**A Room of their Own: lost Bloomsbury Interiors 1914-30**

The new major summer exhibition at the Bath and North East Somerset Council run Victoria Art Gallery will be ‘A Room of their Own: Lost Bloomsbury Interiors’ running from 11 June – 4 September. The show will re-create some famous Bloomsbury interiors with works by Roger Fry, Vanessa Bell and Duncan Grant.

Bloomsbury artists Roger Fry, Vanessa Bell and Duncan Grant not only produced paintings and fine art but designed and decorated ceramics, furniture, fabrics and rugs. Their enthusiasm to see in the decorative arts and interior decoration the possibility for an original artistic venture began in 1913 with the formation of the Omega Workshops (1913-1916) and continued until the Second World War.

Recognising that the only major Bloomsbury Group decorative schemes to survive are at Charleston in East Sussex, this exhibition aims to recreate, as far as possible, several of the lost interiors on which the Bloomsbury artists worked in the first half of the 20th century. This exhibition will feature work by Roger Fry, Vanessa Bell, Duncan Grant, Dora Carrington, Nina Hamnett, Henri Gaudier-Brzeska and Edward Wolfe.

Between the wars friends were queuing to have their homes embellished in the Bloomsbury style. There were studio sales of painted trays and decorated ceramics and Heals department store hosted regular exhibitions of their decorative work. Sadly, none of the interiors now remain as much was destroyed, by accident or by bombing during the Second World War.

This exhibition will reunite objects and paintings from private and public collections that have not been seen together for over 50 years. It celebrates Fry’s, Bell’s and Grant’s passionate approach to art and craft, regarding the various disciplines as being of equal status to painting.

Important paintings, pieces of furniture and decorations will be on loan to the exhibition from a range of lenders including the National Portrait Gallery, the Courtauld Gallery, London, Manchester City Galleries, Southampton City Art Gallery and the Charleston Trust.

During the exhibition there will be talks and lunchtime exhibition tours held on Thursdays from 12.30-1.00pm, free to Discovery Card and ticket holders.