

FRIENDS OF THE PETRIE MUSEUM

The Friends of the Petrie Museum

Trustees' Annual Report

for the period

1 January – 31 December 2022

Charity Registration Number: 1192201

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The report has been prepared in accordance with The Charity Commission's *Statement of Recommended Practice* including its guidance on the application of the required *Financial Reporting Standard* (FRS 102).

1. Objectives and Activities

a) Overview

The object of the Friends of the Petrie Museum (PMF) is to further public education about, and understanding of, the history, archaeology and culture of the Nile Valley and surrounding regions. This is done through support to University College, London's (UCL) Petrie Museum of Egyptian and Sudanese Archaeology, in particular by:

- contributing to the conservation, safekeeping and display of the collections of the Petrie Museum as a whole and individual objects within it
- supporting and coordinating related research, publication, education, and other charitable work.

The PMF fulfils its charitable purposes for public benefit through a range of activities:

- We allocate grants that are focused on promoting and supporting the work of the Petrie Museum. The process also offers support to other suitably qualified individuals or organisations working in related areas.
- We offer educational events during the year which present current research on the history, archaeology and culture of the Nile Valley. Most have some link to the work of the archaeologist, Flinders Petrie, and/or the collection of the Petrie Museum. We also work with other organisations with similar interests, for example The Egypt Exploration Society and UCL's Institute of Archaeology.
- We offer support for the care and conservation of the Museum's collections and seek input on work needing to be done from Museum staff, who report regularly to our Board meetings. We raise awareness of significant conservation efforts and Museum-based activity such as loans of artefacts to other bodies.
- We sustain communication with PMF members and other interested persons by means of social media, a printed annual magazine, and other occasional notes and newsletters. Our Facebook page and Twitter accounts extend our reach, particularly to scholars in Egypt, and we monitor the level of external access and interaction.
- Occasional visits are organised to Egyptological collections in the UK and beyond including Egypt. These visits are educational, rather than recreational, in nature.
- As a further support to the Petrie Museum, we give second-hand books donated to us (usually by PMF members) to the museum shop for sale to visitors.

b) Charity Commission Guidance

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Friends' aims and objectives, in planning activities, and setting the grant making policy.

c) Grant Making Policy

The trustees invite proposals from individuals and organisations, and these proposals must include a range of information set out in our guidance on applications.

When making decisions on the award of grants, we consider whether the proposed plan:

- fits within our charitable aims
- is based on a clear plan with appropriately defined objectives

- includes a proposed timeline and costings that appear feasible
- offers benefits that are justified by the costs
- has potential for broad impact, and
- is likely to be supported by other funding bodies or individuals in cases requiring co-funding.

We expect each proposed project to be identified as a priority in the strategic plan of the applicant organisation. We are also able to consider support to short-notice interventions, for example to repair damage, or to prepare an item for exhibition, as long as the criteria set out above are met to the greatest degree possible.

2. Achievements and Performance

a) Public Benefits

The benefits of the Friends' activities lie in:

- providing access to current research on the history, archaeology and culture of the Nile Valley and surrounding areas to a broad audience with an interest in these topics, thus adding to individual and collective intellectual development
- offering researchers the opportunity to disseminate their investigations and findings beyond their immediate context to an audience and readership broader than that served by, for example, traditional learned journals, and
- providing grants, mainly to the Petrie Museum, but also to other individuals and organisations working as indicated in Grant Making Policy (please see section above).

b) Resumption of activities after the Coronavirus Pandemic

As noted in the report for 2021, the pandemic meant that we were unable to hold in-person lectures. They were replaced by an enhanced programme of lectures delivered via Zoom.

Our response to the improved situation in 2022 was to establish hybrid lectures whereby the more personal contact of an organisation founded on the notion of Friendship (to the Petrie Museum but also between members) could be renewed while nevertheless continuing to appeal to, and benefit, a broader national and international audience. More practical considerations led to a decision to move the usual day of our meetings from Friday to Wednesday.

The impact of these changes was mixed. A wide-ranging lecture programme was successfully delivered by speakers who either spoke in-person or delivered their talks from their home countries. The technical demands of flexible communication were largely met.

There is, however, a need for review arising from the difficulties experienced by some members with the change of day, sometimes quite low in-person attendance, and a reduced number of trustees who live sufficiently in reach of UCL to host events. This review is scheduled for spring 2023.

c) *Grants*

Tutankhamun the boy: growing up in ancient Egypt

This project is funded by the PMF, together with the Museums Association's Esmée Fairbairn Collections Fund. It marked the centenary (November 2022) of the discovery of the burial chamber of Tutankhamun. A season of displays and activities at the Petrie Museum has explored less well-known aspects of Tutankhamun's life as a young boy as well as the lives of other ancient Egyptian children including those whose families were not part of the élite.

A special event for PMF members was held in the Museum on the centenary day itself (4 November 2022), which included an object-handling session led by Curator, Anna Garnett, and a speech by PMF Chair, Lucia Gahlin. The Project Team spoke about their plans for the year, and have since provided several updates including on the work undertaken with the children of Amarna and their families. Their report concerning the work in Amarna was published on the PMF website.

Activities scheduled for 2023 will include production of resources for Key Stage 2 pupils and a skills-sharing programme for UK and Egyptian museum staff.

The Naqada Regional Archaeological Survey and Site Management Project (NRASSMP): Geophysical Survey of Naqada/Nubt

[report kindly provided by Deputy Project Director, Dr Joanne Rowland]

In April 2022, this PMF funded project got underway, with Dominic Barker on the ground in Egypt (with thanks to Dr Penny Wilson for the use of her Bartington magnetometer) and Kristian Strutt supporting us from the UK. Working with a team from the local village of Nubt and Manshiyeh, with archaeological support from the team from Quft, led by Rais Omer Farouk, we conducted a geomagnetic survey across the Temple Mound, through the adjacent cemeteries, into South Town, and across the tumuli and Cemetery T area. Dr Angus Graham kindly lent us a Differential Geographic Positioning System, which enabled us to lay out the grids for the geomagnetic survey and to conduct a topographic survey across cemetery T. (We also extend thanks to Tina Cerbo of Chicago House, Luxor for access to the DGPS equipment.)

During the two-week period of work, the team also visit the site of Abadiya in the south of the concession area and assessed the potential for a future survey here. The land was deemed highly suitable for geomagnetic investigation, and we hope to be able to carry this out in 2023 or 2024. We may also be able to survey two smaller areas at Manshiya and close to Naqada South. Although the geomagnetic survey of the main site was nearly completed, unseasonably hot weather limited the output, so there remains a small area of land to be examined in the next season, together with the proposed work at other sites.

The results are extremely promising. As part of the PMF lecture series delivered live and via zoom from the Institute of Archaeology, UCL, they were presented for the first time in public in November 2022, and will next be shared at the 13th International Congress of Egyptologists in Leiden in 2023. The results have enabled the team, including our Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities (MoTA) colleagues at Qena, to assess the extent of the archaeological remains and decide where necessary boundaries to be enclosed by low demarcation walls should be placed. Moreover, analysis has enabled the team to know how these features map onto the

results of previous excavations and the current landscape; they will, therefore, be integral to our planning for research excavations at Nubt once the demarcation walls are safely installed.

The PMF has kindly also provided funding for an information panel at Nubt in the area of the temple. The text has been prepared and an Arabic text submitted to J. Rowland by MoTA, Qena, and this sign board now requires approval by MoTA Cairo. Printing and installation of the panel are expected by August 2023.

Amarna statuary from royal buildings: its creation and context

Or, possibly, *Statuary from Royal Buildings at Amarna* (final name to be decided)

by Marsha Hill and Kristin Thompson

This grant will support a landmark in Amarna publications brought to light in an innovative and contextual way. This is a major Egypt Exploration Society publication focused on statuary with a known, or strongly suspected, provenance at Akhetaten, the capital city founded by the pharaoh, Akhenaten. Statue fragments published for the first time will greatly outnumber those already familiar from established collections of Amarna sculpture and material. A significant number of items from the Petrie Museum collection will be included. PMF trustees believe that, with its comprehensive coverage, annotated catalogues and thematic chapters, the new publication will be the definitive work on this subject. The EES has now received both manuscripts from the authors and is in the process of copyediting and typesetting this two-volume publication. The recently appointed PT Publications Manager – Julia Thorne – will work on this. Publication is expected in 2024.

3. Communications

a) Website

The PMF website was completely redesigned and launched in 2022. It offers ready access to our timetable of scheduled lectures and events. It also carries news reports such as those mentioned above in relation the Tutankhamun project.

b) Logo

The PMF logo was also renewed. The hand-drawn quality of the original design by the then Curator, Barbara Adams, was retained within the new design. The resultant image can be scaled up or down for use in different projects and on different media. It is available to support existing and any new forms of fundraising and related activity.

c) Social Media

The PMF has maintained an active presence on Twitter and Facebook. This enables communication not only with members but also subscribers nationally and internationally.

4. Financial Review

- The accounts presented are for the 2022 calendar year. Comparison with the previous accounts is distorted by the 15-month accounting period in the first full year of the charity, Oct 2020-Dec 2021.
- Our financial situation remains healthy and leaves us in a position to offer grant support while continuing to fundraise for a proposed new home for the Petrie Museum.

- We have not been able to resume study days in 2022 but expect to do so in 2023/2024.
- A very successful book auction in February 2022 raised £6,508. The next auction will be in February 2023. These auctions are made possible by the generosity of members who donate or bequeath their books to the PMF.
- The generosity of our members should be acknowledged with gratitude, as donations over the year have amounted to £5,697, an increase on last year.
- We are grateful to our President Emeritus, Harry Smith, who wrote a small memoir of his career in the UNESCO Nubia rescue campaign. Professor Smith assigned the profits to the PMF and EES, and we received £655.
- The bequest from Lewis Blake that requires completion of the sale of his house still requires action from the local council to resolve a discrepancy in records held by the Land Registry. This matter has been, and continues to be, pursued by the Treasurer.

Reserves

Our assets at the end of 2022 stood at £201,191. The Friends of the Petrie Museum have ongoing commitments to the funding of grants as outlined above and listed below, including a substantial grant to the Petrie Museum for the 2022 phase of its Tutankhamun Project. Also, it has long been acknowledged that the Museum's accommodation does not do justice to the collection or adequately facilitate research and related activity. The major part of the reserves (following grant allocations, £150,000 in 2020; £128,160 in 2021; £137, 926 in 2022) is, and will continue to be, retained to support UCL should its own ongoing evaluations and structural reviews result in appropriately ambitious plans to ameliorate provision for the Museum. It has long been the Friends' intention to sponsor a research space/library within a new Petrie Museum. The remainder of the reserves will support our charitable aims and grants already approved.

Projected funding commitment of the reserves

Institute of Archaeology library public access project c/f 2024	£10,000
EES Thompson/Hill Amarna 2 volume publication c/f 2024	£10,000
Naqada site conservation project balance of funds	£8,135
PMF projected operating costs	£25,000
Petrie Museum Tutankhamun project continuation 2023	£10,130
Future museum funding commitments c/f	£137,925
	£201,190

Structure, Governance and Management

The Friends of the Petrie Museum was registered as a charity, number 1192201, on 6 November 2020 using a Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members other than its charity trustees.

The Constitution provides for a minimum of three and a maximum of ten trustees. New trustees are elected by the members, and serve for three years, after which they may put themselves forward for re-election. The trustees usually meet four to six times each year. Reasonable travel expenses for attendance are reimbursed if requested.

The trustees seek to follow relevant Charity Commission guidance. They keep the skills and composition of the Board under review. New trustees sign a trustee declaration. A set of key documents required for the induction of new trustees has been developed.

Reference and Administrative information

Charity name

The Friends of the Petrie Museum

Registered charity number

1192201

Principal address

The Petrie Museum of Egyptian and Sudanese Archaeology, Malet Place, London WC1E 6BT

Trustees

Lucia Gahlin, Chair of Trustees

Tracey Golding, Deputy Chair of Trustees

Janet Johnstone

Maiken Mosleth-King, Secretary (co-opted 13 April 2022; appointed from 10 June 2022)

Dr Hannah Pethen

Jan Picton, Treasurer (until 10 June 2022)

Dr Kathryn Piquette (from 10 June 2022)

Dr Joanne Rowland (from 30 July 2021)

Matt Szafran (from 30 July 2021)

Chloe Ward

Robert Whatmough (from 30 July 2021)

Jan Picton has kindly continued to undertake the role of Treasurer pending a handover to a Trustee in 2023.

The substantial assistance offered to the Board and PMF activities more generally by Paulina Wandowicz (Student Representative) is also acknowledged.

The Friends of the Petrie Museum

Bankers

Royal Bank of Scotland, 171 Tottenham Court Road, London W1T 7DL

Auditor / Independent reviewer

Griffin Chartered Accountants, 165 High Street, Honiton, Devon, EX14 1LQ

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature(s) 

Full name(s) Lucia Gahlin

Position Chair

Date 3 May 2023

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Receipts and payments accounts		
For the period from	01-Jan-22	To
		Period end date 31-Dec-22

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	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions	16,369	-	-	16,369	18,034
Donations	5,862	-	-	5,862	5,623
Courses / study days	1,948	-	-	1,948	8,937
Book auction	6,508	-	-	6,508	4,613
Nudia memoir	655	-	-	655	-
				-	
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	31,342	-	-	31,342	37,207
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Total receipts	31,342	-	-	31,342	37,207
A3 Payments					
Admin costs / P.P.S./ storage	4,651	-	-	4,651	7,521
Magazine and mailing	3,436	-	-	3,436	2,654
Lectures and events	1,618	-	-	1,618	1,829
Study day / course costs	1,000	-	-	1,000	2,672
Zoom fees	423	-	-	423	298
Auction costs	319	-	-	319	412
Secretary		-	-	-	3,000
Madrid tour costs -refunds to members		-	-	-	846
Petrie Museum Think 3D Project		-	-	-	1,567
Petrie Museum Tutankhamun Project	35,000	-	-	35,000	-
Nubt Project	6,865	-	-	6,865	-
Sub total	53,312	-	-	53,312	20,799
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Cash		-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	53,312	-	-	53,312	20,799
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 21,970	-	-	- 21,970	16,408
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	223,160	-	-	223,160	206,752
Cash funds this year end	201,190	-	-	201,190	223,160

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Balance	201,190	-	223,160
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	201,190	-	223,160
		OK	OK	Agreement Error
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
			-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on
behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Lucia Evans</i>	LUCIA EVANS	7/6/23

THE FRIENDS OF THE PETRIE MUSEUM

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FRIENDS OF THE PETRIE MUSEUM

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 December 2022.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

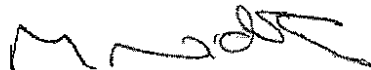
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Dated:

27/06/23

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Chartered Accountants
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