Registered Charity Number 510659

# ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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# TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their Annual Report together with the Accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document and the Charities Act 2011.

# REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Charity Name: The Friends of York Art Gallery

Registered Number: 510659

Principal Address: York Art Gallery, Exhibition Square, York, YO1 7EW

President Mr. Peter Miller

Life Vice Presidents Mr. David Alexander

Sir James Graham Bt. Mrs. Malise Forbes Adam

# **TRUSTEES**

The Trustees of the Charity who acted during the year to 31 December were:

Prof. Charles Martindale\* (Chair)

Mrs. Azizah Clayton\* Mr. Benjamin Hilliam\*

Mrs. Susan Smallpage (Membership Secretary)

Dr. Ronald Clayton\* Mrs. Moira Fulton\* Mrs. Anne McLean\*

Mr. Paul McLean (Treasurer)

Mrs. Margaret May\* Retired 23/3/24.

Prof. Jeanne Nuechterlein\*

Prof. James Sharpe\* Died 13/2/24.

Prof John Roe\* (Secretary)

Mrs. Helena Cox Mr. David Lamb\*

Mr. Nicholas Dunn-Mcafee Coopted 28/9/24

# \* Elected Member of the Committee

The Trustees comprise the Elected Members of the Committee, Secretary, Membership Secretary and the Treasurer. The Trustees are elected by the members of the Friends of York Art Gallery at the Annual General Meeting of the Charity. The President, the Life Vice-Presidents and the Senior Curator of York Art Gallery may attend meetings of the Committee but may not vote.

# **OFFICERS**

The principal officers of the Charity during the year to 31 December 2024 were:

Treasurer: Mr. Paul McLean Secretary: Mr. John Roe

Membership Secretary: Mrs. Susan Smallpage

# PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

Independent Examiner: S B Wearing FCA, DChA

HPH, Chartered Accountants, 54, Bootham, York, YO30 7XZ

Principal Bankers: HSBC, 13 Parliament St, York, YO1 8XS

# TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

# STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

# **GOVERNING DOCUMENT**

The governing document of the Friends of York Art Gallery (the "Society") is its Constitution adopted on 23 March 1979 and amended on 28 February 1992, 24 March 1995, May 1998, 27 March 2008, 15 March 2012, 24 March 2017 and 27 March 2021.

#### **TRUSTEES**

The Trustees, who form the Committee, are drawn from the membership of the Society and are appointed at the Annual General Meeting. The normal term of office for members of the Committee is three years; retiring members may be re-elected up to a maximum of 12 years.

The major business and decisions of the Society are conducted at meetings normally held four times a year at which all Trustees have a vote (Chair only has a casting vote).

# **MEMBERSHIP**

Individuals and organizations can become members ("Friends") of the Society on payment of a subscription. Every Friend is entitled to nominate any member for a position on the Committee; all nominations should reach the Secretary at least seven clear days before an Annual General Meeting.

#### RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Society is exposed, in particular those relating to its operations and finances, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to the major risks.

# **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

# **OBJECTS**

The objects of the Society are to link together all friends of the York Art Gallery and establish a circle of supporters who will aid in the further development of the York Art Gallery Collection by subscription, gifts, bequests or donations and to sponsor activities in furtherance of the appreciation of the fine arts in York and the surrounding area.

York Art Gallery normally makes a charge for admission to the general public; in recognition of the Friends' contribution to the success of the Gallery individual Friends are admitted at the lowest charge offered to anyone else. The Trustees believe they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when undertaking their review and planning future activities.

# **ACTIVITIES**

The main activities during the year continued to be the raising of funds from members and proceeds from organized events.

# **GRANT MAKING POLICY**

The Trustees receive requests from York Art Gallery and others for funding assistance for the purchase, conservation and housing of artworks, as well as to sponsor activities in furtherance of the appreciation of the fine arts in York and the surrounding area. Funding requests are judged on their merits, with any grant applications approved by a vote of the Trustees

# TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

# **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

During the year the Society gave grants to York Art Gallery and The University of York details of which are shown on page 8, note 4.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

# REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Grants to the Gallery and others during 2024 amounted to £45,720 (2023 - £5,135) details of which are shown on page 8 at note 4. The Friends had been able to make these grants from subscriptions, proceeds from events, tax refunds under Gift Aid together with interest received and from donations and bequests, including those received in earlier years.

The Friends hold funds representing past bequests which it actively seeks to spend in line with its Constitution and within the restrictions attached to bequests.

# **RESERVES**

The Trustees have examined the requirement for free reserves, which are those unrestricted funds not invested in fixed assets, designated for specific purposes, or otherwise committed. The Trustees believe the Society should retain minimum reserves equal to one year's subscription income (approximately £15,000) and the grant making capability of the Society should be maintained from current receipts and the use of additional reserves and Restricted Funds as opportunity arises. The free reserves at 31 December 2024 totaled £81,426 (2023 - £96,461).

# INVESTMENT POLICY

The Trustees have approved the investment of an amount equal to half the Collection Fund in Equity income funds. During the year no further amount was invested into such funds. They consider that the remainder of the Society's reserves should be held in bank and building society accounts generating interest to be applied by the Society in furtherance of its objects.

Approved on behalf of the Trustees

Prof. Charles Martindale Chair

Charles Martindale

30 January 2025

Paul Mclean

Mr Paul McLean Treasurer 30 January 2025

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FRIENDS OF YORK ART GALLERY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Friends of York Art Gallery (the "Society") for the year ended 31 December 2024.

This report is made solely to the Society's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. My independent examiner's work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Society's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Society, the Society's members as a body and the Society's trustees as a body for my independent examiner's work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

# Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Society 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 Society'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 Society as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records.
- 3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Sarah Wearing

Sarah Wearing FCA, DChA HPH Chartered Accountants 54 Bootham York YO30 7XZ

30 January 2025

# RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year ended 31 December 2024 £	Year ended 31 December 2023 £
Receipts						
_	sources from generated funds					
	Voluntary income					
	Subscriptions		15,237	3,750	18,987	14,363
	Donations and rebates Gift Aid		1,157 2,993	370 822	1,527 3,815	395 3,360
	r generating funds:		2,993	022	3,013	3,360
	Fundraising		15,751	_	15,751	20,802
	Investment income	2	3,840	1,791	5,631	2,556
	Other receipts	3	133	-	133	150
	·					
Total receip	ots		39,111	6,733	45,844	41,626
Payments						
Costs of ger	nerating funds:					
	Other expenses		7,909	-	7,909	11,441
Charitable a						
	Grants	4	45,720	-	45,720	5,135
Governance	costs		6,320	-	6,320	5,016
			59,949		59,949	21,592
Investment	purchases			746	746	
Total paym	ents		59,949	746	60,695	21,592
Net (payme	ents)/receipts before transfers		(20,838)	5,987	(14,851)	20,034
Transfers b	etween funds					
Net receipt	s/(payments) after transfers		(20,838)	5,987	(14,851)	20,034
Cash funds 1 January 2	brought forward at 024		170,739	35,416	206,155	186,121
Cash funds 31 December	carried forward at er 2024	7 & 8	£ 149,901	£ 41,403	£ 191,304	£ 206,155

All operations are continuing.

The notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £		Funds Funds		Year ended 31 December 2024 £		Year ended 31 December 2023 £		
ASSETS			~				_			
Investment assets										
Quoted securities (at market value)	5				20,834		20,834		20,212	
Cash at bank and in hand	6									
Undesignated Designated Restricted	7 7 8	81,426 68,475 - £ 149,901		£	41,403	81,426 68,475 41,403 £ 191,304		96,461 74,278 35,416 £ 206,155		
Other assets										
Gift aid for 2024 owing 2025 event costs			16 323		-		16 323		16 410	
		£	339	£	-	£	339	£	426	
LIABILITIES										
Fee for Independent Examination Subscriptions paid in advance Sponsorship due 2025 event income Donation for 2025 paid in advance Unpaid expenses			480 30 - 925 - 141		- - - - 35		480 30 - 925 35 141		480 30 4,500 940 35 115	
		£	1,576	£	35	£	1,611	£	6,100	

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Approved by the Trustees on 30 January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Charles Martindale
Prof. Charles Martindale
Chair

faul Mulcan Mr. Paul McLean Treasurer

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

# 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

# a) Basis of Preparation

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payment basis.

# b) Receipts

Receipts from generated funds

Subscriptions, donations and legacies

All income from subscriptions, donations and legacies is accounted for on the receipts basis. This policy is applied to legacy income.

# Activities for generating funds

# Fundraising

This represents gross income from events and from sales of merchandise in the year.

#### Investment income

Investment income from bank interest is accounted for on the receipts basis.

# c) Payments

Costs of generating funds

Costs of generating voluntary income

The heading comprises direct costs of participating in events, all publicity costs and support costs.

#### Charitable activities

#### Grants

Grants are charged to the Receipts and Payments Account when paid. Additional monies allocated for grants in the year are transferred to a designated unrestricted fund. These costs include the costs incurred in managing the grants system.

# Governance costs

These are the costs associated directly with the management by the Trustees of the Society's activities, including postage, stationery, printing, insurance and other general administration costs.

#### d) Assets

# Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing less than £500 per item are written off against income as they are purchased. Other assets are capitalised as fixed assets and depreciated over 4 years on a straight line basis.

# e) Designated funds

Where the Society has agreed to pay a grant at a future date the amount is transferred to an unrestricted designated reserve. This ensures the Society is aware of its free reserves.

# f) Restricted funds

Restricted funds are funds that can only be used for a specific purpose within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2024	2023
£	£
4,924	1,319
707	1,237
£ 5,631	£ 2,556
	£ 4,924 707

Included in investment income is £1,791 (2023: £1,344) relating to Restricted Funds.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

			2024 £	2023 £
3. OTHER RECEIPTS				
Included under the above heading are the following items:				
Book Sales Miscellaneous income			133 -	- 150
			£ 133	£ 150
Included in other receipts is £nil (2023: £nil) relating to Restr	icted Funds.			
4. GRANTS	Unrestricted 2024	Restricted 2024	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Grants paid during the year were:-				
Grants to York Museums & Gallery Trust: YORAG Lighting for the Burton Gallery YORAG: Conservstion and framing Balthasar painting YORAG General Grant	30,000 2,720 8,500	- - -	30,000 2,720 8,500	5,135 -
	41,220	-	41,220	5,135
University of York MA in History of Art scholarship	4,500		4,500	
	£ 45,720	£ -	£ 45,720	£ 5,135
5. INVESTMENTS				
	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Quoted Investments Market value at 31 December 2024	£ -	£ 20,834	£ 20,834	£ 20,212
Historical cost at 31 December 2024	£ -	£ 18,500	£ 18,500	£ 18,000

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

# 6. BANK BALANCES

			Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
HSBC Community Account			149		- 149	264
NatWest Community Account	+ 1		149	64		752
NatWest Community Account			6,018	04	- 6,018	6,439
NatWest 35 day Account	. 2		10,148		- 10,148	-
Barclays Community Accoun	t		1,910		- 1,910	4,051
Manchester Building Society		cess	1,510		1,510	4,001
Business Saver Account			35,151	11,11	1 46,262	53,147
	Shawbrook Bank 100-day notice account			,	- 13,623	13,543
Hampshire Trust Bank - *****			13,623 -			31,422
Hampshire Trust Bank - *****			31,502		- 31,502	- ,
Hampshire Trust Bank - *****			-			23,682
Hampshire Trust Bank - *****	662		19,850		- 19,850	19,057
United Trust Bank 1 year bor			<del>_</del>			30,245
United Trust Bank 1 year bor	nd -579		31,550	0.00	- 31,550	-
CCLA COIF Deposit Fund	.d 200		-	8,02 8,01		6,220 5,058
United Trust Bank 1 year bor United Trust Bank 1 year bor			-	6,36		6,102
	United Trust Bank 1 year bond -172 United Trust Bank 1 year bond -335		-	6,48		6,175
COIF deposit fund			-	76		-
			£ 149,901	£ 41,40	3 £ 191,304	£ 206,156
7. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	_				_ ,	
		alance at	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at
	1 .	Jan 2024	in Year	in Year	in Year	31 Dec 2024
<u>Undesignated Funds</u>		96,461	39,111	(54,14	6) -	81,426
Designated Funds						
The Trustees have designate	ed funds t	o make the fo	llowing Grants	to York Art Gall	ery during later years	:
Barbara Bourne Fund		5,803	-	(5,80	3) -	-
Malden-Owen Bequest		62,568	-	, .	· -	62,568
Collection Fund		5,907			<u>-</u>	5,907
	£	170,739	£ 39,111	£ (59,94	9) £ -	£ 149,901

Barbara Bourne Funds: in 2012 the Charity received a legacy under the Will of Mrs Barbara Bourne to be applied towards the general purposes of the Friends.

Malden-Owen Bequest: in 2017 the Charity received this bequest to be applied towards the general purposes of the Friends.

Collection Fund: during 2016 the Charity established a fund financed primarily by monthly standing orders from Members.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 8. RESTRICTED FUNDS

		ance at an 2024		eceipts Year	Payments in Year			nsfers Year		lance at Dec 2024
Dr D. M. Bearpark Fund Collection Fund Gallery Fund		16,876 18,540 -		5,766 967	74	16 -		- - -		16,876 23,560 967
	£	35,416	£	6,733	£74	16	£		£	41,403

Dr D. M. Bearpark Fund: During the year ended 31 December 2008 the Charity was bequeathed £178,643 by the late Dr Denis Michael Bearpark. In his will Dr Bearpark wished that the money be used by The Friends of York Art Gallery "to assist in the purchase of works of art to add to the permanent collection of York Art Gallery and I express the wish that decisions as to which purchases shall be assisted shall be made by the Committee of the Friends of York Art Gallery and shall include works considered to be executed about one hundred years prior to the date of purchase".

Collection Fund: during 2016 the Charity established a fund financed primarily by monthly standing orders from Members. During 2024 the Gallery Fund was introduced to allow members to make additional standing order payments to support the gallery.

Gallery Fund: Funds to be used for wider purposes of the Charity to include conservation of the Collection, improvements to and maintenance of the Gallery building, and support of the continuation of the running of the Gallery.

#### 9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

During the year, none of the Trustees received any remuneration or benefits by virtue of being a Trustee of the Charitv.

# 10. INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION FEE

The Charity's independent examiner's fee for the work undertaken is reduced by 50%. The estimated benefit to the charity of this reduction for the year is £480.