

RCPS Tuke Collection Report – August 2026

Loans Out

Since the last report, there have been no loan requests from other organisations for works from the RCPS collection.

Gallery Displays

At Falmouth Art Gallery, RCPS Tuke Collection works have appeared in the following exhibitions:

Exhibition Name and Dates		Visitor Numbers
Mirrors: Reflecting on Identity: May 16 – 29 September 2026		8,865 (ongoing)
RCPS 2015.8.117	Nude Boy on Rocks	
Collections Display: 16 Jan – 21 June 2026		13,912
RCPS 2015.8.86	Whale Blowing	
RCPS 2015.8.161*	Sailing Ships and Tug	
* Tuke enthusiast and collector David Crabb kindly recorded a short audio commentary on RCPS 2015.8.161, which was uploaded to the gallery's free Bloomberg Connects guide. Visitors could access the recording while the painting was on display.		
Collections Display: 26 June - 31 Dec 2026		4,890 (ongoing)
RCPS 2015.8.1	The Missionary Boat	
RCPS 2015.8.252	Sketch for the Diving Place	
RCPS 2015.8.66	Two Children on Deck	

Insurance and Security

The RCPS Collection continues to be insured under the Government Indemnity Scheme. In support of this, the gallery submits an annual 'State of the Environment' (SOTE) report to Arts Council England (ACE) which involves the provision of annotated environmental

condition charts based on data recorded on the gallery's environmental monitoring system. I am pleased to report that our most recent SOTE submission was once again approved, demonstrating our ongoing commitment to achieving high standards of collections care.

The gallery continues to subsidise the cost of insuring, under its commercial insurance policy, those objects in the RCPS Collection that are not covered by the Government Indemnity Scheme (i.e. objects which fall under the valuation threshold plus the minimum liability contribution).

Based on recommendations received following our most recent ACE Security Review, we are in the process of improving security in the RCPS Store by adding alarm motion triggers and leak detection to the room.

Other Uses of the RCPS Tuke Collection

The following individuals and groups have made use of the stored collection:

Date	Type of Use	Location	User(s)	RCPS ID Nos.
24/02/2026	Workshop; students studied depictions of dress and material culture.	FAG, Council Chamber	BA Costume Design for Film & TV, Falmouth University	RCPS2015.8.410
				RCPS 2015.8.101
				RCPS 2015.8.78
				RCPS 2015.8.41
07/05/2026	Professional research appointment. The researcher was interested in learning more about Tuke's style, particularly his Newlyn period.	FAG, Council Chamber	Anna Dermitzaki, Cornish Masters Gallery, St. Ives	RCPS2015.8.20
				RCPS2015.8.21
				RCPS2015.8.22
				RCPS2015.8.175
				RCPS 2015.8.102
				RCPS 2015.8.39
28/07/2026	Research appointment: PhD student researching concepts of 'Englishness' in Tuke's work.	FAG, Council Chamber and stores.	Samanth Loggie	RCPS 2015.8.8
				Various
07/08/2026	Private viewing by a Tuke enthusiast.	FAG, Store	Bronson Hankins	Various
09/09/2026	Art History Group Study Day	FAG, Council Chamber	Catherine Wallace; study day for group of adult learners	RCPS 2015.8.84
				RCPS 2015.8.99

Falmouth Art Gallery Online Database Project

The gallery has been working towards the launch of a new public access collections database. This is due to launch in early-September 2026 and will include the 262 RCPS Tuke Collection artworks on long term loan to the gallery. Each entry will feature high-quality, zoomable images and updated descriptions provided by Tuke expert and art historian, Catherine Wallace.

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