

THE BEECROFT ART TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 310658

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1963-05-08

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PROMOTION OF THE STUDY OF ART, MUSC AND LITERATURE AND IN PARTICULAR BUT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE BEECROFT ART GALLERY, AT SOUTHEND ON SEA, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX AS A PUBLIC ART GALLERY AND LIBRARY

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Southend-on-sea

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£196,890	£196,890	-	-
2024-03-31	£197,432	£197,432	-	-
2023-03-31	£317,617	£192,617	-	-
2022-03-31	£981,061	£194,338	£3,131,018	0
2021-03-31	£84,377	£84,377	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
SOUTHEND ON SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL		

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ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

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Trustees Annual Report

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The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the accounts and comply with the Trust's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Charities SORP (FRS102).

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The gallery now has over 2,000 works in its permanent collections, including works by Constable, Molenaer, Bright, Epstein, Weight, Lear and Seago.

The art trust is administered and maintained for the objects set out in its governing document by the City Council, which meets any deficit incurred each year on operating the facility.

The Trustees in making decisions about the Trust make those decisions with due regard to the objects of the Trust.

In addition, they have due regard to their legal duty to carry out the Trust's charitable purposes for the Public Benefit and the Charity Commissions' guidance thereon.

Achievements and performance

The Beecroft Art Trust is currently maintained to allow the purposes in its Governing document set out below to take place during the financial year 2024/25.

The Beecroft art collection continues to be on display in the Council's former library building on an ad hoc basis. The Trustees have not felt the need to formalise this arrangement.

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Financial review

The cost of maintaining the Beecroft Art Trust exceeded the net income and the operating deficit of £133,273 (2024: £131,011) has been funded from the Southend City Council General Fund.

Reserves Policy

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Going concern

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Opened in 1953, the building was extended in 1960 when Sydney Thorpe Smith bequeathed his collection of local topographic works which illustrate the development of the Southend area as seen through the eyes of local artists to the gallery.

Due to serious ongoing structural problems the building in Station Road was closed in Autumn 2013.

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The sale of the former gallery building was completed on 8 February 2022 and the net proceeds have become investment permanent endowment.

At the meeting in December 2020 the Trustees also agreed to retain the Beecroft art collection in the former library building on an ad hoc basis.

Reference and administrative details

Trustee

Southend-on-Sea City Council

Secretary/Treasurer to the Trust

Southend-on-Sea City Council

Address

Civic Centre
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Independent Examiner

TC Group
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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity as at the end of each financial year and the income and expenditure of the Charity for that period.

In preparing those accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable and applicable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgement and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the organisation will continue in business

The Trustees are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with charity legislation and the relevant governing instruments. They are responsible for safeguarding the Charity's assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Results

The Trust's financial results are as per the annexed accounts.

By order of the Trustees

Signed



Joe Chesterton (Jan 27, 2026 16:44:02 GMT)

Joe Chesterton, Executive Director (Finance & Resources)

Date 27/01/26

BEECROFT ART TRUST
Charity Registration No 310658
Year Ended 31st March 2025

Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust'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 Trust 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.

Tc Group

Mark Cummins FCCA FCIE

For and on behalf of TC Group

Office: Steyning, West Sussex

Dated: 29 January 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities

		2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2023/24
		Unrestricted	Endowment	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income From					
Donations	3	134,211	-	134,211	132,290
Investments	4	62,679	-	62,679	65,142
Total Income		196,890	-	196,890	197,432
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	5	196,890	-	196,890	197,432
Total expenditure		196,890	-	196,890	197,432
Net income and net movement in funds		-	-	-	-
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		-	3,256,018	3,256,018	3,256,018
Total funds carried forward		-	3,256,018	3,256,018	3,256,018

All income and gains for the year are recognised on the statement of financial activities. All the Charity's activities are classified as continuing.

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Balance Sheet

		2024/25	2023/24
		Total	Total
		Funds	Funds
	Note	£	£
Fixed Assets			
Heritage Assets	6	<u>1,969,295</u>	<u>1,969,295</u>
Total Fixed Assets		<u>1,969,295</u>	<u>1,969,295</u>
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,287,673</u>	<u>1,287,563</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>1,287,673</u>	<u>1,287,563</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(950)</u>	<u>(840)</u>
Net current assets		<u>1,286,723</u>	<u>1,286,723</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u><u>3,256,018</u></u>	<u><u>3,256,018</u></u>
The funds of the charity			
Endowment funds	8	<u>3,256,018</u>	<u>3,256,018</u>
Total charity funds		<u><u>3,256,018</u></u>	<u><u>3,256,018</u></u>

Approved by the Trustee and signed on its behalf by an authorised signatory.

Signed

Joe Chesterton

Joe Chesterton (Jan 27, 2026 16:44:02 GMT)

Joe Chesterton, Executive Director (Finance & Resources)
Southend on Sea City Council for the Trustee

Date 27/01/26

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Notes to the accounts

Note 1 Legal Status

Beecroft Art Trust is an unincorporated charity registered in England and Wales (charity number 310658).

Note 2 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), and the Charities Act 2011.

Beecroft Art Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern given the continued support of Southend City Council.

The financial statements are prepared in Pounds Sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

Cash Flow Statement

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) the charity is claiming exemption from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on account of it being a small charity.

Income

Donations and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement.

Charitable activities - represent income from rent and are recognised when receivable.

Investment income is accounted for when receivable.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis exclusive of the element of VAT which is recoverable by Southend City Council in accordance with VAT Notice 749 para 7.5.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised at cost. Land is not depreciated. Buildings are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful life. The art collection is held as a heritage asset and is not depreciated on the basis it is expected to increase in value.

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Note 2 Accounting Policies (continued)

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments. No separate bank account is maintained by the Trust, therefore all income and expenditure pass through the City Council's account, and its cash balances are held within the City Council's general bank account.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised.

The trustees do not consider that there are any critical estimates or areas of judgement that need to be brought to the attention of the readers of the financial statements.

Note 3 Income from Donations

Donations of £938 (2024: £1,279) were received from the public to contribute to operating costs. Donations of £133,273 (2024: £131,011) were from Southend City Council as the funding required to make up the operational deficit for the year of £133,273 (2024: £131,011). The donation to fund the operational deficit is equitably apportioned across all operational trust expenditure. Included in the donation of £133,273 are the following donated services:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Employees – seconded staff	48,315	45,522
Administration	374	336
	<u>48,689</u>	<u>45,858</u>

Note 4 Income from Investments

Interest earned on cash balances held within Southend-on-Sea City Council and invested in accordance with the City Council's Treasury Management Policy.

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Note 5 Cost of Charitable Activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Employees	70,880	67,938
Building/Ground Maintenance	353	1,947
Business Rates	13,889	(62,136)
Utilities	82,339	155,064
Insurance	20,950	20,750
Supplies & Services	6,980	12,528
Governance costs	950	840
Administration	549	501
	<u>196,890</u>	<u>197,432</u>

The support costs incurred are the administration services provided by Southend City Council and governance costs. Total support costs for the year were £1,499 (2024: £1,341).

Governance costs comprise solely of fees paid to independent examiners. During the year £950 (2024: £840) was paid to the independent examiner in respect of examination services.

Employee costs relate to employees of the Council.

No staff are remunerated over £60,000 in the year.

The charity is managed by Southend City Council and doesn't have any key management personnel.

Note 6 Fixed Assets

	Art Collection (Heritage Assets) £
Asset cost, valuation, or revalued amount	
Balance as at 01/04/24 and 31/03/25	<u>1,969,295</u>
Accumulated depreciation and impairment reviews	
Balance as at 01/04/24 and 31/03/25	<u>-</u>
Net Book Value	
Brought forward @ 01/04/24	<u>1,969,295</u>
Carried forward @ 31/03/25	<u>1,969,295</u>

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Note 7 Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year.

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other Creditors	<u>950</u>	<u>840</u>

Note 8 Endowment fund

The endowment comprises of the collection of art held by the Trust and the net funds received from the sale of the Station Road building.

Note 9 Trustee remuneration

No trustee was paid in respect of their services as a trustee in 2024 or 2025 and no expenditure was reimbursed.

Note 10 Related Party Transactions

During the year the trustee (Southend City Council) donated £133,273 (2024: £131,011) to the Trust in respect of the funding required to cover the operational deficit for the year. Southend City Council collected a further £62,679 (2024: £65,142) on behalf of the Trust in respect of income generated from facilities hire and interest earned on cash balances. The Trust paid the Council £195,940 in respect of operating costs for the year (2024: £197,432).

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Note 11 Comparative Funds

		2023/24	2023/24	2023/24
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	Note	£	£	£
Income From				
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By order of the Trustees

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J Chesterton

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Joe Chesterton, Executive Director (Finance & Resources)

Date Feb 10, 2025

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Mark Cummins FCCA FCIE

For and on behalf of TC Group

Office: Steyning, West Sussex

Dated: 19th February 2023

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Year Ended 31st March 2024

Statement of Financial Activities

		2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2022/23
		Unrestricted	Endowment	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income From					
Donations	3	132,290	-	132,290	291,870
Investments	4	65,142	-	65,142	25,747
Total Income		197,432	-	197,432	317,617
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	5	197,432	-	197,432	192,617
Total expenditure		197,432	-	197,432	192,617
Net income and net movement in funds		-	-	-	125,000
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		-	3,256,018	3,256,018	3,131,018
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All income and gains for the year are recognised on the statement of financial activities. All the Charity's activities are classified as continuing.

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Balance Sheet

	Note	2023/24 Total Funds £	2022/23 Total Funds £
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Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,287,563</u>	<u>1,287,383</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>1,287,563</u>	<u>1,287,383</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(840)</u>	<u>(660)</u>
Net current assets		<u>1,286,723</u>	<u>1,286,723</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u><u>3,256,018</u></u>	<u><u>3,256,018</u></u>
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Endowment funds	8	<u>3,256,018</u>	<u>3,256,018</u>
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Approved by the Trustee and signed on its behalf by an authorised signatory.

Signed

J Chesterton

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Joe Chesterton, Executive Director (Finance & Resources)
Southend on Sea City Council for the Trustee

Date Feb 10, 2025

BEECROFT ART TRUST
Charity Registration No 310658
Year Ended 31st March 2024

Notes to the accounts

Note 1 Legal Status

Beecroft Art Trust is an unincorporated charity registered in England and Wales (charity number 310658).

Note 2 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2016) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), and the Charities Act 2011.

Beecroft Art Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern given the continued support of Southend City Council.

The financial statements are prepared in Pounds Sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

Cash Flow Statement

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) the charity is claiming exemption from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on account of it being a small charity.

Income

Donations and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement.

Charitable activities - represent income from rent and are recognised when receivable.

Investment income is accounted for when receivable.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis exclusive of the element of VAT which is recoverable by Southend City Council in accordance with VAT Notice 749 para 7.5.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised at cost. Land is not depreciated. Buildings are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful life. The art collection is held as a heritage asset and is not depreciated on the basis it is expected to increase in value.

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Note 2 Accounting Policies (continued)

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments. No separate bank account is maintained by the Trust, therefore all income and expenditure pass through the City Council's account, and its cash balances are held within the City Council's general bank account.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised.

The trustees do not consider that there are any critical estimates or areas of judgement that need to be brought to the attention of the readers of the financial statements.

Note 3 Income from Donations

Donations of £1,279 (2023 £438) were received from the public to contribute to operating costs. Donations of £131,011 (2023 £291,432) were from Southend City Council as the funding required to make up the operational deficit for the year of £131,011 (2023 £166,432). The donation to fund the operational deficit is equitably apportioned across all operational trust expenditure. Included in the donation of £131,011 are the following donated services:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Employees – seconded staff	45,522	50,272
Administration	336	382
	<u>45,858</u>	<u>50,654</u>

Note 4 Income from Investments

Interest earned on cash balances held within Southend-on-Sea City Council and invested in accordance with the City Council's Treasury Management Policy.

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Note 5 Cost of Charitable Activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Employees	67,938	58,029
Building/Ground Maintenance	1,947	9,936
Business Rates	(62,136)	15,565
Utilities	155,064	91,095
Insurance	20,750	16,350
Supplies & Services	12,528	541
Governance costs	840	660
Administration	501	441
	<u>197,432</u>	<u>192,617</u>

The support costs incurred are the administration services provided by Southend City Council and governance costs. Total support costs for the year were £1,341 (2023: £1,311).

Governance costs comprise solely of fees paid to independent examiners. During the year £840 (2023: £660) was paid to the independent examiner in respect of examination services.

Employee costs relate to employees of the Council.

No staff are remunerated over £60,000 in the year.

The charity is managed by Southend City Council and doesn't have any key management personnel.

Note 6 Fixed Assets

	Art Collection (Heritage Assets) £
Asset cost, valuation, or revalued amount	
Balance as at 01/04/23 and 31/03/24	<u>1,969,295</u>
Accumulated depreciation and impairment reviews	
Balance as at 01/04/23 and 31/03/24	<u>-</u>
Net Book Value	
Brought forward @ 01/04/23	<u>1,969,295</u>
Carried forward @ 31/03/24	<u>1,969,295</u>

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Note 7 Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other Creditors	<u>840</u>	<u>660</u>

Note 8 Endowment fund

The endowment comprises of the collection of art held by the Trust and the net funds received from the sale of the Station Road building.

Note 9 Trustee remuneration

No trustee was paid in respect of their services as a trustee in 2023 or 2024 and no expenditure was reimbursed.

Note 10 Related Party Transactions

During the year the trustee (Southend City Council) donated £131,011 (2023: £291,432) to the Trust in respect of the funding required to cover the operational deficit for the year. Southend City Council collected a further £65,142 (2023: £25,747) on behalf of the Trust in respect of income generated from facilities hire and interest earned on cash balances. The Trust paid the Council £197,432 in respect of operating costs for the year (2023: £191,956).

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Note 12 Comparative Funds

		2022/23	2022/23	2022/23
		Unrestricted	Endowment	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds
	Note	£	£	£
Income From				
Donations	3	291,870	-	291,870
Investments	4	25,747	-	25,747
Total Income		317,617	-	317,617
Expenditure on				
Charitable activities	5	192,617	-	192,617
Total expenditure		192,617	-	192,617
Net income and net movement in funds		125,000	-	125,000
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		(125,000)	3,256,018	3,131,018
Total funds carried forward		-	3,256,018	3,256,018

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Trustees Annual Report

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The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the accounts and comply with the Trust's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Charities SORP (FRS102).

Objectives and activities

The promotion of the study of art, music, and literature and in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the provision and maintenance of the Beecroft Art Gallery, at Southend-on-Sea, in the County of Essex as a public art gallery and library.

The gallery now has over 2,000 works in its permanent collections, including works by Constable, Molenaer, Bright, Epstein, Weight, Lear and Seago.

The art trust is administered and maintained for the objects set out in its governing document by the City Council, which meets any deficit incurred each year on operating the facility.

The Trustees in making decisions about the Trust make those decisions with due regard to the objects of the Trust.

In addition, they have due regard to their legal duty to carry out the Trust's charitable purposes for the Public Benefit and the Charity Commissions' guidance thereon.

Achievements and performance

The Beecroft Art Trust is currently maintained to allow the purposes in its Governing document set out below to take place during the financial year 2022/23.

The Beecroft art collection continues to be on display in the Council's former library building on an ad hoc basis. Now the sale of the former gallery has completed there is an opportunity for the Trustees to consider more permanent arrangements.

During the year a GoodBox was installed at the Gallery which allows people to make a cashless donation for any amount they choose. An average of £40 a month was donated by visitors which will contribute to the running costs of the Trust.

The Trustee considers that the performance of the charity during the year was good.

Plans for the future

The Trustees will look at the option of securing a more permanent solution to its occupancy of the "Old Library" building on Victoria Avenue.

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Financial review

The cost of maintaining the Beecroft Art Trust exceeded the net income and the operating deficit of £166,432 (2022: £181,060) has been funded from the Southend City Council General Fund.

An additional donation of £125,000 has also been made by Southend City Council to fund the deficit brought forward on the unrestricted fund.

Reserves Policy

The trust does not need to hold reserves as any deficit which arises on the operation of the trust, should the trust have no funds to meet it, is funded by Southend on Sea City Council, which is sole trustee of the trust.

Going concern

Beecroft Arts Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Structure, governance, and management

Governing documents

The Trust's Governing document is in the form of a Scheme sealed by Order of the Commissioners on 18th February 1980.

Trustee recruitment and training

Southend City Council elected members are corporate Trustees. Therefore, Councillors once elected become a corporate Trustee of the Trust.

Risk Assessment

The city council, when carrying out risk assessments for its own activities, includes within the assessment the activities of the trust, so any major risks applicable to the trust are covered by the council arranging appropriate insurance or having in place strategies to cover other contingencies.

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Background

The Beecroft Art Gallery was founded by the late Walter G. Beecroft of Leigh-on-Sea, who set up a trust fund to purchase the building and collected paintings which formed the nucleus of the present collection.

Opened in 1953, the building was extended in 1960 when Sydney Thorpe Smith bequeathed his collection of local topographic works which illustrate the development of the Southend area as seen through the eyes of local artists to the gallery.

Due to serious ongoing structural problems the building in Station Road was closed in Autumn 2013.

The Beecroft Art Gallery was reopened in Autumn 2014 at the old Central Library building. The gallery occupies the basement, ground floor and 1st floor levels; the lower levels are used for temporary exhibitions and the first floor is used for a bigger display of the permanent collection and a costume gallery.

Despite significant efforts by Council officers, it was not possible to bring the former Gallery Building back into use for the purposes of the Trust after it was vacated in 2013. In December 2020 the Trustee opted to use the statutory sale provision in Section 6 of the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996 and proceed to sell (complying with S117-119 of the Charities Act 2011).

The sale of the former gallery building was completed on 8th February 2022 and the net proceeds have become investment permanent endowment.

At the meeting in December 2020 the Trustees also agreed to retain the Beecroft art collection in the former library building on an ad hoc basis.

Reference and administrative details

Trustee

Southend-on-Sea City Council

Secretary/Treasurer to the Trust

Southend-on-Sea City Council

Address

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Southend-on-Sea
Essex SS2 6EP

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Independent Examiner

TC Group
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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity as at the end of each financial year and the income and expenditure of the Charity for that period.

In preparing those accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable and applicable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgement and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the organisation will continue in business

The Trustees are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with charity legislation and the relevant governing instruments. They are responsible for safeguarding the Charity's assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Results

The Trust's financial results are as per the annexed accounts.

By order of the Trustees

Signed

J Chesterton

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Joe Chesterton, Executive Director (Finance & Resources)

Date Mar 14, 2024

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Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust'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

Since the charitable company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 Trust 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.

TC Group

Mark Cummins FCCA

For and on behalf of TC Group

Office: Steyning, West Sussex

Dated: 15 March 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities

		2022/23	2022/23	2022/23	2021/22
		Unrestricted	Endowment	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income From					
Donations	3	291,870	-	291,870	56,060
Investments	4	25,747	-	25,747	1
Fixed Asset Disposal		-	-	-	925,000
Total Income		317,617	-	317,617	981,061
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	5	192,617	-	192,617	194,338
Total expenditure		192,617	-	192,617	194,338
Net income/expenditure and net movement in funds		125,000	-	125,000	786,723
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		(125,000)	3,256,018	3,131,018	2,344,295
Total funds carried forward		-	3,256,018	3,256,018	3,131,018

All income and gains for the year are recognised on the statement of financial activities. All the Charity's activities are classified as continuing.

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Balance Sheet

	Note	2022/23 Total Funds £	2021/22 Total Funds £
Fixed Assets			
Heritage Assets	6	1,969,295	1,969,295
Total Fixed Assets		<u>1,969,295</u>	<u>1,969,295</u>
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		1,287,383	1,162,353
Total Current Assets		<u>1,287,383</u>	<u>1,162,353</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7	(660)	(630)
Net current assets/(liabilities)		<u>1,286,723</u>	<u>1,161,723</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u><u>3,256,018</u></u>	<u><u>3,131,018</u></u>
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds	8	-	(125,000)
Endowment funds	9	3,256,018	3,256,018
Total charity funds		<u><u>3,256,018</u></u>	<u><u>3,131,018</u></u>

Approved by the Trustee and signed on its behalf by an authorised signatory.

Signed

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Southend on Sea City Council for the Trustee

Date Mar 14, 2024

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Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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The trustees do not consider that there are any critical estimates or areas of judgement that need to be brought to the attention of the readers of the financial statements.

Note 3 Income from Donations

Donations of £438 (2022 £0) were received from the public to contribute to operating costs. Donations of £291,432 (2022 £56,060) were from Southend City Council as the funding required to make up the operational deficit for the year of £166,432 (2022 £181,060) and the deficit brought forward on the unrestricted fund of £125,000 (2022 £0). The donation to fund the operational deficit is equitably apportioned across all operational trust expenditure. Included in the donation of £166,432 are the following donated services:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Employees – seconded staff	50,272	54,588
Administration	382	340
	<u>50,654</u>	<u>54,928</u>

Note 4 Income from Investments

Interest earned on cash balances held within Southend-on-Sea City Council and invested in accordance with the City Council's Treasury Management Policy.

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Note 5 Cost of Charitable Activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Employees	58,029	58,591
Exhibition Expenses	-	15,215
Building/Ground Maintenance	9,936	19,218
Business Rates	15,565	19,149
Utilities	91,095	53,593
Insurance	16,350	14,300
Supplies & Services	541	13,277
Governance costs	660	630
Administration	441	365
	<u>192,617</u>	<u>194,338</u>

The support costs incurred are the administration services provided by Southend City Council and governance costs. Total support costs for the year were £1,311 (2022: £995).

Governance costs comprise solely of fees paid to independent examiners. During the year £660 (2022: £630) was paid to the independent examiner in respect of examination services.

Employee costs relate to employees of the Council.

No staff are remunerated over £60,000 in the year.

The charity is managed by Southend City Council and doesn't have any key management personnel.

Note 6 Fixed Assets

	Art Collection (Heritage Assets) £
Asset cost, valuation, or revalued amount	
Balance brought forward @ 01/04/22	1,969,295
Balance carried forward @ 31/03/23	<u>1,969,295</u>
Accumulated depreciation and impairment reviews	
Balance brought forward @ 01/04/22	-
Balance carried forward @ 31/03/23	<u>-</u>
Net Book Value	
Brought forward @ 01/04/22	1,969,295
Carried forward @ 31/03/23	<u>1,969,295</u>

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Note 7 Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other Creditors	<u>660</u>	<u>630</u>

Note 8 Unrestricted fund

The unrestricted fund deficit brought forward of (£125,000) has been met by an additional donation of £125,000 from Southend-on-Sea City Council.

Note 9 Endowment fund

The endowment comprises of the collection of art held by the Trust and the net funds received from the sale of the Station Road building.

Note 10 Trustee remuneration

No trustee was paid in respect of their services as a trustee in 2022 or 2023 and no expenditure was reimbursed.

Note 11 Related Party Transactions

During the year the trustee (Southend City Council) donated £291,432 (2022: £56,060) to the Trust in respect of the funding required to cover the operational deficit for the year (£166,432) and the deficit of brought forward on the unrestricted fund (£125,000). Southend City Council collected a further £25,747 (2022: £1) on behalf of the Trust in respect of income generated from facilities hire and interest earned on cash balances. The Trust paid the Council £191,956 in respect of operating costs for the year (2022: £193,708).

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Note 12 Comparative Funds

		2021/22	2021/22	2021/22	2020/21
		Unrestricted	Endowment	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income From					
Donations	3	56,060	-	56,060	84,374
Investments	4	1	-	1	3
Fixed Asset Disposal		-	925,000	925,000	-
Total Income		56,061	925,000	981,061	84,377
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	5	181,061	13,277	194,338	84,377
Total expenditure		181,061	13,277	194,338	84,377
Net income/expenditure and net movement in funds		(125,000)	911,723	786,723	-

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In addition, they have due regard to their legal duty to carry out the Trust's charitable purposes for the Public Benefit and the Charity Commissions' guidance thereon.

Achievements and performance

The Beecroft Art Trust is currently maintained to allow the purposes in its Governing document set out below to take place during the financial year 2021/22.

Following on from the Trustees decision on 10th December 2020 to sell the former gallery building in Station Road the property was marketed by Dedman Gray Commercial with a guide price of £1,000,000. The deadline for bids was 5.00 pm on Friday 26th November 2021.

The sale of the former gallery building was completed on 8th February 2022 with a sale price of £1,300,000.

The Coronavirus restrictions were eased from 12th April 2021, as outlined in the Government's roadmap. The Beecroft Gallery in the 'Old Library' building reopened as soon as it had an approved COVID-19 risk assessment in place. Operating hours returned to 'normal' and the Beecroft Gallery was open for 260 days during the year.

The Trustee considers that the performance of the charity during the year was good.

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Plans for the future

The Trustees will look at the option of securing a more permanent solution to its occupancy of the “Old Library” building on Victoria Avenue.

Financial review

The cost of maintaining the Beecroft Art Trust exceeded the net income and the operating deficit of £181,060 (2021: £84,374) this has been partially funded by a donation from the Southend-on-Sea City Council General Fund with the remainder being reported as a deficit on the Trusts unrestricted fund.

Reserves Policy

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Going concern

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Background

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Opened in 1953, the building was extended in 1960 when Sydney Thorpe Smith bequeathed his collection of local topographic works which illustrate the development of the Southend area as seen through the eyes of local artists to the gallery.

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BEECROFT ART TRUST
Charity Registration No 310658
Year Ended 31st March 2022

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Results

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By order of the Trustees

Signed

J Chesterton

J Chesterton (Mar 12, 2024 08:05 GMT)

Joe Chesterton, Executive Director (Finance & Resources)

Date Mar 12, 2024

BEECROFT ART TRUST
Charity Registration No 310658
Year Ended 31st March 2022

Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2022, which are set out on pages 6 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust'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.

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Mark Cummins FCCA

For and on behalf of TC Group
Office: Steyning, West Sussex
Dated:

BEECROFT ART TRUST

Charity Registration No 310658

Year Ended 31st March 2022

Statement of Financial Activities

		2021/22	2021/22	2021/22	2020/21
		Unrestricted	Endowment	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income From					
Donations	3	56,060	-	56,060	84,374
Investments	4	1	-	1	3
Fixed Asset Disposal		-	925,000	925,000	-
Total Income		56,061	925,000	981,061	84,377
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	5	181,061	13,277	194,338	84,377
Total expenditure		181,061	13,277	194,338	84,377
Net income/expenditure and net movement in funds		(125,000)	911,723	786,723	-
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		-	2,344,295	2,344,295	2,344,295
Total funds carried forward		(125,000)	3,256,018	3,131,018	2,344,295

All income and gains for the year are recognised on the statement of financial activities. All the Charity's activities are classified as continuing.

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Balance Sheet

	Note	2021/22 Total Funds £	2020/21 Total Funds £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	6	-	375,000
Heritage Assets	6	1,969,295	1,969,295
Total Fixed Assets		1,969,295	2,344,295
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		1,162,353	620
Total Current Assets		1,162,353	620
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7	(630)	(620)
Net current assets/(liabilities)		1,161,723	-
Total assets less current liabilities		3,131,018	2,344,295
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted Funds	8	(125,000)	-
Endowment funds	9	3,256,018	2,344,295
Total charity funds		3,131,018	2,344,295

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Statement of Cash Flows

	Note	2021/22 Total Funds £	2020/21 Total Funds £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
<i>Net cash provided by (used in) operating expenses</i>	10	(138,268)	(13)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		1	3
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment		1,300,000	-
<i>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</i>		1,300,001	3
Cash flows from financing activities:			
<i>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</i>		-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		1,161,733	(10)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	11	620	630
Cash and cash equivalents at the end if the reporting period	11	1,162,353	620

Approved by the Trustee and signed on its behalf by an authorised signatory.

Signed

J Chesterton

[J Chesterton \(Mar 12, 2024 08:05 GMT\)](#)

Joe Chesterton, Executive Director (Finance & Resources)
Southend-on-Sea City Council for the Trustee

Date Mar 12, 2024

BEECROFT ART TRUST
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Year Ended 31st March 2022

Notes to the accounts

Note 1 Legal Status

Beecroft Art Trust is an unincorporated charity registered in England and Wales (charity number 310658).

Note 2 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

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Beecroft Art Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern given the continued support of Southend-on-Sea City Council.

Income

Donations and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement.

Charitable activities - represent income from rent and are recognised when receivable.

Investment income is accounted for when receivable.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis exclusive of the element of VAT which is recoverable by Southend-on-Sea City Council in accordance with VAT Notice 749 para 7.5.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised at cost. Land is not depreciated. Buildings are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful life. The art collection is held as a heritage asset and is not depreciated on the basis it is expected to increase in value.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments. No separate bank account is maintained by the Trust, therefore all income and expenditure pass through the City Council's account, and its cash balances are held within the City Council's general bank account.

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Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised.

The trustees do not consider that there are any critical estimates or areas of judgement that need to be brought to the attention of the readers of the financial statements.

Note 3 Income from Donations

Donations of £56,060 (2021 £84,374) were from Southend-on-Sea City Council as the funding required to make up the operational deficit for the year. Included in the donation of £56,060 are the following donated services:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Employees – seconded staff	54,588	-
Administration	340	343
	54,928	343

Note 4 Income from Investments

Interest earned on cash balances held within Southend-on-Sea City Council and invested in accordance with the City Council's Treasury Management Policy.

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Note 5 Cost of Charitable Activities

	2022	2021 Restated
	£	£
Employees	58,591	-
Exhibition Expenses	15,215	3,829
Building/Ground Maintenance	19,218	4,272
Business Rates	19,149	19,149
Utilities	53,593	48,064
Insurance	14,300	8,100
Supplies & Services	13,277	-
Governance costs	630	620
Administration	365	343
	194,338	84,377

The support costs incurred are the administration services provided by Southend-on-Sea City Council and governance costs. Total support costs for the year were £995 (2021: £963).

Governance costs comprise solely of fees paid to independent examiners. During the year £630 (2021: £620) was paid to the independent examiner in respect of examination services.

Employee costs relate to employees of the Council.

No staff are remunerated over £60,000 in the year.

The charity is managed by Southend-on-Sea City Council and doesn't have any key management personnel.

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Note 6 Fixed Assets

	Freehold Land & Buildings	Art Collection (Heritage Assets)	Total
	£	£	£
Asset cost, valuation, or revalued amount			
Balance brought forward @ 01/04/21	1,250,000	1,969,295	3,219,295
Disposals	(1,250,000)	-	(1,250,000)
Balance carried forward @ 31/03/22	-	1,969,295	1,969,295
Accumulated depreciation and impairment reviews			
Balance brought forward @ 01/04/21	875,000	-	875,000
Disposals	(875,000)	-	(875,000)
Balance carried forward @ 31/03/22	-	-	-
Net Book Value			
Brought forward @ 01/04/21	375,000	1,969,295	2,344,295
Carried forward @ 31/03/22	-	1,969,295	1,969,295

Note 7 Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other Creditors	630	620

Note 8 Unrestricted fund

The unrestricted fund has ended the financial year in deficit, the Trustees recognise that this is not a sustainable situation and a plan to mitigate this in the next financial year is in place.

Note 9 Endowment fund

The endowment comprises of the collection of art held by the Trust, the land and buildings owned by the charity and the funds received from the sale of the Station Road building, less the costs of sale.

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Note 10 Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2021/22	2020/21
	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds
	£	£
<i>Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)</i>	786,723	-
Adjustments for:		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(1)	(3)
Loss/(profit) on the sale of fixed assets	(925,000)	-
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	10	(10)
<i>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</i>	<u>(138,268)</u>	<u>(13)</u>

Note 11 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2021/22	2020/21
	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds
	£	£
Cash in hand	1,162,353	620
<i>Total cash and cash equivalents</i>	<u>1,162,353</u>	<u>620</u>

Note 12 Trustee remuneration

No trustee was paid in respect of their services as a trustee in 2021 or 2022 and no expenditure was reimbursed.

Note 13 Related Party Transactions

During the year the trustee (Southend-on-Sea City Council) donated £56,060 (2021: £84,374) to the Trust to contribute to the operational deficit for the year. Southend-on-Sea City Council collected a further £1 (2021: £3) on behalf of the Trust in respect of income generated from facilities hire and interest earned on cash balances. The Trust paid the Council £193,708 in respect of operating costs for the year (2021: £83,757).

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Note 14 Comparative Funds

		2020/21	2020/21	2020/21	2019/20
		Unrestricted	Endowment	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income From					
Donations	3	84,374	-	84,374	176,506
Investments	4	3	-	3	5
Charitable activities		-	-	-	1,726
Total Income		84,377	-	84,377	178,237
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	5	84,377	-	84,377	178,237
Total expenditure		84,377	-	84,377	178,237
Net income/expenditure and net movement in funds		-	-	-	-

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BEECROFT ART TRUST
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BEECROFT ART TRUST
Charity Registration No 310658
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Trustees Annual Report

The Trustee is pleased to present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the accounts and comply with the Trust's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Charities SORP (FRS102).

Objectives and activities

The promotion of the study of art, music, and literature and in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the provision and maintenance of the Beecroft Art Gallery, at Southend-on-Sea, in the County of Essex as a public art gallery and library.

The gallery now has over 2,000 works in its permanent collections, including works by Constable, Molenaer, Bright, Epstein, Weight, Lear and Seago.

The art trust is administered and maintained for the objects set out in its governing document by the Borough Council, which meets any deficit incurred each year on operating the facility.

The Trustees in making decisions about the Trust make those decisions with due regard to the objects of the Trust.

In addition, they have due regard to their legal duty to carry out the Trust's charitable purposes for the Public Benefit and the Charity Commissions' guidance thereon.

Achievements and performance

The Beecroft Art Trust is currently maintained to allow the purposes in its Governing document set out below to take place during the financial year 2020/21.

Due to Government restrictions in response to the Coronavirus pandemic the Beecroft Gallery in the 'Old Library' building on Victoria Avenue was unable to open during the year being reported on.

The General Purposes Committee members, acting in their capacity as Trustees, considered a report presented to them on 19th November 2020 regarding the former gallery building in Station Road. It was resolved that "the Council as Trustee of the Beecroft Art Trust be recommended to sell the Former Gallery and the Council should be offered first refusal to purchase at full market value, subject to charity law requirements." These recommendations were subsequently "noted" at full Council on 10th December 2020, with the Councillors acting in their role as Trustees, so the recommendation stands (i.e. is approved).

At the same meeting the Trustees agreed to retain the Beecroft art collection in the former library building on an ad hoc basis, pending a more permanent solution which should be possible once the proceeds of sale from the Former Gallery have been received.

At the time of writing, the Station Road building has not been advertised for sale.

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The Trustee considers that the performance of the charity during the year was satisfactory.

Plans for the future

The Trustees intend to continue to pursue the sale of the Station Road building and continue the gallery's informal occupancy in the Council's 'Old Library' building on Victoria Avenue.

The Trustees are looking forward to the easing of Coronavirus restrictions from 12th April 2021, as outlined in the Government's roadmap. The Beecroft Gallery in the 'Old Library' building will reopen as soon as is practicably possible, subject to approval of a COVID-19 risk assessment.

Financial review

The cost of maintaining the Beecroft Art Trust exceeded the net income and the operating deficit of £84,374 (2020: £176,506) has been funded from the Southend Borough Council General Fund.

Reserves Policy

The trust does not need to hold reserves as any deficit which arises on the operation of the trust, should the trust have no funds to meet it, is funded by Southend on Sea Borough Council, which is sole trustee of the trust.

Going concern

Beecroft Arts Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Structure, governance, and management

Governing documents

The Trust's Governing document is in the form of a Scheme sealed by Order of the Commissioners on 18th February 1980.

Trustee recruitment and training

Southend Borough Council elected members are corporate Trustees. Therefore, Councillors once elected become a corporate Trustee of the Trust.

Risk Assessment

The borough council, when carrying out risk assessments for its own activities, includes within the assessment the activities of the trust, so any major risks applicable to the trust are covered by the council arranging appropriate insurance or having in place strategies to cover other contingencies.

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By order of the Trustees

Signed



Joe Chesterton, Executive Director (Finance & Resources)

Date 02/08/2022

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For and on behalf of TC Group
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Dated: 9 August 2022

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Year Ended 31st March 2021

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Balance Sheet

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Total Fixed Assets		<u>2,344,295</u>	<u>2,344,295</u>
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		620	630
Total Current Assets		<u>620</u>	<u>630</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7	(620)	(630)
Net current assets/(liabilities)		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>2,344,295</u>	<u>2,344,295</u>
The funds of the charity			
Endowment funds	8	2,344,295	2,344,295
Total charity funds		<u>2,344,295</u>	<u>2,344,295</u>

Approved by the Trustee and signed on its behalf by an authorised signatory.

Signed



Joe Chesterton, Executive Director (Finance & Resources)
Southend on Sea Borough Council for the Trustee

Date 02/08/2022

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Cash Flow Statement

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) the charity is claiming exemption from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on account of it being a small charity.

Income

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Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised at cost. Land (totalling £375,000) is not depreciated. Buildings have been depreciated on a straight-line basis over a period of 10 years. The art collection is held as a heritage asset and is not depreciated on the basis it is expected to increase in value.

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Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments. No separate bank account is maintained by the Trust, therefore all income and expenditure pass through the Borough Council's account, and its cash balances are held within the Borough Council's general bank account.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised.

The trustees do not consider that there are any critical estimates or areas of judgement that need to be brought to the attention of the readers of the financial statements.

Note 3 Income from Donations

Donations of £68,809 (2020 £176,506) were from Southend Borough Council as the funding required to make up the operational deficit for the year. This donation is equitably apportioned across all operational trust expenditure. Included in the donation of £68,809 are the following donated services:

	2020	2020
	£	£
Employees – seconded staff	-	79,109
Administration	343	311
	343	79,420

Note 4 Income from Investments

Interest earned on cash balances held within Southend Borough Council.

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Note 5 Cost of Charitable Activities

	2021	2020 Restated
	£	£
Employees	-	79,885
Exhibition Expenses	3,829	13,942
Building/Ground Maintenance	4,272	6,593
Business Rates	19,149	18,850
Utilities	48,064	50,223
Insurance	8,100	7,800
Miscellaneous Expenses	-	-
Governance costs	620	630
Administration	343	314
	84,377	178,237

The support costs incurred are the administration services provided by Southend Borough Council and governance costs. Total support costs for the year were £963 (2020: £944).

Governance costs comprise solely of fees paid to independent examiners. During the year £620 (2020: £630) was paid to the independent examiner in respect of examination services.

Employee costs relate to employees of the Council.

No staff are remunerated over £60,000 in the year.

The charity is managed by Southend Borough Council and doesn't have any key management personnel.

Note 6 Fixed Assets

	Freehold Land & Buildings	Art Collection (Heritage Assets)	Total
	£	£	£
Asset cost, valuation, or revalued amount			
Balance brought forward @ 01/04/20	1,250,000	1,969,295	3,219,295
Balance carried forward @ 31/03/21	1,250,000	1,969,295	3,219,295
Accumulated depreciation and impairment reviews			
Balance brought forward @ 01/04/20	875,000	-	875,000
Balance carried forward @ 31/03/21	875,000	-	875,000
Net Book Value			
Brought forward @ 01/04/20	375,000	1,969,295	2,344,295
Carried forward @ 31/03/21	375,000	1,969,295	2,344,295

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Note 7 Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other Creditors	<u>620</u>	<u>630</u>

Note 8 Endowment fund

The endowment comprises of the collection of art held by the Trust and the land and buildings owned by the charity.

Note 9 Trustee remuneration

No trustee was paid in respect of their services as a trustee in 2020 or 2021 and no expenditure was reimbursed.

Note 10 Related Party Transactions

During the year the trustee (Southend Borough Council) donated £84,374 (2020: £176,506) to the Trust in respect of the funding required to cover the operational deficit for the year. Southend Borough Council collected a further £3 (2020: £1,731) on behalf of the Trust in respect of income generated from facilities hire and interest earned on cash balances. The Trust paid the Council £83,757 in respect of operating costs for the year (2020: £178,237).

Note 11 Comparative Funds

All income and expenditure in 2020/21 was unrestricted.

Note 12 Subsequent Events

The Station Road building was sold on 8th February 2022 for £1,300,000.