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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 513961

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

for

Lytham St Annes Arts Society

CCW Limited
Chartered Accountants
295/297 Church Street
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Lytham St Annes Arts Society

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Lytham St Annes Arts Society

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

513961

Principal address

The Studio
Haven Road
Lytham
Lancashire
FY8 5EG

Trustees

M J Albion (appointed 1.6.25)
G Webster
M Chantler
J King
S Worden
J G Smith

Independent Examiner

Paul Ronson FCA
CCW Limited
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29-Jun-26 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:
G Webster
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G Webster - Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Lytham St Annes Arts Society

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Lytham St Annes Arts Society
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Lytham St Annes Arts Society (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
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.

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Paul Ronson
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Paul Ronson FCA
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Date: 29-Jun-26

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

	Notes	31.3.26 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		19,371	22,606
Other trading activities	2	8,693	9,421
Investment income	3	390	1,938
Total		28,454	33,965
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities		17,467	20,688
Other		425	566
Total		17,892	21,254
NET INCOME		10,562	12,711
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		422,674	409,963
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		433,236	422,674

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Lytham St Annes Arts Society

Balance Sheet
31 March 2026

	Notes	31.3.26 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	6	357,274	357,699
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	7	566	566
Cash at bank and in hand		83,213	67,777
		83,779	68,343
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(7,817)	(3,368)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		75,962	64,975
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		433,236	422,674
NET ASSETS		433,236	422,674
FUNDS	9		
Unrestricted funds		433,236	422,674
TOTAL FUNDS		433,236	422,674

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29-Jun-26 and were signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:

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G Webster - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	-	25% on reducing balance

Stocks
Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.26	31.3.25
	£	£
Coffee morning	939	1,054
Books	153	282
Demonstrations	848	653
Framing	177	220
Cards	40	80
Christmas fair	1,581	1,893
Exhibitions	2,489	2,556
Socials	670	1,590
Other Income Lotto	1,796	1,093
	8,693	9,421

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.26	31.3.25
	£	£
Deposit account interest	390	1,938

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2026 nor for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2026 nor for the year ended 31 March 2025.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds
	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	22,606
Other trading activities	9,421
Investment income	1,938
Total	33,965
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
Charitable activities	20,688
Other	566
Total	21,254
NET INCOME	12,711

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5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	409,963
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	422,674

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST OR VALUATION			
At 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026	356,000	5,763	361,763
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2025	-	4,064	4,064
Charge for year	-	425	425
At 31 March 2026	-	4,489	4,489
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2026	356,000	1,274	357,274
At 31 March 2025	356,000	1,699	357,699

Cost or valuation at 31 March 2026 is represented by:

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
Valuation in 2020	309,677	-	309,677
Cost	46,323	5,763	52,086
	356,000	5,763	361,763

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7. STOCKS

	31.3.26	31.3.25
	£	£
Stocks	566	566

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.26	31.3.25
	£	£
Other creditors	7,817	3,368

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.25	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.26
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	77,564	10,172	87,736
Community Art Fund	250	-	250
Building Maintenance Fund	35,183	390	35,573
Property Revaluation Reserve	309,677	-	309,677
	422,674	10,562	433,236
TOTAL FUNDS	422,674	10,562	433,236

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	28,064	(17,892)	10,172
Building Maintenance Fund	390	-	390
	28,454	(17,892)	10,562
TOTAL FUNDS	28,454	(17,892)	10,562

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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	66,790	10,774	77,564
Community Art Fund	250	-	250
Building Maintenance Fund	33,246	1,937	35,183
Property Revaluation Reserve	309,677	-	309,677
	409,963	12,711	422,674
TOTAL FUNDS	409,963	12,711	422,674

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	32,028	(21,254)	10,774
Building Maintenance Fund	1,937	-	1,937
	33,965	(21,254)	12,711
TOTAL FUNDS	33,965	(21,254)	12,711

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.26 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	66,790	20,946	87,736
Community Art Fund	250	-	250
Building Maintenance Fund	33,246	2,327	35,573
Property Revaluation Reserve	309,677	-	309,677
	409,963	23,273	433,236
TOTAL FUNDS	409,963	23,273	433,236

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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	60,092	(39,146)	20,946
Building Maintenance Fund	2,327	-	2,327
	62,419	(39,146)	23,273
TOTAL FUNDS	62,419	(39,146)	23,273

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2026.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

	31.3.26 £	31.3.25 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	1,452	2,477
Gift aid	2,004	1,217
Grants	-	831
Subscriptions	15,915	18,081
	19,371	22,606
Other trading activities		
Coffee morning	939	1,054
Books	153	282
Demonstrations	848	653
Framing	177	220
Cards	40	80
Christmas fair	1,581	1,893
Exhibitions	2,489	2,556
Socials	670	1,590
Other Income Lotto	1,796	1,093
	8,693	9,421
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	390	1,938
Total incoming resources	28,454	33,965
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Energy, water & rates	6,830	7,559
Insurance	1,573	1,658
Telephone	562	411
Printing, stationery & sundries	1,893	1,197
Website	281	289
Miscellaneous licences	1,005	523
Studio running costs	5,323	7,221
Workshop	-	150
Defibrillator	-	1,680
	17,467	20,688
Other		
Fixtures and fittings	425	566

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Lytham St Annes Arts Society

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

	31.3.26 £	31.3.25 £
Total resources expended	17,892	21,254
Net income	10,562	12,711

LYTHAM ST ANNES ART SOCIETY
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
1st MAY 2026

1. Presidents welcome

The President, Jacqueline King, opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending the AGM and stated that there is a quorum which meets with the Charities Commission regulations.

Jacqueline asked all present to observe a minute's silence for the members who have passed in the last year, and for members who are not able to attend the society through illness, or because they are caring for a loved one.

Jacqueline then thanked past and current Committee members by saying they have been such a help and supported her during her two years as President.

She thanked a new group of volunteers who work alongside the Committee, called the Pixel Pioneers, more commonly known as the Pixies, who work on ideas for marketing, promotion, publicity, social media

e.g. Facebook and Instagram, maintaining the website and the planning and organisation of social events and trips. She stated they had worked very hard this year and she would tell us more in her closing address.

Jacqueline also gave a huge thank you to all workshop leaders, who, whatever the weather, attend their workshops faithfully and make life in the society so enjoyable. Jacqueline stated that they are much appreciated by all of us.

Then she thanked all the members who have supported the society over the last year by attending events, taking part in exhibitions, volunteering and generously giving their time. She stated “you are the backbone of our Society”

2. Apologies

The secretary reported that she had received apologies from:
Mary Chantler, Mark O’Donnell, Jacky Ramsden and Suzanne York

3 & 4 Secretary and Treasurers Reports

The Secretary, Jill Partington and the Treasurer, Gillian Webster, gave a joint report on the last year.

Liverpool Trip 30th April

Jill reported that everyone had a great day out in Liverpool even if we all had aching feet at the end of the day. She thanked Neil Farrell for helping to organise it, for the information he gave us on the coach – it was very informative and helpful and for supplying prizes and organising Michelle Dawson to do the judging of the competition which followed the trip.

There were 15 entries in the drawing competition and the display looked great. 1st prize went to Ann Greenhalgh and 2nd prize to Lyn Corbet. Congratulations to them both and thanks to the members who took part.

Gillian added that we made donations to both the Anglican and the Metropolitan Cathedrals of which they were very grateful, we also gave a tip to the driver and there was some spare change which went into the Society fund. The costs of the trip at £25 per head was very good value.

Spring Art & Craft Fair 17th & 18th May

Jill stated that we had a truly fabulous Spring Art & Craft Fair we had which was helped by the glorious weather and the members who set up their stalls outside - along with the very popular plant stall. She thanked the members who donated plants and pots and all the table holders.

She said there had been a fantastic number of raffle prize donations, allowing us to award three lucky winners on both Saturday & Sunday. She thanked Pam Sutton who was marvellous giving her time to sell tickets along with the art material table.

A huge thank you was also given to the hardworking kitchen teams, who were absolutely brilliant - especially during the busy periods when many visitors came to enjoy the refreshments.

Gillian added that the craft group worked hard producing hand-made bags embroidered & embellished and a selection of framed stitch work. One member had her hand painted cards for sale. She gave a huge thank you to Mary Chantler for organising and coordinating the event. Also big thanks to all the stall holders, kitchen volunteers and the craft group and the members who came to support.

Gillian reported that plants sales came to nearly £200, craft sales nearly £250, the raffle nearly £150. The Kitchen sales were over £200 and I'm sure the

delicious cakes had a lot to do with that. In all, a fantastic team effort resulting in a total of £940 raised for the society.

Alan Bealey Memorial Library

Gillian told members that Alan left us a very generous donation of £1,000 and with consultation with his family we agreed to spend it on the library. Some of this has already been spent.

The library has been fully refurbished with a new desk, equipment etc and this is thanks to Alan Bealey and the donation he left us. Jill thanked Barbara Waite and her merry band of helpers for sorting the library out including Graham for building the new furniture, she added “you have done a fantastic job”.

Summer Exhibition

Jill thanked Lynn Herring and Sue Johnson and their helpers for sorting the hanging, the exhibition looked amazing and the standard of art breathtaking. Thanks were given also to Barbara for helping do the cards, for her and her husband for taking pictures on the night and for taking the adjudicator round on hanging day.

Thanks were expressed to all the members who helped on handing in day, hanging day and collection day. Thanks also given to all the artists and crafters who exhibited and did their 2 guide sessions.

Thanks also given to Gillian and Shirley for helping to coordinate and deliver the guide and card reader training to the members.
Finally, thanks were expressed to Jacqueline who did an awesome task of organising and coordinating the exhibition.

Gillian added a special thanks to Jill for everything that she does, stating that she does so much it’s impossible to name everything individually. The Summer Exhibition made over £700 for the society funds.

Open Air Exhibitions

Jill reported that unfortunately, St Annes exhibition had to be abandoned mid-morning on the Saturday and Sunday cancelled due to particularly inclement weather.

Lowther open air went well and the new building is fantastic for exhibiting and missing any inclement weather but we just didn’t get the footfall as it is not on the main thorough fare.

Lytham memorial gardens was fantastic and very busy because of the 40's weekend.

A big thank you was given to all the artists who exhibited at the exhibitions and thanks to the members who came to support us, it's always nice to see a familiar face and we do appreciate it. Lastly a massive thank you to Robin for organising the three events and for looking after us all, you were amazing.

Gillian added that we made nearly £100 for the society from the outdoor events.

Sunday Workshops

Jill told members present about the Sunday workshops held this year which included:

- **Bird Feeder with Helena**
- **Watercolours and pastels with Les Darlow**
- **Catalan Fruit Bowl with Helena**
- **Mixed media with Elise Hendry**
- **Greg Howard – watercolour workshop**

10 members gathered to do the willow bird feeder with Helena, had a very enjoyable Sunday morning and made very impressive bird feeders – thank you to the members who attended and a big thank you to Jacqueline for organising it.

17 attended the Les Darlow workshop on 5th October and spent the 5 hours learning new skills and techniques with watercolours and pastels. Les did two demonstrations and spent the rest of the time going round each member supporting and giving advice.

6 people attended the willow Catalan fruit bowl with Helena and all spent a pleasant Sunday morning and produced amazing fruit baskets. Thanks to Jacqueline for organising the event, it was much appreciated.

Gillian informed the meeting that overall the workshops had made almost £250. She stated that we are trying to keep the costs as low as possible rather than making a larger profit, and that the team are working on new Sunday workshops for the coming year.

Autumn Exhibition, Heritage Centre

Jill thanks Gillian for all her efforts in organising the Heritage Centre exhibition this year and commented that she had done an “awesome job” and how smoothly things went.

Thanks were also expressed to Margaret and David Evans-Fisher, Robin Theobald, Julie Rigby and Shirley Bryant for their help on handing in day and Robin and Shirley on hanging day.

Gillian added thanks to Jill for everything she had contributed to the smooth running and that the Society had made £450 from the exhibition, with almost 1000 visitors and sales amounting to almost £1200.

Christmas Gift Fair

Jill gave a massive thank you to Barbara Waite and Mary Chantler for organising the annual Christmas Gift Fair.

Also a big thanks was given to all the volunteers who helped to sort the room on the Friday afternoon, the stall holders without whom it wouldn’t be possible and the volunteers who manned the society stalls – art table, jewellery table, craft table, cake table, tombola, toy raffle and hamper raffle. A special thanks was given to Peter and Eileen Dixon for manning the kitchen.

All agreed that the addition of the childrens choir was lovely.

Gillian added that a massive amount of money, £1580 was raised and added her thanks to everyone involved.

Christmas Lunch

Jill reported that members had enjoyed a lovely lunch at the Glendower on the 4th December, the food was delicious, the raffle prizes glorious and the company joyful.

Thank were passed to Jacqueline for helping to organise it, Mary for organising the fantastic raffle and the raffle ticket sellers and folders on the day, you help was very much appreciated.

Due to the overwhelmingly positive feedback received the Glendower has been booked for 2026.

Gillian added that although we made a loss of around £200, this was expected as the Committee wished to keep the cost as low as possible for members, as well as ensure that the brilliant staff received a good tip.

Spring Quiz and Supper

Jill then told members present about another successful quiz night. 72 members enjoyed the food, the company, the raffle and most importantly our President's brilliant quiz. Thanks and an extra "flob a dob" were given to Jacqueline.

Mary was thanked for sorting the raffle also the wonderful people who helped to set up the room and put it back together ready for the demo, the night wouldn't have gone ahead without you. Thanks also passed to Judith Smith for selling the raffle tickets.

Gillian stated that the raffle alone had made £260 and added her thanks to Judith and Mary. She added that we had made sure the catering team received a good tip, and still manage to make over £500.

Closing Remarks

Jill thanked Jacqueline for being such a hands on, hard-working, approachable and all round fabulous President. She said:

"During the last two years you have not only been the President and undertaking all the tasks that involves but you have also organised two Summer Exhibitions and have kept your position of Membership Secretary which is a massive task by itself. The society has thrived under your leadership and I, and I am sure everyone else in the society would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Gillian then added her thanks to Jill, she said:

"Thank you Jill. Well, thank you Jill doesn't even nearly begin to show our appreciation for everything that you do. You work tirelessly for us, you get involved in every aspect of running the society and your organisation skills are surpassed by none. You are a superstar and I'm sure everyone will all agree that we are very lucky to have you"

Gillian then added a little more on the financials by stating:

"I just want to say a little bit more about the financials. You will have found copies of the report on the chairs. We've talked about quite a lot of the elements but here a just a few more. Membership brought in over £15000 and we are getting new members all the time. Coffee mornings are a nice little

earner for us, almost £1000 last year so a big thank you to everyone involved in organising and helping out and Demos aren't far behind. I'm not going to talk any more, but if anyone has any specific questions, just find me afterwards and we can have a chat.

5. **Election of the Committee for 2024/25**

   No objections were received to the committee as put forward in Appendix A and the Committee as described was approved.

6. **Any other business**

   No other matters were brought forward

7. **Handover of the Presidency / Closure of the Meeting**

   The Presidents closing notes have been transcribed in their entirety below:

   As I mentioned in my President's Address, I'd like to thank past committee members for all their hard work and support over the two years of my tenure. They are, in no particular order:

   Pam Sutton, Barbara Waite, Doreen Walsh, Suzanne York, Liz Bartholomew, Andy Hewertson, Peter Houghton, Heather Tait and of course Michael Farrow, who unfortunately is no longer with us. All these members have undertaken various positions on the committee and given their time and commitment which makes our society the success that it is. Thank you all.

   This past year has seen the committee, although small in numbers, going from strength to strength in giving you what has become a strong and friendly society. There is always something to participate in: varied workshops, visits, hot Supper & Quiz, who could ever forget what Bill &

Ben, the Flowerpot Men said to Weed at the end of the day?!! And Christmas lunch to name but a few. I know that we are planning a lot more this year, so keep an eye out on the notice board or on our website. If you feel that you could spare some time in volunteering, then please ask someone on the committee or your group leader. A special mention now to Neil Farrow, who although is not a committee member, undertook organising, along with Jill Partington, a visit to Liverpool which was a great success. Not only was there a quiz on the coach, Neil added an art competition to those who wanted to commemorate the day in paint. He also stepped forward to undertake a music and art demonstration this year. Again, with an art challenge for all to take part in. Thank you Neil for undertaking these two events which we have all enjoyed and appreciated.

I'd like to personally thank this year's committee before I hand over to Jill, so please bear with me. Again, in no particular order or favouritism, they are:

Graham Smith – Graham, you are a member extraordinaire! Not only a group leader, not only a facilities manager, not only our technical manager when our demo's are on, not only a framing and repair person **BUT** also a person who can climb over the passenger and driver's seats to help reverse a car out of a parking slot when some idiot has parked so close to my car it was impossible to access it. Who needs the AA when we have our very own Graham Smith!! Thank you Graham for everything you do for us.

Elaine Smith– Perhaps a few members are not aware that Elaine has now stepped away from organising our lectures and demo's. She has been the cashier when Joyce Wiseman was in charge and then the host and organiser when Joyce retired. All in all, it's a hard task and time consuming every year asking and getting artists to come along to give a demonstration or lecture for our enjoyment. So many thanks Elaine for your dedication over the past 10 years.

Jill Partington (soon to become our new President tonight!) who is our Hon Secretary, has been involved with producing the monthly Newsletter which has gone from strength to strength. An innovation of Jill's was to interview various members every month and talk about their lives and art. I know everyone has thoroughly enjoyed reading these articles. She has helped with making the website more user friendly, has also been a big part of The Pixies and who, as my Vice President this year, has been a tower or strength. She has kept me on my toes, kept me calm and best of

all, laughed with me a lot and I must also thank her for doing a splendid job when she stepped into my shoes whilst I recovered from my knee operation. Well done, Jill!

Gillian Webster, Hon Treasurer, manages Studio Exhibitions, is the Group Leader Leader! and has also taken over the organisation of the Autumn Exhibition at the Heritage Centre. She has also been instrumental in setting up and being part of The Pixies. Gillian never fails, no matter how busy she is, to volunteer to help in any way she can. It's no wonder we refer to her as 'Super Sub'! One of Gillian's strengths is that she is calm and considered when we need advice. She is also calm and considered if we've - (make that I) - have done something wrong! I have to say that she has also got a wicked sense of humour! Thank you, Gillian, you truly are a star.

Janet Albion, joined us last year as the Charity Commission Coordinator as well as the Social Secretary even though she was still working in a very demanding role. We appreciated the fact that Janet took on these two roles and was able to contribute at committee meetings no matter where she was in the world! This year she will also be Jill's Vice President – and you thought retirement was going to be a breeze!

Committee Members:

Sue Worden has continued to serve as a committee member since she stepped away from her role as President and as the Social Coordinator. She was a tower of strength when I first became President, and she always gives good advice to the committee when we seek out information about the society. She also is ready and willing to help with anything when asked. Thanks, Sue, for everything you do.

Mary Chantler – Group Leader of the Craft Group, which has blossomed from only a few members to a flourishing group of many, organises the Spring Craft Fair and, along with Barbara Waite, organises the Christmas Gift Fair which is always a favourite of members and public alike. She has helped organise, with Barbara, a Fashion Show and Afternoon Tea. She has undertaken teaching felt craft to the Ukrainian refugees when they first arrived as well as the local community at the open day at the Alpaca Farm on Peel Road. Who knew?!! You can find Mary at coffee mornings selling members' cards and various other items. She volunteers to help with anything we are organising and all in all, Mary, we couldn't do without you!

We have two new members who have volunteered to take on roles this coming year which is brilliant.

Suzanne York has kindly agreed to organise our lectures and demonstrations now that Elaine has stepped down. We look forward to the forthcoming programme.

Judith Smith who will be the Assistant Social Coordinator to Janet.

Welcome aboard ladies!

The Pixies – Gillian Webster, Jill Partington, Maxine Melling, Janet Albion, Julie Rigby, Sheila Stevens, Ann Prescott, Ayesha Graves.

This year, they have all been active in bringing our first Art Trail in Lytham. This Idea was initiated by Maxine Melling who undertook the initial contact with Lytham Business Partnership to see if the idea was viable. The Lytham Business Partnership were very excited by the idea and fully gave their support in this venture. This has meant an immense amount of organisation and meetings over the past few months which has resulted in 36 of our members taking part this summer and being paired with various shops and venues. I fully expect this to be an annual event which will be enjoyed by everyone in the area and visiting tourists. It will put us on the Art Trail map as in other parts of the country.

I am so proud and honoured to have been your President for the past two years. I have enjoyed the role immensely and I know that when I pass the President's insignia over to Jill, she will be a wonderful President. Over to you, Jill!

(Jacqueline formally passed the Presidents medal to Jill)

Jill said the following in response to accepting the Presidency:

Thank you Jacqueline for the last two years, you have been an amazing president and it has been my pleasure to help, support and most importantly, learn from you. We have worked well together and you will be a hard act to follow.

To members, it is a great honour to be your president and I hope I will do the society proud.

Jill then formally closed the AGM proceedings and invited the members to stay for a drink and some nibbles.