

Trustees Report March 2025 Friends of the Laing Art Gallery

The legacy of a large collection of Davidson Cloud glass which we received in 2024 has now been sold by our local auctioneers.

Our continuing program of talks, day trips and short breaks meant we were able to give a grant of £20,000 to the Laing Art Gallery toward the very successful exhibition "Turner: Art, Industry and Nostalgia" which was staged by the Laing Art Gallery as a result of the National Gallery loaning the Laing "The Fighting Temeraire" as part of its 200th birthday celebrations. This grant was agreed in 2023/24, and should have appeared in that year's accounts, but was requested after the end of our financial year.

Unfortunately, in agreement with the gallery, our contribution in 2024/25 and going forward is/will be £10,000. This will be kept under annual review and any future legacies in particular could lead to an increase in the donation to the Gallery.

Our loyal core of members provides us with the encouragement to continue to support the gallery we love. We are incredibly grateful to our small team of volunteers, without whom we would not be able to provide our membership with the events mentioned above, along with a quarterly magazine providing information about the gallery and the events which we hold. In addition to the services the volunteers provide to our membership, they offer a weekly talk on "The Picture of the Month" to the wider public, and a Welcome Desk to help visitors, both old and new with any questions they might have about the gallery.

Friends of the Laing Art Gallery Treasurers report

1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Transactions Bank of Scotland

RECEIPTS	IN	PAYMENTS	OUT
Subscriptions:	£12,231.00	Office:	£597.07
		BAFM insurance & subs	£443
Donations	£429.18	NFU insurance	£207.20
		Membership cards	£192.00
Closure of Barclays account		Printed Stationery & postage	£2,367.14
	9.32	Newsletters (4)	£3,504.00
Gift Aid reclaim in progress 2023-4 & 2024-5			
Events	£12,802.95	Events	£7,278.09
Transfers fr CIOF [CCLA]	£20,000.00	Donations to Laing A.G.	£30,000.00
Skipton B.Soc	£10,000.00	BoS transfer into Skipton B.Soc	£10,000.00
Total above transactions IN	£55,472.45	Total above transactions OUT	£54,588.50
Bank of Scotland balance 31.3.24	£9,585.70	Bank of Scotland balance 31.3.25	£10,469.65
Total IN	£65,058.15	Total OUT	£65,058.15

Events surplus reported - comprising 4 trips, 6 talks and Xmas meal:
including payment of £220 from March trip 2024 paid in April 2024 **£3,997.52**

Assets	31.3.25	Investment / savings	
Bank of Scotland	£10,469.65	Charities Investment Fund	£14,112.99
Office petty cash	£242.70	Redwood Bank	£23,124.48
		Skipton Building Society	£11,240.24
Total:	£10,712.35	Total:	£48,477.71
		Total Assets 31.3.25:	£59,190.06

16/04/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

FRIENDS OF THE LAING ART GALLERY

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

528070

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

2/June/2025

Name:

KEITH IAN GILFILLAN JP.

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

JURIST OF THE PEERLE. RETAIL MANAGER.

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