

THE FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Supporting the University since 1927





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ABOUT US

The Friends of the University of Reading is an association founded in 1927 to foster contact between the University and those interested in its educational goals, its history, its current activities and its future development.

The aim of The Friends is to raise funds through subscriptions and contributions in order to enable the University to undertake initiatives outside its core activities of teaching and research. The University is grateful for the energetic involvement of the members of this association and their financial support.

On the broader front, periodically, usually biennially, the Association organises special Heritage Events which allow the public to see parts of the University that are not generally accessible. Sometimes such Friends' events are linked to special anniversaries or to particular national commemorations, like the start of the Great War.

For further details of The Friends, including the annual programme of events, a full list of completed projects and a printable online membership form please visit: www.reading.ac.uk/thefriends

Our achievements

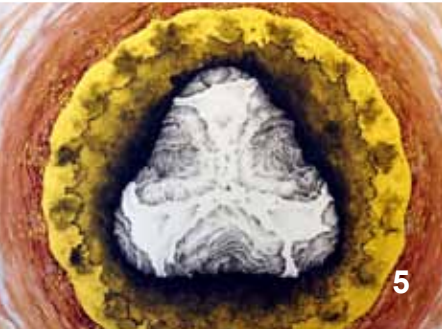
We aim to help a varied cross-section of the University community. The achievements include

- improvements to the University environment and buildings by landscape planting and the purchase of commissioned works of art
- provision of a new cricket strip and sports equipment
- furnishings for the Great Hall and Foxhill House
- commissioning of a magnificent stained glass window for the Museum of English Rural Life
- help with improving access to parts of the University's grounds and buildings
- contributions towards equipment for the University Boat Club and Music@reading

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Images of projects supported by The Friends

- 1 The Cloisters, London Road, 1934
- 2 University Boat Club
- 3 The Friends' Bridge funded in 1962
- 4 music@reading
- 5 Electron micrograph of fern spore, 2014
- 6 Organ in the Great Hall



Why join?

Besides the satisfaction of contributing to the University, its welfare and its future, The Friends receive many other benefits:

- the community of The Friends meet regularly throughout the year to enjoy a programme of events such as concerts and private tours of departments and facilities within the University
- external visits to places of interest
- talks by guest speakers arranged exclusively for The Friends twice a year
- invitations to all public lectures hosted by the University throughout the year and given by experts in their field
- the magazine for alumni and Friends, *Connected*, distributed annually, containing articles about the University, a report on The Friends' activities and notices of future events
- all the generous benefits which are available to alumni such as discounts on hotels, car rental, and University Library and Sports Centre membership. For more information on these please visit www.reading.ac.uk/alumni

How to join

Please complete the enclosed membership application form. Annual subscriptions:

Individual:

£20 per person, per year

Couple (living at same address):

£30 per year

The most cost-effective way to make the annual subscription payment is by Standing Order, although the Association is happy to receive subscriptions in the form of cash or a cheque made payable to 'The Friends of the University of Reading'.

Many members feel able to donate more than the minimum subscription, thereby increasing the amount available to provide gifts and donations for special projects at the University.

Gift Aid

If you pay income or capital gains tax in the UK, you can make every £10 you give worth £12.50 at no extra cost to yourself by completing a Gift Aid form.



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Images of The Friends Heritage Days

- 1 Friendship Gate, London Road campus.
- 2 Exhibition outlining the history and development of the University.
- 3 Croquet on the lawn.
- 4 Guided tour of the London Road campus.

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