



REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 JULY 2019

This report is for those wanting to know about BEA's activities in 2019. It is an extract from the Report and Accounts filed with the Charity Commission

The trustees who served during the year were:

Pam Campion  
A Elliott  
K Gill (resigned 4 June 2019)  
C McHugh  
J Parkin  
M Veitch  
M Ward  
R McMullen (appointed 18 July 2019)

New trustees are recruited from those who have participated actively and effectively as BEA volunteers.

The trustees meet regularly to review BEA's policies and performance. Day-to-day operations are handled by:

Program Director: Pam Campion

Program Managers: Pam Campion (Art), Angela Elliott (History, Literature), Martin Laidler (Science), Cian McHugh (Film, Music)

Treasurer: Jacqui Parkin

PRO: Cian McHugh

Volunteer Management: Angela Elliott

### **Objectives and activities**

The charity's objects are to benefit the public by promoting the education of people in the local community of Berwick-upon-Tweed and surrounding areas, in such ways as the charity thinks fit, including, but not limited to, organising educational courses, day schools and excursions.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Our activities during the year have included a number of weekly educational courses, practical art classes, individual lectures and some excursions.

## **Achievements and performance**

This is our second year reporting as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and it has been a busy one. Some highlights were:

- The Berwick Energy Conference, an all-day seminar with contributions from Durham Energy Institute, Community Action Northumberland and Berwick Community Trust.
- Working with Berwick Visual Arts, we organised lectures, workshops and guided tours in support of their exhibitions "Spirited - Women Artists from the Ingram Collection of Modern Art", "Turner: Northern Exposure", "Roy Voss - The Way Things Are" and "Drawn from Life: People on Paper".
- We continued to work with Berwick Film Society, both in our own film studies course and with lectures in support of their screenings; and with Berwick Arts Choir, with a lecture on Mendelssohn in support of their performance of *Elijah*.
- We began a new series called "Talking about Music", led by Prof Mike Warboys, with each lecture focussing on a different work of classical music.
- We were recognised by North Northumberland Voluntary Forum in their Voluntary and Community Awards 2019, where we won the Grassroots category.

Overall, we hosted more than 100 sessions with an aggregate attendance of more than 2,000. Once again our thanks are due to our excellent lecturers, both old and new. We appreciate that the popularity of our annual programme is due to the high quality of their contributions. Our ability to sustain such a large and varied programme is due to our tireless volunteers, and we are very grateful to them for their time and effort in keeping the show on the road.

Our accounts for 2018/19 include grants received for the Berwick Music Series, most of which was carried forward and spent in the following financial year.

Kate Gill resigned as a Trustee during the year, as she has moved away from Berwick. We are very grateful to her for all her support and hard work over the years. I am delighted to welcome Ruth McMullen as a Trustee; she has been both a consistent supporter of our courses, and more recently, an active volunteer.

## **Financial review**

Total income for the year amounted to £27,153 (2018: £20,226) against running costs of £19,913 (2018: £16,704) resulting in an operating surplus of £7,240 (2018: £3,522 surplus).

Total funds at the year end were £16,475 (2018: £9,235) of which £11,554 (2018: £9,235) were unrestricted and £4,291 (2018: £Nil) restricted.

Our policy is to maintain this fund at a level that will enable us to pay any outstanding bills and allow us to increase both the number of events and the range of our subjects while keeping our entrance costs very affordable. We do not hold any funds as custodian trustees.

Pam Campion  
Chair of Trustees