

Friends of the Norwich Museums Report

To The Norwich Area Museums Committee

7 March, 2023 at 2.00 p.m.
At City Hall

The Friends of the Norwich Museums has been delighted to have contributed to the stunning exhibition by the Singh Twins – Slaves of Fashion, which explored narratives around Empire, luxury and consumerism. The Friends' support focused on a large piece, placed centrally in the gallery and depicted work which showed many of the items in museums collection, including Norwich Castle Museum.

The FNM has been left a Bequest by a long standing Friend. She wished that the money be spent on the refurbishment of Strangers' Hall. Cathy Terry would like to have the large hanging in the gallery of the Great Hall conserved and restored. The tufted carpet is 16th Century and Turkish in style. It is large but only a third of its original size, and depicts heraldry. The Turkish carpet/hanging was taken to Holland and thence to Norwich by the Huguenots. Each town in Holland had a different technique.

The Friends of the Norwich Museums will enable this rare and precious object to be cleaned and restored.

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