

# 2022 AGM ANNUAL REPORTS



## FRIENDS & OF KETTERING ART GALLERY MUSEUM



## **FRIENDS OF KETTERING ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023

7.00 for 7.30 p.m. AT Northampton House, Station Road, Kettering NN15 7HH  
(Chaired by Cllr Keli Watts, Mayor of Kettering)

### **AGENDA**

1. Attendance and apologies
2. Minutes of AGM held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022 (circulated)
3. Matters arising
4. Reports (oral):
  - Chair
  - Treasurer
  - Acting Membership Secretary
  - Written reports are in the Friends KAGAM Annual Report 2022/3
5. Election of Officers and Committee:  
Officers:
  - Horace Liberty to succeed Paul Johnson as President following his resignation – advised at AGM 2022
  - Chairman (David Brown) and Treasurer (Ian Luck) are willing to stand for re-election
  - Jonathan Badger is willing to fill the post of Secretary  
Committee members:
  - Elected members - Barbara Lewis, Stephanie Mercer, Ian Luck, David Brown, Roger Hatton, Jonathan Badger, Anne Lee, Maura Bright, Dez Dell, Maureen Coles, Madeleine Meninick, Janice Parker and Phil Steele are all willing to stand for re-election
  - Rachel Flynn, Alice Caswell and Marie-Emmanuelle Dagri are standing down
  - Co-opted members - Dilwyn Lloyd is proposed as a full member of the Committee. He will take over as Membership Secretary and continue to assist the Treasurer.
6. Future events and activities
7. Any other business
8. Presentation by Kerry Purnell (Assistant Director Housing & Communities) and Jack Pishhorn (Strategic Lead for Culture, Tourism & Heritage), North Northamptonshire Council

**Printed copies of the Annual Report 2022/23 will be available at the meeting.**

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FROM DAVID BROWN



### A YEAR OF CONTRASTS

This last 12 months was dominated from the start by the continuing necessity to follow guidance about COVID, but by June it became obvious that there was a lull in the activity of the virus. Suspecting that members would like the idea of getting out and about, the Friends activities over the summer months revolved around resurrecting the tours around the town and cemetery, a very successful day out to the Derby museums and Cromford Mill, and a very jolly picnic in the grounds of Boughton House.

As autumn approached we started up our programme of monthly speaker meetings. With the Gallery still out of action, we were obliged to be inventive regarding venues, but with a combination of St Andrew's church hall, Bonkers Playhouse and Zoom, we successfully presented a varied programme of speakers. We were pleased to welcome John Dilley who gave

an interesting account of the role of the local press, compared to the national press, in news reporting during WWII. John Padwick inspired us with the account the Geddington rebellion and how the principles of 'trespass' still echo in our society today. With a lack of venue, the Christmas party was dropped this year. In January, Neil Lyons talked about the role of the local stately homes during WWII, and in February Helen Frost spoke about the women's land army during WWI. In March, David Turner, who has recently joined our cemetery walks team, presented the history of garden cemeteries.

An ambitious plan of cemetery and town walks is planned for the 2023 season, with itineraries covering the Heritage quarter and a new venture covering Market Street and beyond. In the cemetery, new modules covering the monumental masonry and the garden trees will be introduced. Watch our social media listings for details! The volunteer training scheme continues but was badly disrupted by the virus.

Our pioneering QR scheme in the town has continued to make good progress, with codes for nearby buildings of interest now posted on the Wayfinder Totems in Sheep Street, Market Square, High Street, Market Street, Horsemarket, the Council offices on Bowling Green Road, and at the railway station. Soon to follow will be Meadow Road, Bakehouse Hill, Lower Street, Gold Street and Newlands Street.

We hope to mount a full day History Day in September, in the Gallery, providing that it is fully open.

The latter part of 2022 was overshadowed by the fight that the Friends mounted to stop the re-branding of the Gallery and Museum as 'Cornerstone'. Our objections were forcefully and eloquently stated, with very good press coverage, unfortunately to no avail. We will need to be extra vigilant over the next few years to make sure that our views regarding the future of the Gallery and museum are heard.



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### REPORT FROM OUR PRESIDENT - PAUL JOHNSON

"It has been an honour to be your President. Since retirement a major interest of mine has been to unearth the life of Alfred East whose daughter, Gertrude, was my father's first wife. However, living in Cardiff, at the time when Covid struck and with major works being undertaken on the AE Gallery, I have not been involved with the Friends as closely as I would have wished. It has been reassuring to know that a strong Friends Committee has continued to promote the cultural heritage of the town under the leadership of David Brown.

My successor, Horace Liberty, is an appropriate choice for the Friends' next President. His career has been in the Museum's service and he has been a leading member of the John Betjeman Society. He too has a historic connection with Alfred East - Sir Arthur Lasenby Liberty, the founder of Liberty's Regent Street Store, accompanied East to Japan in 1889 and remained his lifelong friend."



### ACTING SECRETARY BARBARA LEWIS - REPORT FOR ANNUAL AGM 2022

This year, having resigned my official position as Secretary and as at the last AGM several members volunteered to take over some of the administration. I have gradually reduced my workload, although the Smart Meter electricity issues with EDF took time. As with many of our domestic supplies it appears to be an ongoing problem which we continue to monitor carefully. When it became apparent that the AE Gallery opening was not going to happen in Spring 2022, with the help of the Tuesday group and KDAS artists, we continued to promote the community aspect of the Friends' support for the Gallery and Museum. The group met weekly in Kino Lounge or at the Green Patch and the advertising leaflet was reviewed to include other art groups which have reopened this year.

We organised workshops in ARTworks including an Exploring Printing Workshop, Exploring Pastels, Portraits and Perspective as well as a workshop with Catherine Matthews.

We have also been gifted materials which we distributed to other community groups as requested and used materials to offer more crafting activities on the children's activity table in ARTworks.

This also enable us to offer prizes for the Children's Art Competition held during the Summer holidays, the children's work was incredible and showed a great deal of talent, we were allowed to display the winning entries through the Autumn in the Newlands Centre and other paintings and drawings in Artworks community corner.

We also organised mini workshops for accompanied children (9+) during the school holidays and to coincide with Newland Centre events such as the Dinosaur Day and the Ghost Buster Day. Several artists brought out their Halloween costumes last used at the Museum Halloween events.

I would like to thank everyone who attended or who gave their time, materials and expertise to present workshops or help with the organising of the workshops, competitions and other events.

The Tuesday Group also helped to organise the Craft Weekend at ARTworks and supported the stalls at St Andrews and All Saints Christmas Fayres to publicise the Friends and ART works.

The Tuesday Group numbers have increased and we also joined KDAS artists for their sketching days as well as organising our own outings to East Carlton Park.

Encouraged by the displays in ARTworks and the enthusiasm of the volunteers, we hope this year with the re-introduction of face to face talks and more tours and the re-opening of the AE Gallery that we can encourage new members to support the Friends.

Tuesday Group and ARTworks - Open to anyone - an opportunity to meet others who share an interest in Art and Creative Activities.

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## TREASURERS REPORT 2022

### Membership

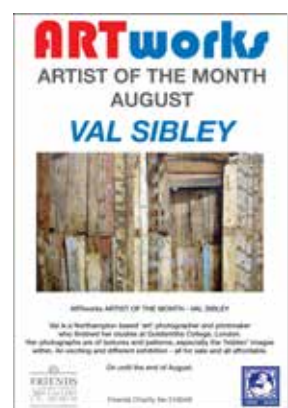
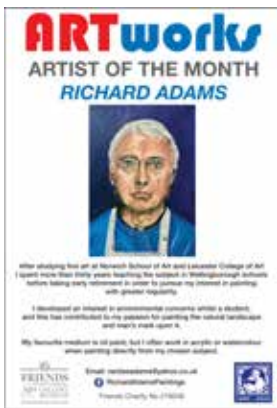
Income from membership subscriptions rose by 15% in 2022. This was also helped by Gift Aid from the HMRC which brings in, on average, £200 per year. Membership has remained stable with nearly 100 members in 2022. Due to the current cost of living crisis, it was decided to keep Single person membership at £15 and Joint membership at £25 for the coming year. Although, donations fell during 2022, our usual Monthly Talks, an expanded programme of Town and Cemetery walks and the return of the History Day in September, together with activities planned for 2023 will increase our donations and sustain our membership.

### The Gallery and Museum

The Alfred East Art Gallery remained closed during 2022, for continued renovation. Throughout the year we have tried very hard to actively engage with the North Northants Council (NNC) to keep our members informed and updated on the latest developments. During the closure, we have also sought support, from NNC, to find ways that the Friends and ARTworks can be used to help maintain and raise awareness of Kettering's heritage and culture through its activities and fund raising. Unfortunately, we have had minimal interaction and feedback from the NNC. Only through our own fund raising activities and grant support applications have we continued to fulfil our plans. During 2022, no requests were made by the Alfred East Art Gallery or Museum for funds, from our Charity

### HSHAZ

The Historic England High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ) project has funded our QR codes project. QR codes are now placed on Wayfarer totems in most of Kettering town. Additionally, we have developed our Volunteer Training Program and published booklets and maps to accompany the Town and Cemetery walks.



### ARTworks

In August 2022, operational costs for running ARTworks were rising rapidly and it was considered whether it should close. Electricity costs were £400 per month and rising to £500 per month in 2023. However, raising the sales commission from 10% to 20% and introducing a “hanging fee”, for each artist in Artworks, has helped maintain our cashflow. We must also thank the Newlands Centre management, who have always supported ARTworks. They see ARTworks as a great asset within the shopping mall. So, with the continued support of the Newlands Centre, the future of Artworks Creative Space is secure for the immediate future. Overall, 2022 has been a challenging year financially for ARTworks, but with the support of our “great” volunteers and donors and support of the Newland Centre, 2023 looks very promising.



**THE FRIENDS OF KETTERING ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

<b>ANNUAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>Year 2022</b>	<b>Year 2021</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Community Enterprises AW	6870.60	1641.65
Talks, Raffles , Refreshments	0.00	0.00
Visitors	0.00	0.00
Donations	500.71	1578.00
Events	1168.00	700.00
Sales	429.45	557.26
Subscriptions	1329.40	1145.00
Grants Consortium	7000.00	8000.00
Grants	500.00	0.00
Grant	0.00	0.00
Bank Interest	8.10	50.64
Income 2021. Banked in 2022	15.00	0.00
Income 2020. Banked in 2021	0.00	-594.50
Income 2020. Banked in 2021	0.00	-195.00
Gift Aid	399.88	144.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>18221.14</b>	<b>13027.05</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Community Enterprises	10234.14	11129.65
Talks, Raffles. Refreshments	197.21	100.00
Events	657.62	0.00
Purchases	718.00	615.00
Sale Items	100.00	0.00
Gallery Museum Donation	0.00	0.00
Web Site	0.00	265.90
Secretarial	274.03	333.19
Subs and Insurance	474.00	472.00
Advertising	400.00	480.00
Bank Card Charges	0.00	4.61
Expenses 2020. Paid in 2021	0.00	-197.00
Consortium	3451.28	4583.60
Stationery	288.40	0.00
Room Hire	120.00	0.00
Kids Activities	200.00	0.00
Unpaid Subscription	15.00	0.00
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>17129.68</b>	<b>17786.95</b>
Income	18221.14	13927.25
Payments	-17129.68	-17786.95
<b>Net of Receipts (Payments)</b>	<b>1091.46</b>	<b>-4759.70</b>
<b>+ Cash Funds 01/01/2022</b>	<b>28413.94</b>	<b>33172.00</b>
<b>Cash Funds as at 31/12/2022</b>	<b>29505.40</b>	<b>28412.30</b>

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UNRESTRICTED CASH FUNDS	
Community Current	13290.67
Deposit Designated Pots	8393.42
Co-op Account Art Works	7746.31
Petty Cash	75.00
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<b>29505.40</b>

RESTRICTED AND DESIGNATED FUNDS				
FUND	01/01/2022	CHANGE +	CHANGE -	31/12/2022
Gallery Development Fund	1202.57			1202.57
Museum Development Fund	967.63			967.63
Maurice Bayes Fund	1839.00			1839.00
Paul Johnson Fund	1452.00	500.00		1952.00
Conservation Fund	1919.45			1919.45
June Steele Fund	115.00			115.00
Friends General	794.72		-396.95	397.77
	8290.37	500.00	-396.95	8393.42
FUND	01/01/2022	CHANGE +	CHANGE -	31/12/2022
HIGH STREET ACTION ZONE	3416.40	7000.00	-3451.28	6965.12

THE FRIENDS OF KETTERING ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM

Charity No. 216048

### Trustee Report for the year ended 31st December 2022

This represents the Friends of Kettering Art Gallery and Museum accounts for the period 1st January to 31st December 2022.

The accounts have been independently verified to confirm that proper records have been kept.

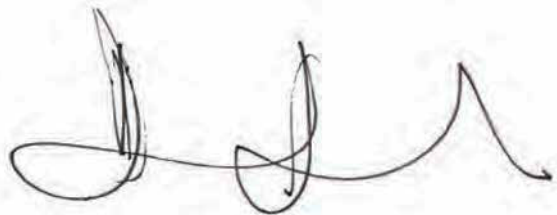
Again, another challenging year. We have continued to maintain interest through ARTworks with the wider local community during the renovations of the Alfred East Gallery which hopefully will reopen during 2023. Unfortunately, the renovation of the Museum. is a much longer term project. Decisions have been taken in accordance with the Charities Commission guidelines.

Trustees are elected annually from amongst the members taking account of the various skills that are required to run the charity. They ensure that the accounts are drawn up on an accrual's basis consistent with the previous year, and accepted accounting standards. The trustees have also considered the risks attached to the charity and believe that sufficient procedures are in place to mitigate those risks. General funds for running the society remain under pressure. However, additional means of raising income are now in place. The consolidation of our current membership and the recruitment of new members and volunteers will also be a key factor going forward to ensure the good financial health of the organisation.

The Trustees confirm that the Charity complies with Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 with regard to public benefit.



Ian Luck, Treasurer



David Brown, Chair

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## SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT FROM MAURA BRIGHT AGM 26TH APRIL

The Friends' social media networking sites have been busy over the past year providing news and images of our many innovative, dynamic and forward-facing art, culture and heritage events to members and groups all over Northamptonshire. We like to stay in touch. We're meme-free, don't get trolled or hacked, are easy to find and navigate. **And no fake news!**

 Facebook: - @FriendsKetteringArtGalleryandMuseum  
- ARTworks at Newlands

 Instagram: Friends\_KAGAM

 Twitter: @FKagam

Website [www.friendskagam.org](http://www.friendskagam.org)

**HARD TIMES -  
THE EMERGENCE OF  
SOCIAL REALISM IN  
LATE VICTORIAN ART**



YOU ARE INVITED TO  
this illustrated Zoom talk by David Brown.  
What prompted the rising interest and popularity in paintings depicting the poor, hardship and deprivation in the last half of the 19th century? How was it received by the public? We will explore the political, social and artistic influences which led to this movement.

**WEDNESDAY  
19TH JANUARY 7.30PM**  
A JOINING LINK WILL  
BE SENT TO ALL MEMBERS  
IN ADVANCE

Telephone for more details: 07808262644  
[www.friendskagam.org](http://www.friendskagam.org)

YOU ARE INVITED TO  
THIS ILLUSTRATED TALK  
BY ARTIST IAN LUCK WHICH WILL  
FEATURE AND DISCUSS  
THE LOCAL LOST FORTUNE  
**'THE MOBBS  
MILLIONS'**



**FRIENDS AGM 7.15 PM  
WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL  
FOLLOWED BY TALK AT 7.45PM**

In the Bonkers Playhouse Theatre,  
27 Victoria Street, Kettering, NN16 0BU  
The entrance is on Victoria Street  
at the top end of School Lane.  
Parking in School Lane car park.  
Telephone for more details: 07808262644  
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**FRIENDS  
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Present a talk by  
**EILEEN SMITH**  
**THE HISTORY OF IMAGING  
AT  
KETTERING GENERAL  
HOSPITAL**

March 16th 2022  
7:30pm  
at Bonkers Playhouse  
27c Victoria Street, NN16 0BU  
Contact 07808 262644 or  
[info@friendskagam.org](mailto:info@friendskagam.org) to book

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YOU ARE INVITED TO  
THIS ILLUSTRATED TALK  
BY **JOHN DILLEY**  
WHICH WILL  
FEATURE AND DISCUSS  
**'HOW LOCAL NEWSPAPERS  
SCOOPED FLEET STREET IN WW1'**

**WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER,  
7.30PM**  
Friends Free - Guests £4.00

In the Bonkers Playhouse Theatre,  
27 Victoria Street, Kettering, NN16 0BU  
The entrance is on Victoria Street  
at the top end of School Lane.  
Parking in School Lane car park.  
Telephone for more details: 07808 262644  
[www.friendskagam.org](http://www.friendskagam.org)


YOU ARE INVITED TO  
THIS ILLUSTRATED TALK  
BY **JOHN PADWICK**  
WHICH WILL FEATURE  
AND DISCUSS THE  
NEWTON REBELLION

8TH JUNE 1607  
THIS STONE COMMEMORATES  
THE NEWTON REBELLION OF 8TH JUNE 1607  
DURING THIS UPRISING  
OVER 40 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VILLAGERS  
ARE RECORDED TO HAVE BEEN SLAIN  
WHILST PROTESTING AGAINST THE  
ENCLOSURE OF COMMON LAND  
BY LOCAL LANDOWNERS.

**WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER,  
7.30PM**  
Friends Free - Guests £4.00 - Doors open at 7pm

In the Maus Hall,  
St Andrew's Church, Kettering,  
NN16 9JB  
(Car park entrance in Crown Street)  
Telephone for more details: 07808 262644  
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**THE ROLE OF  
NORTHANTS  
COUNTRY HOUSES  
DURING WORLD  
WAR II**



YOU ARE INVITED TO this illustrated Zoom talk by Neil Lyon.  
Many of Northamptonshire's country houses were requisitioned in the Second World War, and put to a wide variety of uses. Some of the houses never recovered from the damage caused by their occupants. This talk explains how many of the houses fared, and the legacy the war left behind.

**THURSDAY  
26TH JANUARY 7.30PM**  
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Friends Talks