

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

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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>

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:  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

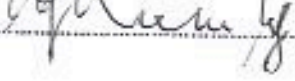
Responsibilities and basis of report

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