

FRIENDS OF THE LEEDS CITY MUSEUMS

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2026

Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Commission Register No. 501376

Address of Charity C/o Abbey House Museum
Abbey Walk
Leeds
LS5 3EH

Trustees

Officers

Chairman	Mr John Luxton
Vice Chairman	
Hon. Secretary	Mrs Elizabeth Nash
Hon. Treasurer	Mr Douglas Robinson

Executive Committee Members

Mr Arthur Duce	Miss Elaine Sykes-Austin
Mr John Harris	Miss Patricia Sykes- Austin
Mr Brian Selby	Mrs Ann Castle
Mrs Ann Lightman	Mrs Elizabeth Minkin

Vice Presidents

Mrs Mary Herbert	Alderman Donald Townsley
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Structure Governance and Management

Governing document of the charity is a Constitution and Rules adopted on 14th July 1971 as amended. Trustees are appointed under this document.

Objectives and Activities

Objects of the charity is the advancement of education in assisting Leeds City Museums and associated funds to acquire and help in buying and repairing items for their collections. This is considered to be of public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

The Charity has again assisted Leeds City Museums and associated funds in acquiring and repairing objects for display in their premises and assisting with exhibitions.

Financial Review

Grants of £22,476 were made in the year as against last year's total of £14,870. The amount from Subscriptions was down at £9,663 from £9,688 even though there was an increase in the number of members .

The membership at the year end is 509 (2025 493)

There were seven visits in the year which was the same as last year but the surplus was up from £3,492 to £6,253 due to the Norfolk long weekend.

The trustees are of the opinion that there are sufficient resources to finance further acquisitions on behalf of the Leeds City Museums in view of the funds held.

The trustees have considered all the major risks involved in carrying out their duties.

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for the following duties:

- To prepare financial statements which show a true and fair view
- To make judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable
- To apply the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to do so
- To keep proper accounting records
- To safeguard the assets of the charity and take reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities

Reappointment of Independent Examiner

Mr Nigel Wainman has agreed to be reappointed as Independent Examiner.

Signature and Declaration

I declare, in my capacity of charity trustee, that:

- the trustees have approved the report above; and
- have authorised me to sign it on their behalf

John Luxton

Chairman

4th March 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF FRIENDS

OF THE LEEDS CITY MUSEUMS

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 28th February 2026, which are set out on pages 3 to 4.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the Accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Mr Nigel Wainman FCA

Address: Ashbridge, Crabtree Green, Collingham, Wetherby, LS22 5AB

Date: 9th April 2026

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2026

		£		£
		<u>2026</u>		<u>2025</u>
INCOME				
Subscriptions Received		9,663		9,688
Bank and Building Society Interest		1,258		1,259
Gift Aid		1,842		2,304
Donations		142		329
		<u>12,905</u>		<u>13,580</u>
Visits and Tours				
Amounts received	33,212		12,150	
Less Expenditure	26,959	<u>6,253</u>	8,658	<u>3,492</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>£19,158</u>		<u>£17,072</u>
Less EXPENDITURE				
A G M expenses		101		93
Postages		298		375
Printing of Membership Cards		92		92
Stationery & Sundries		133		195
Hosting & Website		180		180
Printing of Application Forms		166		0
		<u>970</u>		<u>935</u>
GRANTS		<u>22,476</u>		<u>14,870</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>£23,446</u>		<u>£15,805</u>
Excess of Expenditure over Income		-£4,288		£1,304

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BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2026

	£ <u>2026</u>	£ <u>2025</u>
GENERAL FUND		
Balance as at 1st March 2025	40,575	39,271
Excess of Expenditure over Income	-4,288	1,304
	<u>36,287</u>	<u>40,575</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS	 <u>£36,287</u>	 <u>£40,575</u>
 REPRESENTED BY		
 CASH AT BANK AND BUILDING SOCIETY		
Skipton Building Society	39,811	34,096
Barclays Bank - Deposit Account	4,262	7,418
- Maintenance Account	365	337
- Trips & Tours Account	136	22
	<u>44,574</u>	<u>41,873</u>
 PREPAYMENTS AND DEBTORS	 <u>1,905</u>	 <u>3,753</u>
 GRANTS AGREED ,MEMBERSHIP FEES AND TRIPS PAID IN ADVANCE	 <u>-10,192</u>	 <u>-5,051</u>
 CURRENT NET ASSETS	 <u>£36,287</u>	 <u>£40,575</u>