

2 July 2019
Our ref: 5400628

Thank you for your request received on 18 June 2019, for the following information:

This is an information request relating to artwork owned by your local authority. Please provide the following information:

- How many artworks have been purchased by the local authority in 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19?**
- How many artworks are in the possession of the local authority?**
- What is the estimated value of the artworks?**
- How many of the artworks are on public display?**

Public display includes those that can be viewed by the members of the public in local authority buildings such as council headquarters, libraries, sports and leisure centres, and schools that are under local authority control. It would exclude areas of council properties that cannot be readily be entered into by members of the public (such as, for example, the office of the head of paid service).

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We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

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None identified.

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The borough has a few paintings on the walls of the Town hall. (The three oils of former Alderman on the stairs) numerous photographic prints of Mayor's and their Escorts in the corridors and prints of the Queen and Prince Philip.

In the Mayor's parlour there is a landscape painting unsigned and a wall mounted stone carving from Montclair.

These items have not been valued as the Authority believed in 2007 that the benefits of obtaining the valuation for these items would not justify the cost. They are therefore not included in the asset register.

There are two statues that are owned and maintained by the borough that might be classified as work of art . The Family of Man statue was presented to the borough in 1981. More information is published by Local Studies at:

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/libraries/local-studies-and-archives/pockethistories/hendon-and-golders-green/the-burroughs.html>

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La Deliverance or the Naked Lady statue was made to celebrate the French victory at the first battle of the Marne when the German army was stopped from capturing Paris in August 1914. In 1920 it was bought by Lord Rothermere who presented it to Finchley. It was valued at £266,000 in 2015. More information is available at:

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/libraries/local-studies-and-archives/pockethistories/finchley-friern-barnet-and-totteridge/finchley-la-delivrance-and-other-statues>

There is a statue of The Peacemaker, commemorating Edward VII in Friary Park.

The Nicholas Winton memorial Garden in Princes Park was opened in 2018.

Attached is a list of art held by Local Studies and Archives based in the Hendon Library building.

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link www.ico.org.uk

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Your rights

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If, having exhausted our review procedure, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you will have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website www.ico.org.uk). There is no charge for making an appeal.