

THE FRIENDS OF PENLEE HOUSE GALLERY AND MUSEUM

England & Wales · Charity number 1206841

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2024-02-02

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE HISTORY AND CULTURAL HERITAGE OF WEST CORNWALL BY THE PROVISION OF SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO PENLEE HOUSE GALLERY AND MUSEUM, IN PARTICULAR BY:(A) MAKING GRANTS TO PENLEE HOUSE GALLERY AND MUSEUM TO ASSIST IN THE ACQUISITION AND CONSERVATION OF ARTISTIC WORKS AND ITEMS OF HERITAGE, EDUCATIONAL AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH EXHIBITIONS.(B) MAKING GRANTS TO ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF STAFFING AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF FACILITIES FOR THE COLLECTIONS AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, EXCLUDING THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE BUILDINGS AND FURNISHINGS.(C) ORGANISING LECTURES, TALKS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AND PUBLISHING A MAGAZINE TO EXTEND THE PUBLIC'S KNOWLEDGE AND ENGAGE THE PUBLIC IN THE COLLECTIONS.(D) MAINTAINING COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE TRUSTEES AND PENZANCE COUNCIL TO DEVELOP A SHARED UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEEDS OF THE PENLEE HOUSE GALLERY AND MUSEUM.

Activities: The Charity exists to support Penlee House Gallery and Museum. It raises funds for grants to the Gallery and Museum for the purchase of art and cultural artefacts, for education and outreach activities, and for the development of its services. It provides member services through lectures and publications associated with the field of interest of the Gallery and Museum.

Classification

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

Geography

- Cornwall

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31		£0	£0	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
John Steven Swarbrooke	Chair	2023-10-16
Ann Elizabeth Donovan		2024-05-08
Bernice Mary Daly		2026-03-25
Caroline Alice Cheyne White		2023-10-16
Jonathan Charles Trehane Symons		2023-10-16
Judith Mary Summers		2023-10-16
Peter Bryan Maynard		2023-10-16
Professor Ruth Marilyn Towse		2023-10-16
Stuart James Carter		2024-11-27
William Godwin		2025-03-26

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2 FEBURARY 2024 -31 March 2025

The Charity was registered on 2 February 2024 and is the successor Charitable Incorporated Organisation to the unincorporated Charity of the same name (Charity no 1001644).

The predecessor Charity delivered all activities up to 31 March 2025, the date of transfer of its assets to this charity. Memberships were also transferred on that date. Prior to 31 March, the work of the Trustees related to governance matters as described below.

The Trustees of both Charities held 7 joint meetings during the period covered by this report. Where decisions pertained to one of the Charities, they have been made by those who are trustees of that Charity and minuted accordingly.

Governance

A register of Trustees' interests has been established for this Charity and protocols for appointing trustees are in place. We have agreed a statement of Financial Controls and Procedures; set up a Risk Register; and updated the Data Protection Policy. We have also agreed a Bullying and Harassment Policy. Including the policies taken over from the predecessor Charity, we have policies covering all relevant recommendations of the Charity Commission. The Trustees carried out a skills audit in early 2025 and will use this to identify skills gaps and seek to recruit accordingly. We use a regularly updated action plan to coordinate work and keep progress on our priorities in mind.

Preparation for the 2025/6 Accounting Year

During this period, the Trustees agreed the Charity's budget and financial statement for the 2025/6 accounting year. They agreed on developments in the activities of the Charity which will be reported fully at the end of the next accounting year (31 March 2025). These include the introduction of a 'Benefactors' scheme and a campaign to increase legacy-giving. The Trustees will continue the portfolio of activities of the predecessor Charity. The Trustees will continue their relationship with Penzance Council through the Penlee House Partnership.

We wish to thank the Town Council and staff at Penlee House for their support: Anna Renton, Director; Verity Anthony, Director – maternity cover; Katie Herbert,

Curator/Deputy Director; Sandra Paternotte, Administrator; and Maisy-Sky Lumbers, Marketing Assistant; James Hardy, Penzance Town Clerk. We thank our President and Vice-Presidents for their continuing support.

Officers, and Trustees 2 February – 31 March 2025

President: Dr Kurt Jackson

Vice-Presidents: Lawrence Hendra; Petroc Trelawney

Trustees

John Swarbrooke, Chair; Jon Symons, Vice Chair; Ruth Towse, Vice-Chair; Peter Maynard, Hon Treasurer; Judith Summers, Hon Secretary; Stuart Carter; William Godwin (from 26 March 2025); Ann Morris; Caroline White.

Approved by the Board of Trustees 26 November 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

inactive in this financial period. All funds were held by the predecessor charity, transfer of assets occurring on 31 March 2025

The Friends of Penlee House Gallery and Museum

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 02/02/2024	To	Period end date 31/03/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	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					
No receipts	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
No transactions	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments					
No payments	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
No purchases	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	-	-	-	-	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	None		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval