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IMPACT REPORT

2023-2024

As of the 5th April 2024

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The AGBI would like to express its appreciation to the Trustees, all members of the Artists Council, the Medical Advisor, the Investment Committee and the Install Technician for the time that they give to the charitable objectives of the AGBI, none of whom are remunerated for their dedication, time or commitment.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE AGBI

Historically, the Patronage of our charity by the late Queen added layers of dignity and comfort to the artists we help, it gave confidence to benefactors and supporters, and I think helped foster a love of service for others amongst all of us who work for the AGBI.

Our sadness at Her Majesty's passing in 2022 was personal and a sore loss for the charity.

Earlier this year, when His Majesty the King announced he would be continuing the traditional support of our work, citing an interest in the arts and the work we do for our peers, we were delighted.

Our charity has been granted this Patronage to mark the first anniversary of the King's Coronation. The announcement came after the Royal Household conducted a major review of more than a thousand patronages following the late Queen's death.

The Patronage makes no demands of us; it is more of an acknowledgment of service given and quiet encouragement.

We are all profoundly grateful to His Majesty. Long live the King.

Nicola Hicks, MBE
President of the AGBI

WHO WE ARE ABOUT THE AGBI

The AGBI is an artist-led benevolent fund supporting professional visual artists in need who are unable to work due to injury or illness. The AGBI Children's Fund supports the children of professional visual artists who have lost the support of one or both parents.

Our History

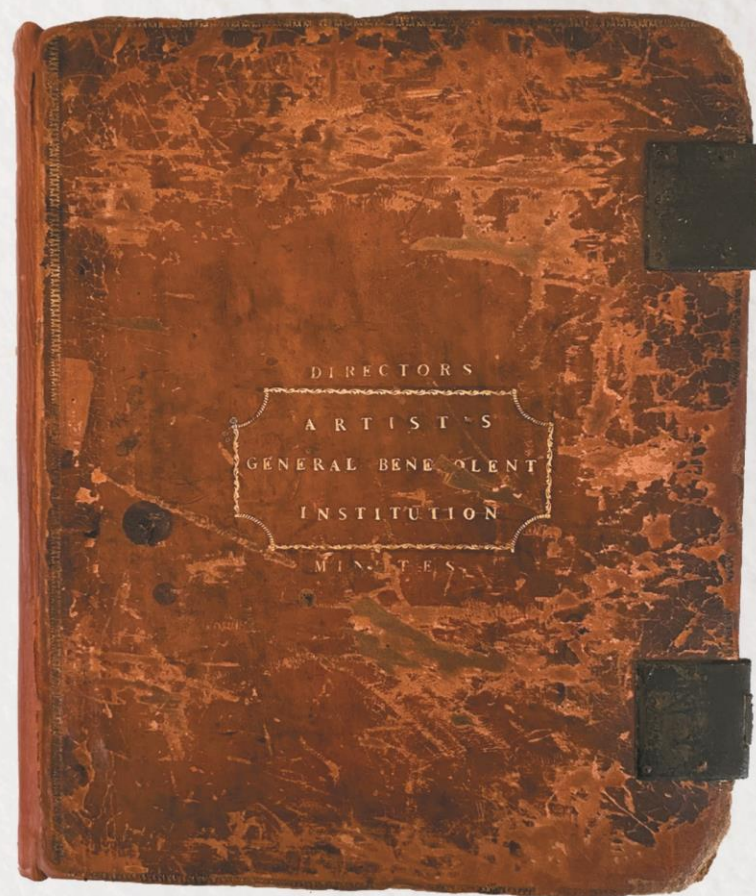
The AGBI was founded in 1814 by members of the Royal Academy of Arts including J.M.W. Turner, John Constable and John Soane and was incorporated by Royal Charter in 1842. It is one of the oldest charities in the United Kingdom.

Our Purpose

The AGBI provides financial support to visual artists and their dependents in need who live in England, Wales or Northern Ireland and who cannot work or earn due to injury or illness.

Our Vision

The AGBI is the benevolent fund that professional visual artists contact in times of need. The AGBI provides grants and a space for artists to gather the community and discuss the complex issues they experience. We aspire to be the safety net for all professional visual artists across all visual mediums and identities.



From the archive - AGBI Director's Book

OUR VALUES ABOUT THE AGBI

The AGBI is an artist-led benevolent fund. Our values underline our commitment to our applicants, donors, staff, and members.

We outline the following as our core values:

Artist-led

Visual artists are at the centre of all that we do. The AGBI operates with a unique understanding of the complex challenges faced by visual artists in need. Being artist-led means drawing from the breadth of knowledge and artists' perspectives of our Trustees and Artists Council. We develop programmes specifically for visual artists and believe that the power to make positive change exists within our community.

Discretion and Integrity

AGBI staff, Trustees and Committee Members operate with discretion and integrity. We provide confidential support and do not disclose details of who, why or how we have supported artists. Upholding these values gives our applicants the confidence they need when asking for support.

Inclusivity and Diversity

We support visual artists regardless of their background or their identities. We recognise the existing structures within the art world that are tied to specific identities and how they act as barriers to marginalised groups. We are changing how we learn and how we raise our awareness with under-represented groups to support all visual artists in need who meet our criteria.

Agency

We uphold the agency of the visual artists who apply and support them through difficult times with grant giving, medical consultations, information and peer-to-peer support sessions. We believe it is important for visual artists to maintain autonomy over their lives and our support helps them to help themselves. We do not provide instruction or conditions to our applicants.

Person-centred

Our applicants face challenges unique to themselves, and no two applicants are the same. The AGBI operates with openness and empathy for every individual circumstance that is shared with us. We take time to listen to our applicants, we do not judge any applicant and we communicate with authenticity, empathy and kindness. We recognise our responsibility to create a safe environment for sharing to take place and for trust to build. We are privileged to hear the artist's life stories which they choose to share with the AGBI.

ELIGIBILITY ABOUT THE AGBI

Who do we support?

The AGBI is the only benevolent fund in the UK specifically supporting visual artists in times of need. Our grants are awarded to visual artists who earn their living, or major part of their living, from art and live in England, Wales or Northern Ireland. Visual artists, no matter what their medium, can apply for a grant from the AGBI. Surviving partners of visual artists are also eligible to apply. The AGBI Children's Fund supports the children of visual artists who remain in education, are under the age of 25 and who have lost the support of one or both parents.

How do we help?

AGBI support is confidential. Grants are awarded for a period of one year and this can be all that is needed to get an artist back working in their studio. Depending on the applicant's situation, help can be for a longer term. For these longer-term cases, the circumstances are reviewed annually by the AGBI's Artists Council and Medical Advisor. The Artists Council meets regularly to discuss each case and agree the level of financial help that the AGBI can provide.

Eligibility Criteria

The Artists Council looks at the training, qualifications, details of exhibitions and art-based employment and the career of the applicant. The Artists Council is presented with original examples of an applicant's work and, where relevant, recent letters from the applicant's GP or NHS consultant confirming their medical circumstances.

How to apply

Visual artists in need, surviving partners of visual artists and children of visual artists can apply at any time. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and reviewed by our Artists Council. Potential applicants are visited by the Secretary of the AGBI.

If you need a grant, to refer a potential applicant or would like some further information, please call the AGBI on 020 7734 1193.



Detail of painting by Brendan Neiland from AGBI exhibition "Portals"



ALL ABOUT US OUR IMPACT IN 2023-2024

Total Funding Awarded

£302,379

81	Visual Artists Supported
15	New applicants
66	Visual artists receiving continued support
5	Distinguished visual artists receiving the AGBI Jubilee Award
18	Children of visual artists supported by the AGBI Children's Fund

COMMUNITY AND EVENTS ABOUT THE AGBI

Our new building allows the AGBI to offer artists more than grants. This extension of our capacity enables us to fulfil our mission in new ways. Exhibitions and events welcome artists into the building to meet in community, helping us to extend our reach across artist networks.



Photos by Maria Green. Images of opening of AGBI Exhibition "Material Matters"



ALL ABOUT US WHAT PEOPLE SAY

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I'm sure you understand only too well the significance of the grant for the future of my studio and consequently, my work. Keeping me active in the studio is enormously valuable in the maintenance of my health and wellbeing

AGBI GRANT RECIPIENT

It's hard to describe but it feels like there are hands behind me to lean into. I feel supported, encouraged, and more more able to be creative without worry.

AGBI GRANT RECIPIENT

My family and I were supported by the AGBI whilst we were growing up. The financial support you gave us allowed us to have things other children had and I can't quite imagine what our childhood would have been like without it.

AGBI GRANT RECIPIENT





Detail of Brendan Neiland painting

2023 - 2024 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The full set of AGBI audited accounts for the financial year 2023 – 2024 can be found on our website and will be on the Charity Commission's website by early 2025. Alternatively, a paper copy can be requested from the office. Please call 020 7734 1193 if you would like more information.

Total Income

Stewards' collections	£26,967
Donations	£51,751
Legacies	£328,787
Rental income	£48,600
Christmas card sales	£12,018
Royalty and legacy income	£21,612
Deposit account interest	£22,785
Investment Income	£184,869
Total Income	£697,389

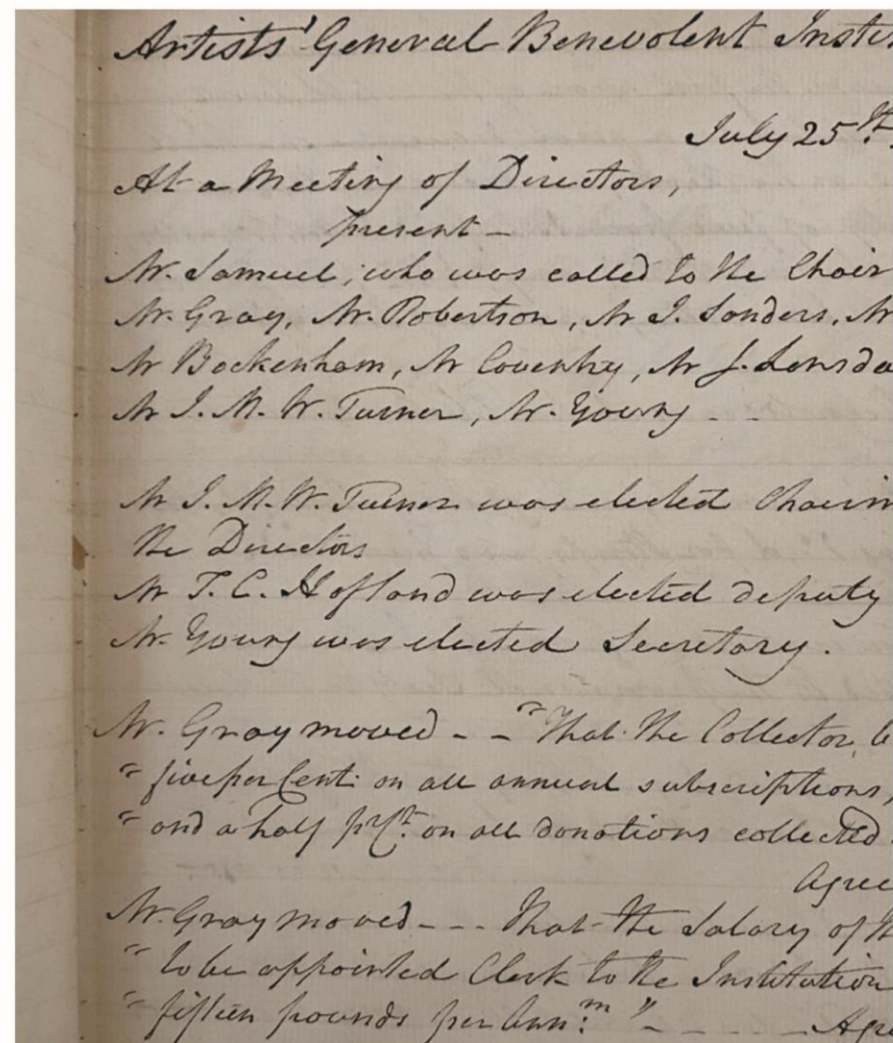
Total Expenditure

Raising Funds including investment fees	£106,294
Grants and Operational Costs	£568,416
Total Expenditure	£674,710

2023 - 2024 AGBI STEWARDS

The AGBI is grateful to the following artists who agreed to be our Stewards for their respective organisations in 2023 - 2024. Not only do our Stewards raise funds for the AGBI but they are the 'eyes and ears' of the AGBI to identify potential applicants in need from their network of visual artists.

British Society of Master Glass Painters	Jane Campbell	£783.50
Chelsea Arts Club	Sam McKechnie	£17,918.54
Guild of Glass Engravers	No Steward	£30.00
Manchester Academy of Fine Arts	Anna Thomas	£625.00
New English Art Club	Jason Line	£102.50
Pastel Society	Christine Watson	£237.50
Royal Academy of Arts	Katherine Jones	£1,687.50
Royal Institute of Oil Painters	Adebanji Alade	£360.00
Royal Institute of Painters in Watercolours	Mari French	£913.75
Royal Society of British Artists	Henry Jabbour	£251.25
Royal Society of Painter Printmakers	David Ferry	£131.00
Royal Watercolour Society	Linda Saul	£582.30
Society of Graphic Fine Art	Maz Jackson	£1,878.75
Independent Steward	Grey Skipwith	£856.25



From the archive, minutes from meeting of Directors from 1814



STEWARDS

2024 - 2025 NEW STEWARDS

We are delighted to announce the following visual artists have agreed to be our Stewards in the financial year 2024 – 2025.

British Society of Master Glass Painters
Chelsea Arts Club
Manchester Academy of Fine Arts
New English Art Club
Pastel Society
Royal Academy of Arts
Royal Institute of Oil Painters
Royal Institute of Painters in Watercolours
Royal Society of British Artists
Royal Society of Marine Artists
Royal Society of Painter-Printmakers
Royal Society of Portrait Painters
Royal Watercolour Society
Royal West of England Academy
Society of Graphic Fine Art
Independent Steward

Jane Campbell
Sam McKechnie
Anna Thomas
Jacqueline Williams
Simon Klein
Oona Grimes
Valerie Pirlot
Florence Yuqing
Vicky Oldfield
Richard Horner
David Ferry
Jamie Routley
Linda Saul
Debbie lee
Maz Jackson
Grey Skipwith

2023 - 2024 LEGACIES

Legacies are an important source of income that enables the AGBI to continue supporting visual artists in need and their dependents today and for future generations. We are grateful for those who have remembered the AGBI in their Wills.

The following legacies were received in 2023 - 2024.

Derek Bloom
Barbara Dawson
Norah Winifred Edwards
Anita Maria Jennings
Pauline Mary Kepinska

Adrian Raphael Montford
Ronald Morgan
Mary Millar Watt
Daphne Margaret Wollaston

Leaving a gift to the AGBI in your Will is a generous way to create a better future for visual artists. Once you have made allowances for family and friends, you may wish to leave part of your estate to the AGBI. Remembering the AGBI in your Will: simply give your solicitor our contact details, ensuring you quote our Charity Registration Number which is 212667.

2023 - 2024 GIFTS IN MEMORIAM

We would like to thank, and acknowledge, those who have donated to the AGBI in memory of fellow visual artists, loved ones or colleagues. Gifts in memory were received for the following people.

Joseph Appleyard
Robert Brown
James Cleaver
Tom Coates
Robert Peter Charles Dron
Andrew Forrest
Paul Gaisford
Barry Glynn

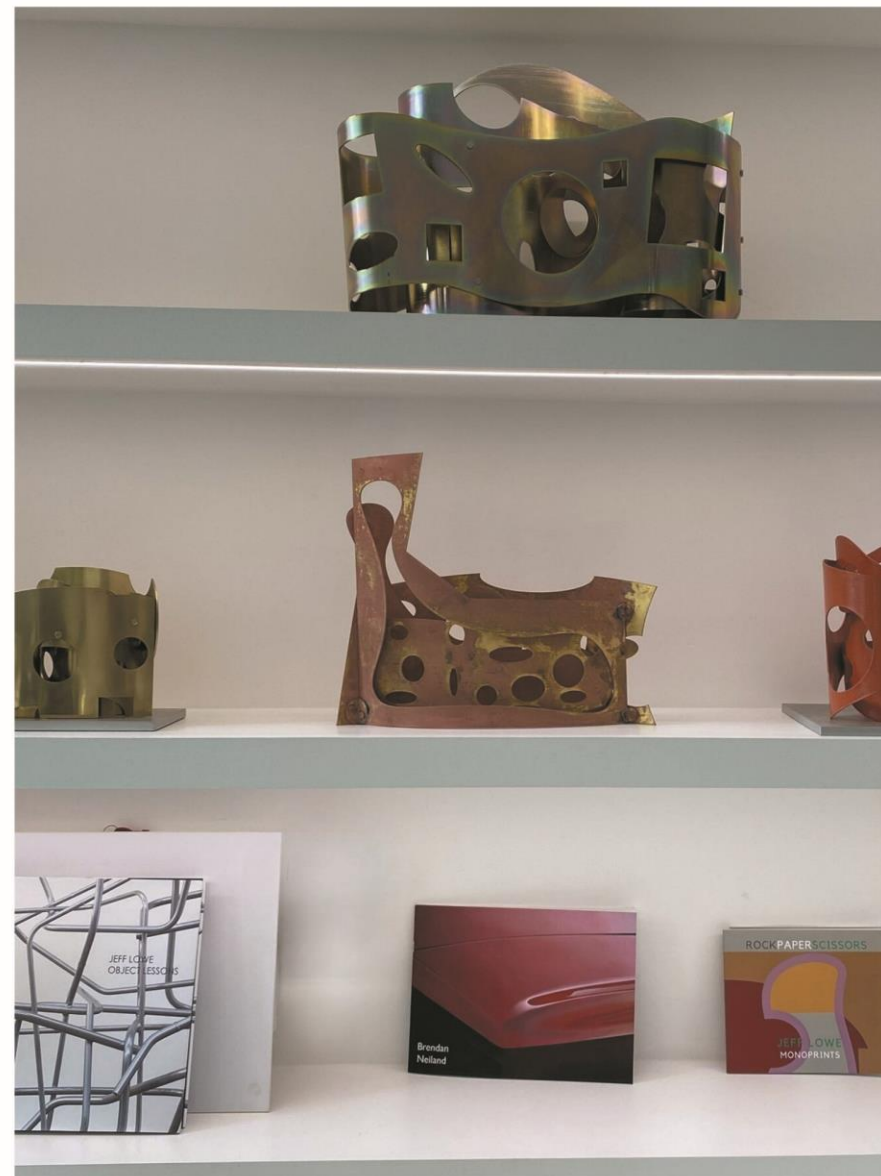
Anthony Eric Sandall Green
Angela Groves
Cornelius Huisman
Mark Prescott
Jean Taylor
Doreen Townsend
Otto Tucker
John Walton

2023 - 2024 OTHER DONATIONS

The AGBI is grateful for the support from the following sources in the financial year 2023 – 2024. These include royalties from visual artist's estates, donations from galleries, charitable trusts and other organisations who support the visual arts.

	Donation in 2023 - 2024	Total Donations at 5th April 2024
The Estate of John Banting	£379.46	£2,135.20
The Blackheath Art Society	£10.00	£90.00
Browse and Darby Ltd	£100.00	£4,814.91
The Estate of Prunella Clough	£1,001.73	£24,406.15
The Society of Equestrian Artists	£50.00	£1,250.00
Gimpel Fils Ltd	£100.00	£700.00
The Estate of Eileen Gray	£13,814.86	£13,814.86
The Trustees of Sir C C Grundy	£85.00	£1,275.00
The Estate of Sir Herbert James Gunn	£170.82	£1,586.61
The Hosali Foundation	£50.00	£945.00
Fergus Hughes-Onslow Trust	£100.00	£100.00
Image & Design Consultants	£35.00	£660.00
Smith Charitable Trust	£6,215.97	£121,822.64
The Trustees of the Estate of Dame Laura Knight	£6,125.66	£55,392.31
The de Laszlo Foundation	£500.00	£9,155.00
The Looking Glass	£10.00	£120.00
The Loppylugs and Barbara Morrison Charitable Trust	£6,225.00	£71,025.00
McInroy & Wood Limited	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
Morgan Dunn Enterprises	£100.00	£700.00
Mrs J Y Nelson Charitable Foundation	£8,698.26	£8,698.26
The Piccadilly Gallery	£40.00	£240.00

The AGBI thanks all our donors including those who wish to give anonymously.



Small sculptures by Jeff Lowe in AGBI exhibition "Portals"



LIFE MEMBERS

2023 - 2024 LIFE MEMBERS

Regular donors who have given in the financial year 2023 - 2024 and whose total donations at the 5th April 2024 were £500.00 or more.

	Donation in 2023 - 2024	Total Donations at 5th April 2024
Shenda Amery ARBS	£10.00	£573.48
Caroline E Anderson	£225.56	£7,999.63
Diana Armfield RA NEAC Hon Rt RWS	£100.00	£2,134.48
Helen Auty	£50.00	£975.00
Dr Robin Barber	£25.00	£595.00
Dr Wendy Baron OBE	£50.00	£1,275.00
Serena Barrow	£50.00	£2,683.60
Joan Bates	£30.00	£1,030.00
Alan Bell	£25.00	£625.00
Keith Bennett	£100.00	£2,715.00
Chloe M Blackburn	£50.00	£1,325.00
Sir Quentin Blake CBE	£1,000.00	£27,845.02
Sarah Bott	£20.00	£544.00
Olwyn Bowey RA RBA RWA	£25.00	£885.00
Harriet Brigdale VPSGFA	£39.00	£1,613.13
Cameron Brown	£500.00	£4,365.00
David Sydney Burnand	£30.00	£745.00
Mary Burnett-Stuart	£30.00	£870.00
Jane Campbell	£100.00	£1,163.56
Rachel Campbell	£75.00	£1,300.00
Professor & Mrs David Carpanini	£50.00	£2,391.01
John Carter RA	£150.00	£4,090.00
Stephen Chambers RA	£50.00	£775.00
John Chipperfield	£50.00	£1,030.00
Mary Clow	£100.00	£2,150.00
Lady Alexandra Connell	£25.00	£725.00
Jane Corsellis RBA ARWA NEAC	£50.00	£625.00
The Rt Hon Harriet Cullen	£100.00	£700.00
Patrick Cullen	£25.00	£525.00

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Spencer de Grey CBE RA	£1,000.00	£9,950.00
Damon de Laszlo DL	£500.00	£9,155.00
Richard Deacon CBE RA	£500.00	£2,100.00
Tacita Dean RA	£200.00	£2,700.00
Roger Dellar RI	£30.00	£850.00
Anne Desmet RA	£300.00	£1,365.00
Jackie Devereux	£20.00	£970.00
John Doyle MBE PPRWS	£25.00	£860.00
Dr Julia P Ellis	£50.00	£660.00
Anthony Eyton RA	£75.00	£1,910.00
Andrew Festing RP	£35.00	£945.00
Matthew Flowers	£100.00	£1,700.00
Richard Foster	£200.00	£1,250.00
Judith Mary Francis	£240.00	£7,373.32
Jeremy Friend	£100.00	£1,692.50
William Garfit RBA	£25.00	£925.00
Daniel Glynn	£120.00	£700.00
Juliet Grasby	£50.00	£1,114.82
Robert Greenhalf	£30.00	£750.00
Martyn Gregory	£100.00	£3,300.00
Michelle Griffiths	£390.00	£1,590.00
Sir Nicholas Grimshaw CBE PPRA	£100.00	£15,629.98
Prof Vaughan Grylls	£100.00	£2,720.00
Rosemary Gwynne-Jones	£40.00	£725.00
S Elizabeth Gwyther	£100.00	£3,000.00
Charlotte Halliday RWS NEAC	£300.00	£1,554.00
Maggi Hambling CBE	£150.00	£3,222.00
Robin Hazlewood RI	£50.00	£740.00
Mary Hooper	£35.00	£630.00

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Patricia Hopkins	£20.00	£560.00
Moiria Huntly	£25.00	£1,095.50
Monica F Hutchinson	£80.00	£2,455.01
William W B Jacklin RA	£100.00	£2,360.00
Maz Jackson SGFA	£975.00	£3,894.00
Allen Jones	£25.00	£3,154.23
Jane Joseph	£60.00	£1,495.00
Annabelle S Lake	£60.00	£858.00
Susan Langan	£50.00	£930.00
Sir Christopher Le Brun PPRA	£100.00	£1,475.00
Dr Bruce L Lees	£350.00	£1,100.00
Alexandra Margaret Lind-Smith	£200.00	£5,501.01
Peter Gerard Livesey	£50.00	£680.00
Gerry Halpin MBE	£1,100.00	£2,160.00
Emily Meadway	£60.00	£620.00
Michael Middleton	£50.00	£845.00
Julia Midgley	£180.00	£1,215.00
Harry Traherne Moggridge OBE	£100.00	£1,604.00
Richard Morphet	£25.00	£675.00
Jane Muir	£25.00	£1,465.00
Peter Nahum	£35.00	£945.00
David Nash RA	£200.00	£3,230.00
Philip Nathan FRBS	£50.00	£3,010.00
Richard L Onians	£100.00	£2,060.00
Robert O'Rorke	£50.00	£1,300.00
William Packer	£100.00	£2,840.00
Sally Pollitzer	£100.00	£2,705.00
Mr & Mrs Putman	£25.00	£2,237.00
William Pye	£100.00	£2,700.00

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Susan Relph PS SGFA	£300.00	£830.00
Peter G Rhoades	£50.00	£1,150.00
Luke Richards	£450.00	£8,120.00
Geoffrey A K Robinson	£250.00	£3,000.00
Sir Norman Rosenthal	£100.00	£3,679.67
Alan T Runagall	£25.00	£575.00
Rebecca Salter PRA	£100.00	£900.00
Peter Siddell	£100.00	£2,200.00
W Grey Skipwith	£50.00	£1,419.48
Russell A Strachan	£250.00	£6,000.00
A C L Sturge	£100.00	£3,000.00
Jeremy N Sutcliffe	£75.00	£1,866.67
Cynthia L Sutton	£20.00	£520.00
C M Swash FMGP	£20.00	£585.00
John Tookey	£25.00	£716.00
Sarah P Tooley	£25.00	£600.00
Pauline D Tremlett	£50.00	£1,150.00
W Tucker	£680.00	£1,345.00
Peter Vincent CSD	£50.00	£1,772.92
Gerald C Wakelin	£150.00	£3,180.00
Rosemary Walker	£25.00	£620.00
J Weatherhogg	£100.00	£1,600.00
Vicki Lynn Weissman	£10.00	£860.00
Vanessa Whinney	£180.00	£2,989.87
Michael Whittlesea NEAC RWS	£25.00	£930.57
Alison Wilding RA	£1,000.00	£1,810.00
Joseph William Winkelman PPPE	£50.00	£1,150.00
Eiko Yoshimoto	£15.00	£545.00



Detail of Brendan Neiland painting

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