

# EMBLE ARTS

England & Wales · Charity number 1198648

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2022-04-19

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

## Contact

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**Address** Southfield Farm  
Seahouses  
NE68 7UY

**Phone** 01665721863

**Email** [farmoffice@emble.org](mailto:farmoffice@emble.org)

**Website** [www.booksbythesea.org](http://www.booksbythesea.org)

## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE THE ARTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN NORTHUMBERLAND THROUGH A VARIETY OF MEANS AND PROJECTS INCLUDING BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, PROMOTING BOOKS BY THE SEA AND PROMOTING LITERACY TO THE WIDER PUBLIC.

**Activities:** To promote and support the arts in Northumberland through a variety of means and projects including (although not exclusively), (i) Books By The Sea, (ii) publication of original work including poetry, photography, illustrations and writing, (ii) provision of creative arts retreats and awards at and (iv) the provision and support of art installations.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Scotland
- Northumberland

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31		£400	£1	-
2023-12-31		£785	£0	-
2022-12-31		£4,078	£1,912	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Lancelot Guy Douglas	Chair	2022-04-19
Adrian St John Garnon		2022-04-19
David Smith		2022-04-19

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# Accounts

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**Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 1 January 2024  
To 31 December 2024**

**Period start date  
Period end date**

**Charity name: EMBLE ARTS**

**Charity registration number: 1198648.**

**Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote and support the arts in Northumberland through a variety of means and projects including (although not exclusively), (i) Books By The Sea (a network of little free libraries mainly located along the coast of North Northumberland), (ii) publication of original work including poetry, photography, illustrations and writing, (ii) provision of creative arts retreats and awards at and (iv) the provision and support of art installations.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	To promote and support the arts in Northumberland through a variety of means and projects including (although not exclusively), (i) Books By The Sea (a network of little free libraries mainly located along the coast of North Northumberland), (ii) publication of original work including poetry, photography, illustrations and writing, (ii) provision of creative arts retreats and awards at and (iv) the provision and support of art installations.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	I confirm that the Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission guidance

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	

Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Erected new library in Warkworth.  As described, these have proved very successful and popular among local residents and tourists through enabling access to books, poetry and photography.

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity is in a sound financial position.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity holds adequate reserves to continue its operations in the following financial period.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The charity holds liquid cash assets in the amount of £3,350
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Small Charity Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Election from membership as per provisions in the Constitution

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Emble Arts
Other name the charity uses	Books by the Sea, Books by the River
Registered charity number	1198648
Charity's principal address	Farm Office Southfield Farm Seahouses NE68 7UY



## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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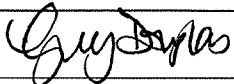
## Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	LG Douglas	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	20 May 2025	



## Emble Arts

01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	This year £	Last year £
<b>Income in</b>		
Grant	0.00	0.00
Donations Non Gift Aid	400.00	400.00
Donations Gift Aid	0.00	0.00
Events	0.00	0.00
Gift Aid Refund	0.00	384.93
0	0.00	0.00
0	0.00	0.00
0	0.00	0.00
0	0.00	0.00
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0	0.00	0.00
Details 15	0.00	0.00
2nd bank account (manual)	0.00	0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>784.93</b>
<b>Expenditure out</b>		
Event Expenses	0.00	0.00
Bank Charges	0.60	0.30
0	0.00	0.00
Events	0.00	0.00
0	0.00	0.00
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0	0.00	0.00
2nd bank account (manual)	0.00	0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>0.30</b>
<b>Surplus or (deficit) for the year</b>	<b>399.40</b>	<b>784.63</b>
<b>Balances brought forward</b>		
Bank 1	2,950.33	2,950.33
Bank 2	0.00	0.00
Cash	0.00	0.00
	<b>2,950.33</b>	<b>2,950.33</b>
<b>Balances in hand at year end</b>		
Bank 1	3,349.73	2,950.33
Bank 2	0.00	0.00
Cash	0.00	0.00
	<b>3,349.73</b>	<b>2,950.33</b>

Assets and liabilities: In addition to the above cash balances the unit has equipment to the value of 0.00 and there are no other assets or liabilities.

Prepared by: Guy Douglas  
(PRINT NAME)

Signature and date: *Guy Douglas*

Reviewer's Certificate: The above statements agree with the records and vouchers of Emble Arts for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

Reviewed by: Katie Nicholls  
(PRINT NAME)

Signature and date: *KNicholls*

Notes:

**EMBLE ARTS**

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2023  
To 31 December 2023

Period start date  
Period end date

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Charity registration number: 1198648.

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote and support the arts in Northumberland through a variety of means and projects including (although not exclusively), (i) Books By The Sea (a network of little free libraries mainly located along the coast of North Northumberland), (ii) publication of original work including poetry, photography, illustrations and writing, (ii) provision of creative arts retreats and awards at and (iv) the provision and support of art installations.
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Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity is in a sound financial position.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity holds adequate reserves to continue its operations in the following financial period.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The charity holds liquid cash assets in the amount of £2,950
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

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Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
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Other		

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Description of charity's trusts:		
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Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Emble Arts
Other name the charity uses	Books by the Sea, Books by the River
Registered charity number	1198648
Charity's principal address	Farm Office Southfield Farm Seahouses NE68 7UY

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	LG Douglas			
2	D Smith			
3	A S Garnon			
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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## Exemptions from disclosure

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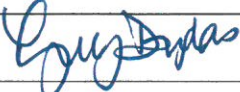
## Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	LG Douglas	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	25/09/2024	



## Emble Arts

01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	This year £	Last year £
<b>Income in</b>		
Grant	0.00	2,000.00
Donations Non Gift Aid	400.00	650.00
Donations Gift Aid	0.00	1,427.50
Events	0.00	0.00
Gift Aid Refund	384.93	0.00
Details 6	0.00	0.00
Details 7	0.00	0.00
Details 8	0.00	0.00
Details 9	0.00	0.00
Details 10	0.00	0.00
Details 11	0.00	0.00
Details 12	0.00	0.00
Details 13	0.00	0.00
Details 14	0.00	0.00
Details 15	0.00	0.00
2nd bank account (manual)	0.00	0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>784.93</b>	<b>4,077.50</b>
<b>Expenditure out</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Event Expenses	0.00	1,904.00
Bank Charges	0.30	0.00
Details 3	0.00	0.00
Events	0.00	0.00
Details 5	0.00	0.00
Details 6	0.00	0.00
Details 7	0.00	0.00
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Details 11	0.00	0.00
Details 12	0.00	0.00
Details 13	0.00	0.00
Details 14	0.00	0.00
Details 15	0.00	0.00
2nd bank account (manual)	0.00	0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>1,904.00</b>
<b>Surplus or (deficit) for the year</b>	<b>784.63</b>	<b>2,173.50</b>
<b>Balances brought forward</b>		
Bank 1	2,165.70	0.00
Bank 2	0.00	0.00
Cash	0.00	0.00
	<b>2,165.70</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Balances in hand at year end</b>		
Bank 1	2,950.33	2,165.70
Bank 2	0.00	0.00
Cash	0.00	0.00
	<b>2,950.33</b>	<b>2,165.70</b>


Assets and liabilities: In addition to the above cash balances the unit has equipment to the value of 0.00 and there are no other assets or liabilities.

Prepared by: Guy Douglas  
(PRINT NAME)

Signature and date: 

Reviewer's Certificate: The above statements agree with the records and vouchers of **Emble Arts** for the financial year ended **31 December 2023**

Reviewed by: Katie Nicholls  
(PRINT NAME)

Signature and date: 

Notes:

**EMBLE ARTS**

England & Wales - Charity number 1198648

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# Accounts

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## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Completed and screened a film about our activities. Erected a number of new libraries.</p> <p>As described, these have proved very successful and popular among local residents and tourists through enabling access to books, poetry and photography.</p>

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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity holds adequate reserves to continue its operations in the following financial period.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The charity holds liquid cash assets in the amount of £2,165
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

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	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	LG Douglas			
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
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### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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### Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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### Other optional information

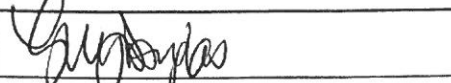
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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	LG Douglas	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE	
Date	19 September 2023	





### Emble Arts

01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Income in	This year £	Last year £	
Grant	2,000.00	0.00	
Donations Non Gift Aid	650.00	0.00	
Donations Gift Aid	1,427.50	0.00	
Events	0.00	0.00	
Details 5	0.00	0.00	
Details 6	0.00	0.00	
Details 7	0.00	0.00	
Details 8	0.00	0.00	
Details 9	0.00	0.00	
Details 10	0.00	0.00	
Details 11	0.00	0.00	
Details 12	0.00	0.00	
Details 13	0.00	0.00	
Details 14	0.00	0.00	
Details 15	0.00	0.00	
2nd bank account (manual)	0.00	0.00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,077.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Expenditure out</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
Event Expenses	1,904.00	0.00	
Bank Charges	7.80	0.00	
Details 3	0.00	0.00	
Events	0.00	0.00	
Details 5	0.00	0.00	
Details 6	0.00	0.00	
Details 7	0.00	0.00	
Details 8	0.00	0.00	
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Details 12	0.00	0.00	
Details 13	0.00	0.00	
Details 14	0.00	0.00	
Details 15	0.00	0.00	
2nd bank account (manual)	0.00	0.00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,911.80</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Surplus or (deficit) for the year</b>	<b>2,165.70</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
Balances brought forward	Bank 1	0.00	0.00
	Bank 2	0.00	0.00
	Cash	0.00	0.00
		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Balances in hand at year end	Bank 1	2,165.70	0.00
	Bank 2	0.00	0.00
	Cash	0.00	0.00
		<b>2,165.70</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Assets and liabilities: In addition to the above cash balances the unit has equipment to the value of 0.00 and there are no other assets or liabilities.

Prepared by: Guy Douglas Signature and date: *Guy Douglas*

Reviewer's Certificate: The above statements agree with the records and vouchers of Emble Arts for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

Reviewed by: Katie Nicholls Signature and date: *KNicholls*

Notes: