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



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 is supported by all visual artists and from which visual artists and their dependents in need can receive support.

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OUR VALUES

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 artist's 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 applicants. Upholding these values gives our applicants the confidence they need when asking for support.

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.

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.



HOW WE HELP

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



HOW WE HELP

OUR IMPACT IN 2022 / 2023

TOTAL FUNDING AWARDED **£271,669**

VISUAL ARTISTS SUPPORTED **79**

NEW APPLICANTS **17**

VISUAL ARTISTS RECEIVING
CONTINUED SUPPORT **62**

DISTINGUISHED VISUAL
ARTISTS RECEIVING THE
AGBI JUBILEE AWARD **7**

CHILDREN OF VISUAL ARTISTS
SUPPORTED BY THE AGBI
CHILDREN'S FUND **18**

CASE STUDY

Our 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 of both parents.

Honor is 19 years old and she has been supported by our Children's Fund since her mother died in 2015.

Her mother was a sculptor who lived and worked in Cornwall. The AGBI supported Honor's mother for several years whilst she was unable to work during her illness. When she died, our financial support transferred to Honor to help with her school and then her college expenses.

Honor comes from a family of visual artists; her grandfather was a painter who taught at Camberwell College of Arts. Honor had always wanted to be a painter and attend one of the leading London art schools. But without the financial support of her mother, leaving Cornwall and studying in London was looking increasingly difficult due to the higher living costs. Once all the available student loans had been successfully awarded Honor still had a funding shortfall and needed our support.

Honor came to meet the AGBI team to discuss her situation and complete an application form to apply for funding. The Children's Fund Committee agreed to award Honor a monthly grant of £500 to support her art materials and living costs whilst she remains at art school. Our grants have made a significant difference to Honor's situation who wrote to say:

"I would like to say a massive thank you to the AGBI for offering this funding to people like me from less fortunate backgrounds and in difficult situations. It has made such a huge difference and allowed me to study and explore different artists' techniques and processes. I love my course and I am looking forward to a career as an artist, it's all I ever wanted."

The personal details in this case study have been changed to protect the identity of our applicants.



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WHAT PEOPLE SAY

What some of our beneficiaries in 2022 and 2023 have said about us.

"Your financial help and home visits were just the support I needed and reassured me following a nasty fall in my garden. Thank you so much for your time and your kindness. I have been so lucky not to have caused myself serious damage and the new garden handrails you kindly paid for are simply wonderful".

Painter and printmaker living in Wimbledon, aged 62.

"I found out about AGBI when I was researching funding opportunities at a difficult time in my practice, where a serious medical issue compounded by external factors beyond my control brought my production to a standstill. The support I received from the AGBI was invaluable. It provided me the means to deal with my immediate circumstances so that I could go on to restructure my practice and ways of working and thrive in the industry".

Installation artist living in Hackney, London, aged 31.



FINANCIAL

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The full set of AGBI audited accounts for the financial year 2022 – 2023 can be found on our website and on the Charity Commission's website. Alternatively, a paper copy can be requested from the office. Please call 020 7734 1193 if you would like more information.

2022 - 2023
Total Funds

Total Income

Stewards' collections	£22,030
Donations	£51,599
Legacies	£53,645
Rental income	£16,200
Christmas card sales	£12,649
Royalty and legacy income	£7,065
Deposit account interest	£8,655
Investment Income	£162,639
Total Income	£334,482

Total Expenditure

Raising Funds including investment fees	£97,017
Grants and Operational Costs	£511,670
Total Expenditure	£608,687

A background image showing a row of paint bottles in various colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue) on a shelf. Below the bottles, a palette with various colored paints is visible. The image is slightly blurred and has a dark overlay.

AGBI STEWARDS 2022 - 2023

The AGBI is grateful to the following visual artists who agreed to be our Stewards for their respective organisations in 2022 - 2023. 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	£1,056.00
Chelsea Arts Club	Sam McKechnie	£15,313.32
Manchester Academy of Fine Arts	Anna Thomas	£600.00
New English Art Club	Michael Weller	£50.00
Pastel Society	Christine Watson	£185.00
Royal Institute of Oil Painters	Alice Hall	£2,272.32
Royal Institute of Painters in Watercolours	Felicity Flutter	£156.25
Royal Society of British Artists	Brenda Davies	£426.00
Royal Society of Marine Artists	Brian Collins	£110.00
Royal Watercolour Society	Linda Saul	£267.50
Royal West of England Academy	Ros Cuthbert	£190.00
Society of Graphic Fine Art	Maz Jackson	£40.00
Independent Steward	Grey Skipwith	£1,963.75

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NEW STEWARDS 2022 - 2023

We are pleased to announce the following visual artists have agreed to be our Stewards in the financial year 2023 – 2024.

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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
Jason Line
Christine Watson
Katherine Jones
To be announced
Mari French
Henry Jabbour
Brian Collins (to be confirmed)
David Ferry (to be confirmed)
Jamie Routley
Linda Saul
To be announced
Maz Jackson
Grey Skipwith

LEGACIES RECEIVED 2022-2023

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 2022 - 2023:

Julia Pamela Berlin

Derek Bloom

Launa Frances Bradish

Joshua Friewald

Pamela Florence Gover

Dawn Frances Sidoli

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 is easy, simply give your solicitor our contact details, ensuring you quote our Charity Registration Number which is 212667.



OTHER DONATIONS

GIFTS IN MEMORIAM 2022-2023

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:

John Aldus
Jane Atkinson
Dione Blowers
Victor Bowley
George Bruce
Gerald Albert Cains
Jean Canter

Barry Glynn
Ken Howard RA
Tom Phillips RA
Peter Robin Hill
Sonya Stangroom
Peter Weaver



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DONATIONS FROM OTHER SOURCES

The AGBI is grateful for the support from the following sources in the financial year 2022 – 2023. These include royalties from visual artist's estates, donations from galleries, charitable trusts and other organisations who support the visual arts.

	Donation in 2022-2023	Total Donations at 5th April 2023
The Estate of John Banting	£359.84	£1,755.74
The Blackheath Art Society	£10.00	£80.00
Browse and Darby Ltd	£100.00	£4,714.91
Carron Charitable Settlement	£100.00	£4,250.00
The Connect Art Fair	£716.18	£2,509.18
The Estate of Prunella Clough	£1,386.42	£23,404.42
The Estate of Simon Elwes	£192.41	£192.41
The Society of Equestrian Artists	£50.00	£1,200.00
The Gault Family	£7,000.00	£7,000.00
Gimpel Fils Limited	£100.00	£600.00
The Trustees of Sir C C Grundy	£85.00	£1,190.00
The Estate of Sir Herbert James Gunn RA	£74.21	£1,415.79
The Hosali Foundation	£50.00	£895.00
Image & Design Consultants	£35.00	£625.00
Smith Charitable Trust	£4,400.33	£115,606.67
The Jerram Gallery	£75.00	£1,275.00
The Trustees of the Estate of Dame Laura Knight DBE RA	£4,966.62	£49,266.65
The de Laszlo Foundation	£1,000.00	£8,655.00
The Looking Glass	£10.00	£110.00
The Loppylugs and Barbara Morrison Charitable Trust	£5,300.00	£64,800.00
Morgan Dunn Enterprises	£100.00	£600.00
The Piccadilly Gallery	£40.00	£200.00
Sir John and Lady Swire 1989 Charitable Trust	£1,000.00	£24,736.94
The San Francisco Foundation	£7,451.81	£7,451.81

The AGBI would like to thank all our donors including those who wish to give anonymously.



LIFE MEMBERS

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Regular donors who have given in the financial year 2022 - 2023 and whose total donations at the 5th April 2023 were £500.00 or more.

	Donation in 2022-2023	Total Donations at 5th April 2023
Caroline E Anderson	£200.00	£7,774.07
Mrs A C Appleby	£500.00	£500.00
Diana Armfield RA NEAC Hon Rt RWS	£100.00	£2,034.48
Lillias August RI	£20.00	£2,285.75
Helen Auty	£50.00	£925.00
Serena Barrow	£150.00	£2,633.60
Joan Bates	£30.00	£1,000.00
Keith Bennett	£100.00	£2,615.00
Lady Madeline Bessborough	£500.00	£800.00
Chloe M Blackburn	£50.00	£1,275.00
Sir Quentin Blake CBE	£1,000.00	£26,845.02
Sarah Bott	£20.00	£524.00
Olwyn Bowey RA RBA RWA	£25.00	£860.00
Cameron Brown	£500.00	£3,865.00
Mrs Etsuko Brown	£3,500.00	£3,500.00
Mr and Mrs David S Burnand	£30.00	£715.00
Mary Burnett-Stuart	£30.00	£840.00
Jane Campbell	£350.56	£1,063.56
Rachel Campbell	£75.00	£1,225.00
Professor and Mrs David Carpanini	£100.00	£2,341.01
John Carter RA	£300.00	£3,940.00
John Chipperfield	£50.00	£980.00
Mary Clow	£100.00	£2,050.00
Tom Coates PPNEAC PS RBA RP RWA RWS	£200.00	£7,607.14
Lady Alexandra Connell	£25.00	£700.00

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	Donation in 2022-2023	Total Donations at 5th April 2023
Gordon Cooke	£250.00	£1,500.00
Jane Corsellis RBA ARWA NEAC	£50.00	£575.00
Mick Davies	£50.00	£1,777.50
Spencer de Grey CBE RA	£1,000.00	£8,950.00
Damon de Laszlo DL	£1,000.00	£8,655.00
Tacita Dean RA	£200.00	£2,500.00
Roger Dellar RI	£15.00	£820.00
John Doyle MBE PPRWS	£25.00	£835.00
Dr Julia P Ellis	£100.00	£610.00
Anthony Eyton RA	£75.00	£1,835.00
Matthew Flowers	£100.00	£1,600.00
Richard Foster	£200.00	£1,050.00
Judith Mary Francis	£240.00	£7,133.32
Jeremy Friend	£100.00	£1,592.50
William Garfit RBA	£25.00	£900.00
Martyn Gregory	£100.00	£3,200.00
Sir Nicholas Grimshaw CBE PPRA	£100.00	£15,529.98
Professor Vaughan Grylls	£100.00	£2,620.00
Herbert James Gunn	£74.21	£1,415.79
Charlotte Halliday RWS NEAC	£300.00	£1,254.00
Maggi Hambling CBE	£150.00	£3,072.00
Simon Hodges	£50.00	£615.00
Mary Hooper	£35.00	£595.00
Professor Ken Howard OBE RA	£130.00	£6,265.57
Geoff Hunt	£40.00	£595.00

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Moira Huntly	£40.00	£1,070.50
Monica F Hutchinson	£25.00	£2,375.01
William Jacklin RA	£100.00	£2,260.00
Mark Jerram	£75.00	£1,275.00
Simon R Jones	£200.00	£3,470.00
Jane Joseph	£60.00	£1,435.00
Professor Bryan Kneale RA	£900.00	£900.00
Annabelle S Lake	£108.00	£778.00
Susan Langan	£50.00	£780.00
Sir Christopher Le Brun PPRA	£100.00	£1,375.00
Margaret Lind-Smith	£200.00	£5,301.01
Michael Middleton	£50.00	£795.00
Julia Midgley	£50.00	£1,035.00
Richard Morphet	£25.00	£650.00
Jane Muir	£25.00	£1,440.00
Peter Nahum	£35.00	£910.00
David Nash RA	£200.00	£3,030.00
Phillip Nathan FRBS	£50.00	£2,960.00
Richard L Onians	£100.00	£1,960.00
William Packer	£100.00	£2,740.00
Sally Pollitzer	£100.00	£2,605.00
Mr and Mrs Putman	£25.00	£2,212.00
William Pye	£100.00	£2,600.00
Maxine Relton	£100.00	£2,764.10
Luke Richards	£900.00	£7,650.00

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Alan T Runagall	£50.00	£550.00
Charlotte Salmon (Meyer)	£100.00	£800.00
Peter Siddell	£100.00	£2,100.00
W Grey Skipwith	£50.00	£1,369.48
Russell A Strachan	£250.00	£5,750.00
A C L Sturge	£100.00	£2,900.00
Jeremy N Sutcliffe	£75.00	£1,791.67
Martin Swan	£30.00	£565.00
Emily Timmins	£10.00	£510.00
Audrey Titchell	£50.00	£1,135.92
John Tookey	£30.00	£691.00
Sarah P Tooley	£25.00	£575.00
Pauline D Tremlett	£50.00	£1,100.00
W Tucker	£30.00	£665.00
Peter Vincent CSD	£50.00	£1,722.92
Gerald C Wakelin	£150.00	£3,030.00
J Weatherhogg	£100.00	£1,500.00
Vicki Lynn Weissman	£10.00	£850.00
Vanessa Whinney	£180.00	£2,794.87
Michael Whittlesea NEAC RWS	£25.00	£905.57
J W Winkelman PPRE	£50.00	£1,100.00
Eiko Yoshimoto	£15.00	£530.00

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