

2021 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 (also known as Mrs Mrs E. Muir-Lewis)
Dr Helen C. R. Ward (also known as 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 2021 (Chairman's Report to AGM) is listed below

EAC Gifts to the Towner

In December 2021, despite continued difficulties in running our usual programme of lectures and events (due to restricted audience size due to Covid), we still presented £10,000 to the Towner Art Gallery. This constituted the final instalment of the £50,000 Eastbourne Arts Circle promised the Towner Art Gallery over 5 years. The Gift Agreement with Towner stated:

'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 £160,000 to the Towner Gallery.

- £100,000 Apr 2017
- £10,000 Dec 2017
- £10,000 Dec 2018
- £10,000 Feb 2019
- £10,000 Dec 2019
- £10,000 Dec 2020
- £10,000 Dec 2021

Events

During 2021 we increased the number of our lectures and added extra ones on Zoom to compensate for the reduction in audience numbers due to Covid restrictions. We added more lectures delivered for free from committee members and our supporters but despite this we were only able to raise half our usual revenue from these events. Going forward the committee have decided to continue offering Zoom lectures, as this has proved convenient for meetings and an ideal format for some of our less-mobile members.

The challenges we face will continue into 2022 as, together with smaller audiences, we are experiencing the inconvenience of using a temporary auditorium (in the Locker Room, part of the Devonshire Park Quarter) whilst the Towner Art Gallery is undergoing extensive building work which will not be completed until April at the earliest.

Dr Helen Rufus-Ward (Chairman)

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

P. Anson Dated *24/2/22*

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Charity No: 306339

Summary of Receipts and Payments for year ended 31.12.21

2020		Receipts	2021	2020		Payments	2021
	47,798.88	Balances as at 1.1.2021 Current Account	32,339.05				
	274.25	Donations & Sponsorship	456.90				
	2,303.24	Subscriptions	2,210.82	190.80	Admin Costs / Stationery		109.44
	5,358.29	Ticket Sales for events	4,988.76	540.30	Event Costs Zoom Pro Subscription		1,496.90 143.88
	70.00	Advertising Sales in Magazine	420.00	665.65	Officers' Expenses		997.99
	283.61	Towner Lunch Study Day		50.00	Audit Fee		
				277.87	Towner Lunch Study Day Cost		
				1,831.00	EAC Magazine		933.40
					Printing & Advertising		15.00
				193.60	Web Site		204.00
				10,000.00	Donation to Towner Art Gallery		10,000.00
				10,000.00	Cheque now cleared		
					Balance as at 31.12.2021		
				32,339.05	Current account		26,514.92
TOTALS	56,088.27		40,415.53	56,088.27			40,415.53
<i>Annual</i>	8,289.39		8,076.48	23,749.22			13,900.61

I have examined the books and papers presented to me and I confirm that the

figures shown are in accordance therewith

N. Wescott Date 24/2/2022
[N. Wescott - Retired Bank Official]

P. R. Anson
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Treasurer
24/2/22

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 2021 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

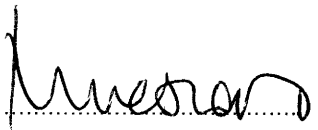
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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

have not been met; or

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

Signature: _____

 Date: 24/2/2022

Name: NICHOLAS PAUL WESTCOTT

Relevant professional qualification or body: RETIRED BANK OFFICIAL

Address:

15 Motcombe Rd,
Eastbourne
East Sussex BN21 1QT

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at the Financial Year-End
Financial year ending 31st December 2021

MONETARY ASSETS

Cash Balances shown on Receipts & Payments accounts

	£
Current a/c	26,514.92

TOTAL	26,514.92
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Other Monetary Assets

NONE

LIABILITIES

Liabilities now due for payment

NONE

Future & Contingent Liabilities

NONE

NON-MONETARY ASSETS

Held for Investment Purposes

NONE

Held for the Charity's own use

NONE

Signed

P. N. Anson Date *24/2/22*

PHILIP NORMAN ANSON

(on behalf of all the trustees)

Date	Current
Acquired	Value