

ENGLISH CERAMIC CIRCLE

England & Wales · Charity number 1097063

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2003-04-15

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: A1. TO ADVANCE THE PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATION OF CERAMICS AND ENAMELS MANUFACTURED, DECORATED, OR USED IN THE BRITISH ISLES.2. TO PROMOTE RESEARCH AND STUDY IN ALL MATTERS RELATING TO CERAMICS AND ENAMELS MANUFACTURED, DECORATED, OR USED IN THE BRITISH ISLES AND TO DISSEMINATE THE USEFUL KNOWLEDGE GAINED FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

Activities: lecture programmeexhibitionsublish researchseminarsvisits to museums & collections

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNITED KINGDOM, NATIONAL.
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-31	£36,928	£32,823	-	-
2023-10-31	£36,307	£32,599	-	-
2022-10-31	£34,910	£28,579	-	-
2021-10-31	£34,187	£33,559	-	-
2020-10-31	£25,333	£28,264	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Amber Turner		2022-05-24
Barbara Helen Jotham		2022-05-24
Dr Caroline McCaffrey-Howarth		2020-09-19
Dr James Robert Nicholas Peake		2021-03-27
Francesca Rose Boyd		2024-04-20
JACQUI PEARCE		
JONATHAN DAVID COOPER GRAY		
Lucy Ann Lead		2024-04-20
ROSEMARY PEMBERTON		2012-08-30
Rebecca Jane Walker		2023-04-22
Simon Spier		2022-05-24
Thomas Smith		2021-03-20

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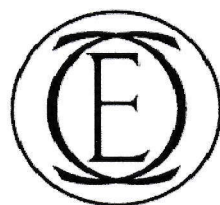
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A Coalport porcelain Jardiniere and Stand, the panel signed T.BAXTER. Undated, c1802
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**THE ENGLISH CERAMIC CIRCLE
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Charity Commission's publication "Financial Reporting Standard 102" ("FRS 102") and guidance note "Charity reporting and accounting (CC15d)" applicable to reporting periods beginning on or after 1st November 2016

1. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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Registered Charity Number: 1097063

Website address: www.englishceramiccircle.org.uk

Charity's principal postal address: BM Box 7246, London WC1N 3XX

Trustees

Neil Ewins (co-opted April 2024) - Programme Secretary from summer 2024

Jonathan Gray - President

Francesca John (appointed April 2024) - Communications Manager

Barbara Jotham - Treasurer

Lucy Lead (appointed April 2024) - Librarian and interim Membership Secretary

Patricia Macleod (resigned April 2024)

Caroline McCaffrey-Howarth - Grants Secretary

James Peake

Jacqui Pearce - Joint Editor

Rosemary Pemberton - Visits Manager

Tom Smith - Newsletter Editor

Simon Spier - Webmaster

Amber Turner - Programme Secretary to summer 2024

Rebecca Walker - Membership Secretary to November 2023

Irina Zigar (co-opted May 2024)

Bankers : NatWest Bank plc and United Trust Bank

Independent Examiner: Mr John Beetwell

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Meetings, seminars and visits

Saturday lecture meetings are held twice a year; as the autumn 2024 meeting was held earlier than in 2023, there were three meetings in 2023-24, which took place at the Rembrandt Hotel, Knightsbridge, in London. A further seven lectures were held via Zoom, with the majority open to non-members. Many of these lectures are available to Members on the ECC website, with several available to all website visitors.

In December 2023 80 people participated in an all-day seminar celebrating the display of recent Chelsea porcelain acquisitions by the V&A Museum, including the portrait of Nicholas Sprimont, Ann Sprimont and Susannah Protin and a rare 'pea-green' ground vase, which had been recently put on show in the British Galleries.

Using Zoom continues to be extremely popular with the membership at large, enabling many more, particularly those living overseas, to attend meetings. It also widens the list of potential speakers as they can give papers from their own homes or workplaces anywhere in the world. ECC receives invitations from various other ceramic groups in the UK and abroad to participate in their Zoom lectures and these are passed on to both ECC Members and other societies.

Publications

The English Ceramic Circle publishes an annual publication, The Transactions of the English Ceramic Circle, and two newsletters each year. Occasional additional publications are published and made available to Members. Members are also advised by email of significant events in the ceramic world, such as exhibitions, auctions and seminars.

ECC maintains a library of ceramic publications and literature to which Members have access and which, in most cases, are available on loan to Members for short periods.

The Committee has been working on publishing the 2022 Thomas Baxter study day. The Baxter publication reserve stands at £5,225, including £725 received in 2024-25 and £2,500 in designated funds (of which £500 was given by HSBC in 2023-24). The book is nearly ready for printing, following the successful application of match grant funding from Ceramica-Stiftung in early 2024-25. Printing will happen in 2025 and copies sent to paid-up members with Transactions.

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Membership

The English Ceramic Circle offers annual subscription membership which entitles Members to attend meetings, to receive the annual Transactions, two newsletters, invitations to Zoom lectures including those provided by other bodies to which ECC Members are invited and sometimes (at the discretion of the Committee) other publications without further charge. Membership is offered to individuals, joint membership to two individuals at the same address, and Institutional Membership. The latter category entitles Institutions to send any nominated individual to meetings organised by the ECC.

Membership subscription numbers decreased by 29/5% overall during the year (2022-23 decrease of 4/1%).

The majority of UK individual Members gift aid their subscriptions and the Committee urges any UK tax payer who has not done so to contact the Treasurer in order to set this up and provide valuable additional income to ECC at no cost to themselves.

5. FINANCIAL REVIEW

ECC generated net income of £4,105 for the year, before designations, comprising £328 restricted net expenditure and £4,433 unrestricted net income (2022-23 net income of £3,708, comprising £3,439 restricted net income and £269 unrestricted net income). There was a modest increase of £621 to gross income, from £36,307 to £36,928. Subscriptions income decreased slightly by £276. £181 net income was generated by the Chelsea seminar. Sale of publications, including postage recharges, increased by £115. ECC benefited in 2023-24 from higher interest rates on longer-term deposits, increasing bank interest income by £1,900; however this is expected to decrease as these longer-term deposits mature. £500 was received towards publication of papers from the Thomas Baxter seminar held in 2021-22.

Expenditure increased by £224, to £32,823 from £32,599 in 2022-23. Publication costs, which had increased £3,304 in 2022-23, were reduced by £3,185 (excluding Thomas Baxter) in 2023-24 as the number of pages in the Transactions journal were reduced by 28/10% to compensate for increased costs of printing; savings were also achieved on sending copies to overseas Members using surface mail. The total cost of three London meetings in 2023-24 was £5,556, compared to a total of £3,951 for two meetings in 2022-23.

The ECC is a registered charity and we encourage donations and bequests from both Members and the public to enable ECC's activities to continue. Supplementary categories of membership, comprising Friends, Sponsors and Benefactors, produced additional income of £2,172 during 2023-24 (2022-23 £2,180). This income is treated as restricted and credited to the Research Reserve, which enables ECC to contribute to research, publishing and increasing access in relation to ceramics and enamels made in Britain. A total of £3,000 research grants were made to four recipients in early 2023-24. Overall in 2023-24 the balance on this fund decreased from £4,237 to £3,409.

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Reserves Policy

ECC's trustees consider the existing free reserve of £56,425 to be sufficient to meet the medium-term requirements of ECC, being comparable, in relation to annual expenditure, to other ceramic societies.

Designated Funds

ECC will reach its 100th anniversary in 2027 and the Committee has set up a sub-committee to plan at least one special event to commemorate this. Since 2020-21, uncommitted unrestricted funds have been transferred to the Centenary Fund: after a modest addition of £269 in 2022-23, we have been able to apply the additional bank interest and expenditure savings to add £3,933 in 2023-24. This brings the balance at 31 October 2024 to £9,588, which will provide instrumental matched funding for fundraising activities to create a truly memorable year of activities in 2027-28.

ECC maintains a printing reserve of £18,500 to cover the anticipated costs of printing the papers delivered to Members but not yet published. A further £2,500 has been designated (including a £500 donation from HSBC in 2023-24) as a contribution to the publication arising from the Thomas Baxter seminar held in 2021-22, as noted above under Publications.

6. MEMBERSHIP

Membership numbers at 31 October 2024 were as follows:

	Individual	Institutional	Total	2022-23 Total
UK Members	345	29	374	392
Europe	8	4	12	21
USA and Canada	95	17	112	112
Australia & New Zealand	17	2	19	21
Rest of World	4	0	4	4
	469	52	521	550

On behalf of the Trustees



Jonathan Gray
President



Barbara Jotham, FCA
Treasurer

22nd March 2025

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
The English Ceramic Circle
for the Year Ended 31st October 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the English Ceramic Circle ("The Circle") for the year ended 31 October 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Circle you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Circle's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

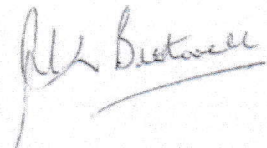
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Society as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John Beetwell
c/o BM Box 7246
London
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22nd March 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st October 2024

	2023-24			2022-23		
	£ Restricted Funds	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Total Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Total Funds
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary Income						
Subscriptions	-	21,645	21,645	-	21,921	21,921
Income from Friends, Sponsors & Benefactors	2,172	-	2,172	2,180	-	2,180
Gift Aid	-	2,659	2,659	-	3,006	3,006
Donations	500	555	1,055	-	459	459
	<u>2,672</u>	<u>24,859</u>	<u>27,531</u>	<u>2,180</u>	<u>25,386</u>	<u>27,566</u>
Investment Income						
Bank Interest		3,972	3,972		2,072	2,072
Income from Charitable Activities						
Publication & archive sales		895	895		780	780
Seminar income		1,600	1,600		-	-
Advertising income		2,750	2,750		2,700	2,700
Summer visit		-	-		1,689	1,689
Other income		180	180	1,500		1,500
	<u>-</u>	<u>5,425</u>	<u>5,425</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>5,169</u>	<u>6,669</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u>2,672</u>	<u>34,256</u>	<u>36,928</u>	<u>3,680</u>	<u>32,627</u>	<u>36,307</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Costs of Charitable Activities						
Publication Costs	-	18,715	18,715	241	21,900	22,141
Mailings and Postage		1,380	1,380		1,577	1,577
Meetings		5,556	5,556		3,951	3,951
Website and computer expenses		1,620	1,620		2,021	2,021
Research Grants awarded	3,000	-	3,000		-	-
Bursaries		-	-		198	198
Marketing		201	201		-	-
Insurance		533	533		502	502
Depreciation		-	-		-	-
Seminar costs		1,419	1,419		-	-
Summer visit		-	-		1,506	1,506
Donations		-	-		-	-
Bank Charges		284	284		317	317
General expenses (including assets under £1,000)		115	115		386	386
Total Resources Expended	<u>3,000</u>	<u>29,823</u>	<u>32,823</u>	<u>241</u>	<u>32,358</u>	<u>32,599</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR	(328)	4,433	4,105	3,439	269	3,708
Total funds brought forward	5,496	82,580	88,076	2,057	82,311	84,368
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>5,168</u>	<u>87,013</u>	<u>92,181</u>	<u>5,496</u>	<u>82,580</u>	<u>88,076</u>

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Balance Sheet at 31st October 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2		-		-
Current Assets					
Debtors and Prepayments	3	9,119		5,386	
NatWest Bank - instant access		6,526		33,713	
NatWest Bank - 35 days notice		47,759		27,262	
United Trust Bank - 1 year bond		-		30,360	
United Trust Bank - 2 years bond		31,514		-	
United Trust Bank - 3 years bond		18,439		18,439	
		113,357		115,160	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors and accruals	4	21,176		27,084	
Net Current Assets			92,181		88,076
Net Assets			92,181		88,076

Represented by:

Unrestricted Funds:

General Reserve		56,425		56,425	
Printing Reserve		21,000		20,500	
Centenary Fund		9,588		5,655	
	5	87,013		82,580	

Restricted Funds:

Research Reserve		3,409		4,237	
Thomas Baxter Publication		1,759		1,259	
	6	5,168		5,496	
		92,181		88,076	

The Financial Statements were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Jonathan Gray (President)



Barbara Jotham, FCA (Treasurer)

22nd March 2025

THE ENGLISH CERAMIC CIRCLE
Accounts for the year ended 31 October 2024
Notes to the Accounts

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared using the historic cost convention and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The statements have been voluntarily compiled on an accruals basis to comply with the principal recommendations of the Charity Commission's publication "Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities" [2015].

Income from Members' subscriptions, which entitles members to receive the annual Transactions publication and to attend both public and members' meetings, is recognised in the year in which those meetings take place.

Income from Gift Aid is accounted for in the financial year in which the donated income being claimed for is received. Income from publication grants, provided such grant is committed, is accounted for in the year in which the relevant publication costs are incurred.

The Circle holds stocks of past Transactions which it sells to the public and to Members. Some of these publications are many years old and the trustees take the view that maintaining a stock recording system to maintain these relatively low valued stocks would not be justified. Accordingly, subject to the matters set out below, publication costs are expensed in the accounts in the year in which they are printed.

The Circle maintains a Printing Reserve to make allowance for the cost of unpublished Transactions, or supplements to Transactions, where the relevant papers have been presented by Members to the Circle but the printing not yet undertaken.

(b) Statutory Disclosures

During the year three committee members were reimbursed for travel and subsistence costs totalling £350 incurred on behalf of ECC (2022-23 £248 to three committee members) and no other trustee expenses were incurred (2022-23 £nil).

(c) Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Equipment under £1,000 is written off in the year of acquisition. Assets over £1,000 are depreciated on a straight line basis over their expected useful life, usually 3 years.

2 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Computer, Software, and Projection Equipment £
Cost	
Opening balance at 1st November 2023	-
Additions	-
Disposals	-
Closing Balance at 31st October 2024	-
Depreciation	
Opening balance at 1st November 2023	-
Disposals	-
Charge for the year	-
Closing Balance at 31st October 2024	-
Net Book Value at 31st October 2024	-
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3 Debtors and prepayments	As at 31st October:	2024	2023
Amounts falling due within one year:		£	£
Meetings expenses paid in advance		410	642
Seminar expenses paid in advance		-	136
Insurance paid in advance		90	85
Website expenses paid in advance		861	812
Gift Aid receivable		2,659	-
Advertising income receivable		2,400	2,100
Publications income receivable		-	180
Accrued bank interest receivable		2,699	1,431
		<u>9,119</u>	<u>5,386</u>

4 Creditors and accruals	As at 31st October:	2024	2023
		£	£
Subscriptions received in advance		1,590	4,680
Seminar income received in advance		25	825
Meetings expenses		246	-
Publication expenses		18,590	21,320
Mailings and postage		725	101
General expenses		-	158
		<u>21,176</u>	<u>27,084</u>

5 Unrestricted Funds

	Opening balance at 1st November 2023	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Closing balance at 31st October 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Unallocated reserves					
General funds	56,425	34,256	(29,823)	(4,433)	56,425
Designated reserves					
Printing Reserve	18,500	-	-	-	18,500
Thomas Baxter Publication	2,000	-	-	500	2,500
2027 Centenary Fund	5,655	-	-	3,933	9,588
	<u>26,155</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,433</u>	<u>30,588</u>
Total	<u>82,580</u>	<u>34,256</u>	<u>(29,823)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,013</u>

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Research reserve	4,237	2,172	(3,000)	-	3,409
Thomas Baxter Publication	1,259	500	-	-	1,759
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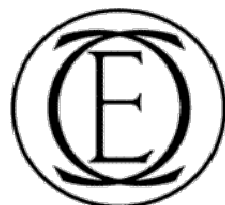
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A Swansea pearlware plate, shell edged, inscribed Tho's & Eliz Lewis, 1794
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In May 2023 Members were able to partake in a fascinating trip organised by ECC to two highly important collections of English ceramics. Temple Newsam House, Leeds, is home to fine early English creamware, lead glazed earthenware and salt glazed stoneware. The Bowes Museum, Northumberland, contains the Lady Ludlow collection which has been described as one of the greatest assemblages of English porcelain in the world, comprising 500 pieces of Bow, Chelsea, Derby and Worcester. Participants enjoyed handling sessions of Yorkshire creamware at Temple Newsam and English porcelain at its highest level of design at Bowes Museum.

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The majority of UK individual Members gift aid their subscriptions and the Committee urges any UK tax payer who has not done so to contact the Treasurer in order to set this up and provide valuable additional income to ECC at no cost to themselves.

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ECC generated net income of £3,708 for the year, before designations, comprising £3,439 restricted net income and £269 unrestricted net income (2021-22 net income of £6,331, comprising £1,210 restricted net expenditure and £5,121 unrestricted net income). There was a modest increase of £1,266 to gross income, from £35,041 to £36,307. Subscriptions decreased by £1,758. £183 net income was earned for the visit to Temple Newsam and Bowes. Sale of publications, including postage recharges, increased by £201. £1,500 was received towards publication of papers from the Thomas Baxter seminar held in 2021-22; of this £241 was spent in 2022-23, with the balance of £1,259 being shown in restricted funds.

Expenditure increased by £3,889, to £32,599 from £28,710 in 2021-22. The publication costs were £3,304 higher than in 2022-23 as the Transactions journal contained around 30/11% more pages than in 2021-22 and due to increased costs of printing and postage, particularly to overseas Members. Additional postage costs were also incurred to send packs to new Members and for publication orders, the latter costs mainly recharged. General expenses in 2021-22 included the purchase of a laptop and related costs.

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Membership numbers at 31 October 2023 were as follows:

	Single	Dual	Institutional	Total	2021-22 Total
UK Members	303	71	18	392	405
Europe	13	0	8	21	22
USA and Canada	86	8	18	112	102
Australia & New Zealand	17	2	2	21	21
Rest of World	4	0	0	4	4
	423	81	46	550	554

On behalf of the Trustees



Jonathan Gray
President



Barbara Jotham, FCA
Treasurer

28 March 2024

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
The English Ceramic Circle
for the Year Ended 31st October 2023**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the English Ceramic Circle ("The Circle") for the year ended 31 October 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Circle you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Circle's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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28 March 2024

THE ENGLISH CERAMIC CIRCLE
Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st October 2023

	2022-23			2021-22		
	£ Restricted Funds	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Total Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Total Funds
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary Income						
Subscriptions	-	21,921	21,921		23,679	23,679
Income from Friends, Sponsors & Benefactors	2,180	-	2,180	1,210		1,210
Gift Aid	-	3,006	3,006		3,158	3,158
Donations	-	459	459		822	822
	<u>2,180</u>	<u>25,386</u>	<u>27,566</u>	<u>1,210</u>	<u>27,659</u>	<u>28,869</u>
Investment Income						
Bank Interest		2,072	2,072		897	897
Income from Charitable Activities						
Publication & archive sales		780	780		579	579
Seminar income		-	-		1,578	1,578
Advertising income		2,700	2,700		2,700	2,700
Summer visit		1,689	1,689		418	418
Other income	1,500		1,500			-
	<u>1,500</u>	<u>5,169</u>	<u>6,669</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,275</u>	<u>5,275</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u>3,680</u>	<u>32,627</u>	<u>36,307</u>	<u>1,210</u>	<u>33,831</u>	<u>35,041</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Costs of Charitable Activities						
Publication Costs	241	21,900	22,141		18,837	18,837
Mailings and Postage		1,577	1,577		605	605
Meetings		3,951	3,951		4,139	4,139
Website and computer expenses		2,021	2,021		1,754	1,754
Research Grants awarded		-	-			-
Bursaries		198	198			-
Marketing		-	-			-
Insurance		502	502		451	451
Depreciation		-	-			-
Seminar costs		-	-		1,434	1,434
Summer visit		1,506	1,506		250	250
Donations		-	-			-
Bank Charges		317	317		131	131
General expenses (including assets under £1,000)		386	386		1,109	1,109
Total Resources Expended	<u>241</u>	<u>32,358</u>	<u>32,599</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,710</u>	<u>28,710</u>
Net income/expenditure for the year	3,439	269	3,708	1,210	5,121	6,331
Total funds brought forward	2,057	82,311	84,368	847	77,190	78,037
Total funds carried forward	<u>5,496</u>	<u>82,580</u>	<u>88,076</u>	<u>2,057</u>	<u>82,311</u>	<u>84,368</u>

THE ENGLISH CERAMIC CIRCLE
Balance Sheet at 31st October

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2		-		-
Current Assets					
Debtors and Prepayments	3	5,386		7,202	
NatWest Bank - instant access		33,713		31,367	
NatWest Bank - 45 days notice		27,262		-	
Shawbrook Bank - 60 days notice		-		20,652	
United Trust Bank 3 months bond		-		18,184	
United Trust Bank 1 year bond		30,360		30,000	
United Trust Bank 3 years bond		18,439			
		115,160		107,405	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors and accruals	4	27,084		23,037	
Net Current Assets			88,076	84,368	
Net Assets			88,076	84,368	
 Represented by:					
Unrestricted Funds:					
General Reserve		56,425		56,425	
Printing Reserve		20,500		20,500	
Centenary Fund		5,655		5,386	
	5	82,580		82,311	
Restricted Funds:					
Research Reserve		4,237		2,057	
Thomas Baxter Publication		1,259		-	
	6	5,496		2,057	
		88,076		84,368	

The Financial Statements were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Jonathan Gray (President)



Barbara Jotham, FCA (Treasurer)

28 March 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared using the historic cost convention and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The statements have been voluntarily compiled on an accruals basis to comply with the principal recommendations of the Charity Commission's publication "Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities" [2015].

Income from Members' subscriptions, which entitles members to receive the annual Transactions publication and to attend both public and members' meetings, is recognised in the year in which those meetings take place.

Income from Gift Aid is accounted for in the financial year in which the donated income being claimed for is received. Income from publication grants, provided such grant is committed, is accounted for in the year in which the relevant publication costs are incurred.

The Circle holds stocks of past Transactions which it sells to the public and to Members. Some of these publications are many years old and the trustees take the view that maintaining a stock recording system to maintain these relatively low valued stocks would not be justified. Accordingly, subject to the matters set out below, publication costs are expensed in the accounts in the year in which they are printed.

The Circle maintains a Printing Reserve to make allowance for the cost of unpublished Transactions, or supplements to Transactions, where the relevant papers have been presented by Members to the Circle but the printing not yet undertaken.

(b) Statutory Disclosures

During the year three committee members were reimbursed for travel and subsistence costs totalling £248 incurred on behalf of ECC (2021-22 £152 to three committee members) and no other trustee expenses were incurred (2021-22 £nil).

(c) Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Equipment under £1,000 is written off in the year of acquisition. Assets over £1,000 are depreciated on a straight line basis over their expected useful life, usually 3 years.

2 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Computer, Software, and Projection Equipment
Cost	£
Opening balance at 1st November 2022	-
Additions	-
Disposals	-
Closing Balance at 31st October 2023	-
Depreciation	
Opening balance at 1st November 2022	-
Disposals	-
Charge for the year	-
Closing Balance at 31st October 2023	-
Net Book Value at 31st October 2023	-
Net Book Value at 31st October 2022	-

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3	Debtors and prepayments	As at 31st October:	2023	2022
	Amounts falling due within one year:		£	£
	Meetings expenses paid in advance		642	-
	Seminar expenses paid in advance		136	-
	Mailing and postage paid in advance		-	54
	Insurance paid in advance		85	78
	Website expenses paid in advance		812	781
	Gift Aid receivable		-	3,158
	Advertising income receivable		2,100	2,100
	Publications income receivable		180	-
	CAF donation receivable		-	377
	Accrued bank interest receivable		1,431	654
			5,386	7,202

4	Creditors and accruals	As at 31st October:	2023	2022
			£	£
	Subscriptions received in advance		4,680	3,781
	Seminar income received in advance		825	-
	Meetings expenses		-	111
	Publication expenses		21,320	18,723
	Mailings and postage		101	20
	Summer visit		-	250
	General expenses		158	152
	Grants awarded		-	-
			27,084	23,037

5 Unrestricted Funds

	Opening balance at 1st November 2022	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Closing balance at 31st October 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Unallocated reserves					
General funds	56,425	32,627	(32,358)	(269)	56,425
Designated reserves					
Printing Reserve	18,500	-	-	-	18,500
Thomas Baxter Publication	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
2027 Centenary Fund	5,386	-	-	269	5,655
	25,886	-	-	269	26,155
Total	82,311	32,627	(32,358)	-	82,580

6 Restricted Funds

	Opening balance at 1st November 2022	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Closing balance at 31st October 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Research reserve	2,057	2,180	-	-	4,237
Thomas Baxter Publication	-	1,500	(241)	-	1,259
	2,057	3,680	(241)	-	5,496

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**Limehouse sauceboat, c. 1746-48, Private Collection
Photo © Sylvain Deleu**



Registered Charity Number 1097063

THE ENGLISH CERAMIC CIRCLE
Trustees' Annual Report
for the Year Ended 31st October 2022

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Charity Commission's publication "Financial Reporting Standard 102" ("FRS 102") and guidance note "Charity reporting and accounting (CC15d)" applicable to reporting periods beginning on or after 1st November 2016

1. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name: The English Ceramic Circle (also known as "ECC")

Registered Charity Number: 1097063

Website address: www.englishceramiccircle.org.uk

Charity's principal postal address: BM Box 7246, London WC1N 3XX.

Trustees

Jonathan Gray - President

Mark Francis (resigned 24 May 2022)

Barbara Jotham (appointed 24 May 2022) - Treasurer from October 2022

Patricia Macleod - Membership Secretary to August 2022

Caroline McCaffrey-Howarth

Stephen McManus - Librarian

James Peake

Jacqui Pearce - Joint Editor of the Transactions publication

Rosemary Pemberton - Visits Manager

Tom Smith - Newsletter Editor

Simon Spier (co-opted May 2022) - Marketing Manager & Webmaster

Amber Turner (appointed 24 May 2022) - Programme Secretary

Alan Walden - Treasurer to September 2022

Rebecca Walker (co-opted June 2022) - Membership Secretary from September 2022

Jo Whitehead - Publications manager

Bankers : NatWest Bank plc, Shawbrook Bank and United Trust Bank

Independent Examiner: Mr John Beetwell

2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The Charity is an unincorporated association, governed by the Rules of The English Ceramic Circle ('The Rules'), which were revised at and took effect from the Annual General Meeting held on 24 May 2022. A copy of the Rules can be found on ECC's website.

The Trustees of the Charity form the Committee of the English Ceramic Circle. The Committee comprises not more than fifteen members who are elected (for a term of not more than 3 years with the right to re-election). The Committee has power to co-opt not more than three members, and a list of the current Trustees is set out above.

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The Charity has no employees. The Accounts have been subject to Independent Examination as required by Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011.

ECC complies with the requirements of the EU General Data Protection Regulation. Data is held by only the President, Treasurer, Membership and Programme Secretaries and Visits Manager and is accessed and used by them only to communicate matters of interest to Members, to solicit subscription renewals and other payments and to mail Transactions (via a third party which then destroys the mailing list) and Newsletters to them. ECC does not share personal data with third parties without the consent of the individuals concerned. ECC's full data privacy statement is available on its website www.englishceramiccircle.org.uk.

3. OBJECTIVES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Objectives of the Charity, as defined in section 2 of The Rules, are:

- a) To advance the public knowledge and appreciation of ceramics and enamels manufactured, decorated, or used in the British Isles.
- b) To promote research and study in all matters relating to ceramics and enamels manufactured, decorated, or used in the British Isles and to disseminate the useful knowledge gained for the public benefit.

The Charity provides public benefit through its Transactions and other publications, which are available in a variety of libraries and also for sale to the public, and through its public meetings and seminars. The general public are also invited to view those of our on-line Zoom lectures which are not restricted to Members only.

4. ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

Meetings and visits

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Expenditure decreased by £2,980, to £28,579 from £31,559 in 2020-21, when 3 research grants totalling £3,350 were awarded from restricted reserves. The publication costs were lower in 2021-22 as the Transactions journal contained around 80 fewer pages than in 2020-21; however the printing cost per page increased due to higher costs of set-up, paper and ink. Meeting costs have increased due to the resumption of physical meetings post-COVID and the ongoing costs of holding monthly sessions remotely by Zoom. General expenses included the purchase of a laptop and related costs.

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Rest of World	4	0	0	4	5
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On behalf of the Trustees



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31st March 2023

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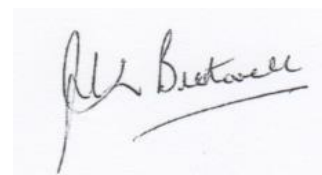
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23rd March 2023

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for the Year Ended 31st October 2022

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INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary Income						
Subscriptions	-	23,548	23,548	-	23,021	23,021
Income from Friends, Sponsors & Benefactors	1,210	-	1,210	1,713	-	1,713
Gift Aid	-	3,158	3,158	-	3,652	3,652
Donations	-	822	822	-	438	438
	<u>1,210</u>	<u>27,528</u>	<u>28,738</u>	<u>1,713</u>	<u>27,111</u>	<u>28,824</u>
Investment Income						
Bank Interest		897	897		729	729
Income from Charitable Activities						
Publication & archive sales		579	579		489	489
Seminar income		1,578	1,578		1,752	1,752
Advertising income		2,700	2,700		2,393	2,393
Summer visit		418	418		-	-
Other income		-	-		-	-
	-	<u>5,275</u>	<u>5,275</u>	-	<u>4,634</u>	<u>4,634</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u>1,210</u>	<u>33,700</u>	<u>34,910</u>	<u>1,713</u>	<u>32,474</u>	<u>34,187</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Costs of Charitable Activities						
Publication Costs		18,837	18,837	-	21,030	21,030
Mailings and Postage		605	605	-	1,763	1,763
Meetings		4,139	4,139	-	1,331	1,331
Website and computer expenses		1,754	1,754	-	2,021	2,021
Research Grants awarded		-	-	3,350	-	3,350
Marketing		-	-	-	305	305
Insurance		451	451	-	355	355
Depreciation		-	-	-	-	-
Seminar costs		1,434	1,434	-	1,030	1,030
Summer visit		250	250	-	-	-
Donations		-	-	-	-	-
General expenses (including assets under £1,000)		1,109	1,109	-	374	374
Total Resources Expended	<u>-</u>	<u>28,579</u>	<u>28,579</u>	<u>3,350</u>	<u>28,209</u>	<u>31,559</u>
Net income/expenditure for the year	1,210	5,121	6,331	(1,637)	4,265	2,628
Total funds brought forward	847	77,190	78,037	2,484	72,925	75,409
Total funds carried forward	<u>2,057</u>	<u>82,311</u>	<u>84,368</u>	<u>847</u>	<u>77,190</u>	<u>78,037</u>

THE ENGLISH CERAMIC CIRCLE

Balance Sheet at 31st October

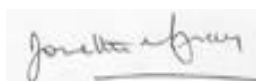
	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2		-		-
Current Assets					
Debtors and Prepayments	3	7,202		3,861	
Cash at NatWest Bank		31,367		7,677	
Shawbrook Bank - 60 days notice		20,652		20,526	
United Trust Bank 3 months bond		18,184		-	
United Trust Bank 1 year bond		<u>30,000</u>		<u>55,000</u>	
		107,405		87,064	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors and accruals	4	<u>23,037</u>		<u>9,027</u>	
Net Current Assets			84,368		78,037
Net Assets			<u>84,368</u>		<u>78,037</u>

Represented by:

Unrestricted Funds:

General Reserve		56,425		56,425	
Printing Reserve		20,500		18,500	
Centenary Fund		<u>5,386</u>		<u>2,265</u>	
	5		82,311		77,190
Restricted Funds:					
Research Reserve	6		2,057		847
			<u>84,368</u>		<u>78,037</u>

The Financial Statements were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Jonathan Gray (President)



Barbara Jotham, FCA (Treasurer)

31st March 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of accounting

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Income from Members' subscriptions, which entitles members to receive the annual Transactions publication and to attend both public and members' meetings, is recognised in the year in which those meetings take place.

Income from Gift Aid is accounted for in the financial year in which the donated income being claimed for is received. Income from publication grants, provided such grant is committed, is accounted for in the year in which the relevant publication costs are incurred.

The Circle holds stocks of past Transactions which it sells to the public and to members. Some of these publications are many years old and the trustees take the view that maintaining a stock recording system for these relatively low value stocks would not be justified. Accordingly, subject to the matters set out below, publication costs are expensed in the accounts in the year in which they are printed.

The Circle maintains a Printing Reserve to make allowance for the cost of unpublished Transactions, or supplements to Transactions, where the relevant papers have been presented by Members to the Circle but the printing not yet undertaken.

(b) Statutory Disclosures

During the year 3 committee members were reimbursed for travel costs totalling £152 incurred on behalf of ECC (2020-21 £nil) and no other trustee expenses were incurred (2020-21 £nil).

(c) Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Equipment under £1,000 is written off in the year of acquisition. Assets over £1,000 are depreciated on a straight line basis over their expected useful life, usually 3 years.

2 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Computer, Software, and Projection Equipment £
Cost	
Opening balance at 1st November 2021	1,220
Additions	-
Disposals	(1,220)
Closing Balance at 31st October 2022	-
Depreciation	
Opening balance at 1st November 2021	1,220
Disposals	(1,220)
Charge for the year	-
Closing Balance at 31st October 2022	-
Net Book Value at 31st October 2022	-
Net Book Value at 31st October 2021	-

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3	Debtors and prepayments	As at 31st October:	2022	2021
	Amounts falling due within one year:		£	£
	Meetings expenses paid in advance		-	2,320
	Mailing and postage paid in advance		54	54
	Insurance		78	60
	Website expenses paid in advance		781	763
	Gift Aid receivable		3,158	-
	Advertising income receivable		2,100	-
	CAF donation receivable		377	-
	Accrued bank interest receivable		654	664
			<u>7,202</u>	<u>3,861</u>

4	Creditors and accruals	As at 31st October:	2022	2021
			£	£
	Subscriptions received in advance		3,781	6,301
	Seminar expenses		-	45
	Meetings expenses		111	-
	Publication expenses		18,723	657
	Mailings and postage		20	924
	Summer visit		250	-
	General expenses		152	-
	Grants awarded		-	1,100
			<u>23,037</u>	<u>9,027</u>

5 Unrestricted Funds

	Opening balance at 1st November 2021	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Closing balance at 31st October 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Unallocated reserves					
General funds	56,425	33,700	(28,579)	(5,121)	56,425
Designated reserves					
Printing Reserve	18,500	-	-	2,000	20,500
2027 Centenary Fund	2,265	-	-	3,121	5,386
	<u>20,765</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,121</u>	<u>25,886</u>
Total	<u>77,190</u>	<u>33,700</u>	<u>(28,579)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>82,311</u>

6 Restricted Funds

		As at 31st October:	2022	2021
			£	£
	Research reserve			
	Balance brought forward		847	2,484
	Receipts		1,210	1,713
			<u>2,057</u>	<u>4,197</u>
	Grants awarded		-	(3,350)
	Balance carried forward		<u>2,057</u>	<u>847</u>

The Research Reserve, funded by additional income from Friends, Sponsors and Benefactors, enables ECC to contribute to research, publishing and increasing access in relation to ceramics and enamels made in Britain.

ENGLISH CERAMIC CIRCLE

England & Wales - Charity number 1097063

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The English Ceramic Circle

Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31st October, 2021



Registered Charity Number 1097063

**THE ENGLISH CERAMIC CIRCLE
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Charity Commission's publication "Financial Reporting Standard 102" ("FRS 102") and guidance note "Charity reporting and accounting (CC15d)" applicable to reporting periods beginning on or after 1st November 2016

1. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name: The English Ceramic Circle (also known as the "ECC")

Registered Charity Number: 1097063

Website address: www.englishceramiccircle.org.uk

Charity's principal postal address: BM Box 7246, London WC1N 3XX.

Trustees

Charles Dawson - President (resigned 18 August 2021)

Jonathan Gray - Programme Secretary: Appointed President (from 9 September 2021)

Mark Francis - Marketing manager and Webmaster

Patricia Macleod - Membership Secretary

Caroline McCaffrey-Howarth

Stephen McManus - Librarian

James Peake (co-opted 27 March 2021)

Jacqui Pearce - Joint Editor of the Transactions publication

Rosemary Pemberton - Events Organiser

Tom Smith (appointed 20 March 2021)

Alan Walden - Treasurer

Jo Whitehead - Publications manager

2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The Charity is an unincorporated association, governed by the Rules of The English Ceramic Circle ('The Rules'), which were revised at and took effect from the Annual General Meeting held on 19 March 2016. A copy of the Rules can be found on the Charity's website.

The Trustees of the Charity form the Committee of the English Ceramic Circle. The Committee comprises not more than fifteen members who are elected (for a term of not more than 3 years with the right to re-election) . The Committee has power to co-opt not more than three members, and a list of the current Trustees is set out above.

The Charity has no employees. The Accounts have been subject to Independent Examination as required by Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011.

The Circle complies with the requirements of the UK General Data Protection Regulation. Data is held by only the Treasurer and the Membership Secretary and is used only to communicate matters of interest to members, to solicit subscription renewals, and to mail Transactions and Newsletters to them

3. A FINANCIAL REVIEW

Bankers : Natwest Bank plc, Shawbrook Bank and United Trust Bank

Independent Examiner: Mr John Beetwell

Financial Year: 1 November 2020 to 31 October 2021

The Circle posted a surplus of £2,265 for the year (2019/20 - deficit of £2,931). Income increased by £7,141, largely through the increased subscriptions and associated gift aid generated by the influx of new members following the introduction of Zoom lectures in April 2020. Expenditure also increased, by £1,945 to £30,209, with the increase of £5,903 in publication costs partially offset by saving in other areas, notably mailings, meetings and website costs. The publication costs were particularly high this year as the Transactions journal contained around 100 more pages than the average. Three research grants totalling £3,350 (2019/20 - Nil) were awarded during the period but the cost was charged to the Research Reserve created for this purpose.

The ECC is a registered charity and we encourage donations and bequests from both members and the public to enable the Circle's activities to continue. Supplementary categories of membership, comprising, Friends, Sponsors and Benefactors, were introduced during 2019 and these produced additional income of £1,713 during the current year (2019/20 £1,127). This income is credited to the Research Reserve fund from which three grants totalling £3,350 were awarded during the period, reducing the fund to £847 at year end.

The committee considers the existing free reserve of £56,425 to be more than adequate to meet the medium term requirements of the Circle. However the Circle will reach its 100th anniversary in 2027 and the Committee will wish to mark this with a special event. To fund this it has been decided to create a new designated reserve to be credited with the annual surpluses until further notice, hence the £2,265 surplus for the current year has been transferred to the new reserve

4. OBJECTIVES

The Objectives of the Charity, as defined in section 2 of The Rules, are:

- a)** To advance the public knowledge and appreciation of ceramics and enamels manufactured, decorated, or used in the British Isles.
- b)** To promote research and study in all matters relating to ceramics and enamels manufactured, decorated, or used in the British Isles and to disseminate the useful knowledge gained for the public benefit.

The Charity provides public benefit through its Transactions and other publications, which are available in a variety of libraries and also for sale to the public, and through its public meetings and seminars. The general public are also invited to view those of our on-line Zoom lectures which are not restricted to members only.

5. ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

No Saturday lecture meetings were held during the year (2019/20 - 3) nor was it possible to hold the regular evening lectures held in the lecture theatre of Bonham's in Montpelier Street, London. It is expected to resume the Saturday meetings in March 2022. Arrangements have been made to move these from the Kensington & Chelsea Library to a new venue at the Foundling Museum, 40 Brunswick Square, London, WC1N 1AZ.

No external visits were organised this year, but the study day on London Stonewares, postponed from 2020, was held at the Museum of London Archaeology in October. This was well attended and six papers were presented covering five centuries of stoneware production.

In April 2020 the Circle pioneered the introduction of video lectures by ceramic societies using Zoom technology. During the year 21 lectures were delivered by this means (2020 - 17) of which 6 were restricted to members only with the remaining 15 open to all. The links to the open lectures are distributed to other ceramic bodies for circulation to their members and also publicised via the Circle's Facebook page. The lectures are also available on the ECC website to which all members have access.

Using Zoom has proved extremely popular with the membership at large as many, particularly those living overseas, had never previously been able to attend meetings. It also widens the list of potential speakers as they can give papers from their own homes or workplaces. The Circle receives frequent invitations from other ceramic societies, such as the French Porcelain Society, to participate in their Zoom lectures and these are passed on to both ECC members and other societies. The introduction of on-line lectures has provided a valuable boost to membership with a net increase of 121 achieved during the past two years

The Circle maintains a printing reserve to cover the anticipated costs of printing the papers delivered to members but not yet published. This has been increased by £2,000 this year to £18,500 to cover the anticipated cost of the 2021/22 edition of Transactions to be published in the late summer of 2022

Regular Publications

The English Ceramic Circle publishes an annual publication, The Transactions of the English Ceramic Circle, together with two newsletters. Members are also advised by email of significant events in the ceramic world, such as exhibitions, auctions and seminars.

The Circle maintains a library of ceramic publications and literature to which members have access and which, in most cases, is available on loan to members for short periods.

Membership

The Circle offers annual subscription membership which entitles Members to attend meetings, to receive the annual Transactions, two newsletters, invitations to Zoom lectures including those provided by other bodies to which ECC members are invited and sometimes (at the discretion of the Committee) other publications without further charge. Membership is offered to individuals, joint membership to two individuals at the same address, and Institutional Membership. The latter category entitles Institutions to send any nominated individual to meetings organised by the ECC.

Payable membership subscription numbers increased by 44 during the year (last year 77). The majority of UK individual members gift aid their subscriptions and the committee urges any UK tax payer who has not done so to consider doing this, thus providing valuable additional income to the Circle.

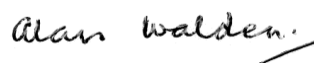
Membership numbers at 31 October 2021 were as follows:

	Single	Dual	Institutional	Total	Last Year
UK members	306	85	18	409	379
Europe	15	0	10	25	25
USA and Canada	92	8	21	121	108
Australia & New Zealand	13	3	2	18	18
Rest of World	5	0	0	5	4
	431	96	51	578	534

On behalf of the Trustees



Jonathan Gray



Alan Walden

1st February 2022

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st October 2021**

INCOMING RESOURCES	£	2020-21		2019-20	
		£	£	£	£
Voluntary Income					
Subscriptions		23,021		18,147	
Income from Friends, Sponsors & Benefactors	1,713			1,127	
Transfer to Research Reserve	<u>(1,713)</u>	-		<u>(1,127)</u>	
Gift Aid reclaimed		3,652		2,689	
Donations		<u>438</u>	27,111	<u>739</u>	21,575
Investment Income					
Bank Interest			729		917
Income from Charitable Activities					
Publication & archive sales		489		554	
Seminar income		1,752		-	
Advertising income		2,393		1,800	
Summer visit		-		288	
Other income		<u>-</u>	4,634	<u>199</u>	2,841
Total Incoming Resources			<u>32,474</u>		<u>25,333</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of Charitable Activities					
Publication Costs	21,030			17,127	
Addition (Release) to (from) Printing Reserve	<u>2,000</u>	23,030		<u>0</u>	17,127
Mailings and Postage		1,763		2,660	
Meetings		1,331		2,431	
Website and computer expenses		2,021		3,042	
Research Grants awarded	3,350				
Transfer from Research Reserve	<u>(3,350)</u>	-		-	
Marketing		305		1,181	
Insurance		355		314	
Depreciation		-		-	
Seminar costs		1,030		-	
Summer visit		-		144	
Donations	-			500	
Other Costs		<u>374</u>	30,209	<u>865</u>	28,264
Total Resources Expended			<u>30,209</u>		<u>28,264</u>
Net surplus /(deficit) for the year			2,265		(2,931)
Transferred to Centenary Fund			(2,265)		-
Unrestricted funds brought forward			56,425		59,356
Unrestricted funds carried forward			<u>56,425</u>		<u>56,425</u>

Balance Sheet at 31st October

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2		-		-
Current Assets					
Debtors and Prepayments	3	3,861		2,474	
Cash at Natwest Bank		7,677		14,109	
Cash at Shawbrook Bank		20,526		20,343	
Shawbrook Bank 1 year bond		-		51,308	
United Trust Bank 1 year bond		55,000		-	
		87,064		88,234	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors and accruals	4	9,027		12,825	
Net Current Assets			78,037	75,409	
Net Assets			78,037	75,409	

Represented by:

Unrestricted Funds:

General Reserve		56,425		56,425	
Printing Reserve	1(a)	18,500		16,500	
Centenary Fund		2,265	77,190	-	72,925

Restricted Funds:

Research Reserve	5		847		2,484
			78,037	75,409	

The Financial Statements were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Jonathan Gray (President)



Alan Walden (Treasurer)

1st February 2022

**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31st October, 2021**

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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(b) Statutory Disclosures

During the year no committee members were reimbursed for travel and accommodation costs incurred on behalf of the Circle and no other trustee expenses were incurred.

(c) Depreciation

The Circle's computer and projection equipment is fully written down. It was depreciated on a straight line basis over its expected useful life, namely 3 years.

2	Tangible Fixed Assets	Computer, Software, and Projection Equipment	£
	Cost		
	Opening balance at 1st November 2020		1,220
	Additions		-
	Closing Balance at 31st October 2021		<u>1,220</u>
	Depreciation		
	Opening balance at 1st November 2020		1,220
	Charge for the year		-
	Debtors and prepayments		<u>1,220</u>
	Net Book Value at 31st October 2021		<u>-</u>
3	As at 31st October:	2,021	2,020
	Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
	Meetings expenses paid in advance	2,320	663
	Mailing and postage paid in advance	54	54
	Seminar income due	-	-
	Insurance	60	53
	Website expenses paid in advance	763	778
	General expenses paid in advance	-	86
	Accrued bank interest receivable	664	840
		<u>3,861</u>	<u>2,474</u>
4	Creditors and accruals	2,021	2,020
	As at 31st October:	£	£
	Subscriptions received in advance	6,301	8,483
	Seminar receipts received in advance	-	824
	Seminar expenses	45	-
	Meetings expenses	-	73
	Publication expenses	657	732
	Mailings and postage	924	2,463
	General expenses	-	190
	Grants awarded	1,100	-
	Donations	-	60
		<u>9,027</u>	<u>12,825</u>
5	Research reserve	2,021	2,020
	As at 31st October:	£	£
	Balance brought forward	2,484	1,297
	Receipts	1,713	1,187
		<u>4,197</u>	<u>2,484</u>
	Grants awarded	(3,350)	-
	Balance carried forward	<u>847</u>	<u>2,484</u>

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
The English Ceramic Circle
For the year ended 31st October 2021**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the English Ceramic Circle ("The Circle") for the year ended 31 October 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Circle you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Circle's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.


Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Society as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John Beetwell
c/o BM Box 7246
London
WC1N 3XX

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Beetwell', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

26th January 2022

ENGLISH CERAMIC CIRCLE

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Registered Charity Number 1097063

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YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020**

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1. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name: The English Ceramic Circle (also known as the "ECC")

Registered Charity Number: 1097063

Charity's Principal Postal Address: BM Box 7246, London WC1N 3XX.

Trustees

Charles Dawson - President

Geoffrey Cope (resigned 14th February 2020)

Mark Francis - Marketing manager and Webmaster

Jonathan Gray - Meetings Secretary

Patricia Macleod - Membership Secretary

Caroline McCaffrey-Howarth (co-opted 19th September 2020)

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3. A FINANCIAL REVIEW

Bankers : Natwest Bank plc

Independent Examiner: Mr John Beetwell

Financial Year: 1 November 2019 to 31 October 2020

The Circle posted a deficit of £2,931 during the year (2018/19 - surplus of £9,872). Income decreased by £11,902 to £25,333 (2019 - £37,235) principally because grants of £10,437 were received in the preceding year towards the cost of producing two additional publications. Costs increased by £901 to £28,264 (2019 - £7,363) with substantially increased mailing and website costs partially offset by savings in the cost of holding meetings. See Activities and Achievements below.

The ECC is a registered charity and we encourage donations and bequests from both members and the public to enable the Circle's activities to continue. Supplementary categories of membership, comprising, Friends, Sponsors and Benefactors, were introduced during 2019 and these produced additional income of £1,187 during the current year (2019 £1,297). The intention of these categories of membership is to help support ceramic research and the publication of occasional ceramic volumes. As such, the total received has been excluded from the main accounts and treated as a restricted fund.

4. OBJECTIVES

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The Charity provides public benefit through its Transactions and other publications, which are available in a variety of libraries and also for sale to the public, and through its public meetings and seminars.

5. ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

The English Ceramic Circle held three Saturday lecture meetings during the year (2019 - seven) before the onset of the Coronavirus pandemic caused the remainder of the 2020 lecture programme to be suspended. It was also not possible to hold the regular evening lectures held in the lecture theatre of Bonham's in Montpelier Street, London (2019 - three)

Continuing its policy to include at least one meeting per annum outside London, the Circle held a successful all day study day in February at the Salisbury Museum featuring a handling session followed by three lectures, but the study day on London Stonewares scheduled for May has been postponed until 2021

In April 2020 the Circle pioneered the introduction of video lectures by ceramic societies using Zoom technology. A total of 17 lectures were delivered by this means including the ones previously scheduled to be held in face-to-face meetings. The majority of these were thrown open to the general public and publicised via the Circle's Facebook page. The lectures are also available on the ECC website to which all members have access.

Using Zoom has proved supremely popular with the membership at large as many, particularly those living overseas, had never previously been able to attend meetings. It also enables lecturers to give papers from their own homes or workplaces. Zoom has also provided a large boost to membership, with a net increase of 77 achieved during the year. However since the rules of the Circle state that any member joining after 1st June has their first period of membership extended to the next-but-one renewal date, the majority of these produced no income in 2020

The Circle maintains a printing reserve to cover the anticipated costs of printing the papers delivered to members but not yet published. The usual provision of £16,500 was made this year to cover the cost of the 2020 edition to be published in the late summer of 2021

Regular Publications

The English Ceramic Circle publishes an annual publication, The Transactions of the English Ceramic Circle, together with two newsletters. Members are also advised by email of significant events in the ceramic world, such as exhibitions, auctions and seminars.

The Circle maintains a library of ceramic publications and literature to which members have access and which, in most cases, is available on loan to members for short periods.

Membership

The Circle offers annual subscription membership which entitles Members to attend meetings, to receive the annual Transactions, two newsletters and sometimes (at the discretion of the Committee) other publications without further charge.

Membership is offered to individuals, joint membership to two individuals at the same address, and Institutional Membership. The latter category entitles Institutions to send any nominated individual to meetings organised by the ECC.

Payable membership subscription numbers increased by 77 during the year (last year a decrease of 12). The majority of UK individual members gift aid their subscriptions and the committee urges any UK tax payer who has not done so to consider doing this, thus providing valuable additional income to the Circle.

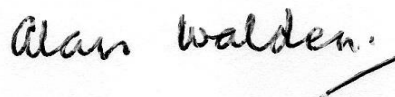
Membership numbers at 31 October 2020 were as follows:

	Single	Dual	Institutional	Total	Last Year
UK members	271	92	16	379	345
Europe	14	0	11	25	19
USA and Canada	79	6	23	108	69
Australia & New Zealand	12	4	2	18	20
Rest of World	4	0	0	4	4
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	380	102	52	534	457

On behalf of the Trustees



Charles Dawson
President



Alan Walden
Treasurer

9th January 2021

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st October 2020**

INCOMING RESOURCES	£	2019-20		£	2018-19	
		£	£		£	£
Voluntary Income						
Subscriptions		18,147			18,301	
Gift Aid reclaimed		2,689			2,718	
Grants		-			10,437	
Donations		<u>739</u>	21,575		<u>1,194</u>	32,650
Investment Income						
Bank Interest				917		821
Income from Charitable Activities						
Publication & archive sales		554			1,102	
Seminar income		-			-	
Advertising income		1,800			1,550	
Summer visit		287			792	
Other income		<u>199</u>	2,841		<u>320</u>	3,764
Total Incoming Resources			<u>25,333</u>			<u>37,235</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Costs of Charitable Activities						
Publication Costs	17,127			28,776		
Addition (Release) to (from) Printing Reserve	<u>0</u>	17,127		<u>(10,000)</u>	18,776	
Mailings and Postage		2,660			940	
Meetings		2,431			3,475	
Website and computer expenses		3,042			1,761	
Marketing		1,181			1,029	
Insurance		314			241	
Depreciation		-			-	
Seminar costs		-			-	
Summer visit		144			678	
Donations		500			-	
Other Costs		<u>865</u>	28,264		<u>463</u>	27,363
Total Resources Expended			<u>28,264</u>			<u>27,363</u>
Net surplus /(deficit) for the year			(2,931)			9,872
Unrestricted funds brought forward			59,356			49,484
Unrestricted funds carried forward			<u>56,425</u>			<u>59,356</u>

Balance Sheet at 31st October

	Notes	2020		2019	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2		-		-
Current Assets					
Debtors and Prepayments	3	2,474		1,764	
Cash at Natwest Bank		14,109		8,504	
Cash at CAF Bank		20,343		20,160	
CAF Bank bond		<u>51,308</u>		<u>50,649</u>	
		88,234		81,077	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors and accruals	4	<u>12,825</u>		<u>3,924</u>	
Net Current Assets			75,409		77,153
Net Assets			<u>75,409</u>		<u>77,153</u>
 Represented by:					
Unrestricted Funds			56,425		59,356
Restricted Funds:	1				
Printing Reserve		16,500		16,500	
Other		<u>2,484</u>	18,984	<u>1,297</u>	17,797
			<u>75,409</u>		<u>77,153</u>

The Financial Statements were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Charles Dawson (President)



Alan Walden (Treasurer)

9th January 2020

**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31st October, 2020**

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared using the historic cost convention and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The statements have been voluntarily compiled on an accruals basis to comply with the principle recommendations of the Charity Commission's publication "Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities" [2015].

Income from Members' subscriptions, which entitles members to receive the annual Transactions publication and to attend both public and members' meetings, is recognised in the year in which those meetings take place.

Income from Gift Aid is accounted for in the financial year in which the refund claim is submitted. Income from publication grants, provided such grant is committed, is accounted for in the year in which the relevant publication costs are incurred.

The Circle holds stocks of past Transactions which it sells to the public and to members. Some of these publication are many years old and the trustees take the view that maintaining a stock recording system to maintain these relatively low valued stocks would not be justified. Accordingly, subject to the matters set out below, publication costs are expensed in the accounts in the year in which they are printed.

The Circle maintains a Printing Reserve to make allowance for the cost of unpublished Transactions, or supplements to Transactions, where the relevant papers have been presented by Members to the Circle but the printing not yet undertaken.

(b) Statutory Disclosures

During the year no committee members were reimbursed for travel and accommodation costs incurred on behalf of the Circle and no other trustee expenses were incurred.

(c) Depreciation

The Circle's computer and projection equipment is fully written down. It was depreciated on a straight line basis over its expected useful life, namely 3 years.

2	Tangible Fixed Assets	Computer, Software, and Projection Equipment	£
	Cost		
	Opening balance at 1st November 2019		1,220
	Additions		-
	Closing Balance at 31st October 2020		<u>1,220</u>
	Depreciation		
	Opening balance at 1st November 2019		1,220
	Charge for the year		-
	Closing Balance at 31st October 2020		<u>1,220</u>
	Net Book Value at 31st October 2020		<u>-</u>
3	Debtors and prepayments	As at 31st October:	2,020 2,019
	Amounts falling due within one year:		£ £
	Meetings expenses paid in advance		663 53
	Mailing and postage paid in advance		54 54
	Advertising		- 300
	Insurance		53 -
	Website expenses paid in advance		778 524
	General expenses paid in advance		86 48
	Accrued bank interest receivable		840 785
			<u>2,474</u> <u>1,764</u>
4	Creditors and accruals	As at 31st October:	2,020 2,019
			£ £
	Subscriptions received in advance		8,483 1,500
	Seminar receipts received in advance		824 -
	Meetings expenses		73 199
	Publication expenses		732 1,369
	Mailings and postage		2,463 787
	General expenses		190 69
	Website and PC expenses		- -
	Donations		60 -
			<u>12,825</u> <u>3,924</u>

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
The English Ceramic Circle
For the year ended 31st October 2020**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the English Ceramic Circle ("The Circle") for the year ended 31 October 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Circle you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Circle's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

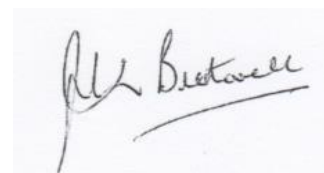
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Society as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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13th January 2020