

The Devonshire Association 164th Annual Meeting



Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre,
Buckfast, Devon
12th September 2026



PROGRAMME



The Devonshire Association

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Camilla Hampshire MBE, DL

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*Devon, our past, our future,
our passion*

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Our President

Camilla Hampshire, MBE, DL



Camilla Hampshire, MBE, DL led Exeter's Royal Albert Memorial Museum & Art Gallery (RAMM) for 22 years, stepping back from the role in December 2023.

Her position at RAMM was the culmination of a forty-year career in museums and galleries, inspired by her experience as a sixteen-year-old museum volunteer. Her career history includes roles in

Aberdeen, Plymouth, Sheffield and Rotherham. In Sheffield she acted as client project co-ordinator for the development of the city's Millennium Galleries which opened in April 2001, after which she moved to RAMM to shape plans for its capital development. Early years in Exeter focused on funding bids and building an off-site store to receive the collections moved and safely housed during the museum's transformation. The refurbishment, extension and redisplay of the museum achieved national recognition as the Art Fund Museum of the Year 2012. The judges described the museum as 'magical' and 'some of the most intelligently considered displays on view in any museum in the UK'. The same ethos informed subsequent work at RAMM, the museum establishing an excellent reputation for the ambition and quality of its work, strong brand and community and organisational partnerships.

Camilla has held a number of non-executive positions supporting other cultural sector organisations at national and regional levels. She is currently President of the Friends of RAMM and Chair of Make Southwest, the Bovey Tracey based education charity championing craft as a lifelong source of creativity, learning and community across the region.

She was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University of Exeter in 2016 and an MBE in the King's Birthday Honours in 2025. She is a Deputy Lieutenant for Devon.

Programme for 2026 AGM and Conference

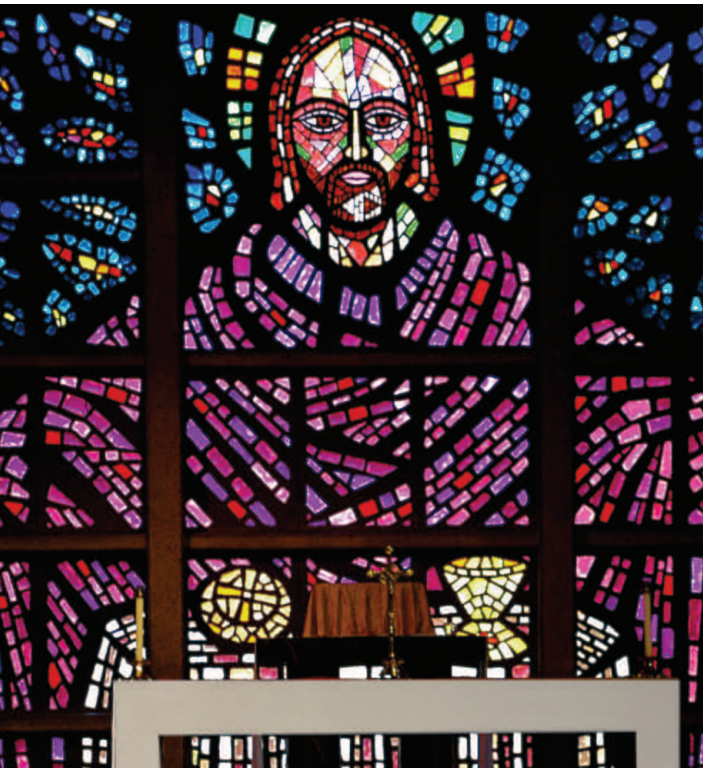
Saturday 12th September 2026

- 9:30 Registration with tea/coffee/biscuits
- 10:30 Welcome and introduction (DA Chair)
- 10:45 Presentations from authors chaired by Hon. Editor and summaries of papers with no speakers
- 12:30 Buffet Lunch
- 13:30 Annual General Meeting chaired by Nick Powe DL
- 14:15 Thanks
- 14:25 Installation of New President – Camilla Hampshire, MBE, DL
- 14:30 President's Address – *The Shaping of Devon's Museums: People and Place*
- 15:30 Afternoon break – tea, coffee, biscuits
- 16:00 Opportunity to look around the Abbey

The second **Annual General Meeting of The Devonshire Association**, as a CIO, will be held at Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre, Buckfast, on Saturday 12th September 2026, at 13.30h

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting
3. Members and Associates:
a) elected; b) resigned; and
c) deceased since the AGM of the Association
4. Report of the Executive Committee
5. Annual Financial Report for the period ending 31st December 2025
6. To elect four Trustees to serve on the Executive Committee for three years (Constitution Clause 13(4) Rule 21)
7. To elect the Officers for 2026-27 (Rules 16 and 26)
Chair –
Vice Chair –
Hon. Treasurer –
Hon. Editor –
8. Proposals from the Executive Committee:
To add Rule 3 iv, and amend the wording of Rules 3 iii, 16, 20, 23, 26, 28 and 43, to take effect from the rising of the AGM
9. To appoint Apsleys LLP as the independent examiner for the 2026 accounts (Rule 16)
10. To approve the list of papers accepted by the Executive Committee for publication in the *Transactions*
11. Votes of thanks followed by closing remarks



ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Saturday 12th September 2026

Booking Form

I/We would like to book _____ tickets at £40 each.

Remittance enclosed for

£

Name/s: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

Do you require a vegan meal or have specific dietary requirements?

Please make your cheque payable to **The Devonshire Association** and send to:
The Executive Secretary, (The Devonshire Association), Unit 10, Chitterley Business Centre,
Silverton, Exeter EX5 4DB.

Alternatively, you can book online via **devonassoc.org.uk/booking**

Attendance at just the AGM is free, but please complete a booking form so that we are able to accommodate everyone wishing to attend.

Cancellations received two weeks or more before the event start date will be refunded in full, up to one week before a 50% refund will apply, no refund will normally be offered for cancellations received within one week of the start of the event.

Cover: Buckfast Abbey from the South West. Photo: Sue Andrew

Page 3 East window, Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Buckfast Abbey, by Charles Norris. Photo: Sue Andrew