



Annual Report by Sir Andrew Lawson-Tancred, Chairman

For year ending 31 December 2022
Presented at the AGM on May 7, 2023

During the course of the year, The Friends of Roman Aldborough (“FORA”) offered members a programme of Talks and Visits.

Talks

A total of nine talks were given to members during the year. These were mainly face to face and with others being via the Zoom platform. With relevant permissions in place, the Zoom talks were recorded and posted on YouTube for members only. With Members from increasingly diverse locations, these recordings prove very popular, and FORA received some very positive feedback.

There was a wide variety of talks, including:

Life of an author	Dr Adrian Goldsworthy	Zoom
Roman Glass in Northern Britain	Sally Cottam	Zoom
A Yorkshire Vineyard and	Ian Townsend	
The Vindolanda Writing Tablets	Dr Roger Tomlin	
The Iconic Roman Villa – thro’ the keyhole	Gillian Hovell	Zoom
Surveying Pompeii and other Roman Towns	Dr Sophie Hay	
Roman Pottery	Graham Taylor	
Digging Deeper at Isurium Brigantum	Dr Rose Ferraby	
	Professor Martin Millett	
Romano – British Mosaics	Stephen Cosh	Zoom
Tudors, Tancreds and Treason	Andrew Lawson-Tancred	
Hunday Field Farm Excavations	Nick Wilson	

Over 100 FORA members accessed the talks via a combination of Zoom and YouTube.

A survey conducted among members found that although the Zoom talks had been very much appreciated. Some members commented on the benefits of live talks with 44% preferring live talks with 43% asking for a mixture of Zoom and live.

Visits

4 visits took place during the course of the year. For the first time, FORA arranged a two-day visit to Birdoswald and Stenhouse Roman Museum, which proved very popular. Hopefully such multi day trips will be repeated in the future.

Other visits included:

A tour of Beadlam Villa and visit to Helmsley Archaeological Store

A tour of the Yorkshire Museum York, Roman Section led by curator

A tour of Aldborough led by Dr.Rose Ferraby and Prof. Martin Millett

Outreach Talks

There were 4 Outreach talks during 2022, three by Wendy Hyam and one by David Roberts.

The venues were:

Snape

Burton Leonard

Kirk Hammerton

Dunesforde Vineyard

Guided tours of the English Heritage site

These were organised by EH using their guides. Many of the guides are FORA members.

Education Group

After a period of no visits due to the pandemic, FORA was pleased to welcome schools back to the site and received some very positive feedback from the following schools:

June	Jennyruth Workshops	
September	Poppleton Road Primary	Visit to the dig
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October	Meadowside Academy	

In September, two local schools visited the Cambridge led archaeological dig in Aldborough and explored the spoil heaps, washed finds and found out more about the work of the archaeologists.

Unfortunately, the current economic situation and rise in transport costs has meant that schools are generally finding such visits increasingly difficult to finance. In response to this FORA has sought to raise funds to help with transport costs and this has allowed one school Poppleton Road Primary School to visit the dig site which might otherwise have found the cost prohibitive. FORA is grateful to Boroughbridge and District Historical Society and others for donating towards this initiative.

English Heritage remains keen to encourage visits to the site and has recently revamped the Museum Handling Collection producing excellent resource materials for schools to use during the course of their visits.

FORA/EH meetings

FORA and EH met using Zoom for two update meetings.

Roman Garden Project

The FORA Garden Group has planted the prepared beds with plants Romans would have used. The vegetable and herb beds have been particularly productive.

Cambridge University Roman Town Project

The team from the University of Cambridge, led by Dr Rose Ferraby and Professor Martin Millett, have continued their dig and research activities in 2022 on the site dug in 2020 and 2021. The dig took place between August 27 and September 24, 2022. Students from Cambridge University and local schools were able to participate in the dig.

The excavation hosted an open day and welcomed a range of individual and group visits.

Andrew Lawson-Tancred

Chair: Friends of Roman Aldborough

October 2023

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The Friends of Roman Aldborough Financial Statement 2022

EXPENDITURE													
Hall Hire						£60.00	£60.00				£75.00	£60.00	£255.00
Mobile Phone											£4.50	£4.50	£9.00
Fortuna	£25.00												£25.00
FORA Subscriptions	£45.00		£20.00	£30.00									£95.00
BAFM Membership			£100.00										£100.00
Insurance - Public Liability			£198.00										£198.00
Insurance – Employee			£102.00										£102.00
Site Guides					£269.60								£269.60
Visit Cost				£600.00					£188.00				£788.00
Design Cost				£315.00									£315.00
Raffle Float			£20										£20.00
Raffle Prizes			£12.50							£17.00			£29.50
Speaker Expense/Fee		£28.75	£33.60	£350.00	£72.05								£484.40
Printing		£37.23	£98.97		£26.86	£43.11							£205.90
Zoom Licence		£143.88											£143.88
Web Hosting					£160.89								£160.89
Domain Names New/Renew			£55.60										£55.60
Stamps				£96.60									£86.60
Outreach Expenses			£10.00			£20.00	£30.00						£60.00



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Office Expenses					£122.32								£122.32
Zoom Equipment				£463.18									£463.18
Donation – EH i-pad							£197.50						£197.50
Dig Equipment								£66.90					£66.90
Dig – Tent Hire									£400.00				£400.00
Refreshments											£29.23		£29.23
Education – Bus Hire											£400.00		£400.00
Education Expenses										£423.00			£432.00
Miscellaneous					£4.35								£4.35
TOTAL OUT	£70.00	£209.86	£650.67	£1949.78	£656.07	£123.11	£287.50	£66.90	£588.00	£423.00	£605.73	£64.50	
NET INCOME	£1055.00	£235.14	249.33	619.72	-297.78	136.89	-162.50	266.11	-349.00	-397	397.77	1556.30	
Bank Balance	£12,284.97	£12,620.11	£12869.44	£13489.16	£13191.38	£13328.27	£13165.77	£13431.88	£13082.88	£12685.88	£13083.65	£14639.95	

Closing Balance December 31, 2022: £14,639.95