

THE FRIENDS OF THE ROYAL ALBERT MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

England & Wales · Charity number 1196908

Details

Other names	THE FRIENDS OF RAMM
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2021-12-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS:TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC BY PROMOTING, SUPPORTING, ASSISTING AND IMPROVING THE ROYAL ALBERT MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY EXETER, THROUGH THE ACTIVITY OF A GROUP OF FRIENDS WHICH WILL: A) SUPPORT PRESERVATION, PRESENTATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE COLLECTIONS OF SAID ORGANISATION IN CO-OPERATION WITH THEIR MANAGEMENT, STAFF AND TRUSTEES; B) PROMOTE AWARENESS OF AND STIMULATE INTEREST IN THE ARTS, HISTORY, CULTURE AND HERITAGE WITHIN EXETER AND THE SURROUNDING AREA THROUGH A PROGRAMME OF EVENTS, VISITS, TALKS AND ACTIVITIES.

Activities: Promotion of knowledge and access to knowledge via talks, visits and publications, in particular in relation to the collections and activities of the Royal Albert Memorial Museum (RAMM) and Devon. Supporting RAMM through the financing of acquisitions, conservation and exhibitions, and by advocacy.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Devon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£16,531	£9,047	-	-
2024-03-31	£21,061	£13,746	-	-
2023-03-31	£12,159	£11,226	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Richard Duncan Pocock	Chair	2022-01-10
ALAN DAVID CAIG		2022-01-10
Andrew John McKeon		2022-01-10
Christopher John Hampton		2022-07-12
Elizabeth Yvonne Wells Professor		2022-01-10
Grisilda Susan Harrison		2022-01-10
Helen Marianne Honeyball		2022-01-10
Josephine Ann Hawkins		2022-01-10
Veronica Mathieson		2024-04-09

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The Friends of RAMM Annual Report 2025.

We have had another good year for events. Our membership numbers have had another drop in paying members at 185. This is a trend seen by many charities and we are trying to target the non-members who come to our events. RAMM are reminding non-members when they book to consider joining and we are doing the same at events. We have also produced a leaflet which is available in the museum. We await the effect. All our internal talks have been well received and well attended. As above we continue to attract a considerable number of non-members. A high point was a day symposium entitled "A ring and its world", arranged by Andy Mc Keon which covered the Anglo Saxon ring discovered in North Devon and the significance of Saxon Exeter. The event was sold out and also an excellent booklet was produced for the event. The Christmas event for which we do not charge raised £202 in donations to the Museum. We are reviewing outside events which are at present not seeming popular although a visit to Tavistock had reasonable attendance.

The finances are good and we received one legacy. There were two grants to RAMM of £1000 towards the Museum's Dartmoor exhibition and £5900 for the purchase of some lace and two pictures – Portrait of Francis Ross attributed to James Leakey and "Bartholemew Street Chapel" by John Piper. This meant our surplus over the year was slightly increased from 2024 to £7,484, the funds held at 31 March 2025 amounting to £127,792. However, there will be more requests for 2025 especially with the very exciting purchase of the Saxon Exeter penny.

We are pleased that Chris Mumby has taken over from John Hughes as our independent examiner and we thank John for all his help in the past and wish him well. We also thank the RAMM staff for all their assistance.

Finally, although it is strictly for next year we congratulate Camilla Hampshire on her award of an MBE and are delighted that she has agreed to be the President of the Friends. We thank Lady Anne Boles for all her support during her time as President.

Richard Pocock

September 2025

Friends of RAMM

Registered Charity No 1196908

Receipts and Payments for the Year ending March 2025

	2025	2024
Income		
Annual Subscriptions	3,920	3,150
Legacies	1,017	8,825
Event Income	4,746	1,780
Visits	975	929
Gift Aid	-	812
Interest Rec'd	5,688	5,323
Royalties	145	224
Donations	40	5
Amazon Smile (now ceased)	-	13
Total Income	16,531	21,061
Expenditure		
Event costs	306	150
Visit costs	259	476
Refunds	25	-
Deposits for events	-	253
AGM and Xmas event	-	629
Insurance	416	416
Printing	999	-
Office sundries	142	275
Gifts	-	47
Total Expenditure	2,147	2,246
Grants Paid		
Match funding for Dartmoor project	1,000	11,500
Pictures (Locke-Ross/Piper) Luxton Lace	5,900	
Surplus/Deficit for the year	7,484	7,315

FRIENDS OF THE ROYAL ALBERT MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

Registered charity No. 1196908

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank Current account	7,281	5,485
COIF Deposit account	<u>120,512</u>	<u>114,823</u>
Total net assets	<u>127,792</u>	<u>120,308</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY		
Funds brought Forward	120,308	112,993
Net surplus for the year	<u>7,484</u>	<u>7,315</u>
Total Funds	<u>127,792</u>	<u>120,308</u>
ANALYSIS OF FUNDS		
Unrestricted	127,642	120,158
Restricted	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>
	<u>127,792</u>	<u>120,308</u>

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This change of structure was implemented in line with Charity Commission Guidance.

Approval of the Accounts

On behalf of the Management Committee, I confirm approval of these accounts

Signed:  Dated: 15.7.25

Richard Pocock

Chairman of the Committee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Friends of RAMM

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Charity for the year ended 31st March 2025

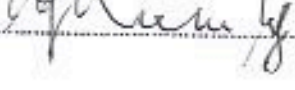
Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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 the accounting records.

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: 15/7/25

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Chairman's report Friends of RAMM 2023-4.

The Friends have had a successful year.

During the year we held 12 events, 8 talks and tours to Hestercombe, Fore Street Exeter and the Exeter Canal. The numbers attending have been very encouraging with all the talks full and often oversubscribed. As usual John Allan's Exeter walk had to be repeated due to demand.

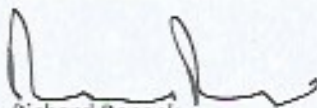
We had what we hope will be an annual event, namely a lecture from Exeter University History Department on "Beasts, Botanicals and the British Empire" which filled Gallery 20. We are grateful to Lizzie Nelson for setting this up. The annual Christmas event was well attended with an excellent talk from Jonathan Greener, the Cathedral Dean. This is a free event but we asked for donations which went directly to RAMM and £375.20 was raised. We were very grateful to the library for letting us have free use of their Rougemont room while gallery 20 was unavailable due to the building works.

The Christmas event was also an opportunity to say farewell to Camilla Hampshire on her retirement and the trustees presented her with a farewell gift. She will be greatly missed but we will all remember what has been achieved during her management. We are also sad to see Irene Herman retiring as treasurer and thank her for all her hard work and diligence during her time as treasurer. We are delighted to welcome Veronica Mathieson as our new treasurer. She has extensive financial and charity experience We are all delighted she has joined us.

We hope that future programs will continue to attract good attendance and encourage new members. At present there are 192 regular members and 329 life members.

Grants made to RAMM in the year have been £10,000 for the Dynamics Collection Project and £1,500 towards the purchase of the very important Anglo Saxon ring found in North Devon and is a very rare find and will be a significant addition to RAMM'S collection.

The Charity's funds remain satisfactory with a surplus of £7,315 during the year after the grants as stated above. Funds at 31st March 2024 were £120,308.



Richard Pocock

Chair

Date 21.06.2024

FRIENDS OF THE ROYAL ALBERT MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

Registered Charity No 1196908

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Subscriptions				
Annual	3,150		4,180	
Life	-	3,150	200	4,380
Gift Aid		812		810
Events		2,709		4,337
Donations - unrestricted		5		681
Royalties - J Trusted Legacy		224		229
Legacy - unrestricted		8,825		-
Interest on deposit		5,323		1,722
Amazon Smile		13		-
Total Income		<u>21,061</u>		<u>12,159</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Cost of Activities:				
Events		1,508		1,914
Printing, postage and stationery		275		464
Insurances		416		416
Gifts		47		52
Total Expenditure		<u>2,246</u>		<u>2,846</u>
Net Income before Grants		18,815		9,313
Grants made* unrestricted		11,500		8,380
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		<u>7,315</u>		<u>933</u>
*Total grants made towards:		£		£
Project: Dynamic Collections		10,000		-
Acquisition: Anglo Saxon gold ring		1,500		-
Acquisition: 'The Sweetest Thing' by Joy Gregory		-		3,000
Acquisition: 'Exeter Cathedral' early 19th century watercolour		-		380
Project: Gatekeepers to Heaven		-		5,000
		<u>11,500</u>		<u>8,380</u>

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Registered charity No. 1196908

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2024

	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
CURRENT ASSETS	£	£
Bank Current account	5,485	3,493
COIF Deposit account	114,823	109,500
Total net assets	<u>120,308</u>	<u>112,993</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY		
Funds brought Forward	112,993	-
Net surplus for the year	7,315	933
Transferred from Friends of Exeter Museums and Art Gallery Trust (see note)	-	112,060
Total Funds	<u>120,308</u>	<u>112,993</u>
ANALYSIS OF FUNDS		
Unrestricted	120,158	112,843
Restricted	150	150
	<u>120,308</u>	<u>112,993</u>

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Signed:

Richard Pocock

Chairman of the Committee

Dated: 21.06.2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Friends of RAMM

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Signed

John Hughes FCA

Dated:

25/05/2024

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Annual report Friends of the Royal Albert Memorial Museum (Charity no 1196908) for period ended 31 March 2023

The new charity set up on Dec 2021 is fully functioning and we look forward to our AGM on the 1st June. This will be earlier than the usual date due to having to have it within 18 months of the charity's set up. We have a talk after the AGM on Exeter Cathedral's manuscripts and their role in the Bodleian Library with the exhibition of the loaned manuscripts opening on June 3rd which should guarantee a good attendance. Owing to the excellent events we have put on (most fully booked or near capacity) we have seen an encouraging number of new members and we are optimistic this trend will continue. The key to this is to attract non-members to events and encourage them to join. The Exe Island day (in conjunction with the Devonshire Association) and the Vaughan Williams talk were good examples of this.

The new RAMM web-site is working well and making bookings for events much simpler as well as easing the burden on our secretary with respect to registering members and their subscriptions. We are grateful for the support of RAMM staff particularly Claire Bailey and Stephanie Cherrett.

The continued support for RAMM by the Arts Council and the matched funding from Exeter City Council is welcomed but we are aware this there is no inflationary increase which will mean significant financial challenges for the museum.

Gallery 20 will not be available for our larger events until mid 2024 due to roof repairs to the original building but we are very grateful to Exeter Central library who have given us free access to their meeting room.

The Charity's funds remain satisfactory with a surplus during the period of £933 after making grants totalling £8,380. Funds at 31 March 2023 were £112,993.

Finally we are delighted that Helen Honeyball has taken over from Izzy Birch as the secretary and I would like to thank her as well as all the other trustees, she and Chris Hampton having joined the Trustees at the last AGM, where all the previous Trustees were re-elected.

Activities

2022/3 saw a return to our full-blown activity programme, after a successful but distancing couple of years of Zoom talks. There were talks from Susan Derges on her photography practice, Gary Bridge, on reconstructing Axminster carpets, RAMM's Head of Conservation Alison Hopper Bishop. John Allan collaborated with curator Tony Eccles on RAMM's Polynesian collections and with Professor Henry French on Bampfylde House.

Out in the town John Allan led the latest in his series of town walks, while further afield we visited Powderham Castle with the Earl of Devon.

Social events with a museum twist included the first in a series sponsored by Bonhams, which focused on Chinese Art and Porcelain, and a successful Christmas coffee morning with a talk on the unusual aspects of theatre history in Exeter.

We were not called on often in this year to support RAMM's work financially, but the Friends did purchase a Francis Nicholson watercolour of the cathedral – a companion piece to last year's acquisition of Girtin's work of similar date. We also contributed to commissions of work by Joy Gregory whose first textile work, *The Sweetest Thing*, celebrated the *In Plain Sight* exhibition and by Amy Shelton, who's *Biophilia: An Exeter Florilegium* was made for the exhibition of the same name.

Richard Pocock April 29th 2023

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

	Friends of RAMM 2023		F.E.M.A.G 2022	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Subscriptions				
Annual	4,180		4,476	
Life	<u>200</u>	4,380	<u>500</u>	4,976
Gift Aid		810		2,253
Events:				
Zoom	-		3,552	
Other	<u>4,337</u>	4,337	<u>-</u>	3,552
London trip March		-		2,650
Donations - unrestricted		681		514
Royalties - J Trusted Legacy		229		156
Other legacies:				
Unrestricted	-		7,732	
Restricted	<u>-</u>	-	<u>1,030</u>	8,762
Interest on deposit		1,722		37
Total Income		<u>12,159</u>		<u>22,900</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Cost of Activities:				
Events	753		400	
London trip	<u>1,161</u>	1,914	<u>556</u>	956
Printing, postage and stationery		464		230
Insurances		416		416
Gifts		<u>52</u>		<u>70</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>2,846</u>		<u>1,672</u>
Net Income before Grants		9,313		21,228
Grants made* unrestricted	8,380		18,794	
restricted	<u>-</u>	8,380	<u>1,030</u>	19,824
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		<u>933</u>		<u>1,404</u>
*Total grants made towards:		£		£
Acquisition: 'The Sweetest Thing' by Joy Gregory		3,000		-
Acquisition: 'Exeter Cathedral' early 19th century watercolour		380		-
Project: Gatekeepers to Heaven		5,000		-
Acquisition: Girtin water colour				3,518
Project: Museum at Large				8,750
Acquisition: Bampfylde Stained Glass 1590-1600				526
Acquisition: Biophilia				6,000
Tiles - Bequest of Cynthia A Cramp				<u>1,030</u>
		<u>8,380</u>		<u>19,824</u>

The figures for 2022 are in respect of the previous charity, Friends of Exeter Museums and Art Gallery Trust, registered charity No. 306649, and are shown for comparative purposes only.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2023

	31.03.2023
CURRENT ASSETS	£
Bank Current account	3,493
COIF Deposit account	109,500
Total net assets	<u>112,993</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY	
Funds brought Forward	-
Net surplus for the year	933
Transferred from Friends of Exeter Museums and Art Gallery Trust (see note)	112,060
Total Funds	<u>112,993</u>
ANALYSIS OF FUNDS	
Unrestricted	112,843
Restricted	150
	<u>112,993</u>

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John Hughes FCA