

Registered Charity Number: 1107149

# **The Friends of the RWA**

**Trustees Report and Accounts  
Year ended 31 December 2022**

**Royal West of England Academy  
Queen's Road, BRISTOL BS8 1PX**

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**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

The Friends exist to support the RWA by providing finance, and to arrange lectures and cultural visits. With origins in the Subscribing Members at the Academy's foundation in 1844, they became an independent unincorporated charitable association governed by a constitution adopted in February 1999, modified on 1 November 2004 (prior to registration as a charity), and again on 20 November 2020.

The Friends' affairs are run by a committee of Trustees, elected annually by the membership. The Trustees acting during 2022 were:

Jane Boot (appointed April 2015)	Anne Christine Jewell (appointed March 2018)	Philippa Jane Shelton (appointed May 2018, resigned October 2022)
Andrew Nixon (appointed July 2018)	Sharne Tasney (appointed February 2019, resigned January 2022)	Laurel Smart (appointed April 2019)
Patricia Triggs (appointed December 2020)	Barbara Henderson (appointed December 2020, resigned October 2022)	Sue Quirk (appointed February 2021)
Gordon Lewis (appointed June 2021)	Stephen Noreiko (appointed October 2021)	

No Trustee has received any remuneration or other benefits, nor any Trustee's expenses.

The Charity's bankers are: HSBC, 149 Whiteladies Road, BRISTOL BS8 2RR

The Accounts show total net receipts of £33,719 and total payments of £35,894, including donations to the RWA of £32,000. Receipts have increased substantially, largely due to growth in membership, running costs are down significantly, and we have massively increased our donations to the RWA. A notable event this year was the return, after a three-year hiatus, of the Friends' Exhibition, which was held at the Create Centre. It was a social, artistic, and financial success, to be repeated in 2023. The full and varied calendar of Trips and Visits, including a residential trip to Norwich, as well as day trips to Cardiff, Hereford, and London, as well as a Stanley Spencer-themed day out, is a significant part of the Friends' activity, expanding appreciation of our artistic heritage as well as attracting new members and bringing in funds.



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Signed on behalf of the Trustees, Mr Andrew Nixon, Chair

FRIENDS OF THE ROYAL WEST OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds 2021
<b><i>Receipts</i></b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Subscriptions & Donations	29,565	19,478
Gift Aid return	0	7,985
Net Contribution from Trips & Visits	2,365	2,185
Net Contribution from Exhibitions	1789*	0
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<b>TOTAL NET RECEIPTS</b>	<b>33,719</b>	<b>29,648</b>
 <b><i>Payments</i></b>	 <b>£</b>	 <b>£</b>
Administrative Support	(954)	(5,641)
Printing, postage, publicity	(2,497)	(1,923)
Insurance including BAFM Membership	(443)	(417)
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<b>RUNNING COST OF FRWA</b>	<b>(3,894)</b>	<b>(7,981)</b>
<b><i>Net Running Surplus</i></b>	<b>29,825</b>	<b>21,667</b>
<b><i>Donations to RWA</i></b>	<b>(32,000)</b>	<b>(18,325)</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>(35,894)</b>	<b>(26,306)</b>
<b><u>NET RECEIPTS (PAYMENTS)</u></b>	<b><u>(2,175)</u></b>	<b><u>3,342</u></b>
 <b>Total Funds at start of year</b>	 <b>6,024</b>	 <b>2,682</b>
<b>Total Funds at end of year</b>	<b>3,849</b>	<b>6,024</b>

\* Against this total should be set the cost of venue hire, £1056, paid on 1 February 2023. The final net return would thus be £733.

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**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds 2021
	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</b>		
Cash at bank	3,849	6,024
Unpresented Cheques	0	0
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<b><u>Total Net Assets</u></b>	<b><u>3,849</u></b>	<b><u>6,024</u></b>
<b><u>Funds Balance</u></b>	<b><u>3,849</u></b>	<b><u>6,024</u></b>

These accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis for presentation and approval at the AGM to be held on Wednesday 22 November 2023 at 6.30 p.m.



Mr Andrew Nixon  
Chair



Stephen F. Noreiko  
Treasurer

## THE FRIENDS OF THE RWA

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FRIENDS OF THE RWA

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 set out on pages 3 and 4.

#### ***Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner***

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under charity law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 the 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 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 Charities Act 2011; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Section 132 of the charities Act 2011 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities 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.

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