

THE FRIENDS OF YORK ART GALLERY

Registered Charity Number 510659

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their Annual Report together with the Accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. 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.

TRUSTEES

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

Prof. Charles Martindale*	
Mrs. Azizah Clayton*	
Mr. Benjamin Hilliam*	Retired 30/9/2025
Mrs. Susan Smallpage (Membership Secretary)	
Dr. Ronald Clayton	Lapsed 22/3/2025, Co-opted 5/7/2025
Mrs. Moira Fulton*	
Mrs. Anne McLean*	
Mr. Paul McLean (Treasurer)	
Prof. Jeanne Nuechterlein*	Retired 22/3/2025
Prof John Roe* (Secretary)	Retired 22/03/2025
Mrs Cynthia Barbor*(Secretary)	Appointed 22/3/2025
Mrs. Helena Cox	Lapsed 22/3/2025, Co-opted 5/7/2025 Resigned 11/10/2025
Mr. David Lamb*	
Mr Nicholas Dunn McAfee	Lapsed 22/3/2025, Co-opted 5/7/2025
Dr Amanda Hilliam*	Appointed 22/3/2025
Dr Jessica Richardson*	Appointed 22/3/2025

* Elected Member of the Committee

The Trustees comprise the Elected Members of the Committee, Chair, 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 Curator of Art may attend meetings of the Committee but may not vote.

OFFICERS

The principal officers of the Charity during the year 31 December 2025 were:

Chair Prof Charles Martindale
Treasurer: Mr. Paul McLean
Secretary: Mr. John Roe / Mrs Cynthia Barbor
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

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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, 27 March 2021 and 22nd March 2025.

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 of works of art and their conservation and housing 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 grants made approved by a vote of the Trustees.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

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

FINANCIAL REVIEW

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Grants to the Gallery and others during 2025 amounted to £14,446 (2024 - £45,720) 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 on 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 £25,000) 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 2025 totaled £107,442 (2024 - £81,426).

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

Charles Martindale

Prof. Charles Martindale
Chair
8 March 2026

P McLean

Mr Paul McLean
Treasurer
8 March 2026

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 2025.

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
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8 March 2026

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year ended 31 December 2025 £	Year ended 31 December 2024 £
Receipts					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>					
Voluntary income					
Subscriptions		21,346	3,621	24,967	18,987
Donations and rebates		511	-	511	1,527
Legacies		1,062	-	1,062	-
Gift Aid		4,325	989	5,314	3,815
<i>Activities for generating funds:</i>					
Fundraising		34,913	-	34,913	15,751
Investment income	2	5,818	2,297	8,115	5,631
Other receipts	3	-	-	-	133
Total receipts		67,975	6,907	74,882	45,844
Payments					
<i>Costs of generating funds:</i>					
Other expenses		19,757	-	19,757	7,909
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Grants	4	14,446	-	14,446	45,720
<i>Governance costs</i>					
		7,562	-	7,562	6,320
		41,765	-	41,765	59,949
Investment purchases		-	285	285	746
Total payments		41,765	285	42,050	60,695
Net receipts/(payments) before transfers		26,210	6,622	32,832	(14,851)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net receipts/(payments) after transfers		26,210	6,622	32,832	(14,851)
Cash funds brought forward at 1 January 2025		149,901	41,403	191,304	206,155
Cash funds carried forward at 31 December 2025	7 & 8	£176,111	£ 48,025	£ 224,136	£ 191,304

All operations are continuing.

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

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year ended 31 December 2025 £	Year ended 31 December 2024 £
ASSETS					
Investment assets					
Quoted securities (at market value)	5	-	20,256	20,256	20,834
Cash at bank and in hand	6				
Undesignated	7	107,443	-	107,443	81,426
Designated	7	68,668	-	68,668	68,475
Restricted	8	-	48,025	48,025	41,403
		<u>£ 176,111</u>	<u>£ 48,025</u>	<u>£ 224,136</u>	<u>£ 191,304</u>
OTHER ASSETS					
Gift aid for 2024 owing		-	-	-	16
2025 event costs		-	-	-	323
		<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 339</u>
LIABILITIES					
Fee for Independent Examination		600	-	600	480
Subscriptions paid in advance		-	-	-	30
2026 event income		1,035	-	1,035	925
Donation for 2026 paid in advance		-	35	35	35
Unpaid expenses		-	-	-	141
		<u>£ 1,635</u>	<u>£ 35</u>	<u>£ 1,670</u>	<u>£ 1,611</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 8 March 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Charles Martindale

Prof. Charles Martindale
Chair

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Mr. Paul McLean
Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
2. INVESTMENT INCOME		
Bank interest received	7,354	4,924
Quoted investment income	761	707
	£ 8,115	£ 5,631

Included in investment income is £2,297 (2024: £1,791) relating to Restricted Funds.

	2025 £	2024 £
3. OTHER RECEIPTS		
Included under the above heading are the following items:		
Book Sales	-	133
	£ -	£ 133

Included in other receipts is £nil (2024: £nil) relating to Restricted Funds.

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
4. GRANTS				
Grants paid during the year were:-				
Grants to York Museums & Gallery Trust:				
Conservation of the Art Gallery's painting by Mary Ellen Best: A Woman Paring Apples	975	-	975	-
General grant to the gallery	10,000	-	10,000	-
Anina Major's ceramic sculpture 'Kindred' 2023	2,930	-	2,930	-
Chikanobu Yoshu's 1896 print Evacuation, Chiyoda Palace, Meiji.	541	-	541	-
YORAG Lighting for the Burton Gallery	-	-	-	30,000
YORAG :Conservstion and framing Balthasar painting	-	-	-	2,720
YORAG General Grant	-	-	-	8,500
	14,446	-	14,446	41,220
University of York MA in history of art scholarship	-	-	-	4,500
	£ 14,446	£ -	£14,446	£ 45,720

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5. INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Quoted Investments				
Market value at 31 December 2025	£ -	£ 20,256	£ 20,256	£ 20,834
Historical cost at 31 December 2025	£ -	£ 19,433	£ 19,433	£ 18,500

6. BANK BALANCES

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
HSBC Community Account	128	-	128	149
NatWest Community Account 1	-	302	302	643
NatWest Community Account 2	15,618	-	15,618	6,018
NatWest 35 day Account	24,564	-	24,564	10,148
Barclays Community Account	12,369	-	12,369	1,910
Manchester Building Society Easy Access	36,734	11,110	47,844	46,262
Shawbrook Bank 100-day notice account	-	-	-	13,623
Hampshire Trust Bank - *****179	32,792	-	32,792	31,502
Hampshire Trust Bank - *****662	20,753	-	20,753	19,850
United Trust Bank 1 year bond -579	33,153	-	33,153	31,550
CCLA COIF Deposit Fund	-	12,645	12,645	8,022
United Trust Bank 1 year bond -200	-	8,410	8,410	8,015
United Trust Bank 1 year bond -172	-	6,680	6,680	6,364
United Trust Bank 1 year bond -335	-	6,808	6,808	6,486
COIF deposit fund	-	2,070	2,070	762
	£ 176,111	£ 48,025	£ 224,136	£ 191,304

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7. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at 1 Jan 2025	Receipts in Year	Payments in Year	Transfers in Year	Balance at 31 Dec 2025
<u>Undesignated Funds</u>	81,426	67,782	(41,765)	-	107,443

Designated Funds

The Trustees have designated funds to make the following Grants to York Art Gallery during later years:

Malden-Owen Bequest	62,568	193	-	-	62,761
Collection Fund	5,907	-	-	-	5,907
	<u>£ 149,901</u>	<u>£ 67,975</u>	<u>£ (41,765)</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 176,111</u>

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.

8. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at 1 Jan 2025	Receipts in Year	Payments in Year	Transfers in Year	Balance at 31 Dec 2025
Dr D. M. Bearpark Fund	16,876	-	-	-	16,876
Collection Fund	23,560	5,651	285	-	28,926
Gallery Fund	967	1,256	-	-	2,223
	<u>£ 41,403</u>	<u>£ 6,907</u>	<u>£ 285</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 48,025</u>

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.

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

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

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 £600.