Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date		
1st	January	2025	31st	December	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name The Arms and Armour Society

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1161734

Charity's principal address

17 Wellesley Crescent
Potters Bar
Hertfordshire.
Postcode EN6 2DG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David Williams	Chairman		
2	Thomas Bennett	Secretary		
3	Anthony Evans			
4	Guy Wilson.			
	Simeon Beever		19/06/25 - 31/12/25	
6	Keith Dowen			
7	Robert Hill			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	It is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the education of the public in the field of arms and armour including making grants for the acquisition and study of relevant artefacts for the public benefit.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Grants are made to individuals or organisations on application to the trustees. These applications are judged by the Society's Council of Administration on their individual merit.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Society continues with pattern of online and hybrid meetings on a broad array of topics enabling members and guests outside London to attend meetings more easily.

For many years the Society has been represented at the major antique fairs held in London. These have been a key mechanism for public engagement. They are open to members of the general public and the Society's representatives supply information, advice, and literature. However in 2025 the number of fairs held in central London dramatically contracted, following a trend that has been apparent for some time. Over the year, the Society considered alternative venues and successfully piloted attendance at the Kempton Arms Fair.

The Journal of the Arms and Armour Society continues to be published and distributed internationally. It is available to members and non-members on application; in U.K. copyright libraries, and other specialist libraries around the world. Single copies of papers are available to anyone via the Royal Armouries Library. A review of the journal to ensure it remained fit for purpose was begun during the year.

We also continued to publish our new bi-annual A4 sized Bulletin and reached our sixth issue in December 2025. It is available to members and non-members on application; in U.K. copyright libraries, and othe specialist libraries around the world. It includes accessible content complimenting our more scholarly Journal and has been well the community including internationally.

The public are also able to access information on arms and armour via the Society's Facebook page.

The Society continued its work with the Royal Armouries and others including the Royal Collection Trust, to encourage the Warrior Group of Livery Companies of the City of London (the Cutlers, Armourers and Brasiers, Bowyers, Fletchers, Blacksmiths, and Gunmakers) to actively increase their engagement with and support of their arms and armour heritage and in particular relevant conservation and craft skills.

A particular highlight of this year's activity was the enjoyable and well attended 75th Anniversary Celebration held at Armourers Hall on 1st May 2025. This included invited guest from outside the Society. It saw the launch of a fund to permit the award of small grants by the Trustees for research and dissemination in the field of arms and armour outside the scope of the Society's North Fund.

A grant from the North Fund was awarded in the year to support the publication of 'The True Steel of Rippon' by Guy Wilson.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	Five thousand pounds are held in reserve to sustain publication of the Society's journal.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about: • the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); • how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; • investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.	

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	T.G.Bennett	
Full name(s)	Thomas Gerald Bennett	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
Date		

2025 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
2025

INCOME	2025	2024	EXPENDITURE	2025	2024
Subscriptions	£11,332	£10,465	Journal & Bulletin	£6,640	£7,001
Advertisements	£150	£881	Mailing	£6,362	£4,646
Merchandise	£242	£391	HBSA/FESAC	£122	£120
Donations	£0	£45	Audit	£40	£40
Bank Interest	£150	£164	Insurance	£224	£845
Publishers Licence	£1,051	£789	Computer Expenses	£110	£718
Royalties	£58	£0	Merchandise	£0	£515
May Meeting income	£622	£0	Depreciation	£30	£30
Excess Expenditure	£0	£2,228	Printer	£0	£390
			Ams Fair	£0	£336
			Sundry	£77	£322
	£13,605	£14,963		£13,605	£14,963

ARMS AND ARMOUR SOCIETY
Balance Sheet
31st December 2025

ASSETS	2025	2024	LIABILITIES	2025	2024
Bank					
Santander	£65,951	£65,091	Cash at Bank	£12,114	£12,430
Barclays	£2,237	£958	Income & Exp A/C	£0	-£2,228
			Physical Assets	£2,382	£2,654
	£68,188	£66,049		£14,496	£12,856
Cheques o/s	£0	-£1,432			
			North Fund	£48,814	£49,538
Stock	£2,230	£2,472	Interest	£510	£400
			Donations	-£250	-£1,124
Computer	£152	£182		£49,074	£48,814
			75th Ann Trustees		
			Fund	£0	£0
			Donations	£2,000	£0
				£2,000	£0
			Journal Reserve	£5,000	£5,000
			Advance Subs	£0	£601
	£70,570	£67,271		£70,570	£67,271