Lancaster Judges' Lodgings Museum Trust

Charity number 1171209

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2025

Objects

The principal object of the charity is to support and promote the Judges' Lodgings Museum in Lancaster for the benefit of the public.

Activities

The Trustees meet regularly with officers of Lancashire County Council which owns and runs the museum. Through these meetings, Trustees can influence decisions made regarding the operation and development of the Judges' Lodgings.

2025 was a significant year for the museum as it marked 400 years since the construction of the building in 1625 and 50 years since it opened as a museum in 1975. The Trustees wish to express their support for the staff of the museum and note the significant development in interpretation and activities inspired by these anniversaries.

Gillows Press

The Trust paid a crucial part in supporting the Council to fundraise for the acquisition of a mahogany press made by Gillows of Lancaster in 1766, described as "one of the finest examples of Gillows furniture made by the Lancaster company". Examples of Gillows furniture from the 18th century with confirmed attribution are rare, and the acquisition of the piece adds to significant collection already held at the Judges' Lodgings.

Trustees agreed a contribution of £3,000 towards the £80,000 purchase, alongside commitments from the Friends of Lancaster Judges' Lodgings, the V&A Purchase Fund, the Art Fund, and Lancashire County Council.

Light Up Lancaster

The Trustees agreed to continue their support for the participation of the Judges' Lodgings in the annual Light Up Lancaster programme, which brings an artistic light festival to the city every year. Financial support of £750 from the Trust enabled visual artist Christopher Harrison to create *Monster!,* an interactive artwork featuring mischievous and playful creatures manifesting across the building's façade and windows.

Reference and Administrative Details

Structure
The charity was incorporated on 19 January 2017 as a foundation model CIO.

Trustees
Susan Elizabeth Ashworth (appointed 19 November 2025)
Nicholas Robin Smith
Amanda Jane Whitehouse
Adrienne Wallman (resigned 4 September 2025)

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Registered Office
Judges' Lodgings Museum
Church Street
Lancaster
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The Trustees' report was approved by the board and signed on their behalf by:



7 October 2026

Nicholas Smith
Trustee

Date

Financial Statement

Bank and building society balance 01/01/25	**£24,106.08**

Receipts		**Expenditure**	
Interest	£874.00	Owed to Friends	£74.80
Donations	£60.00	Light up Lancaster	£750.00
Miscellaneous	£254.30	Contribution to Press	£3,000.00
Total	**£1,188.30**	**Total**	**£3,824.80**

Bank and building society balance 31/12/25	**£21,469.58**

Signed on behalf of the board

A. S. Whitehouse

07/10/26

Mandy Whitehouse
Trustee

Date