

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.

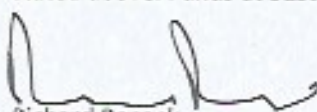
We had what we hope will be an annual event, namely a lecture from Exeter University History Department on "Beasts, Botanicals and the British Empire" which filled Gallery 20. We are grateful to Lizzie Nelson for setting this up. The annual Christmas event was well attended with an excellent talk from 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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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>

Note: This Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), named Friends of The Royal Albert Memorial Museum and Art Gallery, abbreviated to Friends of RAMM, was incorporated on 3rd December 2021 and commenced its activities on 1st April 2022. This Charity's activities were transferred from the Charity, Friends of Exeter Museums and Art Gallery Trust that ceased all its operations on 31st March 2022 and transferred all its assets to this new charity, Friends of RAMM.

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:

Richard Pocock

Chairman of the Committee

Dated: 21.06.2024

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 2024

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

John Hughes FCA

J.W. Hughes

Dated:

25/05/2024