

Society of Highland and Island Historical Research

Trustees' annual report and accounts for the year ending 31 December 2024

Scottish Charity Number SC51933

(1) Report

Current trustees

Ronald Black
David Caldwell
Alastair Gordon
Viv Kemp (clerk)
Janet Lodge (treasurer)
Mairi MacArthur
Aonghas MacCoinnich
Allan MacLean of Dochgarroch
Hector MacQueen
James Petre

Changes of trustees during year

Alison Cathcart and Tòmas MacAilpein resigned as trustees during the year and were replaced at the end of the year by Vivienne Kemp and Janet Lodge.

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Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are assumed by the existing trustees.

Governing document

The Trust is a trust under the law of Scotland.

The constitutional document is the Deed of Trust by Ronald Black, David Caldwell, Alison Cathcart, Alastair Gordon, Tòmas MacAilpein, Mairi MacArthur, Aonghas MacCoinnich, Allan MacLean of Dochgarroch, Hector MacQueen and James Petre signed between 13 January and 3 March 2022 and registered in the Books of Council and Session on 21 March 2022.

Charitable purposes

The trust's primary purpose, as set out in the constitution, is "the encouragement and advancement of research on the history of the Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland, to make this research available to the public, and to undertake all activities conducive thereto".

Activities and achievements

The longest-running activity is the publication of *West Highland Notes & Queries*, of which there were three issues during the year. The editor is Ronald Black.

A series of six on-line lectures also took place during the year.

A conference on the sixteenth century in the Highlands was held at Inverness on 5 July 2024 and attracted an audience of some 40 people. It is intended to publish the proceedings as a book.

The Society has a website (<https://www.highlandhistoricalresearch.com/>).

Trustee remuneration and expenses

The trustees received no remuneration during the year.

The trustees received no expenses during the year.

Financial Review

A surplus of £1,189 on the revenue account has been made during this financial year compared to a surplus of £3,594 last year.

Reserves

Reserves are considered by the trustees to be an appropriate amount in view of the anticipated future activities of the Trust, including financial support for the *West Highland Notes & Queries* series.

Accounting year

The accounting year is the calendar year.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

Viv Kemp, clerk to the Trust

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Income & Expenditure Account

Year ended 31st December 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Receipts	£	£
Members subscriptions	2,338	2,511
Student subscriptions	100	70
Conference income	1,210	420
Lectures	325	285
WHNQ	350	430
Books	15	68
Grants	400	1,095
Donations	372	537
Miscellaneous income	53	3
	<hr/> 5,163	<hr/> 5,419
Payments		
Printing	494	436
Typesetting	456	400
Postage	200	17
Conference expenses	1,833	-
Travel expenses	202	-
Honoraria	500	200
Zoom costs	156	438
PayPal fees	133	201
Miscellaneous expenses	-	133
	<hr/> 3,974	<hr/> 1,825
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	<hr/> <hr/> 1,189	<hr/> <hr/> 3,594

The Charity received a donation for £200 from the Scottish Society for Northern Studies and £200 from the Royal Celtic Society.

Statement of Balances as at 31 December 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Opening balances	6,611	3,017
Surplus (Deficit) for year	<u>1,189</u>	<u>3,594</u>
Closing balances	<u>7,800</u>	<u>6,611</u>
Bank of Scotland Account balance @ 31/12/24	7,126	
PayPal balance @ 31/12/24	<u>674</u>	
	<u>7,800</u>	

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Edinburgh Law Review Trust

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 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 was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024, no matter has come to my attention 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, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met.

There is nothing 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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