

The Friends of The Armitt Trust Ambleside

A Charity



Stock Ghyll Mill by Herbert Bell c.1890. © The Armitt Trust

Help and Support The Armitt Collection

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What is the Armitt?

Founded in Ambleside in 1912 through the will of Mary Armitt, one of three gifted, public-spirited sisters, the Armitt has grown into a library, museum and gallery of interest not just locally or even nationally, but internationally. Thanks to the generosity of the Armitt sisters and many other benefactors, famous and less well-known, but who all shared a love of the Lake District and its heritage, the Armitt today is a distinctive collection comprising many thousands of books, photographs, prints, maps, fine art and artefacts relating to this area.

We can also see in the Armitt the marriage of art and science in Beatrix Potter's beautiful watercolours of fungi, works by émigré artist and inventor of MERZ, Kurt Schwitters, and original papers relating to the pioneering educational work of Harriet Martineau and Charlotte Mason.

All-in-all, the Armitt is a unique treasure, and deserves all our support!

Who are the Friends of the Armitt?

We exist to support the Armitt Collection and encourage research and general interest in the Lake District. Amongst the many ways we help are by:

- ❖ assisting in the purchase of additions to the collection;
- ❖ sponsoring specific projects by the Armitt Trust;
- ❖ providing a forum and interest group for the many volunteers who put so much time into the Armitt; and
- ❖ helping to publicise the Armitt.

Friends benefit from:

- ❖ FREE ENTRY where charges are made;
- ❖ invitations to attend special Friends' events including private views, visits to places of interest and social events;
- ❖ the chance to meet like-minded people who share an enthusiasm for ensuring that this unique collection flourishes.

Join us today!
Please complete the form overleaf

**The Friends of the Armitt Trust (A Charity)
Application for Membership**

Please tick the appropriate box or boxes

I/We wish to become member(s) of the Friends, as follows:

- £25 Individual Membership for the calendar year, reduced to £12.50 if this application is made after May but before November in any year. If this application is made after October, £25 is payable now: this covers membership until the end of the following year;
- £35 Family Membership for all members of the same family, resident at the same address, for the calendar year, reduced to £17.50 as above, but if the application is made after October £35, again as above;
- I add to my cheque an additional donation of £ _____
- The **total** payment is therefore £ _____
- I want to Gift Aid this total donation of £ _____,

and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past four years, to The Friends of the Armitt Trust. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Please Note:

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the Friends of the Armitt Trust from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed, to identify you as a current UK tax payer.

My Details (in CAPITALS, please):

Title: _____ First name or initial(s): _____

Surname: _____

Full home address: _____

Postcode: _____

Email address: _____

Date: _____

For Family Membership only, please write here the title(s) and name(s) of other family members, as appropriate:

Please notify the Friends of the Armitt Trust if you:

- want to cancel the declaration made above
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

Please also note that if you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Cheques to accompany this form are to be made payable to
The Friends of the Armitt Trust.

Please note that, regrettably, we cannot accept Charities
Aid Foundation cheques or vouchers.

Please send

- your cheque, and
- the accompanying banker's order
(which we will lodge with your bank)

to:

**The Membership Secretary
Friends of the Armitt Trust
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