

Response to Request for Information

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Council Artworks

Request:

We are writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your council.

1. We would like to know what artworks the council has purchased in the financial years 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17. This covers artworks such as paintings, drawings, prints, sculptures etc.
2. For each artwork we would like to know how much the council spent on it, the name of the artwork, the name of the artist and where it currently resides, for example on public display in a town hall, in the mayor's private office, in storage etc.
3. We would also like to know what artworks were sold in the same period. We would like to know the name of the artwork, the name of the artist, how much the artwork was sold for, and where possible when the artwork was bought, how much it was bought for, when it was sold and who it was sold to.

Please provide the information in an excel spreadsheet.

[In response to your above enquiry regarding acquisitions of art made by Wolverhampton City Council between 2013-17, please see attached spreadsheet providing the above detailed information as requested.](#)

[For each artwork we have included the name of the artwork, the artist, current location and acquisitions price. Artwork purchases are funded through external grant and a small annual budget.](#)

[Out of 20 works acquired, 19 were purchased with grant aid.](#)

[Please note that the locations may be out of date very quickly as we regularly rotate our collection displays.](#)

[We have not sold any art works from our collections.](#)

Art Works purchased since 2013/14

Report period: April 2013 - Nov 2017

Item description	Item category	Purchase price	Purchase date	Purchase type (eg auction, private sale, ebay)	Location	Grant-funded
Donald Rodney, <i>Untitled ('Cowboy and Indian' after David Hockney's We Two Boys Together Clinging, 1961)</i> , 1989	Art	£15,000	07/04/2016	Private sale - HLF Collection Cultures	Storage	y
Keith Piper, <i>Body Type 1</i> , 1982	Art	£8,000	07/04/2016	Private sale - HLF Collection Cultures	Storage	y
Keith Piper, <i>Body Type 2</i> , 1982	Art	£8,000	07/04/2016	Private sale - HLF Collection Cultures	Storage	y
Tam Joseph, <i>Spirit of the Carnival</i> , c.1980	Art	£40,000	07/04/2016	Private sale - HLF Collection Cultures (with help from the Art Fu	Storage	y
Claudette Johnson, <i>Untitled 1990 (Standing Woman)</i>	Art	£10,000	30/04/2016	Private sale - HLF Collection Cultures	Storage	y
Chila Burman, <i>Auto-Portrait 1995</i>	Art	£18,000	27/05/2016	Private sale - HLF Collection Cultures	Storage	y
Chila Burman, <i>For Freedom We Will Lay Down Our Lives 198</i>	Art	£8,000	27/05/2016	Private sale - HLF Collection Cultures	Storage	y
Kimathi Donkor, <i>Madonna Metropolitan: The death of Cynt</i>	Art	£5,000	18/04/2016	Private sale - HLF Collection Cultures (with help from the Frien	Storage	y
Lubaina Himid, <i>Invasions</i>	Art	£24,000	31/05/2016	Private sale - HLF Collection Cultures	Storage	y
Kimathi Donkor, <i>Still Life 2005</i>	Art	£5,000	01/03/2016	Private sale - Funding from Friends of Wolverhampton Art Ga	Storage	y
Barbara Walker, <i>Polite Violence IV 2006</i>	Art	£4,250	01/12/2016	Private sale - HLF Collection Cultures	Storage	y
Barbara Walker, <i>I can paint a picture with a pin - series 2006</i>	Art	£4,250	01/12/2016	Private sale - HLF Collection Cultures	Storage	y
Andre Stitt, <i>Shankill Butcher Knives (set of 3)</i>	Art	£3,200	07/04/2013	Private Sale	Storage	y
David Ward, <i>Made by Hand Triptych 2016</i>	Art	£5,000	10/07/2016	Purchased from David Ward following his exhibition	Storage	N
Sonia Boyce, <i>Black Female Hairstyles, 1995 (set of 50)</i>	Art	£22,500	15/03/2017	Purchased as part of the HLF Collecting Cultures Project, with h	Art Gallery on display	y
Sonia Boyce, <i>Exquisite Tension 2005 (Edition1/6)</i>	New Media	£7,500	01/01/2017	Purchased as part of the HLF Collecting Cultures Project, with h	Art Gallery on display	y
Glenn Ligon, <i>Silver Self-Portrait, 2007</i>	Art	£24,500	31/01/2017	Purchased as part of the HLF Collecting Cultures Project	Art Gallery on display	y
Kieth piper, <i>Go West Young man, 1996</i>	New Media	£1,000	01/01/2017	Purchased as part of the HLF Collecting Cultures Project	Art Gallery on display	y
Gerald Laing, <i>Astronaut I, 1963</i>	Art	£94,000	29/12/2014	Purchased with funding from V&A Purchase Grant Fund (£35,0	Storage	y