

THE EASTBOURNE ARTS CIRCLE CHARITY

Charity No: 306339

Summary of Receipts and Payments for year ended 31.12.19

	2018	Receipts	2019		2018	Payments	2019
	49,262.82	Balances as at 1.1.2019					
		Current Account	47,526.54				
	400.50	Donations & Sponsorship	427.50		346.72	Admin Costs / Stationery	292.84
	3,063.00	Subscriptions	3,198.08		3,199.16	Event Costs Event Venue Hire	2,771.45
	12,511.15	Ticket Sales for events Tkt Sales 2018	13,410.27 216.00		1,394.65	Catering Cost Officers' Expenses	1,016.79
		Reduction of float			50.00	Audit Fee	50.00
	375.00	Advertising Sales in Magazine	340.00		1,000.00	Towner Lunch Study Day Cost	211.58
		Towner Lunch Study Day	215.95			Sussex Open - Prize Money	
		Uncleared Cheque	10,000.00		1,369.80	EAC Magazine	1,844.20
					82.00	Printing & Advertising	105.00
					253.60	Web Site	243.60
					10,000.00	Donation to Towner Art Gallery	21,000.00
					390.00	Cheque now cleared	
					47,526.54	Balance as at 31.12.2019	47,798.88
					65,612.47	Current account	
TOTALS	65,612.47		75,334.34		65,612.47		75,334.34
Annual	16,349.55		27,807.80		18,085.93		27,535.46

I have examined the books and papers presented to me and I confirm that the figures shown are in accordance therewith

N. Wescott
Date 9/3/2020

[N. Wescott - Retired Bank Official]

P.R. Anson
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Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Eastbourne Arts Circle Charity

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31st December 2019 which is set out on the attached sheet.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners.

The charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of the of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

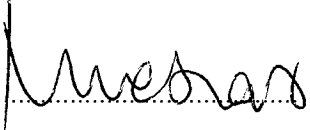
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - * to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

2. to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signature:  Date: 9/3/2020

Name: NICHOLAS PAUL WESTCOTT

Relevant professional qualification or body: RETIRED BANK OFFICIAL

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East Sussex BN21 1QT

The Eastbourne Arts Circle Charity

Registered Charity No. 306339

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at the Financial Year-End
Financial year ending 31st December 2019

MONETARY ASSETS

Cash Balances shown on Receipts & Payments accounts	
Current a/c	£ 47,798.88
TOTAL	47,798.88

Other Monetary Assets
NONE

LIABILITIES

Liabilities now due for payment
NONE

Future & Contingent Liabilities
NONE

NON-MONETARY ASSETS

	Date Acquired	Current Value
Held for Investment Purposes NONE		
Held for the Charity's own use NONE		

Signed Philip Anson Date 9/3/20
PHILIP ANSON
(on behalf of all the trustees)

2019 ANNUAL REPORT
THE EASTBOURNE ARTS CIRCLE CHARITY

Registered Charity 306339

c/o Philip Roland Anson
34 Martello Rd
Eastbourne
East Sussex
BN22 7SS

Charitable Objects

To support and assist the Towner Art Gallery.
To encourage and foster the appreciation of the arts in Eastbourne by the organisation of meetings, exhibitions, concerts, lectures and other related activities.
To supplement the facilities provided at the Towner Art Gallery by the Borough Council.

Governing Document

Constitution adopted 25/4/79 as amended on 3/4/08 and 2/3/14

Trustee Names

Sir Philip Anson
Mrs Elizabeth Pridmore
Mrs Christine Gawad (till 1 March 2019)
Dr Helen Rufus-Ward

There shall be not more than 13 trustees.

Policy for appointing Trustees

When there is a trustee vacancy, the management committee will appoint a new trustee from members with long service to the charity, who are eligible to stand as trustees under Charity Commission Rules. This will be ratified at the following AGM.

Reserves Policy

The charity does not employ staff or lease property; however, the trustees feel it prudent to maintain reserves of at least £5,000

Review of 2019 (Chairman's Report to AGM) is listed below

EAC Gifts to the Towner

The Towner Art Gallery has enjoyed an excellent year with a record breaking 163,000 visitors. This was facilitated in no small way by the auditorium/cinema which we helped to fund with our £100,000 gift in 2017. In the Autumn of 2019, Joe Hill, the Towner Director, stated that since the cinema opened 10,000 people have enjoyed 347 screenings. As a charity with the main purpose of supporting the Towner Gallery this is very welcome news which satisfies the objectives of our Charity's Constitution

- To support and assist the Towner Art Gallery.
- To encourage and foster the appreciation of the arts in Eastbourne.
- To supplement facilities provided at the Towner Art Gallery by the Borough Council.

In December 2019 we presented the third instalment of £10,000 to Joe Hill making that £30,000 of the £50,000 that we pledged to the Towner over 5 years. The Gift Agreement with Towner states:

'The Donor (Eastbourne Arts Circle) has pledged a gift of £50,000 to be paid to the Gallery (Towner) in five instalments of £10,000 each December from 2017 to 2021.' The gift is to be used: 'To support the Collection Development Fund to assist the acquisition of artworks according to the Collection Policy Criteria'.

Since April 2017 we have gifted over £140,000 to the Towner Gallery.

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| o | £100,000 | 19/04/17 |
| o | £10,000 | 14/12/17 |
| o | £10,000 | 19/12/18 |
| o | £10,000 | 25/02/19 |
| o | £10,000 | 13/12/19 |

Art Commission Competition

In the summer of 2019, we funded a local art competition with a prize of £1,000 to design and make a sculpture to be displayed throughout the summer season in the window of the Towner Art Gallery. This was won by Newhaven artist Helen Turner who created *Head*, an artwork that makes use of UV light so that passers-by can experience the sculpture 24 hours a day.

Next year it has been suggested that Eastbourne Arts Circle could assist with the purchase of either recording equipment for the auditorium, making it possible to record lectures, or pay for conservation work to be carried out on paintings in the Towner collection. The recording equipment would help foster art appreciation in Eastbourne by allowing more local people to access our art lectures, and the conservation work would support the maintenance of the Towner Collection. We are currently waiting to hear back from Joe Hill, the Director of the Towner, as to which option he would prefer.


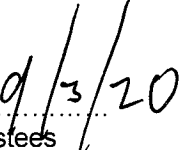
Events

Our events are regularly reaching full capacity in the new auditorium. With this in mind it has been important that our members book their tickets as soon as they can to avoid disappointment. Our Treasurer, Sir Philip Anson, has made the process of purchasing tickets easier by introducing payment by credit card.

Special Interest Days in the Auditorium

On the 26th July 2019 we held our first 'Special Interest Day' on *The Life and Songs of Schubert* with Elizabeth Muir-Lewis and Nicolas Chisholm MBE. Starting at 11am and finishing at 3pm with a break for lunch in the Towner café. The day was a great success. With ticket prices of £20 for members (£22 for non-members) these events are more financially beneficial than our average lecture where we charge £10 for members (£12 for non-members). We have scheduled in two further Special Interest Days for 2020.

Dr Helen Rufus-Ward

Signed  Dated 
by Sir Philip Anson on behalf of all the trustees