Capesthorpe Hall. The hall is a popular wedding venue and only open to the public on two days per week so we were able to book our group in for the Monday opening. We had a very interesting guided tour round the house with a special focus on the family's art collection, lunch in the onsite cafe followed by free time to explore the extensive grounds (thank goodness for good weather!).

The intention is to continue this model in 2024, offering 3/4 trips to Friends in the warmer weather, a relatively local visit and some further afield which will involve a coach trip. We obviously welcome any suggestions from members for possible venues as we aim to make them relevant and interesting for the Friends - but we have some ideas for visits that we think you will enjoy.



BIRKENHEAD PRIORY

Elaine Heritage

As a National Monument & Grade 1 listed building, it is simply known to locals as “The Priory”. Since the last report, our Priory has emerged from the Covid lockdown to some of the busiest times since it was founded in 1150. A real community spirit has grown alongside an inherent atmosphere of peace and calm.

Autumn and Advent saw children exploring nature trails and adults crafting festive table decorations and Christmas wreaths. The Chapter house resounded with carols and Christmas songs from the Community Vox singers and the 3L's Choir, helped by the audience. In Spring, the grounds came to life with spring flowers planted by volunteers and council staff, who had also done many necessary maintenance tasks in the annual January closure. Upon re-opening, visitor numbers increased until an Easter egg hunt on the 1st & 2nd April attracted thousands of visitors and Matthew, the Easter bunny, ran out of eggs! Children enjoyed making Beady bracelets and marvelled at the Moonshine Sanctuary Owls.

The Big Lunch Day (6th May 2023) to celebrate King Charles's coronation was a fabulous family picnic, themed red, white & blue. Children learned how to Maypole dance, Mersey Morris dancers strutted their stuff, Choirs sang their hearts out and the Wirral Samba drummers broadcast a wall of sound, which echoed off the ancient buildings. A day to remember with many more activities. The Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside and the Mayor were guests and the event was covered by Radio Merseyside, Capital Radio & Radio Wirral.

Summer saw a marvellous thirteen week programme of Music and events of all different genres, all free to the visiting public, produced by Samantha Higgins and directed by Caroline, Frank & Matthew; supported by the Priory Volunteers, Angela, Phil, Elaine, Tony, Mary & Friday Frank. In the middle of this, the “Off the Ground” theatre company staged “The Ballads of Billy the Kid” to a packed audience. All too soon The Birkenhead Choral Society and the Liverpool Guitar Society guided us into the Autumn.



The Friends have been approached and agreed to replace the older chairs with newer, more comfortable ones & visitors numbers have increased substantially.



Meanwhile, on a more practical note, the Chapter house is in need of refurbishment as cracks are evident in the fabric of the building. This will need the combined efforts of the Church of England and Wirral Council to rectify it. The Conway Collection, presently in what was the Scriptorium, will have to be rehoused while this takes place. The Priory needs good Friends, as do we all, in every walk of life.

Charity registration number 1166363

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Members

Miss. M. Compton-Rickett
Mrs. J. Horton
Mr. D. Ainsley
Mr. J. Southwood
Mrs. C. Whitham
Mrs. E. Heritage
Mr. Michael Studley

(Appointed 22 November
2022)

Charity number

1166363

Independent examiner

Horner Downey & Company Limited
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WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

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WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

CHARITY MEMBERS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

The charity members present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to promote, support, assist and improve the Williamson Art Gallery and Wirral Museums, and their cultural and educational activities.

The charity members have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Financial review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The charity members consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The charity members have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The charity members who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Miss. M. Compton-Rickett

Mrs. J. Horton

Mr. D. Alnsley

Mr. C. Simpson

Mr. J. Southwood

Mrs. C. Witham

Mrs. E. Heritage

Mrs P Horner

Mr. Michael Studley

Dr S Groves

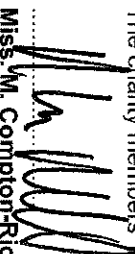
(Retired 22 November 2022)

(Retired 22 November 2022)

(Appointed 22 November 2022)

(Appointed 4 June 2023 and retired 3 August 2023)

The charity members' report was approved by the Board of Charity Members.

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Miss. M. Compton-Rickett

Chairman

Dated:

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Mrs. J. Horton

Treasurer

Dated:.....

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY MEMBERS OF WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

I report to the charity members on my examination of the financial statements of Williamson and Priory Friends (the charity) for the year ended 31 October 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity members of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do 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 financial statements to be reached.

Horner Downey & Company Limited

10 Stadium Court
Stadium Road
Bromborough
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United Kingdom

Dated:

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Total 2023	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted funds 2022	Total 2022
Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	3	7,970	-	7,970	7,784	7,784
Charitable activities	4	4,042	500	4,542	1,000	1,000
Total income		12,012	500	12,512	8,784	8,784
Charitable activities						
Unrestricted funds expenditure	5	11,133	60	11,193	7,317	7,372
Restricted funds expenditure	5	-	-	-	-	21,308
Total charitable expenditure		11,133	60	11,193	7,317	28,680
Total expenditure		11,133	60	11,193	7,317	28,680
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		879	440	1,319	1,467	(21,363)
						(19,896)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Fund balances at 1 November 2022		22,291	10,299	32,590	20,824	52,486
Fund balances at 31 October 2023		23,170	10,739	33,909	22,291	32,590

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		34,449	34,087
Current liabilities	10	(540)	(1,497)
Net current assets		<u>33,909</u>	<u>32,590</u>
Income funds			
Restricted funds	11	10,739	10,299
Unrestricted funds		<u>23,170</u>	<u>22,291</u>
		<u>33,909</u>	<u>32,590</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Charity Members on

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Miss. M. Compton-Rickett
Chairman

.....
Mrs. J. Horton
Treasurer

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Williamson and Priory Friends is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the charity members have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the charity members continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the charity members in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Resources expended during the year are categorised depending on the charitable activity for which they are incurred. These resources ensure the charity's continuous activity and can be subcategorised further between staffing costs and cost of materials, which are the most prominent resources expended.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.7 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the charity members are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations and gifts	1,451	2,200
Membership fees	6,519	5,584
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Charitable Income 2023	Unrestricted Charitable Income 2022
	£	£
Admin	500	-
Priory	2,268	1,000
Hosting previews	269	-
Visits	1,505	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	4,542	1,000
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	4,042	1,000
Restricted funds	500	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	4,542	1,000
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

5 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds Expenditure 2023	Restricted Funds Expenditure 2023	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Admin expenses	2,445	60	2,505	1,806
Membership expenses	574	-	574	-
Priory expenses	2,923	-	2,923	541
Gallery purchases	90	-	90	-
Hosting previews expenses	574	-	574	460
Publicity	1,560	-	1,560	4,450
Visits expenses	1,573	-	1,573	-
BAFTA gala expenses	800	-	800	-
Garden expenses	344	-	344	115
Sculpture purchases	-	-	-	20,758
Stained glass windows	250	-	250	550
	11,133	60	11,193	28,680

Analysis by fund

Unrestricted funds	11,133	60	11,193	28,680
Restricted funds	11,133	-	11,133	7,317
	-	60	60	21,363
	11,133	60	11,193	28,680
	7,317	-	7,317	7,317
	55	21,308	21,363	21,363
	7,372	21,308		28,680

For the year ended 31 October 2022

6 Net movement in funds

The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):

2023	2022
£	£

7 Charity Members

None of the charity members (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

10 Current liabilities

	2023 £	2022 £
Other payables	-	1,005
Accruals and deferred income	540	492
	<u>540</u>	<u>1,497</u>

11 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 November 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources At 31 October expended £	2023 £
	10,299	500	(60)	10,739
	<u>10,299</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>(60)</u>	<u>10,739</u>
Previous year:				
	At 1 November 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources At 31 October expended £	2022 £
	31,662	-	(21,363)	10,299
	<u>31,662</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(21,363)</u>	<u>10,299</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

14 Related party transactions

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Williamson & Priory Friends

Annual Report 2021/22

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CHAIR'S REPORT

Mary Compton-Rickett

At the beginning of our year both sites were still operating under Covid restrictions, limiting numbers of visitors and therefore events, and the Refectory at the Priory remained closed. By the end of our year rules had relaxed sufficiently to allow many events to occur both at the Williamson and at the Priory and regular much loved annual events, such as the Oxton Artists' winter weekend, had taken place at the Williamson. The very popular Ladybird Exhibition and Emma Rodgers' wonderful Wunderkammer exhibition gave a buzz to the galleries during the summer months. This had been preceded by the fascinating exhibition over two sites, Williamson and Birkenhead Library, about Birkenhead's Argyle Theatre. This was the inspiration of and curated by Cathy Warren, who has played such a big part in the life of the Williamson over many years. Well done Cathy, another triumph.

The summer also marked the formal retirement of Colin Simpson, our much loved Director and Curator for nearly 40 years. His request for a departure without fanfare was entirely ignored by staff and Friends and thanks to the huge generosity of individual Friends, we were able to give Colin a piece of sculpture made especially for him by Emma Rodgers.

We continued to send out a monthly newsletter to Friends and were able to obtain a good discount in the café; it has been good to see the numbers of café customers rise again.

Funds held by Friends paid for Emma Rodgers' sculpture now placed in the Green Gallery and we were able to help Niall Hodson, our new Curator, make an important purchase of Della Robbia pottery for the gallery. Jane, our treasurer, and her team have continued to care for the Green Gallery garden. Through his interest in Della Robbia pottery, we were lucky enough to be introduced to Steve Groves. He agreed to take on the role of membership secretary and has brought an enthusiasm and fresh eye to the role.



The other activities of the Friends have been slower to restart. Our outside trips proved harder to re-instate. Coach travel remained unattractive to some and too expensive on low numbers. The Sunday Serenades, once a staple in the Williamson summer programme, could not take place. The Williamson remained closed on Sunday, as it still does, and discussions have taken place about other options, such as evening concerts. Our year ended without resolution on this topic, but discussions are still ongoing and include the possibility of some taking place at the Priory. It is good that smaller music events have taken place regularly, especially on Fridays and in the Green Gallery.



Image: Jonathan Cooper

The Williamson has put on art classes and workshops for children over the years. This has proved increasingly harder to fund as the tightening of purse strings restricts the ancillary activities of the gallery's main business. The Friends were asked to help out when funding dried up and we agreed to fund the regular workshops for a while. Towards the end of our

year, it was felt that this was not sustainable long term and the decision was taken not to renew the agreement with the gallery and instead we offered to support the artist in any funding applications. This offer was accepted and applications are currently being made with our help and support. I am aware that some members have been unhappy that this has resulted in a gap in the provision of these workshops and have expressed those views, some more vociferously than others. I understand this disappointment and I think it is important to remember that the Friends do not exist to independently run activities and provide services at either the Williamson or the Priory, but principally to support the Museum Service. I am hoping that creative solutions can be found.

Whilst it is true that children's activities at the Williamson are currently limited outside the school parties, it is important and heartening to note that some excellent children's workshops and courses have taken place at the Priory. Anyone who attends the public events such as the fairs there, are likely to see children gathered round a table engaged in the act of creating and having fun.



Image: Samantha Higgins



Image: Samantha Higgins



Cover image: Jonathan Cooper



TREASURER'S REPORT

Jane Horton

All our income last year came from membership subscriptions and donations to the Gallery and to the Priory.

The bank now charges £15 per month to maintain our accounts. They also charge 40p per cheque deposited and 0.4% of cash deposited. We can minimise our cost of banking by using lower cost electronic transactions e.g. card acceptance, electronic payments and mobile cheque deposits. We are currently pursuing these.

This year we provided for drop-in workshops and we now provide free wine for all the first night previews.

The Priory volunteers replenished the stock for the shop and continued to maintain the Priory gardens.

We were able to contribute to the purchase of the Della Robbia plate and to provide the sculpture in the Green Gallery Garden. Thanks to generous donations from the friends we also were able to purchase the sculpture for Colin's retirement gift.

We very much appreciate the ongoing commitment of Friends which enables us to stay financially viable and to offer help to the gallery to provide workshops and community events.

The following table shows a summary of the accounts. If you would like a copy of the full report please request one from the treasurer at friends@williamsonartgallery.org



2021	Unrestricted income	2022
£3,080	Gallery donations	£2,535
£5,642	Memberships	£5,219
£617	Priory donations	£1,100
	Retirement gift	£1,005
£9,339		£9,859
Unrestricted spend		
£1,041	Admin	£1,708
	Donations	£20
£494	Gallery purchases	
	Hosting previews	£460
£269	Memberships	£50
£348	Priory	£541
£5,940	Publicity	£1,200
£2,700	Additional publicity project	
	Quad Garden	£115
	Drop in workshops	£3,250
£10,792		£7,344
-£1,453	Net income/expenditure	£2,515
£22,319	Balance at 1 Nov	£20,866
£20,866	Closing balance 31 October	£23,381

Restricted income

£0

Restricted spend

	Gallery purchases	£21,363
	Net income/expenditure	-£21,363
	Balance at 1 Nov	£31,663
	Closing balance 31 October	£10,300

MEMBERSHIP

Steve Groves

The Friends had 447 members at the end of 2022, raising £4320 in membership fees. Approximately 85 of these were new members, offsetting the 45 members from 2021 who did not renew their membership.

281 members (63%) paid by bank transfer, the rest with cash or by cheque.

391 members (87%) registered email addresses with us.

75 members (17%) gave a donation on top of their membership fee. Many thanks to those members who thereby raised an additional £1,250, giving a total of £5,570 raised from membership fees and donations.

Overall membership remains down on 2019 pre-pandemic numbers, when 550 members raised a total of around £6,400 in membership fees and donations. However, the number of members paying by bank transfer has increased since then (from around 45%), as has the number of members registering emails (from around 75%).

Postcode distribution of members

CH41, CH42 & CH43 - Local to the Gallery & Priory	48%
CH60 & CH48 - Deeside of the Wirral	14%
CH44 & CH45 - New Brighton & Wallasey	11%

The remainder of members were spread across other Wirral postcodes. 6% were registered from outside the Wirral.

Look ahead to 2023

In 2023, we are working to enable members to register and renew on-line, while retaining the paper / cash / cheque route for those members who prefer. We will also be making changes to the cost, structure and duration of Friends membership, to be outlined at the 2023 AGM.

Finally, thanks must go to Jules Foster, at the Williamson, for administering the Friends membership over much of 2022, between the previous Membership Secretary and the current.

GREEN GALLERY

David Ainsley and Jane Horton

The Green Gallery Garden continues to mature and become an essential element of the Williamson. A group of volunteers from the Friends meets regularly to maintain the garden, weeding and replacing plants damaged by frost. The splendid sculpture by Emma Rodgers, funded by the Friends, has been installed. Together with some smaller sculptures tucked amongst the plants, this further enhances the concept of the courtyard as an outdoor gallery. Some outdoor musical performances took place and it is hoped that more will continue this year, and that the courtyard will continue to provide a quiet outdoor space within the Williamson.



VISITS

Mike Studley

Visits to other galleries and visitor attractions were again suspended due to the aftermath of the pandemic and the lockdowns. However, the intention is to renew the trips in 2023 with visits to Port Sunlight, Norton Priory and Capesthorpe Hall.

BIRKENHEAD PRIORY

Elaine Heritage

During the pandemic lockdown Birkenhead Priory waited serenely, having witnessed many plagues and wars during the last nine centuries. The Priory's sandstone structure glistened in sunshine or rain, patiently awaiting the return of good friends and curious visitors. As doors and gates were re-



opened, birdsong was replaced with enthusiastic members of the public, who understood how visitor numbers in various rooms had to be restricted to meet Covid safety regulations. They all said they would be back as soon as restrictions were removed.

Slowly numbers of visitors returned to pre-pandemic levels, and more! The staff at the Priory had posted a photo-a-day with commentary to the Birkenhead Priory website and Facebook, keeping the public and friends in the Priory loop.

By Easter '22 families were flocking to the site to hunt eggs and complete a quiz which included wildlife and historic observation and enquiry. Parents were delighted by these activities and children engaged readily. Entrance is free to Birkenhead Priory, but donation boxes are available and people appreciated and contributed generously.

Most visitors are struck by the peaceful atmosphere of this Scheduled Monument. Its quiet humility reflecting the lives of the Benedictine monks who built with bare hands and simple tools. The robust Norman arches inspiring awe in the Chapter House and amazement in the Undercroft Museum.

Queen Elizabeth II reigned for 70 years and her Jubilee was enthusiastically celebrated at the Priory with music, dance, arts and crafts enjoyed by thousands of visitors who picnicked on the lawns. The staff and volunteers were kept very busy, not least by answering questions about the history of the place. The stones watched on reflecting on the visits of kings and clergy through the centuries.



Image: Samantha Higgins

The Conway Association opened its museum as often as volunteers could make it and council staff opened the Conway room upon special request from the public. The Conway Association had sent a letter of condolence to the Queen after the death of Prince Phillip and were honored with a reply from Buckingham Palace, which took pride of place.

Many detailed plans and preparations went ahead for the “Nourish” fair. The weather intervened, and very high winds and rain wiped it out. The Priory stood firm, as did the staff and volunteers.

Visitors from all over the world came specifically to see this Priory of St James & St Mary, while some Wirral residents discovered it for the first time, always promising to return now they have found this hidden gem. Staff and volunteers alike took organized groups or individuals on guided tours. Many have left wonderful comments in the visitor’s book.

The staff worked hard to re-open the Priory. They have gradually added many other activities from “Crafternoons” for adults and children, to open-air yoga, and every opportunity is taken to bring music and art into this special place. They are ably assisted by a small team of knowledgeable and dedicated volunteers.

The Priory is a Grade I listed building which puts it into the top 2.5% of historic monuments in the country! And it remains free to visit...

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

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CHARITY MEMBERS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

The charity members present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

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The charity's objects are to promote, support, assist and improve the Williamson Art Gallery and Wirral Museums, and their cultural and educational activities.

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Achievements and performance

Financial review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The charity members consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The charity members have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The charity members who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Miss. M. Compton-Rickett

Mrs. J. Horton

Mr. D. Ainsley

Mr. C. Simpson

Mr. J. Southwood

Mrs. C. Whitham

Mrs. E. Heritage

Mrs P Horner

The charity members' report was approved by the Board of Charity Members.

.....
Miss. M. Compton-Rickett

Chairman

Dated:

.....
Mrs. J. Horton

Treasurer

Dated:.....

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE CHARITY MEMBERS OF WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

I report to the charity members on my examination of the financial statements of Williamson and Priory Friends (the charity) for the year ended 31 October 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity members of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do 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 financial statements to be reached.

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Dated:

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

		Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	7,784	-	7,784	9,339	-	9,339
Charitable activities	4	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	-
Total income		<u>8,784</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,784</u>	<u>9,339</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,339</u>
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities							
Unrestricted Funds Expenditure	5	7,372	-	7,372	10,833	-	10,833
Restricted Funds Expenditure	5	-	21,308	21,308	-	-	-
Total charitable expenditure		<u>7,372</u>	<u>21,308</u>	<u>28,680</u>	<u>10,833</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,833</u>
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/							
Net movement in funds		1,412	(21,308)	(19,896)	(1,494)	-	(1,494)
Fund balances at 1 November 2021		<u>20,824</u>	<u>31,662</u>	<u>52,486</u>	<u>22,318</u>	<u>31,662</u>	<u>53,980</u>
Fund balances at 31 October 2022		<u>22,236</u>	<u>10,354</u>	<u>32,590</u>	<u>20,824</u>	<u>31,662</u>	<u>52,486</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		34,087		52,936	
Current liabilities	9	(1,497)		(450)	
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
Net current assets			32,590		52,486
			<u> </u>		<u> </u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds			10,354		31,662
Unrestricted funds			22,236		20,824
			<u> </u>		<u> </u>
			32,590		52,486
			<u> </u>		<u> </u>

The financial statements were approved by the Charity Members on

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Miss. M. Compton-Rickett
Chairman

.....
Mrs. J. Horton
Treasurer

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Williamson and Priory Friends is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the charity members have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the charity members continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the charity members in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Resources expended during the year are categorised depending on the charitable activity for which they are incurred. These resources ensure the charity's continuous activity and can be subcategorised further between staffing costs and cost of materials, which are the most prominent resources expended.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.7 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the charity members are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations and gifts	2,200	3,697
Membership fees	5,584	5,642
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Charitable Income	2021
	2022	
	£	£
Priory	1,000	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

5 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds Expenditure 2022 £	Restricted Funds Expenditure 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds Expenditure 2021 £
Admin expenses	1,806	-	1,806	1,082
Membership expenses	-	-	-	269
Priory expenses	541	-	541	-
Gallery purchases	-	-	-	494
Hosting previews expenses	460	-	460	-
Publicity	4,450	-	4,450	8,640
Garden expenses	115	-	115	348
Sculpture purchases	-	20,758	20,758	-
Stained glass windows	-	550	550	-
	<u>7,372</u>	<u>21,308</u>	<u>28,680</u>	<u>10,833</u>
	<u>7,372</u>	<u>21,308</u>	<u>28,680</u>	<u>10,833</u>
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds	7,372	-	7,372	10,833
Restricted funds	-	21,308	21,308	-
	<u>7,372</u>	<u>21,308</u>	<u>28,680</u>	<u>10,833</u>
For the year ended 31 October 2021				
Unrestricted funds	<u>10,833</u>	<u>-</u>		

6 Charity Members

None of the charity members (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

7 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

9 Current liabilities

	2022 £	2021 £
Other payables	1,005	-
Accruals and deferred income	492	450
	<u>1,497</u>	<u>450</u>

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Fund balances at 31 October 2022 are represented by:					
Current assets/(liabilities)	22,236	10,354	32,590	31,662	52,486
	<u>22,236</u>	<u>10,354</u>	<u>32,590</u>	<u>31,662</u>	<u>52,486</u>

11 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2021 - none).

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

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Annual Report

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Chair's Report

Mary Compton-Rickett

2021 was the year that things started happening again. Both sites re-opened to the public with covid restrictions. Numbers were restricted in the galleries and buildings closed at the Priory, but open we were! It was great to be able to visit both sites after over a year of being able to enjoy them only virtually online. Having said that, the staff did a great job posting photos, videos and articles to remind us of what we were missing. The Williamson opened with an exhibition of many of the pictures from the collection that we had been seeing online, some old favourites and some not seen in the canvas for some time. The Priory was able to host a theatre performance in August and an art exhibition by Ali Harwood in September. As we all know, the café was a bit of a slow starter in the gallery, but as I write this, things have much improved in that area. I would like to thank the café staff who did their best in difficult circumstances and to those of you who continued to support it during its teething problems.

Meanwhile, the Friends' gardening team got going on the Green Gallery, which had been inaccessible during lockdown and there was much weeding and pruning to be done. The end results were enjoyed by visitors and workshop attendees over the summer under the gazebos set up in the courtyard. Sadly, we were not able to organise any trips out, but hope to have something for this year.

As the Friends' year ended last October, we were able to look forward to the first of the regular events we used to enjoy, the Oxtun Arts Fair.

I want to thank you all for continuing your membership and so supporting the Williamson and Priory during the times that they were not available to you at all and during the continuing restrictions once they were. At the end of our year, 31 October, membership was 397 strong. Your enthusiasm and support helped to save the Williamson when it was under threat, and it was good to note that it was not on the list for consideration of closure in this year's council budget.



Wirral Museums Service Report

Colin Simpson

Principal Museums Officer

Activities within the Wirral Museums Service reflected life in the rest of the world, including the museum world, in that buildings were closed, and staff were working at home or were designated to other duties for much of the time. Once it was possible to populate the buildings, but without being open to the public, we took the opportunity to decorate, clean and redisplay various elements of the museums' collections. In addition, a great effort was made by staff, and volunteers, to maintain a steady profile on various social media channels, and this was especially popular with the Priory's followers.

On reopening the Williamson at the end of May 2021, it was with a one-way system and severe restrictions on numbers and limited times, which would soon change to the new hours that we had adopted as a result of budget adjustments within Wirral Council. The council remained (and remains) extremely cautious about allowing things to return to pre-Covid levels of activity but things began to pick up, especially as visitors became aware that the Williamson and Priory were once more available to visit.

The gallery's exhibition programme was suspended but the opportunity was taken to display a range of items from the collection, including paintings that had proved popular online and allow them to be seen in person.

The well-known artists' model and key figure of the Merseyside art scene June Furlong died in November 2020 and the tribute that had gone on the website for her 90th birthday earlier in the year was repeated; the Williamson & Priory Friends made a purchase on the gallery's behalf of George Jardine's finest portrait of her, which had hung in her living room for 40 years – it is currently on display in Gallery 5.



The most significant change from this year was in the number of staff that departed: Stuart Campbell and Graham Griffiths, familiar faces to all our visitors from the reception desk, Kathy Heywood our Learning Officer went to NML to work with their dementia project House of Memories, Emma Williamson after two years as Documentation Officer went to train as a physiotherapist. The biggest change felt by both staff and many visitors was when Karl Heatlie, Senior Keeper, retired after 42 years at the gallery in a variety of roles: his knowledge of the gallery, all its nooks, crannies and peculiarities, will be difficult to replace. Thanks are due to them all for their service and diligence. We have also welcomed new faces to the front-of-house team: Sam Whitham and Anna Kennedy.

This was a hard year for everybody and, as I said at the start, the museums were closed for much of it. The year before Covid had been particularly good, with over 50,000 visitors at the Williamson, and we are working hard to recover the ground lost by over a year of closure. I believe that the team in place to carry the Wirral Museums Service forward is more than capable to do so and, alongside, improve the offer. I wish them well.

Birkenhead Priory Report

Angela Anderson

Despite being closed for many months due to Covid and the associated national lockdown restrictions the Priory bounced back and opened its gates to visitors again in August 2021.

And the visitors responded enthusiastically! Frequent visitors returning after the lockdown were delighted to be back and made a point of telling staff and volunteers how much they had missed the Priory and its unique atmosphere.

The Priory is a magnet for overseas visitors every year and despite concerns foreign visitors would not return to the UK in any great numbers very speedily the Priory was soon welcoming them again. They included tourists from both Russia and Ukraine.

Naturally the majority of visitors were from the UK and many were in the region on staycations and, hearing about the Priory, they were enthusiastic first time visitors.

Many frequent as well as first time visitors made a point of commenting on how well maintained and cherished the Priory site looks and they also expressed their appreciation of the time taken by staff and volunteers to show them around the Priory site while explaining its early 900 years of history.

Despite the Priory being open for less than half of 2021 visitor numbers exceeded 4,000 and since reopening in February 2022 following the usual January closure, the visitor numbers have rocketed to just under 5,000. They were boosted by the very successful Easter Egg Hunt which attracted an estimated 2,000 people.

Generous donations made by visitors have topped up the Priory coffers by almost £1,800 since reopening.

Plans are afoot, at the time of writing, for a Picnic at the Priory to celebrate The Queen's platinum jubilee and, later in June, another much loved Nourish event is due to be held.



Treasurer's report for year ending 31 October 2021

A very low activity year during the Gallery closure. But thanks to members' continuing support with subscriptions, we were able to provide extra internet and social media information about the Gallery as well as maintaining regular newsletters.

The Priory was able to purchase new planters for the grounds and we will be buying further plants this summer.

We very much appreciate the ongoing commitment of friends which enables us to stay financially viable and to offer help to the gallery to provide workshops and community events. Many of you now subscribe by standing order and that helps enormously with our administration as well as yours. There is a form for standing orders on the website if you want to change to this method of payment.

The following table shows a summary of the accounts. If you would like a copy of the full report, please request one from the treasurer at friends@williamsonartgallery.org.

Financial Statement for year ended 31 October 2021

2020	Unrestricted income	2021
£2,533	Gallery donations	£3,080
	Hosting previews	
£5,120	Memberships	£5,642
£370	Priory donations	£617
£3,000	Drop-in workshops	
£11,023		£9,339
	Unrestricted spend	
£1,041	Admin	£1,041
£20	Donations	
	Gallery purchases	£494
£277	Hosting previews	
£318	Memberships	£269
	Priory	£348
£5,500	Publicity	£5,940
£1,380	Additional publicity project	£2,700
£3,600	Quad Garden (lighting)	
£2,491	Drop-in workshops	
£14,627		£10,792
-£3,604	Net income/expenditure	-£1,453
£25,923	Balance at 1 Nov	£22,319
£22,319	Closing balance 31 October	£20,866
	Restricted income	
£20,000	Frohlick/Brabners	
£1,500	Mark Woods	
£103	Legacy	
£21,603		£0
	Restricted spend	
£0		£0
£21,603	Net income/expenditure	£0
£10,060	Balance at 1 Nov	£31,663
£31,663	Closing balance 31 October	£31,663

Committee Members For 2020-2021

Mary Compton-Rickett LLB, Chair

A retired barrister, Mary has had a lifetime interest in the arts in all forms and is an art collector of paintings, prints and sculpture.

Jane Horton, BA, Honorary Treasurer

Formerly Capital Planning Manager for the Royal Liverpool Hospital Trust, Jane manages the Friends' financial strategy, keeping them financially viable and enabling them to anticipate future events.

Colin Simpson, BA AMA

Colin is the curator of the Williamson Art Gallery and Museum and Principal Museums Officer for Wirral.

David Ainsley, BA Arch (Hons), MA RIBA

A former President of the Liverpool Architectural Society, David is now retired from Ainsley Gomon architects, of which he was a founding director.

John Southwood

John is a former Trinity House Pilot on the River Dee and River Dart. He is a trustee and curator of the Conway Chapel Museum.

Corinne Whitham, BA Fine and Studio Arts, Chair Activities Sub-Committee

Corinne is a retired education professional who spends her time producing her own work and supporting W&PF, as well as volunteering with AgeUK.

Ann McLachlan BA (Hons)

A business graduate and member of the Chartered Institute of Personnel & Development, Ann had a career in HR and gave 18 years public service as a Local Authority Member, retiring as the Mayor of Wirral in 2018 and resigned from the Committee in December 2020.

Elaine Heritage BEd

Teacher, with a lifelong interest in Art and the Humanities. Served as a school governor. As a trustee, particularly represents Birkenhead Priory's interests.

Charity Registration No. 1166363

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31 OCTOBER 2021**

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(Appointed 31 August 2021)

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CHARITY MEMBERS' REPORT

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Achievements and performance

Financial review

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The charity members have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The charity members who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Miss. M. Compton-Rickett

Mrs. J. Horton

Mr. D. Ainsley

Mrs. J. Benfield

(Resigned 31 August 2021)

Mrs. P. Foden

(Resigned 31 August 2021)

Mr. C. Simpson

Mr. J. Southwood

Mrs. C. Whitham

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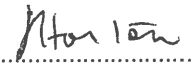
(Appointed 31 August 2021)

The charity members' report was approved by the Board of Charity Members.


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Miss. M. Compton-Rickett

Chairman

Dated: 20/6/2022


.....
Mrs. J. Horton

Treasurer

Dated: 20/6/2022

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE CHARITY MEMBERS OF WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

I report to the charity members on my examination of the financial statements of Williamson and Priory Friends (the charity) for the year ended 31 October 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity members of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do 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 financial statements to be reached.

Horner Downey & Company Limited

10 Stadium Court
Stadium Road
Bromborough
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Dated: 11 August 2022

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

		Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	9,339	-	9,339	7,653	21,602	29,255
Charitable activities	4	-	-	-	3,370	-	3,370
Total income		9,339	-	9,339	11,023	21,602	32,625
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities							
Unrestricted Funds Expenditure	5	10,833	-	10,833	14,627	-	14,627
Total charitable expenditure		10,833	-	10,833	14,627	-	14,627
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/							
Net movement in funds		(1,494)	-	(1,494)	(3,604)	21,602	17,998
Fund balances at 1 November 2020		22,318	31,662	53,980	25,922	10,060	35,982
Fund balances at 31 October 2021		20,824	31,662	52,486	22,318	31,662	53,980

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

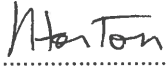
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		52,936		54,388	
Current liabilities	8	(450)		(408)	
Net current assets			52,486		53,980
Income funds					
Restricted funds			31,662		31,662
Unrestricted funds			20,824		22,318
			52,486		53,980

The financial statements were approved by the Charity Members on 16/6/2022


Miss. M. Compton-Rickett
Chairman


Mrs. J. Horton
Treasurer

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Williamson and Priory Friends is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the charity members have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the charity members continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the charity members in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Resources expended during the year are categorised depending on the charitable activity for which they are incurred. These resources ensure the charity's continuous activity and can be subcategorised further between staffing costs and cost of materials, which are the most prominent resources expended.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the charity members are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £
Donations and gifts	3,697	-	3,697	2,533
Legacies receivable	-	-	-	21,602
Membership fees	5,642	-	5,642	5,120
	<u>9,339</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,339</u>	<u>29,255</u>

4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Charitable Income 2021 £	Unrestricted Charitable Income 2020 £
Priory	-	370
Drop in workshops	-	3,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,370</u>

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

5 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds Expenditure 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds Expenditure 2020 £
Admin expenses	1,082	1,041
Membership expenses	269	318
Gallery purchases	494	-
Hosting previews expenses	-	277
Publicity	8,640	6,880
Garden expenses	348	3,600
Drop in workshops	-	2,491
Making Our Mark expenses	-	20
	<u>10,833</u>	<u>14,627</u>
	<u>10,833</u>	<u>14,627</u>

6 Charity Members

None of the charity members (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

7 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

8 Current liabilities

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>450</u>	<u>408</u>

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

9 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Fund balances at 31 October 2021 are represented by:						
Current assets/(liabilities)	52,486	-	52,486	53,980	-	53,980
	<u>52,486</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,486</u>	<u>53,980</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,980</u>

10 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2020 - none).

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

England & Wales - Charity number 1166363

Accounts



WILLIAMSON AND
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Annual Report 2019-2020

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CHAIR'S REPORT

Friends,

Well, this year was certainly different. We started in November with the run up to Christmas and as the new year arrived, the Priory closed as usual for January. Yet, by March 2020 Covid 19 had closed both buildings and so matters have remained until the recent reopening of the Williamson.

The past year has been a challenge to us all in different ways. I have to thank all of you who have continued to support the Williamson and Priory by continuing your membership of the Friends during the lockdown. Our Friends' activities had to be suspended, but Corinne and Mike are still keen to organise outings in the future. Pauline, our membership secretary kept membership in good order. We lost Jean Benfield, our secretary, to family commitments and I would like to thank her for all her careful note taking and for compiling the annual reports for so long.

Meanwhile, the world went online and the museum staff soon rose to the challenge and we have enjoyed an unbroken programme of images from the collection and of the Priory site, to which later were added videos about artists and the history of the Priory. This all happened with your support. It is in challenging times that the arts most needs its loyal supporters. This showed most starkly when, late in 2020 the council published its budget plans for 2021, which included many proposed cuts, including the Williamson. Although this happened outside the period of this annual report, it seems entirely appropriate to refer to it. The response of the Friends to the threat was phenomenal. I thank you all for all that you did, signing the petition, writing to your councillors and encouraging your friends to add their support. There can be no doubt that the level of public support, driven by you, influenced the council decision to change their closure plans.



I apologise that we were unable to hold the AGM last year. It could only have been virtual, which would have excluded some of you and we would have needed the facilities of the gallery to enable it and they were not available. You will have received the annual report and the accounts are posted on the Friends' page on the Williamson website.

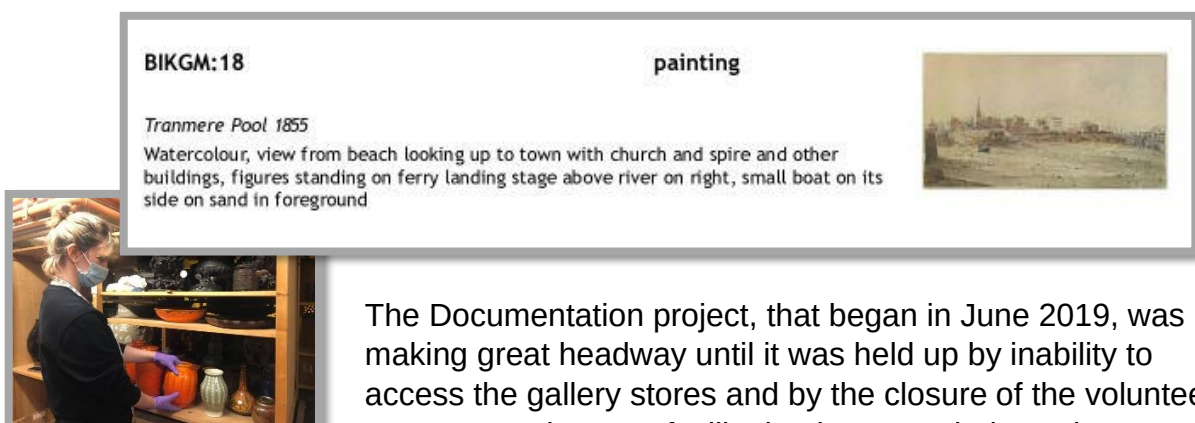
As I write this, the Williamson has opened for short hours and the recent rollback by the government on lifting restrictions may well delay the re-opening of the Priory. This is a time when both sites need their Friends most. The Williamson has only opened on one side. The cafe is not yet running at speed. We all want everything we had before as soon as possible, but we must be patient. The staff have worked very hard to reach this point and they are all committed to restoring normal service, but we have to live with a tighter budget and therefore fewer staff and we must all be patient. In the meantime it would be good if our Friends' numbers could increase, so we are strong for the future. Encouraging your friends to join WPF would be a great step forward.

I thank you all again for your continued support and wish you a good forthcoming year. I also thank the committee for their help, and Jo Burns, for putting this report together and the other staff for helping us get it to you.

Mary Compton-Rickett
Chair

WIRRAL MUSEUMS SERVICE – REPORT ON THE 2019-2020 YEAR

The disruption occasioned by the COVID outbreak, of course, had an effect on everything but there were several months of normal operations prior to the March 2020 lockdown.



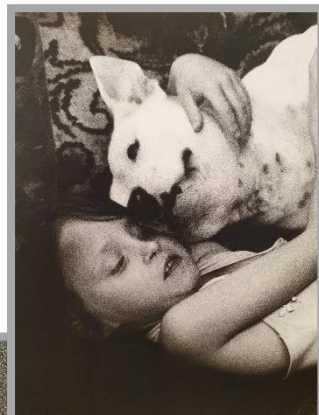
The Documentation project, that began in June 2019, was making great headway until it was held up by inability to access the gallery stores and by the closure of the volunteer programme that was facilitating it. Nevertheless, the information gathered helped to inspire the online presence and will continue to reap rewards in the future.

On the exhibitions front, in November 2019 we marked the end of the exhibition of British documentary photography *Distinctly*, curated by Northern Narratives and Tracy Marshall, which ran alongside paintings by Christian Furr. And we kept on

show the striking *Women of Iron*, photographs of women at work in Cammell Laird taken by young women through Creative Youth Development.

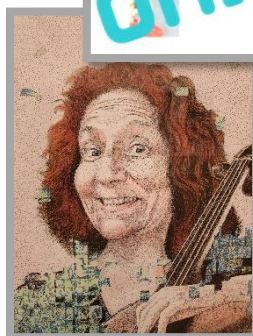
The Oxton Art Fair took its usual slot and the big event, that had been several years in the planning, was *Photographs from Another Place*, work by Alan Ward and Sydney J Gearing, which took up three galleries with its contextualising community elements and its Masonic video presentation. The North Wales Society of Fine Art brought a wide range of landscape and botanical artists, most of them showing at the Williamson for the first time.

In March 2020 we had received the entries for the Williamson Open and selected for the exhibition just before we were closed to the public. There was just time to photograph everything before we had to close the building for staff as well and were able to present a very successful online exhibition, visited by more people from all over the world than would ever have come and seen it in person. Later in the year the Wirral Society of Arts members' exhibition was also put online to great acclaim.



The online presence of the Williamson and the Priory was stepped up, with considerable help from the Friends to support the effort, and a combination of staff and volunteers have managed to upload films, images and stories almost every day to extend the reach and the appreciation of what Wirral Museums have to offer.

Before the site was closed again by COVID restrictions, the Priory opened following its usual January break to a rousing concert by Heswall Concert Band, who have been great supporters of both the gallery and the Priory, to the extent that they posted an online musical film as part of the campaign to stop the gallery's closure.



That was, of course, the issue that dominated the Christmas/New Year period, but the encouragement that came from many corners of the country and the globe, the over 13,000 signatures put to the online petition and the many letters and messages of support sent to us or to councillors meant that the Williamson was retained as the cultural centre we all want it to be.

Colin Simpson & Jo Burns
Principal Museums Officer (job-share)

BIRKENHEAD PRIORY

Birkenhead Priory, founded c1150, has witnessed many of history's turbulent events but joining the more memorable dates: visits from King Edward I in 1275 and 1277; Dissolution in 1536; the Civil War; the First and Second World Wars; the opening of St Mary's Church on the site in 1821 will be 23 March 2020 – lockdown!

For visitors, staff and volunteers alike 2020 was scheduled to be another interesting and eventful year following the hugely popular 2019 Christmas Crafternoons and the annual end of season Christmas Fair complete with bell ringers, carols and even madrigals!



After re-opening in February following the usual extended Christmas/New Year break Priory people took part in the Wirral Heritage and History Fair in Birkenhead Town Hall in early March. Plans were afoot and dates were in the diary for a host of other happenings starting with the Easter Egg Hunt which is so popular with families.

It was to have been followed by, among other events, plays and concerts, a potential flower show, another Seed Swop Saturday and no doubt the annual carol concert to round off the year in style.

However, as the monks knew only too well, the best laid plans are always subject to the impact of outside forces and it was with heavy hearts the Priory went into lockdown.



Though the Priory itself was closed it remained open virtually with an enhanced presence across social media platforms.

A tour de force was A Picture A Day, a photograph and thoughtful description of some aspect of the Priory on Twitter and Facebook every single day. There was quite a celebration when the 365th day arrived! In addition an in-depth weekly article appeared on

Facebook picking up on one specific aspect of the site and exploring it in great detail. Even the Priory's own Brother Tom continued to entertain his followers with photos and comments on Twitter.

The online interest in the Priory expanded beyond expectations and new followers flocked to learn more about this hidden item of local, regional and national importance.



Although staff and volunteers were unable to do what they love best – caring for the Priory and showing it off to visitors they maintained their strong spirit of camaraderie through the year by staying in touch with each other and supporting each other and, most of all, looking forward to Birkenhead Priory re-opening to visitors.

*Angela Anderson
Priory Volunteer*

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We had 431 members in 2020 of which 73 were new members.

The majority (223) had been members since 2017 with 66 joining in 2018 and 69 in 2019.

60% of payments were made by standing order (£3018), 23% by cheque and the remaining 17% by cash handed into the Gallery.

£1465, which is almost a third of the payments made, were actually donations, over and above the subscription.

Most renewals in 2020 came from people on the Wirral. There were eleven from Liverpool and a few individuals dotted around England, Scotland and Wales.

The Lockdowns in the Pandemic did not really affect the membership situation in 2020. However, when it came to renewal in January 2021 there were very few cash payments due to the closure of the Gallery.

*Pauline Horner
Membership Secretary*

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PERIOD 1 NOVEMBER 2019 TO 31 OCTOBER 2020

The attached table shows the financial position for the year ending 31 October 2020 and compares it with the previous year.

It reflects clearly the reduction in activities and income following the corona virus lockdown at the beginning of 2020.

We carried forward £26,330 on 1 November 2019 and ended the year with a balance of £22,725 on 31st October 2020.

We were fortunate to receive during the year legacies amounting to £21,603 which we are holding on behalf of the Gallery together with £10,060 from the previous year. These funds have been set against future purchases and projects for the Williamson,

including a sculpture commission for the Green Gallery, originally planned for 2020 but postponed until 2022.

2019	Unrestricted income	2020
£5,321	Gallery donations	£2,533
£600	Gallery purchases	
£172	Hosting previews	
£6,224	Memberships	£5,120
£1,587	Priory	£370
£2,500	Publicity	
£419	Quad Garden	
£3,073	Serenades	
£536	Visits	
	Drop in workshops	£3,000
£20,433		£11,023

	Unrestricted spend	
£894	Admin	£1,041
£240	Donations	£20
£322	Gallery purchases	
£1,377	Hosting previews	£277
£457	Memberships	£318
£737	Priory	
£5,800	Publicity	£5,500
	Additional publicity project	£1,380
	Quad Garden lighting	£3,600
£2,997	Serenades	
£2,000	Summer Art	
£442	Visits	
	Drop in workshops	£2,491
£15,266		£14,627

	Restricted income	
	Frohlick/Brabners	£20,000
	Mark Woods	£1,500
£5,060	Great outdoors	
£10,057	Legacy	£103
£15,117		£21,603

	Restricted spend	
£5,060	Great outdoors	
£5,060		£0

Jane Horton
Treasurer

COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2019-2020

Mary Compton-Rickett LLB, Chair

A retired barrister, Mary has had a lifetime interest in the arts in all forms and is an art collector of paintings, prints and sculpture.

Jane Horton, BA, Honorary Treasurer

Formerly Capital Planning Manager for the Royal Liverpool Hospital Trust, Jane manages the Friends' financial strategy, keeping them financially viable and enabling them to anticipate future events.

Colin Simpson, BA AMA

Colin is the curator of the Williamson Art Gallery and Museum and Principal Museums Officer for Wirral.

David Ainsley, BA Arch (Hons), MA RIBA

A former President of the Liverpool Architectural Society, David is now retired from Ainsley Gomon architects, of which he was a founding director.

John Southwood

John is a former Trinity House Pilot on the River Dee and River Dart. He is a trustee and curator of the Conway Chapel Museum.

Jean Benfield BA (Hons), Minutes Secretary

Now retired, following a career in journalism and the third sector, Jean has had a life-long interest in the arts. Jean resigned in August 2020.

Corinne Whitham, BA Fine and Studio Arts, Chair Activities Sub-Committee

Corinne is a retired education professional who spends her time producing her own work and supporting W&PF, as well as volunteering with AgeUK.

Ann McLachlan BA (Hons)

A business graduate and member of the Chartered Institute of Personnel & Development, Ann had a career in HR and gave 18 years public service as a Local Authority Member, retiring as the Mayor of Wirral in 2018.

Elaine Heritage BEd

Teacher, with a lifelong interest in Art and the Humanities. Served as a school governor. As a trustee, particularly represents Birkenhead Priory's interests.

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS**

31 OCTOBER 2020

**Horner Downey & Company Limited
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WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

CHARITY MEMBERS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

The charity members present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2020.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to promote, support, assist and improve the Williamson Art Gallery and Warral Museums, and their cultural and educational activities.

The charity members have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Financial review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The charity members considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

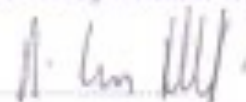
The charity members has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The charity members who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Miss. M. Compton-Rickett
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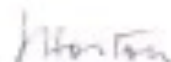
The charity members' report was approved by the Board of Charity Members.



Miss. M. Compton-Rickett

Chairman

Dated 20/8/2021



Mrs. J. Horton

Treasurer

Dated 20/8/2021

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

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Dated:

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

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	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	7,653	21,602	29,255	12,145	10,057	22,202
Charitable activities	4	3,370	-	3,370	5,787	-	5,787
Other charitable activities	5	-	-	-	2,500	5,060	7,560
Total income		<u>11,023</u>	<u>21,602</u>	<u>32,625</u>	<u>20,432</u>	<u>15,117</u>	<u>35,549</u>
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities							
Unrestricted Funds Expenditure	6	14,627	-	14,627	15,076	-	15,076
Restricted Funds Expenditure	6	-	-	-	-	5,060	5,060
Total charitable expenditure		<u>14,627</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,627</u>	<u>15,076</u>	<u>5,060</u>	<u>20,136</u>
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/							
Net movement in funds		(3,604)	21,602	17,998	5,356	10,057	15,413
Fund balances at 1 November 2019		<u>25,922</u>	<u>10,060</u>	<u>35,982</u>	<u>20,566</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>20,569</u>
Fund balances at 31 October 2020		<u><u>22,318</u></u>	<u><u>31,662</u></u>	<u><u>53,980</u></u>	<u><u>25,922</u></u>	<u><u>10,060</u></u>	<u><u>35,982</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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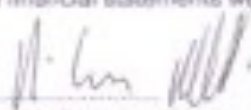
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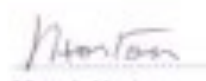
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
Current assets					
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Current liabilities	9	(408)		(408)	
Net current assets			<u>53,980</u>		<u>35,982</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds			31,062		10,060
Unrestricted funds			22,318		25,922
			<u>53,980</u>		<u>35,982</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Charity Members on 15/7/2021


Miss M. Compton-Rickett
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WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Williamson and Priory Friends is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

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The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the charity members have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the charity members continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

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Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the charity members in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Resources expended during the year are categorised depending on the charitable activity for which they are incurred. These resources ensure the charity's continuous activity and can be subcategorised further between staffing costs and cost of materials, which are the most prominent resources expended.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

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Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the charity members are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	2020 £	2020 £	2020 £	2019 £
Donations and gifts	2,533	-	2,533	5,921
Legacies receivable	-	21,602	21,602	10,057
Membership fees	5,120	-	5,120	6,224
	<u>7,653</u>	<u>21,602</u>	<u>29,255</u>	<u>22,202</u>

4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Charitable Income 2020 £	Unrestricted Charitable Income 2019 £
Priory	370	1,587
Hosting previews	-	172
Serenades	-	3,073
Visits	-	536
Drop in workshops	3,000	-
Quad garden	-	419
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WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

5 Other charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds Income	Restricted Funds Income	Total	Total
	2020 £	2020 £	2020 £	2019 £
Making Our Mark	-	-	-	5,060
Publicity	-	-	-	2,500
Other charitable activities	-	-	-	7,560
For the year ended 31 October 2019	2,500	5,060		7,560

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

6 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds Expenditure 2020 £	Restricted Funds Expenditure 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Admin expenses	1,041	-	1,041	924
Membership expenses	318	-	318	457
Priory expenses	-	-	-	737
Gallery purchases	-	-	-	562
Hosting previews expenses	277	-	277	1,377
Publicity	6,880	-	6,880	5,580
Serenades expenses	-	-	-	2,997
Visits expenses	-	-	-	442
Quad garden expenses	3,600	-	3,600	-
Drop in workshops	2,491	-	2,491	-
Making Our Mark expenses	20	-	20	-
Summer art expenses	-	-	-	7,060
	<u>14,627</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,627</u>	<u>20,136</u>
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Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds	14,627	-	14,627	15,076
Restricted funds	-	-	-	5,060
	<u>14,627</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,627</u>	<u>20,136</u>
For the year ended 31 October 2019				
Unrestricted funds	15,076	-	15,076	15,076
Restricted funds	-	5,060	-	5,060
	<u>15,076</u>	<u>5,060</u>	<u>20,136</u>	<u>20,136</u>

7 Charity Members

None of the charity members (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2020 Number	2019 Number
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

9 Current liabilities

	2020 £	2019 £
Accruals and deferred income	408	408
	<u>408</u>	<u>408</u>

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
Fund balances at 31 October 2020 are represented by:						
Current assets/ (liabilities)	53,980	-	53,980	35,982	-	35,982
	<u>53,980</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,980</u>	<u>35,982</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,982</u>

11 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2019 - none).

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS**

31 OCTOBER 2020

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WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Mr. D. Ainsley
Mrs. J. Benfield
Mrs. P. Foden
Mr. C. Simpson
Mr. J. Southwood
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Mrs. A. McLachlan

Charity number

1166363

Independent examiner

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WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

CHARITY MEMBERS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

The charity members present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2020.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to promote, support, assist and improve the Williamson Art Gallery and Warral Museums, and their cultural and educational activities.

The charity members have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Financial review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The charity members considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

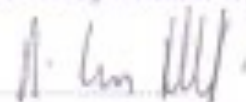
The charity members has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The charity members who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Miss. M. Compton-Rickett
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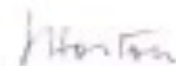
The charity members' report was approved by the Board of Charity Members.



Miss. M. Compton-Rickett

Chairman

Dated 20/8/2021



Mrs. J. Horton

Treasurer

Dated 20/8/2021

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE CHARITY MEMBERS OF WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

I report to the charity members on my examination of the financial statements of Williamson and Priory Friends (the charity) for the year ended 31 October 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity members of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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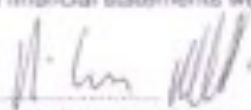
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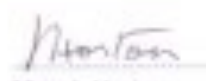
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

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(Continued)

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WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

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WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

5 Other charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds Income	Restricted Funds Income	Total	Total
	2020 £	2020 £	2020 £	2019 £
Making Our Mark	-	-	-	5,060
Publicity	-	-	-	2,500
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Other charitable activities	-	-	-	7,560
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
For the year ended 31 October 2019	<u>2,500</u>	<u>5,060</u>		<u>7,560</u>

WILLIAMSON AND PRIORY FRIENDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

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Serenades expenses	-	-	-	2,997
Visits expenses	-	-	-	442
Quad garden expenses	3,600	-	3,600	-
Drop in workshops	2,491	-	2,491	-
Making Our Mark expenses	20	-	20	-
Summer art expenses	-	-	-	7,060
	<u>14,627</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,627</u>	<u>20,136</u>
	<u>14,627</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,627</u>	<u>20,136</u>
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds	14,627	-	14,627	15,076
Restricted funds	-	-	-	5,060
	<u>14,627</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,627</u>	<u>20,136</u>
For the year ended 31 October 2019				
Unrestricted funds	15,076	-	15,076	15,076
Restricted funds	-	5,060	-	5,060
	<u>15,076</u>	<u>5,060</u>	<u>20,136</u>	<u>20,136</u>

7 Charity Members

None of the charity members (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2020 Number	2019 Number
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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9 Current liabilities

	2020 £	2019 £
Accruals and deferred income	408	408
	<u>408</u>	<u>408</u>

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
Fund balances at 31 October 2020 are represented by:						
Current assets/ (liabilities)	53,980	-	53,980	35,982	-	35,982
	<u>53,980</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,980</u>	<u>35,982</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,982</u>

11 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2019 - none).

