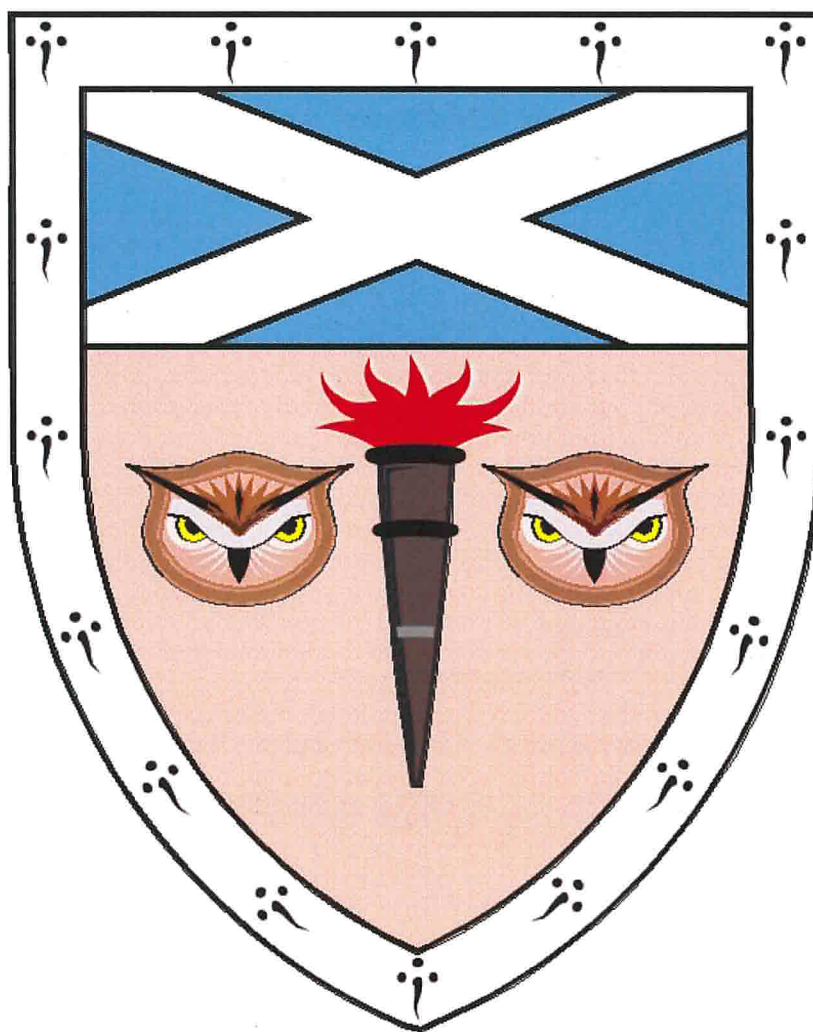


The Royal Scottish Society of Arts

Showcasing Scotland's Science, Technology and Innovation
197th Session

Report of Council for the period
1st October 2017 to 31st August 2018



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Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

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2	Professor James Floyd	Vice-President		AGM
3	Dr Beverly Bergman	Vice-President		AGM
4	Professor Stuart K Monro	Immediate Past President		Ex Officio
5	Mr Stuart Brown			AGM
6	Brigadier Joseph d'Inverno			AGM
7	Mr John Lovell			AGM
8	Professor Ian Robson			AGM
9	Dr Peredur Williams			AGM
10	Mr Peter Jones	Secretary		Trustees
11	Mr Graham Rule	Treasurer		Trustees
12	Brigadier Ian Gardiner	Programme Secretary		Trustees

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Dr Allen Simpson	

The shield shown on the front page is from the Society's full 'coat of arms' as described by the Lord Lyon King of Arms: "Or, between two eagle owls heads affrontée proper a torch Sable paleways enflamed Gules, on a chief Azure a saltire Argent, all within a bordure Ermine". The shield has a white border with black marks representing ermine fur. The upper part has a white (or silver) diagonal cross on a blue background. Below that the main body of the shield is yellow (or gold) with two forward-facing eagle owl heads on either side of an upright black torch with red flames. The Society commissioned the local illustrator Sandy Mackenzie <sandiloquent@gmail.com> to create the computer file based on the description and original painting from the Lord Lyon.

Structure, governance and management

The Society was incorporated by Royal Charter on 16th August 1841 and, subject to that charter, is governed by Laws, last altered on 24th June 2013.

The affairs of the Society are managed by a Council (the Charity's Trustees) consisting of: the President, the immediate Past President (if willing), two Vice-Presidents, up to seven Councillors, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and additional Officers as determined by Council. The President, Vice-Presidents and Councillors are elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting. The immediate Past President holds office ex-officio.

The Secretary, Treasurer, and additional Officers (currently the Programme Secretary and the Archivist) are appointed by the Council.

Fellows of the Society are encouraged to put their names forward for election to the Council at the Annual General Meeting.

At the Annual General Meeting held on 4th June 2018 it was agreed to change the Society's accounting reference date so that its financial year (and annual reports to the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR)) more closely matches the Society's annual cycle of meetings and excursions. Consequently this report covers the 11 months from 1st October 2017 to 31st August 2018 rather than continuing up to 30th September 2018 by which time the first lecture of our new session had taken place.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the Society are the advancement of the Useful Arts in Scotland and the encouragement of Invention which these days is taken to be concerned with Science and Technology.

The Society holds seven or eight lecture meetings each year, all of which are open to the public with the objective of promoting public engagement in Science, Technology and Innovation. The Society also organises, for the Fellows, visits to interesting technological sites each year.

The Society annually awards a prize and medal to the best student in SQC Higher Engineering Science examination.

The Society desires to expand its activities and is actively pursuing means of engaging with schools, colleges, and universities.

Achievements and performance

As in previous years, the main activity of the Society was the monthly lectures for Fellows that are open to the general public. The talks were all of an extremely high standard, covering a wide range of topics concerning Scotland's innovative role in current science, technology, engineering and medicine and very appealing to the audiences. A full list of the lectures is shown below.

Fellows of the Society enjoyed a visit to the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies at the Easter Bush Campus at Roslin.

Unfortunately a planned visit to the Scottish Ambulance Service National Risk and Resilience Department had to be cancelled at short notice due to President Donald Trump's visit to Scotland.

The Society has presented awards and medals since its earliest days, back in the 1820s. The Society's medallist, Alexander Kirkwood & Son Ltd, a family firm, has moved from their premises in

Albany Street in the past year, and are now to be found – still flourishing – in an industrial unit off Leith Walk. We were able to present the Society's Medal to Professor Stuart Monro, OBE, FRSE, Past President (2002-05; 2014-17), and to Dr Jane Ridder-Patrick, Past Secretary (2004 -17).

We also, in our efforts to engage with younger people, have presented medals and book tokens to the student with the top marks in the Higher Engineering Science examination. This year not one but four pupils came out with top marks. These awards were presented at the 'Science and the Parliament' day, which this year was held by the Royal Society of Chemistry at Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh on 15 November 2017, and the Society was represented by the President and the Secretary. Shirley-Anne Somerville, MSP, Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science presented the prizes to Agnijo Banerjee of Grove Academy, Dundee; Calum McHugh of Lornshill Academy, Alloa; Hanming Liang of Boroughmuir High School, Edinburgh and Aidan Poon of George Watson's College, Edinburgh. We were further encouraged to hear that Agnijo Banerjee has co-authored a book with David Darling, published as "Weird Maths: At the Edge of Infinity and Beyond" and has secured publishing rights for China and the USA. We may be hearing more about this prize winner in the future!

The Council was concerned to ensure that the Society complied with the GDPR – General Data Protection Regulations – that came into force during the session. As a membership organisation we have a duty to hold certain records regarding our Fellows. We also have to keep appropriate accounting records, including subscriptions paid. We hold very little about non-Fellows other than correspondence with speakers and a simple mailing list. Everyone on this mailing list has confirmed that they'd like to continue to receive information about our activities.

The Society learned with sadness that our Honorary Fellow Professor Heinz Wolff FIEE FIBES FRCP(Hon) FRSA died on 15 December 2017. Many Fellows remembered talks he had given to the Society, in particular when he turned the lecture room into a giant dark-room for a photographic demonstration.

The Council considers that the Society makes a useful contribution to the advancement of science and technology in Scotland and that the year in question was very successful. Engagement with more younger people and increasing attendance at meetings is high on the list of objectives for the future.

Financial review

Policy on reserves

The Council feels that reserves of the order of £100,000 are needed to generate income necessary to pay the expenses of, and to attract, the quality of speaker the Society needs for its lecture series, and to make awards.

Currently we have more than this in hand and the Council is actively investigating how to best use the surplus while being mindful of the decline in investment income and interest that these reserves are providing.

The Council has started planning for the Society's bicentenary in 2021 and it is expected that this will require significant expenditure.

Details of any deficit: None

Donated facilities and services (if any): None

The Royal Scottish Society of Arts

Showcasing Scotland's Science, Technology and Innovation

The Royal Scottish Society of Arts was founded in 1821 as 'The Society for the Encouragement of the Useful Arts in Scotland' and incorporated by Royal Charter in 1841. It was concerned with the fields that we would now describe as science, technology, engineering and manufacture, but which were then known as the useful arts, as opposed to the fine arts.

Today the Society aims to showcase Scotland's Science, Technology and Innovation, mainly through a monthly lecture programme, excursions, promotion of Honorary Fellows, and the award of medals.

The lecture programme is given by excellent public speakers, who are distinguished in their fields of study, and the topics cover a wide range of scientific and technical issues, all pertinent to the Scotland in which we live today.

Fellowship of the Society is open to all with an interest in science and its place in society who would like to attend our meetings. Fellows of the Society are entitled to use the letters FRSSA after their names. Applications for Fellowship must be supported by at least one Fellow of the Society to whom the applicant is personally known.

More information about applying for Fellowship is available at our meetings. Please introduce yourself to the President, Secretary or one of the members of the Society's Council at a meeting for further details.

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Honorary Fellows

The Society's Rules allow for the election of up to 10 people "*Distinguished in the Science of the Applied Arts*" as Honorary Fellows.

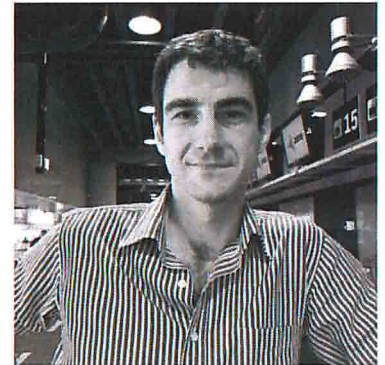
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Professor Peter Higgs CH FRS FRSE FInstP, Nobel Laureate
Professor Malcolm Longair CBE FRS FRSE
Professor Stephen Salter MBE FRSE
Professor Heinz Wolff FIEE FRSA (died in December 2017)

Meetings and Excursions

2nd Meeting of the 197th Session (2017-2018)

The European Extremely Large Telescope

Dr Christopher Evans BSc PhD
Head of Science
UK Astronomy Technology Centre
Edinburgh



On Monday 30th October 2017.

Earlier in 2017 the European Southern Observatory held a 'First Stone' ceremony to mark the start of construction of the Extremely Large Telescope (ELT) in northern Chile. With a primary collecting area of 39-metres in diameter the ELT will be the world's largest telescope at visible and infrared wavelengths. It will provide astronomers with unprecedented views of the sky, from planets around nearby stars right out to galaxies at the edge of the observable Universe. Dr Evans gave an overview of this tremendously exciting and ambitious project, and highlighted some of the leading roles that UK groups are playing in turning this long-standing dream into reality.

Chris Evans is Head of Science at the UK Astronomy Technology Centre and is a Visiting Professor at the University of Edinburgh. After studying at University College London and a stint at the Isaac Newton Group of Telescopes in the Canaries, he moved to Edinburgh in 2005 to work on developing the science case and instrumentation for the ELT. He is now the lead scientist of the UK ELT programme, which coordinates the development of instrumentation and R&D across the UK. His main field of research is in studies of luminous, massive stars in external galaxies, and he leads a large international consortium in this area (the 'VLT-FLAMES Tarantula Survey').

<http://www.eso.org/public/unitedkingdom/news/eso1716/>

3rd Meeting of the 197th Session (2017-2018)

Fusion: power for the future

Dr Declan A Diver
Reader in Physics and Astronomy
University of Glasgow



On Monday 27th November 2017.

The prospect of an entirely new, carbon-free, on-demand and virtually limitless energy source has driven fusion research to within touching distance of success. The construction of ITER is the culmination of decades of advance in magnetic confinement fusion, and represents the key transition from research project to fusion power plant. Dr Diver explored the concept of a plasma (an ionized gas) and its extraordinary properties and applications (in medicine, biology, surface processing etc) before reviewing magnetic fusion progress to date, in anticipation of the first operational plasma in ITER.

Declan Diver is a plasma physicist at the University of Glasgow, actively researching both low and high energy plasma phenomena, including astrophysical plasmas and plasmas in a fusion context. A fellow of both the IoP and the RAS, he is a founding director of Anacail Ltd, a plasma technology company that exploits low energy discharges for bio decontamination applications

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Company web address:
<http://www.anacail.com/>

4th Meeting of the 197th Session (2017-2018)

Precision Medicine in Glasgow, Scotland and World Wide

Professor Dame Anna F Dominiczak

DBE MD FRCP FAHA FRSE FMedSc

Regius Professor of Medicine

**Vice-Principal and Head of College of Medical, Veterinary
and Life Sciences**

University of Glasgow



On Monday 29th January 2018.

Precision or stratified medicine is based on identifying subgroups of patients with distinct mechanisms of disease and particular responses to treatments. This allows us to identify and develop treatments that are effective for particular groups of patients. Ultimately, precision medicine will ensure that the right patient gets the right treatment at the right time. The above definition broadly follows the suggested definition published by the Medical Research Council. We can therefore summarise the promise of precision medicine as being able to remove non-responders and toxic responders before prescribing medication and to treat with a given drug only responders and patients not predisposed to toxicity.

Professor Dame Anna Dominiczak is Regius Professor of Medicine, Vice Principal and Head of College of Medical, Veterinary and Life Sciences at the University of Glasgow. In 2016, she was awarded a DBE for her services to cardiovascular and medical science.

Professor Dominiczak is one of the world's leading cardiovascular scientists and clinical academics. Her major research interests are in hypertension, cardiovascular genomics and precision medicine, where she has not only published extensively in top peer-reviewed journals, but also excelled in large scale research funding for programmes and infrastructure alike (with a total value of over £70M in the last five years).

<http://www.stratmed.co.uk/>

The Power and Potential of Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells

Dr Jason King BSc PhD MBA
Founder, Strathroslin Bioengineering

On Monday 26th February 2018.

21 years ago, Dolly the sheep was born at the Roslin Institute. As well as making headlines, the technology of mammalian cloning inspired developments that today allow us to create human induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSC) from adult cells. In his talk, Jason King explained why this is important and what potential this has for innovation both in R&D labs and the clinic.



Dr King's lecture covered: an introduction to pluripotent stem cells and their ability to make any adult cell type; the replacement of embryonic stem cells by iPS cells; EBiSC - The European Bank for iPS Cells; the potential for iPS cells from patients to be used to develop better drugs; How stem cells, material science and microengineering are being used to develop 3D tissues.

After studying Biochemistry at Aberdeen University, Jason worked on viral gene transfer vectors at the German Cancer Research Centre, Heidelberg before returning to Edinburgh University's Centre for Inflammation Research in 2001 to apply these technologies to study inflammation, leukaemia and stem cell differentiation. In 2006 he received an MBA from the University's Business School and co-founded Aquila Biomedical. In 2010 he joined Censo Biotechnologies as business development manager and co-ordinator of the EBiSC project creating the European Bank for iPS Cells. In parallel, he co-supervised R&D projects on 3D stem cell printing and pancreatic islet encapsulation. In 2017, Strathroslin Bioengineering was established to use iPS cells to create 3D human tissues for pharmaceutical testing.

Applications of high power lasers in manufacturing and medicine

Professor Duncan P Hand BSc PhD
Director of the Centre for Innovative Manufacturing in Laser-based Production Processes
Deputy Head of School of Engineering and Physical Sciences
Heriot-Watt University

On Monday 26th March 2018.



High power laser light - a highly controllable, remotely directed energy source - has revolutionised both manufacturing and medicine in recent years. Laser light is uniquely controllable in time and space. Commonly-used lasers can provide anything from a continuous beam of energy down to pulses that are so short that comparing them to one second is like comparing a second to half a million years, and with a peak power far exceeding the output of a large aeroplane engine. This energy can be delivered through a flexible optical fibre and focused down to a spot that is only a few microns across, and this spot can be precisely scanned across a surface at many metres per second. These unique properties have enabled a swathe of manufacturing and medical processes, from welding of ships to micro-machining of arterial stents to removal of cancerous tissue; Professor Hand explored some of these in his talk.

Duncan Hand's research is focused on applications of high power lasers in manufacturing and in medicine. He is Director of the £5.6M EPSRC 5-University Centre for Innovative Manufacturing in Laser-based Production Processes, and leading an EPSRC grant (joint with the University of Bath) on novel fibre optics for delivery of high peak power laser light. Furthermore, he is the lead academic of the recently-awarded £1.3M EPSRC Platform Grant on Manufacturing of Medical Devices, and is the Heriot-Watt lead of a recently awarded EU grant on laser-based manufacturing of functional surfaces. He is also involved in European Research Council-funded work on laser-based manufacture of micro-fluidic devices to simulate porous media for application in Carbon Capture and Storage; and is involved in an EPSRC grant to develop minimally-invasive laser-based surgery for treatment of early stage colon cancer.

<http://www.applied-optics-photonics.hw.ac.uk/>

7th Meeting of the 197th Session (2017-2018)

Managing Global Challenges on a One Health Platform

Professor David J. Argyle

BVMS PhD DECVIM-CA (Oncology) MRCVS

European Recognised Specialist in Veterinary Oncology

William Dick Chair of Veterinary Clinical Studies

Dean of Veterinary Medicine and Head of School

The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies



On Monday 30th April 2018.

Over the next few decades, we will face a number of distant global challenges around food production and health. Traditional approaches need to be challenged and a more holistic approach to these challenges needs to be taken that bridge animal health, human health, agriculture, the environment and social science. For future planetary health we will require solutions for healthy food production and ways to combat significant threats such as antibiotic resistance. In this lecture Professor Argyle explored developing a "one health" approach to global challenges, the role of the veterinarians in leading this and how interdisciplinarity will shape the support required for an ever-increasing world population.

David Argyle is a graduate of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery from the University of Glasgow. He gained his PhD in Immunology and Oncology from the same department. He has served as a clinical academic for the Universities of Glasgow, Wisconsin-Madison and Edinburgh. He is currently the William Dick Chair of Veterinary Clinical Studies and Dean of Veterinary Medicine at The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies. He is also deputy head of college for The College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine.

Annual General Meeting

The Society's AGM was held in the Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EL, at 7pm on Monday 4th June 2018.

The President, Dr Alison Morrison-Low, chaired the meeting.

Agenda

1. To record apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the AGM held on Monday 5th June 2017
3. Presentation of the Annual Report of the Council for the year ended 30th September 2017
4. President's Report of the 197th Session of the Society
5. Election of Officers
6. A.O.R.B

The University of Edinburgh: A Zero Carbon University by 2040?



Following the Annual General Meeting, Stuart Brown, member of RSSA Council and Zero Carbon Options Development Manager, University of Edinburgh gave a talk on the project he is working on, "Climate goals and first steps to becoming a net Zero Carbon University by 2040".

There was then a reception for Fellows and guests where wine, soft drinks and nibbles were served.

Summer Visits of the 197th Session (2017-2018)

Visit to Easter Bush Campus

On Wednesday 13th June 2018 at 2pm

Following the recent RSSA lecture by Professor David Argyle, Dean of Veterinary Medicine and Head of School, The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies we were pleased to be able to arrange a visit to the Easter Bush Campus at Roslin.

Mr Thomas Mortimer, Marketing Communications and Engagement Officer, was our guide. He works in the marketing team with a particular emphasis on digital marketing. He runs the School Social Media accounts and oversees the rest of the School's social media offering.

Mr Mortimer has also overseen the production of television shows at the School including the BAFTA nominated Junior Vets and produces in-house videos for the School. He provides training to colleagues across the University of Edinburgh to help set up Social Media in other Schools.

Visit to Scottish Ambulance Service National Risk and Resilience Department

On Saturday 14th July 2018, at 2:30pm

Unfortunately this visit had to be cancelled at short notice due to President Trump's visit to Scotland.

The Engineering Science Prize (formerly the Technological Studies Prize) and Bronze Medal

The Society has presented awards and medals since its earliest days. More recently it has instituted a prize of a medal and a book token for the best student in the SCE Higher examination that the Council believes most closely matches the objects of the Society. From 2012 this was the examination in Technological Studies and from 2016 the Engineering Science syllabus. The presentation is made at the *Science and the Parliament* at which similar awards are made from the Royal Society of Chemistry, the Institute of Physics, and the Royal Society of Biology, which takes place annually in November at Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh.

Prizewinners

Technological Studies Prize

2012	Euan Walker	Marr College, Troon
2013	Catriona Sinclair	George Watson's College
2014	Suzie Neave	George Watson's College
2015	Michael Hain	Hutchesons' Grammar School

Engineering Science Prize

2016	Scott Bennie	Bishopbriggs Academy
2017	Agnijo Banerjee	Grove Academy, Dundee
2017	Calum McHugh	Lornhill Academy, Alloa
2017	Hanming Liang	Boroughmuir High School, Edinburgh
2017	Aidan Poon	George Watson's College, Edinburgh

Other optional information


The Society has a number of small amounts of money related to legacies and activities the society no longer carries out. The Treasurer is preparing paperwork to apply to OSCR to rationalise their use.

Historically the Society published journals and proceedings which contain many papers that are relevant to the development of Science and Technology in Scotland and further afield. The Council is looking into how these may be made more generally available and is investigating digitisation with a view to them being put on the Society's website.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	
Full name(s)	Graham Norman Rule
Position (e.g. Chair)	Treasurer
Date	25 th March 2019

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	1	October	2017		31	August	2018

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	-				-	196
Legacies					-	-
Grants					-	-
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading receipts					-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings	4,871	0			4,871	4,892
Rents from land & buildings					-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	1,800				1,800	1,845
					-	-
A1 Sub total	6,671	-	-	-	6,671	6,933
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,671	-	-	-	6,671	6,933
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading payments					-	-
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	3,067				3,067	3,093
Grants and donations					-	2,000
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination	100				100	100
Preparation of annual accounts					-	-
Legal costs					-	-
Other					-	-
					-	-
A3 Sub total	3,167	-	-	-	3,167	5,193
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,167	-	-	-	3,167	5,193
Net receipts / (payments)	3,504	-	-	-	3,504	1,740
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	3,504	-	-	-	3,504	1,740

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	22,604	13,607			36,210	34,470
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	3,504	-			3,504	1,740
						-	-
						-	-
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	26,108	13,607	-	-	39,715	36,210
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))						

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments	Investec	unrestricted	134,379	127,824
	CCLA	unrestricted	28,590	28,802
		Total	162,969	156,626

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets					
		Total	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

		Graham Norman Rule	25 th March 2019
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Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

The Society's unrestricted fund (the majority of the bank account and all of the investments) was worth £189,077. In addition there is a number of small prize funds (restricted) worth £13,607.

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Total			-

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)

x

C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)

x

C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C6 Other information

The Society agreed at its AGM held on 4th June 2018 to change the accounting year to better match the annual cycle of our meetings. This report covers the 11 month period ended 31st August 2018 while the "Total last period" column covers the full 12 months ended 30th September 2017.

		The Royal Scottish Society of Arts					SC015549
Additional analysis (1)							
Analysis of receipts and payments							
1 Donations	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £	
Donations	-				-	196	
					-		
					-		
					-		
Total	-	-	-	-	-	196	
	-	-	#	#	-	#	
2 Grants	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £			Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £	
					-		
					-		
					-		
					-		
Total	-	-			-	-	
	-	-	#		#	-	
3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £	
Subscriptions	1,800				1,800	1,845	
					-		
					-		
					-		
					-		
					-		
					-		
Total	1,800	-	-	-	1,800	1,845	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	
4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £	
Publicity, Website, etc	405				405	416	
Meeting Costs	1,708				1,708	2,026	
Storage hire	240				240	240	
Bank charges	-				-	1	
Insurance	294				294	280	
Prize	419				419	130	
					-		
					-		
					-		
					-		
					-		
Total	3,067	-	-	-	3,067	3,093	

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Royal Scottish Society of Arts

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 August 2018 which are set out on pages 1 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 8 May 2019