

**The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland**

Trustees' report and  
financial statements

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## Reference and administrative information

The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland is a learned Society founded in 1780 and incorporated by Royal Charter in 1783. It is a registered Scottish Charity No SC010440. The Society offices are at the National Museums Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1JF.

### Council Trustees

(DATE OF ELECTION AND RETIREMENT IN BRACKETS)

#### *President*

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Iain Fraser, MA(Hons) PhD (retired 30 Nov 2015)

Bruce Mann, MA MCIfA (elected 30 Nov 2013)

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Tom Dawson, BA(Hons) (re-elected for second term 30 Nov 2015)

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Sharon Webb BA(Hons) MPhil PhD (elected 30 Nov 2015)

Dawn McLaren MA (Hons) PhD MCIfA (elected 30 Nov 2015)

### Co-Opted Members of Council - must stand down at the Anniversary Meeting or stand for election

(DATE OF CO-OPTION, ELECTION IN BRACKETS)

Adelyn L M Wilson LLB (Hons) PhD FHEA (co-opted July 2015, elected 30 Nov 2015)

Barry G Ferguson MA(Hons) (co-opted July 2015, elected 30 Nov 2015)

As of 1 Dec 2015 there are no co-opted members.

### Ex Officio Members of Council

*Chair of the Aberdeen and North-East Section*

Jackson Armstrong, BA MPhil PhD (elected to Section 14 April 2015)

### Representative of the National Museums Scotland

Fraser Hunter, BSc PhD FSA (appointed 2005 retired 15 June 2015)

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## Reference and administrative information *(continued)*

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#### *Dig It! Comms and Admin Officer*

Julianne McGraw, BA MSc

#### *Fellowship & Development Officer*

Vina Oberlander, BSc(Hons) (to 30 Dec 2015)

#### *Office Administrator*

Vasiliki Koutrafouris, MA(Hons) PhD FSA Scot (to 12 Feb 2016)

#### *Publications Administrator*

Roza Dimitrellou, BA MSc (from 15 Feb 2016)



## Trustees' annual report

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland was founded in 1780 and granted a Royal Charter in 1783. The Royal Charter provides for the Society to order itself and it has produced a series of Laws since its inception which provide the framework for the election and terms of office for a governing body of Fellows of the Society called Council, and the election process for Fellows of the Society. It is today a charity registered in Scotland (SC010440) and its Council members are Trustees. The Laws stipulate that Council consists of at least eleven Fellows elected by the Society, the Chairman of the North East Section *ex officio*, the Society representative of the National Museums Scotland (NMS) *ex officio* who is already a Fellow of the Society (nominated by the NMS Board of Trustees) and up to two co-opted persons appointed by the Council to fill a vacancy on the Council. The total number of members of the Council shall not exceed fifteen at any time. The office-bearers are the President and the Treasurer, both elected by the Fellowship, the latter annually, and two Vice Presidents appointed by Council from within their number.

Council Trustees, chaired by the President, normally meet five times a year, and there are four sub-committees, the President's Committee, Grants and Awards Committee, Finance Committee and Staffing Committee. Each Committee has terms of reference agreed by Council.

At the 30 November 2015 Anniversary Meeting two Fellows co-opted earlier in July stood for full election and were duly elected as per Law 17. Two further Fellows were re-elected for a second term as per Law 15, and the Treasurer was re-elected as per Law 13.

The offices of the Society are housed within the NMS as per the arrangements agreed in the Conveyance of 1851 with the Board of Manufactures on behalf of Parliament, as a condition of signing over the Society collection to the nation. This formed the core of the national collections now housed in the NMS, and other parts are also curated in the National Archives of Scotland, the National Library of Scotland or the National Galleries of Scotland, as well as Historic Environment Scotland (HES) and elsewhere. The NMS Library receives 163 periodicals as exchanges from other societies and libraries in return for copies of the *Proceedings*, as well as publications donated by Fellows through the Society. Fellows are statutorily entitled to free access to the NMS Library through the National Heritage (Scotland) Act 1985 (Section 3(5)), and enjoy borrowing privileges. During museum redevelopment the library was open to Fellows by appointment.

### FELLOWS

The number of Fellows was 2,671 at 31 May 2016 increasing from 2,635 at 31 May 2016 and 2,660 in 2015. The Society relies on Fellowship subscriptions as the main source of income to enable it to deliver its charitable objectives and activities as set out below, and Council Trustees will continue to prioritise maintaining and increasing Fellowship alongside diversification of income.

The Society is always keen to welcome new Fellows and existing Fellows are the best champions of its work. Council Trustees encourage Fellows to sponsor colleagues, friends or family they think may be interested in joining the Society and supporting its objectives. An Under 26 or Student Fellowship type with a reduced subscription has been introduced to encourage younger Fellows, with 51 people taking advantage in its first year, and an Over 65 Fellowship rate reflects the changing circumstances of the work environment.

To help recruitment, below are some of the benefits of joining the Society:

- The opportunity to be part of a prestigious organisation that promotes excellence
- FSA Scot – entitlement to use the letters after your name
- Supporting advocacy on behalf of archaeology and the historic environment of Scotland
- Networking opportunities with people who share a love of the past
- Borrowing privileges at the National Museums Scotland research library
- Biannual *Newsletters* and annual *Proceedings*
- Discounts on publications and events
- Access to the Fellow's area of our website



## Trustees' annual report (continued)

### FELLOWS (continued)

Fellowship application forms are available from the Society website, or can be completed online, and require two supporting current Fellows. Please contact the office or email [info@socantscot.org](mailto:info@socantscot.org) and Council Trustees will be happy to help find appropriate signatories. The deadline for Fellowship applications is the 1st October each year.

### OBJECTIVES

The principal objective of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland is set out in its Royal Charter: *'...to investigate both antiquities and natural and civil history in general, with the intention that the talents of mankind should be cultivated and that the study of natural and useful sciences should be promoted...'*

Law 1 further defines this as: *'...the study of the antiquities and history of Scotland, more especially by means of archaeological research.'*

Council Trustees have approved a Vision for the Society in 2020: *'The Society will develop as a centre for excellence providing an independent heritage hub of expertise and resources to facilitate, exchange and promote research into Scotland's past.'*

This is accompanied by a five year strategy that describes how it will reach the above objective and amplifies Law 1 with the following Mission Statement: *'The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland will promote the research, understanding and conservation of the archaeological and historic environment of Scotland for the benefit of all. It will actively support research in the field and advocate good practice. It will promote the results of its research and that of others to the widest possible audience.'*

To achieve these aspirations the Society:

- encourages high-quality research through grants to individuals, institutions and partnerships
- disseminates the results of research and endeavour in the field of archaeology and history in Scotland through lectures, conferences, projects and publications
- furthers the cause of archaeology and history in Scotland by providing independent expert advice in discussions and consultations relating to the historic environment
- recognises and encourages excellence throughout the whole community of interest in archaeology and history, by awarding bursaries, medals and prizes to students, non-professionals and professionals alike.

During the reporting year 2015-16 the Society Vision and new Strategic Plan 2016-2021 were consulted on with Fellows and will be implemented from 1 June 2016.

### STAFF

The Director manages the staff and day-to-day activities of the Society and works within an agreed Scheme of Delegation that sets out those areas delegated by Council Trustees to the staff. The Staffing Committee appointed by Council Trustees have responsibility to review staff remuneration with all decisions agreed at a quorate meeting of Council Trustees. A review of staff remuneration is currently being undertaken and will report to Council Trustees in financial year 2016-17. The Director has some autonomy in the area of historic environment advocacy because responses to consultations and reviews often have to be written to short deadlines which cannot wait for the next meeting of Council Trustees. Whenever time permits, comments on draft responses to consultations are also sought from Council Trustees by email.

To aid it in its future development Council Trustees agreed to invest funds in appointing a post for an initial three years to promote Fellowship and Development in the Society. This explicitly recognises the need to facilitate and build Fellowship and diversify and increase income. After two years in this post Vina Oberlander left the Society to pursue another opportunity and a replacement was recruited. Andrea Kaszewski will take up the post on 6 June 2016. During the reporting period Dr Vasiliki Koutrafouris also left the Society to pursue a different career and has been replaced by Roza Dimitrellou on an initial six month contract. In addition, Erin Osborne-Martin, the Managing Editor and Sales Manager, secured a post with Wiley publishers in Oxford; she will leave the Society on 20 June 2016 and her replacement post has been advertised.



## Trustees' annual report (continued)

### ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### *Grant Awards to the Society*

The Society was successful in receiving a grant award from Historic Environment Scotland for one year from 1 April 2016 to support the delivery of the *Boyne to Brodgar: Making Monuments, Creating Communities* Neolithic project. It was also successful in attracting a grant to support the delivery of *Dig It!* through the government focus Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology in 2017.

The Society successfully applied for grants towards its publications totalling about £60,500 from HES and other bodies. These funds are crucial to the sustainable publication of research into Scotland's past. In addition, the Society applied successfully for a £2,200 Go Digital grant from Publishing Scotland to increase the accessibility of the Society's online publications.

The Society was awarded a Partnership Grant from Museums Galleries Scotland to extend the *Scottish Archaeological Research Framework (ScARF)* into the museums services in Aberdeenshire and Orkney. This enables a part-time post for three years, which was recruited in the reporting period and Anna McQuarrie will start on 6 June 2016.

#### *Donations and Legacies*

The Society received £9,656 gifted in donations from various sources, for which Council Trustees are very grateful. Further donations were given direct to colleagues in Australia from Emeritus Professor Vincent Megaw HonFSA Scot, Tony Rutherford FSA Scot, Dr J V Johnson FSA Scot, Alastair Henderson of Fordell FSA Scot, to enable the Society in partnership with the University of Sydney, the Scottish Australian Heritage Council and the Sydney Society for Scottish History to offer a travelling scholarship to attend *'Memory and Foresight in the Celtic World' – the 9th Australian Conference of Celtic Studies*. The conference will take place in the University of Sydney, Australia, from Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016, with Dr Martin Goldberg of the National Museums Scotland taking up the bursary.

A significant legacy was gratefully received in the reporting period from a Fellow wishing to remain anonymous amounting to c£186,000 in shares, and approx. £36,000 in cash. This is the first such sizeable legacy since the Dorothy Marshall bequest and will make an enormous difference to the charitable activity the Society can undertake; the Council Trustees have agreed to place the entire sum into the Designated Investment Fund for this purpose.

Council Trustees encourage all Fellows to consider the Society an appropriate charity for their donations and legacies, since doing so aids the Society in delivering its charitable objectives to promote the research, understanding and conservation of the archaeological and historic environment of Scotland for the benefit of all, actively support research in the field and advocate good practice. It can help promote the results of research to the widest possible audience.

The Society also secured grateful support again from Sir Angus Grossart QC CBE DL LLD DLitt FRSE FSA Scot for the 2015 to 2016 Society Lectures. Sir Angus said, "*The Society is a key element of the intellectual infrastructure which binds us together in Scotland. New technology is transforming our ability to uncover and understand our past, and guide our future. The marvellous work of the Society, and the members, deserves support*".

Council Trustees also encourage all eligible Fellows who have not already done so to sign up to Gift Aid, which provides the Society with a substantial annual income from HM Government. In addition to Gift Aid there is also a Payroll Giving scheme that enables donations to be given to any UK charity straight from gross salary (before tax is deducted); donors receive immediate tax relief of up to £4 for every £10 donated. If you wish more information on how to give to the Society please do not hesitate to contact the office.



## Trustees' annual report *(continued)*

### ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES *(continued)*

#### *Sponsorship*

The Society again secured sponsorship from AOC Archaeology Group towards the May 2016 Rhind Lectures. Dr Andrew Heald FSA Scot, Managing Director of AOC Archaeology Group, said "AOC Archaeology Group has been committed to recording, interpreting and promoting our shared heritage for over two decades, and we are very proud to be working in partnership with the Society of Antiquaries for Scotland in delivering the forthcoming Rhind lecture series".

Council Trustees are aware of the increasing need to encourage ethical sponsorship as a means of ensuring the Society continues to deliver and develop its high-quality services and are extremely grateful to those who have done so this financial year. If you or your organisation would like more information on sponsorship opportunities with the Society please don't hesitate to contact the office.

#### *The Scottish Archaeological Research Framework (ScARF) Project*

The Society was awarded a grant from Historic Environment Scotland (HES) from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2018 for a part-time post. At the same time the Society was informed of a new Museums Galleries Scotland (MGS) Partnerships Fund and developed a proposal to support the HES grant to create another part-time post that would help deliver both on Scotland's Archaeology Strategy and the National Museums Strategy as part of a ScARF Museums Project. Emma Jane O'Riordan was appointed part-time ScARF Project Manager and began work on delivering ScARF outcomes from 10 July 2015, being promoted to ScARF Project Manager from February 2016. Anna MacQuarrie was appointed as ScARF Museums Project Officer, and will start work on 6 June 2016, line-managed by the ScARF Project Manager. Funding has been agreed with MGS to the end of March 2019. The two posts will continue to update and maintain the website at [www.scottishheritagehub.com](http://www.scottishheritagehub.com), providing a framework for the development of research in Scottish archaeology by critically reviewing the current state of archaeological knowledge and considering the potential and practicability of future areas of research.

ScARF will help further develop, in partnership with all those involved in the archaeology of Scotland, local or regional research agendas, greater educational links and rekindling more museum oriented collections research. The former has included working with Kilmartin House Museum in developing a framework for Argyll and Bute, the Universities of Glasgow and Stirling to create a thematic framework for Carved Stones in Scotland, and a collaboration of Local Authorities to develop a South East Scotland Archaeological Research Framework (SESARF). ScARF has provided bursaries to students attending major conferences in Scotland that has helped to engage tertiary education with ScARF, alongside lectures to students at the universities of Glasgow, Edinburgh, St Andrews and Newcastle. The ScARF Museums Project will work in partnership with Aberdeenshire Museums Service and Orkney Museums Service.

#### *Dig It!*

The *Dig It! 2015* year-long celebration of the role of archaeology in today's society and exploration of what that role might be in the future completed on 31 March 2016. A hugely successful project that allowed the delivery partners, the Society and Archaeology Scotland, to better engage people with archaeology across Scotland. A full report on the project outcomes is available on the Society, Archaeology Scotland and Dig It! websites.

The Society and Archaeology Scotland were also successful in attracting a grant to continue Dig It! from the 1 April 2016 to the end of March 2018, and *Dig It! 2017* will form a key component of the Scottish Government focus Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology. This has allowed us to continue to employ two Dig It! staff at the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland full-time, and another seconded from Archaeology Scotland part-time. Management of the project is aided by a small Advisory Group comprising the Directors of both the Society and Archaeology Scotland and experts in the key focus areas for this project, in marketing, accessibility and youth engagement.



## Trustees' annual report *(continued)*

### ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES *(continued)*

#### *Boyne to Brodgar: Making Monuments and Creating Communities*

The Boyne to Brodgar (B2B) project is an innovative trans-national, cross-sectoral co-operation programme involving public, private and third sector communities across Scotland, the Isle of Man, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. It focuses on the Neolithic monuments that are a key element of our shared heritage.

The Neolithic period (from around 6,000 to 4,500 years ago) saw the arrival of farming, the most important transformation in prehistory. This was marked by the domestication of plants and animals and hence the adoption of an agricultural way of life. It was also marked by a change in beliefs and religious practices. Along the Atlantic edge of Europe, the creation and use of monuments was central to this transformation and provides an enduring testament to it.

Neolithic monuments are a vital part of Scotland, Ireland and the Isle of Man's rich shared heritage. There are over 2,000 upstanding monuments of Neolithic date. Many are of international significance and these include the iconic World Heritage Sites of the Boyne Valley and the Ring of Brodgar on Orkney. Hundreds of thousands of people visit these sites, and thousands of children study them in school curricula. When well-managed they contribute significantly to local economies and help create a sense of place and identity.

The monuments found between Boyne and Brodgar (B2B) are the focus of a co-ordinated long-term partnership on both sides of the Irish Sea. The programme – with social, economic and educational legacies at its core – will help communities to understand, visit, care for, and enjoy Scotland, Isle of Man, Northern Ireland, and the Republic of Ireland's rich legacy of monumental architecture. It will put our shared heritage at the centre of the international cultural arena.

There are three cornerstones to B2B: People and Place - Research – Policy.

The aim is to develop the story of the early people of the Atlantic West of Europe. This will be done by engaging with centres of heritage activity and community groups across the four nations in a coordinated long term partnership programme. The programme will build on the global reputation of two iconic World Heritage sites and create a trans-national cultural trail focused on the exploration, interpretation and presentation of Neolithic monuments.

The programme will harness cutting edge research and an exceptional portfolio of skills and experience from the four nations and across all sectors: public, private and third. This will provide an unparalleled knowledge base from which to maximise downstream social and economic benefits for local communities. Such benefits will be realised through dissemination of knowledge, education and training and through the development of policy, best practice models and strategies for the better management and presentation of heritage assets.

#### *Go Digital*

In late 2015 the Society was awarded £2,200 from Publishing Scotland as part of their Go-Digital Fund. This will allow Society out-of-print books, which are currently hosted on the Archaeology Data Service servers as PDF files, as a pilot project for bringing the content of archived publications back to the Society's own website and making it more interactive, searchable and discoverable. This will have the following benefits:

- better analysis of site visitors and readers
- improved metadata means that Society publications will be easier to find through Google and other search engines
- brings users to the Society website rather than having them arrive at the ADS website
- can create book-level DOIs (persistent URLs) instead of the project-wide DOIs that the ADS generates
- linking with other resources, particularly Discovery & Excavation in Scotland and CANMORE
- ensures that an archival PDF is maintained in perpetuity at ADS but that a high-quality user experience is also available

## Trustees' annual report (continued)

### SOCIETY GRANTS AND AWARDS

By the 30 November deadline the Grants and Awards Committee received 26 individual applications for grants towards supporting research. A total request for £46,484.30 was an increase of about £21,415 on last year and a 57% increase in numbers of applications. This also represented an increase of over £17,000 on the 2014 applications. To keep expenditure in line with income from the investments designated for grants the Committee only had £11,678 to disburse this year, which was £315 less than last year. The applications were exhaustively whittled down to ten successful projects in February 2016.

Council Trustees are proud of the Society grants scheme, which, although awarding only relatively small sums, helps to initiate new projects and aims to contribute where the relatively small sums would make the greatest impact. Grants from the Society, rigorously scrutinised through the Grants and Awards Committee, can also help projects get further funding from other sources. With more funds the Society can help do more!

Council Trustees welcome donations to the Society of any size, and these can be designated for use in funding the Society's charitable purposes including the grants scheme, thereby helping to increase the amounts the Grants and Awards Committee can disburse. A recent legacy will enable larger sums to be disbursed in future, and Council Trustees are keen encourage further such donations to the Society.

This year the Society awarded grants to a typically diverse group of projects, ranging from the investigation of the industrialist James (Croesus) Stevenson's (1822-1903) purchase of the island of Vulcano in the Mediterranean for raw materials, through micromorphological analysis of deposits at the now famous Ness of Brodgar, Orkney, to analysis of key-pattern artwork on carved stones from Northern Scotland. In providing these funds, the Society aims to encourage best practice in the research of Scotland's past.

In April 2016 the Council ratified the following awards:

<i>Applicant name</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Miss Sally Evans	Investigating human-cetacean relationships on the Outer Hebrides with proteomics	£2,000
Ms Maya Hoole	Achavanich Beaker Burial Project	£1,956
Dr Stuart Jeffrey and Derek Alexander	HARPS: Historical Archaeology Research Project, Staffa	£900
Dr Richard Jones	Geophysical Survey at Golden Hill, Duntocher Roman fort	£493
Mr Patrick Klinger	The Articles of Empire: an environmental history of the Anglo-Scottish Union of 1707	£2,000
Dr Jo McKenzie	Mineralogical and micromorphological analysis of floor surface deposits at the Ness of Brodgar, Orkney	£1,160
Dr Effie Photos-Jones	Stevenson In Vulcano	£1,870
Ms Helen Spencer	Scottish Medieval Window Glass	£630
Miss Cynthia Thickpenny	Key pattern in Insular Art, Case Study 1: the Rosemarkie and Nigg Sculptures	£340
Mr Peter Yeoman	Earliest Image of St Columba	£318
	<i>Total</i>	<i>£11,667</i>

The 'Geophysical Survey at Golden Hill, Duntocher Roman fort' grant is a *Sir George MacDonald* award, the 'Key pattern in Insular Art, Case Study 1: the Rosemarkie and Nigg Sculptures' is a *Gunning Jubilee Gift*, and 'Earliest Image of St Columba' is an *Angus Graham Grant*.

Reports from previous grant-funded projects are available on the Society website.



## Trustees' annual report *(continued)*

### PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

The Society provided the following events, including lectures at its regular Ordinary Meetings, conferences and special events. The joint event with NMS and the Rhind Lectures were delivered as part of the Scottish Government focus Year of Architecture, Innovation and Design 2016.

Monday 12 October 2015 Edinburgh

Tuesday 13 October 2015 Aberdeen

Lecture Meeting

Dr Amy Blakeway, Lecturer, University of Kent

***A War of Words: propaganda in the wars of the Rough Wooings***

Monday 9 November 2015 Edinburgh

Tuesday 10 November 2015 Aberdeen

Lecture Meeting

Dr Miles Oglethorpe, Head of Industrial Heritage and Digital, Historic Environment Scotland

***The Forth Bridge: the World Heritage journey***

Monday 30 November 2015 Edinburgh

***Anniversary Meeting (Annual General Meeting)***

concluding with a short talk by Dr Jane Ryder OBE FSA Scot, Chair, Historic Environment Scotland

***Protecting the Past, Shaping the Future***

Monday 14 December 2015 Edinburgh

Tuesday 15 December 2015 Aberdeen

Lecture Meeting

Neil Baxter Hon FRIAS, Secretary, Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland

***100 Years Young: the RIAS and the Festival of Architecture 2016***

Monday 11 January 2016 Edinburgh

Tuesday 12 January 2016 Aberdeen

Lecture Meeting

Professor Alex Gibson FSA Scot, University of Bradford

***The Bronze Age Neolithic: continuity, discontinuity & problems with chronology***

In association with The Prehistoric Society

Monday 1 February 2016 Edinburgh

Professor Karen Forbes, University of Edinburgh, Dr Tanja Romankiewicz, University of Edinburgh, Professor Richard Oram, University of Stirling, and John Lowrey, University of Edinburgh

***6,000 Years of Architecture, Innovation and Design***

Joint with National Museums Scotland

Monday 15 February 2016 Edinburgh

Lecture Meeting

Dr Ralph McLean, Manuscripts Curator: Long 18<sup>th</sup> Century, National Library of Scotland

***The Literary Forgeries of 'Antique Smith'***

In association with the National Library of Scotland

Wednesday 17 February 2016 Inverness

Thursday 18 February 2016 Glasgow

Lecture Meeting

Tom Rees FSA Scot, Consultant Archaeologist, Rathmell Archaeology Limited

***A founder's workshop from the Bronze Age? Excavations in the shadow of Hunterston***

In association with High Life Highland – Inverness Museum and Art Gallery – and Glasgow Archaeological Society

## Trustees' annual report *(continued)*

### PROGRAMME OF EVENTS *(continued)*

Monday 14 March 2016 Edinburgh

Tuesday 15 March 2016 Aberdeen

Lecture Meeting

Dr Anne Crone FSA Scot, Project Manager, AOC Archaeology

***Living and dying at Auldham, East Lothian: the excavation of an Anglian monastic settlement & medieval parish church***

Monday 11 April 2016 Edinburgh

Tuesday 12 April 2016 Aberdeen

Lecture Meeting

Dr Fraser Hunter FSA Scot, Principal Curator, Iron Age & Roman Collections, National Museums Scotland

***Celts: art and identity***

The Rhind Lectures

Friday 6 May to Sunday 8 April 2016 Edinburgh

Professor Roey Sweet, Professor of Urban History, University of Leicester

***Antiquaries, archaeologists and the invention of the historic town c 1700-1860***

Sponsored by AOC Archaeology Group

National Conference

Saturday 28 May 2016 Galashiels

***Archaeological Research in Progress***

In collaboration with Archaeology Scotland

This programme saw the Society return to the National Museums Scotland as host for the majority of its lectures and events following the completion of the redevelopment of the Chambers Street galleries and event spaces. Council Trustees would like to thank the Royal Society of Edinburgh for their excellent service over the last few years hosting our programme.

Eight evening lectures at Ordinary Meetings were free to all and open to the public, and held in the Auditorium of the National Museum of Scotland, and in the Regent Building Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen (unless otherwise stated). These included a lecture in the National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, in association with the National Library of Scotland, and a lecture in the Inverness Museum and Art Gallery, Castle Wynd, Inverness.

The Anniversary Meeting in the Auditorium, National Museums Scotland, saw the election of two Honorary Fellows: Professor Ted Cowan, Emeritus Professor of History and Literature at the University of Glasgow and latterly was Director of Glasgow's Crichton Campus at Dumfries, and Dr Jenny Wormald, a Scottish and British historian who principally studies late medieval and early modern Scotland as Honorary Fellow, Tutor and Supervisor in Scottish History at the University of Edinburgh. Sadly Dr Wormald died on 9 December 2015.

The President also launched a Fellows' consultation on a new Strategic Plan 2016-2021 at the Anniversary Meeting and Dr Jane Ryder FSA Scot presented a short address on the vision and plans for the newly created Historic Environment Scotland.

The annual joint event with the NMS highlighted the focus 2016 Year of Architecture, Innovation and Design with experts presenting short talks on three periods across 6,000 years of Scotland's past, and highlighting three ideas that changed Scotland. This was followed by audience participation, including a vote on which period had been most influential, and voting was continued following the event on a STV website created especially for the event.



## Trustees' annual report (continued)

### PROGRAMME OF EVENTS (continued)

Continuing the widening of lecture locations outwith Edinburgh, Tom Rees' lecture was held in Inverness with High Life Highland and then in Glasgow in association with Glasgow Archaeological Society. We also continued our biennial collaboration with the Prehistoric Society with a lecture by Professor Alex Gibson which examined the changes between the Neolithic and Bronze Age, highlighting periods of continuity and discontinuity.

Council Trustees are very grateful to Sir Angus Grossart QC CBE DL LLD DLitt FRSE FSA Scot for his generous sponsorship of the lecture meetings again, which allowed most of the lectures to be professionally recorded and placed free to view online, building a fantastic accessible online resource from the Society.

The Rhind Lectures in 2016 returned to the normal format to celebrate the 2016 Year of Architecture, Innovation and Design. Professor Roey Sweet, University of Leicester, and Director of the Centre for Urban History there, presented a series of six lectures on *Antiquaries, archaeologists and the invention of the historic town c.1700-1860*. The lectures began on Friday evening with *The Antiquarian World 1700-1860* where Professor Sweet introduced the audience to her 'Famous Five' antiquarians who would recur throughout her talks. Saturday looked at *Making the Romans urban, Domesticating the Saxons* and *Ancient bulwarks and pleasant walks*, which set the audience up for *The architecture of 'olden time'* and a the concluding *Heritage and the historic town* on Sunday. An excellent series of lectures which highlighted management and ethical issues still relevant today, and reminded us that what we conserve and preserve in our towns and cities today is an artefact of what was considered important in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries; the lectures were professionally recorded and placed online on the Society website.

The annual *Archaeological Research in Progress* Day Conference in Galashiels was organised by Archaeology Scotland this year, and the presentations recorded by Doug Rocks-Macqueen. The conference drew on recent research from across Southern Scotland and was also strongly supported through sponsorship and grants.

The Society has an Aberdeen and North-East Section who also host lectures from the Ordinary Meetings, and it is to the credit of the speakers that they were willing to give so freely of their time to lecture to two venues. The Council Trustees are very grateful to lecturers for their time and energy.

### PUBLICATIONS

The Society published its first volume of *Transactions* in 1792, and has been publishing a regular journal since then. The *Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland*, published annually, is now the national journal of record for Scottish archaeology. Volume 144 was published and distributed digitally to Fellows in November 2015, and hardcopies circulated to Fellows and libraries in December 2015. It contains the customary mix of archaeology, history, architectural history and other areas of material culture. All *Proceedings* volumes are now available online through the ADS for Fellows with a two year rolling wall for other users.

No *Scottish Archaeological Internet Reports* (SAIR ISSN 1473-3803) were published in this reporting year, but the Society is currently working on several projects, including a large landscape study by the National Trust for Scotland on Ben Lawers.

All *Scottish Archaeological Internet Reports* are freely available online at the Archaeology Data Service (ADS - <http://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/archives/view/sair/>) and linked to Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) to ensure the accessibility of SAIR in the future. The series is also being permanently archived by the National Libraries of Scotland (NLS), because it is, in their words, 'an important part of our documentary heritage'.



## Trustees' annual report (continued)

### PUBLICATIONS (continued)

The Society has published three books in the year ending 31 May 2016 and work continues on several further volumes.

*Scotland in Later Prehistoric Europe*  
edited by Fraser Hunter FSA Scot and Ian Ralston FSA Scot  
ISBN : 978-1-90833-206-6

*Living and Dying in Auldham: the excavation of an Anglian monastic settlement and medieval parish church*  
by Anne Crone FSA Scot and Erlend Hindmarch with Alex Woolf FSA Scot  
ISBN : 978-1-90833-201-1

*Bearsden: a Roman fort on the Antonine Wall*  
by David J Breeze HonFSA Scot  
ISBN : 978-1-90833-208-0

### ADVOCACY

As the premier antiquarian body in Scotland, the Society is consulted by a wide range of organisations from central government to academic funding bodies such as the Arts & Humanities Research Council, where the Society is considered a Subject Association. Our independence from government, university or agency provides us an important voice speaking for Scotland's past and drawing on the wide range of experience of the Fellowship. The Director continued on the Board of Trustees of the Built Environment Forum Scotland (BEFS) but stepped down as convenor of the Historic Environment Working Group of that Forum during the reporting year. BEFS is an umbrella body which brings together non-governmental organisations working in the historic and built environment sector. A Historic Environment Scotland Bill Taskforce chaired by the Director and set up within BEFS to examine the legislation to merge the RCAHMS and Historic Scotland completed its work as Historic Environment Scotland was created in October 2015.

The Society is a member of The Archaeology Forum, a UK-wide grouping of non-governmental organisations, and through this the Director is made aware of, and regularly contributes to, consultations and initiatives from outside Scotland, which may have an impact on the Scottish historic environment. The Forum also provides support for specifically Scottish issues. The Director is a member of the Scottish Strategic Archaeology Committee which is helping deliver a national *Archaeology Strategy for Scotland* led by Historic Environment Scotland.

The Director is a member of the Historic Environment Operational Group tasked to help deliver *Our Place in Time (OPiT)* the *Historic Environment Strategy for Scotland*. This group is the CEO level equivalent of the Scottish Historic Environment Forum, chaired by the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs, which is attended by the Society Treasurer. Information on this governance framework for the Strategy is available on the Scottish Government website.

The Society welcomes Fellows' views on not only what has already been reported, but also on the continuing development of our sector. Society advocacy papers and letters are available on the Society website.

The Society is also represented on the Archaeology Data Services (ADS) Management Committee, the British and Irish Archaeological Bibliography (BIAB) Online Advisory Committee, the Research Committee for the Antonine Wall, the National Committee on Carved Stones in Scotland (NCCSS) and the Heritage Audit advisory group. Fellows represent the Society on the National Museums Scotland Board of Trustees, Sir Henry Wade's Pilmuir Trust, the Mouswald Trust, the Donald Dalrymple Fund, the British Archaeological Awards (BAA) and The Laws Advisory Group. Through all these organisations we are able to keep abreast of current news in the heritage sector and discuss and support the historic environment of Scotland.



## Trustees' annual report *(continued)*

### RECOGNISING EXCELLENCE

#### The RBK Stevenson Award

No award was made this year.

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Society's summary Income and Expenditure Account together with explanatory notes are presented to the Fellows at the Anniversary Meeting and the full report made available on the Society website. The presentation style follows the required accounting standards for charities. The majority of the Society's income derives from Fellowship subscriptions.

#### Reserves policy

The unrestricted, undesignated reserves of the Society at 31 May 2016 sit at £492,000, equivalent to 13 months full running costs and Council Trustees believe this is sufficient to meet the current risks to the Society. The unrestricted but designated investments at the same period are worth about £586,000 and can also be used if required; however, Council Trustees have currently designated these to produce income for grants.

A new Reserves Policy was agreed by Council Trustees in the reporting year, to be implemented in 2016-17. This states that the Society will maintain unrestricted financial reserves of between £100,000 and £200,000 (representing 25-50% of unrestricted annual expenditure). This amount is judged by Trustees to be sufficient to cover unavoidable unplanned expenditure or allow the Society to continue its current planned operations for a period of one year in the event of unexpected significant loss of income. The rest of the unrestricted investment funds will be designated to supporting the Society's charitable objectives, including publication, grants, lectures etc.

The policy will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Council Trustees to confirm that the reserves are at the agreed level and that this level remains appropriate to ensure the effectiveness of the Society.

#### Investments policy

During the 2015-16 financial year the Society's investment objective was to have a balanced portfolio subject to a medium degree of risk. Council Trustees continued the current strategy to maintain both income and capital growth, and to retain a proportion of investments in Government bonds compared with shares. Council Trustees consider they have sufficient procedures in place to oversee this process and manage the inherent risk in a portfolio of investments.

The Designated Fund and General Fund will be re-examined as part of the new Reserves Policy to ensure the appropriate investment objectives and level of risk. Council Trustees also encourage Fellows and others to help increase these designated funds further by donations of any size, and highlight the significant legacy left to the Society in this reporting year and reported above which will substantially increase the ability of the Society to carry out its charitable objectives.

#### Risk management

The Society has drawn up a risk register to consider the major risks to which the Society is exposed. This is reviewed by Council Trustees annually to ensure that the systems and procedures in place are appropriate to mitigate exposure to those risks. At the end of the financial year 2015-16, key risk areas comprise dependency on one main undesignated and unrestricted income source (Fellows subscriptions) and the need for fit-for-purpose office accommodation for staff to enable delivery of the Strategic Plan. The former is being addressed in various ways, including the employment of a Fellowship and Development post, and the latter through the new Strategic Plan 2016-21.

## Trustees' annual report *(continued)*

### FUTURE PLANS AND COMMITMENTS

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Following the development of and consultation on a new Strategic Plan 2016-21 Council Trustees will initiate a revised Plan from 1 June 2016 to ensure the Society is fit-for-purpose in the modern charitable world and to continue to deliver excellent service to its Fellows and the wider heritage sector as per its Vision and Royal Charter.

#### FELLOWS

Council Trustees recognise that Fellows are the lifeblood of the Society, and having a post dedicated to Fellowship and Development has not only increased the number of Fellowship applications and income from sponsorship, but has allowed the Society to support Fellows undertaking their own events and meetings. For example Fellows in Australia have held two annual dinners to enhance the sense of Fellowship and discuss how to increase Fellowship in their area. The Society will continue to support Fellows in undertaking such events as necessary, and will continue to look for other opportunities to help foster Fellowship generally.

#### OBJECTIVES

Council Trustees will implement the new five-year 2016-21 Strategic Plan as of 1 June 2016 through a series of Annual Business Plans. A key issue for the sustainability of the Society is its office accommodation, and this will be explored in detail. The main objectives of the Strategic Plan are to develop as an independent heritage hub, make research happen and move towards digital publication.

#### ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Society will look to collaborate with museums in bringing the archaeological and museums sector closer through further development of ScARF. This will include updating the ScARF web presence to keep everyone up-to-date with what is happening, and to provide information on how to get involved.

Dig It! 2017 will promote a full programme of activity in the Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology, with a focus on accessibility and inclusion, ensuring as many people get involved as possible.

The Boyne to Brodgar project, through the Society, has secured funding from Historic Environment Scotland and will hear whether a funding bid to LEADER will be successful in the coming financial year. If so this will provide two staff to co-ordinate and drive this multi-agency, cross-disciplinary project and initiate a major funding bid.

The Society will complete the Go Digital project to make its online publications more findable and accessible. This will form an initial step in delivering the Strategic Plan objectives.

#### SOCIETY GRANTS

Grants are recognised as a crucial service provided by the Society and Council Trustees will continue to consider grant applications, the deadline for applications remains the Anniversary Meeting (30 November) and the current application forms should continue to be used. It is expected that the level of funds available to disburse will increase following the receipt of a significant legacy.

Council Trustees encourage Fellows and non-Fellows alike to consider donating to the Society to help increase the grants available.



## Trustees' annual report *(continued)*

### PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

The lecture programme for 2016–17 was decided by the end of June 2016. The Rhind Lectures for 2017 will be presented by Professor Roberta Gilchrist FSA FBA on *Sacred Heritage: medieval monasticism, magic and memory* as part of the Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology. It is the Society's turn to organise and host the *Archaeological Research in Progress* conference on Saturday 27 May 2017.

The Society will collaborate with Abbotsford Trust to deliver a two day conference on *Sir Walter Scott the Antiquary* as a celebration of the bi-centenary of the publication of the *Antiquary* by Scott.

### PUBLICATIONS

The current Managing Editor leaves on 20 June 2016, and her replacement is expected to be appointed in the next financial reporting year. There will inevitably be some disruption during the period of change, but temporary provisions will be in place to ensure the continued production and delivery of quality Society publications.

The annual publication of the *Proceedings* is central to the Society, and work is already nearing completion on volume 145 to be published in December 2016. Intending contributors please note that there is a deadline of 30 November for papers to be submitted for the following *Proceedings*.

Council Trustees remind Fellows that to help reduce costs to the Society they must now opt for a hardcopy version and anyone not doing so by 10 October 2016 will receive only the digital version, made freely available to Fellows through the Archaeology Data Service. Usernames and passwords to access this resource will be delivered by email and can be found in the *Newsletter*.

Council Trustees are also exploring the means of moving more of the Society's publications to digital resources as part of the Strategic Plan 2016–21. This will include the development of new digital dissemination platforms as required and the relaunch of SAIR as SHAIR (Scottish History and Archaeology Internet Reports) to reflect the broadening of its content.

Numerous publication projects are in various stages of completion and a number of books in various stages of production, with the aim to produce five in the next financial year.

### HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT ADVOCACY

The Society will continue to support the delivery of the aspirations in the Historic Environment Strategy for Scotland including through the Director's place on the Operational Group, but also by ensuring its own contribution through its programme of activity is recognised. In addition, the Society will continue to be closely engaged in supporting the delivery of *Scotland's Archaeology Strategy*. The Society will ensure that it takes a close interest in these developments, consistently expecting transparency and collaboration across the sector.

The forthcoming year will see the implementation of the first Historic Environment Scotland (HES) corporate plan, and the impact of the new organisation as the lead body for the historic environment and heritage in Scotland will begin to be felt. Council Trustees will ensure that the Society is closely involved in monitoring the development of the new organisation, to ensure that it delivers the best outcomes possible for the heritage of Scotland.

The 2017 Scottish Government focus year on History, Heritage and Archaeology offers opportunities for both enhancement of activity and events across Scotland, but also in raising the profile of Scotland's past globally. The Society aims to be a key partner in helping to deliver on these opportunities, working with organisations such as VisitScotland and EventScotland; as such Council Trustees would be keen to hear from any Fellows who might be considering visiting Scotland in 2017.

## Trustees' annual report *(continued)*

### FINANCE

Finance and Staffing Committees will continue the ongoing review of staff remuneration, ever mindful of the continued difficult circumstances in which all charitable organisations are working.

The new Reserves Policy will be fully implemented in the forthcoming financial year, including the re-assessment of investment objectives and risk by the Finance Committee. The aim is to provide greater transparency over Society expenditure in undertaking its charitable activity, and to encourage further donations and legacies by demonstrating their value in supporting the Society objectives as a non-profit organisation.

Support for the Society to continue to encourage new and stimulating research and promote the results of that research to anyone interested in Scotland's past by donating or considering leaving a legacy to the Society would be most welcome. Please contact the office for more details. Council Trustees continue to be very grateful for the continued support of the Fellows, and urge them to encourage others to stand for election to Fellowship.

### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.


The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charity and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

### APPROVAL OF THE TRUSTEES' REPORT

At the time of approving this report, the Trustees' are aware of no relevant audit information of which the Trust's auditors are unaware and have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a Trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Trust's auditors are aware of that information.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



**David Caldwell, MA PhD FSA**  
President

**29 August 2016**



## Anniversary Meeting Report

The Anniversary Meeting is held, as per Law 20, on St Andrew's Day, except where this falls on a Sunday. The meeting is also the Annual General Meeting of the Society. It was held on Monday, 30 November 2015, in the Auditorium, National Museums Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, starting at 4.30pm, Dr David Caldwell, President, in the chair.

The Treasurer's Report proposed by Roger Mercer and seconded by David Bowler and the Director's Report proposed by George Dalglish and seconded by Barry Ferguson were both read and approved.

### PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Dr David Caldwell then delivered his Presidential Address as follows:

"Fellows

I appreciate that it has been a great honour to serve this last year as your President. It has also been enjoyable, not least the occasions on which I have represented the Society at meetings with others, and, of course, the opportunities to meet all of you and talk to you as individuals. It is important for me to get some feel for who all of you are and the extent of your interests so that I am better able to represent you. I appreciate that relatively few of you are able to come regularly to our lecture series in Edinburgh and Aberdeen, but I do hope that more opportunities will present themselves for me to engage with fellows informally.

The Society's Council is keen to extend the range and location of society events, both in Scotland and elsewhere. We were made aware of an initiative by James Donaldson in Australia to arrange an annual dinner for our fellows based in that continent. Coincidentally I was in Melbourne for their last meeting in February and was honoured to be invited to join them. Council was pleased to accede to the wishes of those present that James Donaldson's role as informal convenor should be recognised by appointing him Secretary for Australian affairs.

Our fellow, Ian Greig, based in Tampa in Florida, has also been exploring the options for a Fellows event there. At first a conference in Januarys 2016 was mooted but this turned out not to be practical. Possible North American events remain firmly on Council's agenda.

I was pleased to accept an invitation from Jackson Armstrong, Chair of our Aberdeen and North-East Section, to meet with him and his committee on 13 October and attend the lecture given by Dr Amy Blakeway on propaganda in the Wars of the Rough Wooing. It was an enjoyable experience. The Aberdeen and North-East Section is an important part of the Society and it was good to see that it was thriving and in good hands. I was particularly pleased to see the links that had been formed with the Aberdeen University Archaeology Society, with students from it attending our meetings and providing hot drinks and cakes as a means of bolstering their own funds. Dr Jackson and I also had the opportunity at a lecture in North East Scotland College to promote our Society's Student/Under 26 Fellowship scheme.

The Society also sought to encourage younger antiquaries by awarding 10 student bursaries for participation in the European Association of Archaeologists Conference in Glasgow in September. One of the recipients, Martin Conlan, gave a splendid short account of his project in collaboration with the Scottish Oral History Centre documenting Clydeside cranes, prior to Miles Oglethorpe's lecture in Edinburgh on the Forth Bridge on 9 November.

As usual the Society offered a broad range of lectures in the last year in Edinburgh and Aberdeen, all of which, judging by attendances and discussions afterwards, were much appreciated. Dr Andrew Birley also delivered his lecture on excavations at Vindolanda in Inverness, and we hope to offer more events there and elsewhere in Scotland. The lecture on a Bronze Age Maritorty in NW Europe, an outstanding example of collaboration by archaeologists on both sides of the English Channel, was also notable for the plea for support and understanding in relation to contemporary European events by one of the speakers, Prof Anne Lehöerff of the University of Lille 3. This was in the wake of the Charlie Hebdo atrocity in Paris, and it was gratifying that all Fellows present expressed their solidarity with our French colleagues.



## **Anniversary Meeting Report** *(continued)*

It was the Society's turn to host the annual Archaeological Research in Progress Conference, held jointly with Archaeology Scotland in Edinburgh on 30 May. There were reports on an impressive range of projects from Mesolithic to Modern. The Society is pleased to be able to support and promote excellence in archaeology in Scotland, and it was good also to have the opportunity to support those Fellows with a particular interest in ethnology, by staging the Ethnology at a Crossroads conference along with the European Ethnological Research Centre (Edinburgh University) on 5-6 December 2014. The event attracted international participation and proved a worthwhile opportunity to map out options for future research in a world no longer dominated by our late Honorary Fellow, Professor Sandy Fenton. It was also an occasion to remember his enormous contribution to this field of research.

Much of the success of this conference was down to its format, a mixture of presentations and panel discussions. The same approach was adopted for this year's Rhind Lectures, an ambitious review of British Archaeology, its progress and demands, led by a distinguished group of archaeologists and palaeogeneticists. The conference name mirrored the title of an 1858 book by Henry Rhind, a surprisingly trenchant and perceptive critique of the challenges facing the development of archaeology in his day. The conference was a worthy successor, one of which, no doubt, Rhind would have approved. The sessions remained well attended throughout and there were many comments from the floor. Council will be looking to use this conference format for other events in the future.

At the Anniversary Meeting in 2014 approval was given for a stream-lined council and committee structure. This has worked effectively in the course of its first year of operation, and I am very grateful to all fellow councillors for their support and hard work. One of them, Jane Ryder, was especially helpful in the creation of our new system of governance, and it was a sad loss to the Society to have her step down from our Council owing to another, new commitment. It will, however, be greatly to the benefit of all of us that that commitment is the chairing of the new Board of Historic Environment Scotland. Also stepping down after much diligent and conscientious service are Ian Fraser, Anne MacSween, one of our Vice-Presidents, and Fraser Hunter, ex officio councillor provided by National Museums Scotland.

It is a pleasure to also record my thanks and appreciation to all members of staff, not least our Director, Simon Gilmour, for all their hard work in ensuring the smooth running of the Society. We continue to benefit from the backing and generosity of sponsors, notably Sir Angus Grossart for supporting our lecture series and enabling the professional recording of our lectures, and AOC Archaeology Ltd for the Rhind Lectures. The Society continues to rely on the subscriptions of Fellows as its main source of income but there is clearly virtue in finding other sources of funding to help expand our activities. A priority remains increased funding for research. There is no donation too small, nor time too inconvenient for us to accept it!

Another priority now our new system of governance is in place is to launch – which I hereby do – our draft new strategic plan for 2016-2021. A downloadable version is available online in the Fellows section of the Society's website. Council is keen to have as many responses from Fellows as possible. The deadline for comments is 31 January 2016.

I have no desire to take up space and time here listing the proposals in the plan. I only want to mention one since I believe many of you may, at least initially, see it as an unwelcome development. That is the intention to move towards issuing most volumes of our Proceedings electronically rather than as paper publications. We can, and only will do this when and if we have the full support of Fellows. It seems to me that there are two very good reasons for publishing electronically. First, whether we like it or not, it is the way the industry is developing and paper publishing will inevitably become more and more difficult and expensive. Second, the money we save by making this change could be channelled into other areas like research without affecting in any adverse way the quantity and quality of the material published as Proceedings. It is time for you all to have your say on this or any other matters covered, or indeed not covered, in our draft strategic plan.



## Anniversary Meeting Report *(continued)*

Finally, I want to end on a personal note, which I hope will resonate with many of you. I discovered archaeology as a child and wanted to be an archaeologist when I grew up. I duly studied archaeology at Edinburgh University and went on to make my career as a museum curator. I also undertook a doctorate in Scottish History. Archaeologist? Curator? Historian? I have called myself all of these, and worked closely with other colleagues and friends who would describe themselves as art historians, ethnologists and collectors. I now think that, first and foremost I am really an antiquary.

My dictionary defines an antiquary as a student or collector of antiques or antiquities – quite so, but surely the word as we use it means a lot more than that, embraces the interests and professionalism of all our Fellows. It seems to me that it is time to re-embrace the term antiquary and make it our own, realise that it is in fact cool to be an antiquary. Next year is the two hundredth anniversary of the publication of *The Antiquary* by one of our earliest and most distinguished Fellows, Sir Walter Scott, and we will be celebrating that event as a conference. There were probably many Jonathan Oldbuck type characters (the fictional antiquary in Scott's book) amongst our Fellows. So, I am an antiquary now – how about all of you?"

The President then congratulated four Fellows who were listed in the *Newsletter* having been members for 65 years or more who will receive a certificate:

Rev John Scott, from Essex, elected 1940  
Neal Ascherson, from London, elected 1949  
Dr David Baird, from Canada, elected 1949  
James Carruthers, from Leicester, elected 1949

The Director read a short letter of thanks by Leslie Morgan FSA Scot, who made the proposal at the last Anniversary Meeting to reward long-serving Fellows.

### BALLOTS

The Ballots for new Fellows and Council members were completed and the results were as follows:

### FELLOWS

The Ballot for Fellows of the Society lists all those put forward and elected at the meeting itself (in accordance with Laws 3 and 4), but strictly those are not automatically Fellows until they have paid their subscription and entry fee (Law 7). The list printed here details those elected at the Anniversary Meeting, with those who have still to pay their subscription and entry fee by the end of the financial year being reported on (31 May 2016) highlighted with an asterisk.

NICHOLAS STEPHEN ALLAN MRICS, Glasgow, UK  
ALEXANDER IAIN ANDERSON MA(Oxon) MA(London), Guildford, Surrey, UK  
EMMA JANE ANDERSON MA BA, Glasgow, UK  
IAN ARCHIBALD, Burntisland, Fife, UK  
WILLIAM JOSEPH ARMSTRONG, Huntsville, AL, USA  
CHRISTOPHER GERARD BARCLAY, Chelsea, NY, USA  
JUNE CAMERON FORBES BARNES PhD, Carlisle, UK  
LESLEY BATHGATE BA(Hons) TQFE MSSE, Freuchie, Fife, UK  
ANDREW MONTGOMERY BELL, Edinburgh, UK  
GRAEME HAYWARD BETTISON, Prestonpans, UK  
STEPHANIE LYNN BILLON, Newark, DE, USA\*  
JEREMY BIRKETT-JONES MA MRICS, London, UK\*  
ELIZABETH ANN BONNER BA(Hons) PhD, Sydney, NSW, Australia  
ELAINE BOSTON, Folsom, LA, USA  
JOSIAH QUINN CROWNINSHIELD BRADLEE, Washington, DC, USA  
DIRK BRANDHERM PhD FSA, Belfast, UK  
LORRAINE GLORIA BROWN, Dallas, TX, USA  
CYNTHIA SCOTT BUTTORFF, Louisville, Kentucky, USA\*

## Anniversary Meeting Report *(continued)*

### FELLOWS (CONTINUED)

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ANDREW J L MORRISON MA(Hons) MSc, Edinburgh, UK  
ANN WILEY MOSER, Arlington, VA, USA\*  
LAUREN MURDOCH MTh MPhil BA(Hons), Edinburgh, UK\*  
BRUCE KELLY NAPIER, Campton, KT, USA  
VERONICA ANNE O'HALLORAN BA(Hons) MA(Hons) PhD FRSA, Edinburgh, UK  
KIRSTY OWEN BA(Hons) MA PhD Alfa, Dunfermline, UK  
DAN CRAIG PATTON CPA CGMA, Fishers, IN, USA  
JANE BENNETT PATTON, Fishers, IN, USA  
PAUL JACOBUS du PLESSIS FRHS, Edinburgh, UK  
CHARLES BRYAN POLAND, Roanoke, VA, USA  
JAMES EDWIN PORTER BBA, Fairfax Station, VA, USA\*  
JO CAROL BROWN PORTER PhD, Fairfax Station, VA, USA\*  
ANITA QUYE BSc(Hons) PhD CChem MRSC FSSA AMA FHEA, Bathgate, West Lothian, UK  
JOSEPH RAE, Beith, Ayrshire, UK  
ÖNNE REINUP BA MLitt, Edinburgh, UK\*  
CHRISTINE RENNIE MA PGDip Pifa, Glasgow, UK  
STELIOS ALEXANDROS RIGOPOULOS, London, UK  
GRAHAM RITCHIE CA BSc MSc Mlfa, Edinburgh, UK  
ALISTAIR ROBERTSON, Edinburgh, UK\*  
WILLIAM S RODNER FRSA, Norfolk, VA, USA  
SUSAN GAIL ROSE, Valley Center, CA, USA\*  
JAMES DOUGLAS RYLATT BA(Hons) MA Alfa, Sheffield, UK  
MARK JOHN SEABORNE, Dunfermline, FIFE, UK  
LISA-MARIE SHILLITO PhD, Edinburgh, UK  
RICHARD SOBOLEWSKI, Bridge of Weir, UK  
SARAH JOANNA SPEIRS BA(Hons) MBA MCIM, Edinburgh, UK  
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ANDREW STEVENSON MA(Hons) PGDip, Edinburgh, UK  
MATTHEW F A SYMONDS PhD FSA, Ashted, Surrey, UK  
CLETA K J SZOKE, Doylestown, PA, USA  
DAVID ALEXANDER TAYLOR MA, Doha, QATAR  
MARK THACKER PhD MA, Isle of Lewis, UK  
PETER F THIERFELDT, Pettinain, South Lanarkshire, UK  
SCOTT TIMPANY PhD, Kirkwall, Orkney, UK  
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THOMAS URQUHART, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire, UK  
MICHAEL THOMAS WALSH BA(Hons) MA PhD, Edinburgh, UK  
CHRISTINE WARD BA(Hons), Edinburgh, UK  
GARLYN R WARREN, Waikoloa, HI, USA\*  
GARY JAMES WEST MA PhD, Edinburgh, UK  
FRANK WHERRETT, Livingston, West Lothian, UK  
VICTORIA JANE WHITWORTH BA MA DPhil, Evie, Orkney, UK  
ADELYN WILSON PhD, Aberdeen, UK  
STEPHEN WORTH, Forres, Moray, UK  
SUSAN LUCAS YORK, Fort Worth, TX, USA\*  
LYNN FORNEY YOUNG, Rockdale, TX, USA  
STEVE YOUNG, Rockdale, TX, USA

The President welcomed the increased number of New Fellows on previous years and especially the number of younger Fellows as a positive and welcome new initiative for the Society.



## Anniversary Meeting Report *(continued)*

### FELLOWS (CONTINUED)

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MARK JOHN SEABORNE, Dunfermline, FIFE, UK  
LISA-MARIE SHILLITO PhD, Edinburgh, UK  
RICHARD SOBOLEWSKI, Bridge of Weir, UK  
SARAH JOANNA SPEIRS BA(Hons) MBA MCIM, Edinburgh, UK  
MARK GREGORY SPENCER PhD, St Catharines, Ontario, CANADA  
ANDREW STEVENSON MA(Hons) PGDip, Edinburgh, UK  
MATTHEW F A SYMONDS PhD FSA, Ashted, Surrey, UK  
CLETA K J SZOKE, Doylestown, PA, USA  
DAVID ALEXANDER TAYLOR MA, Doha, QATAR  
MARK THACKER PhD MA, Isle of Lewis, UK  
PETER F THIERFELDT, Pettinain, South Lanarkshire, UK  
SCOTT TIMPANY PhD, Kirkwall, Orkney, UK  
ALLAN RODERICK TURNER MBChB FRCS Ed FRCS Eng MSc PhD, Dunfermline, UK  
THOMAS URQUHART, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire, UK  
MICHAEL THOMAS WALSH BA(Hons) MA PhD, Edinburgh, UK  
CHRISTINE WARD BA(Hons), Edinburgh, UK  
GARLYN R WARREN, Waikoloa, HI, USA\*  
GARY JAMES WEST MA PhD, Edinburgh, UK  
FRANK WHERRETT, Livingston, West Lothian, UK  
VICTORIA JANE WHITWORTH BA MA DPhil, Evie, Orkney, UK  
ADELYN WILSON PhD, Aberdeen, UK  
STEPHEN WORTH, Forres, Moray, UK  
SUSAN LUCAS YORK, Fort Worth, TX, USA\*  
LYNN FORNEY YOUNG, Rockdale, TX, USA  
STEVE YOUNG, Rockdale, TX, USA

The President welcomed the increased number of New Fellows on previous years and especially the number of younger Fellows as a positive and welcome new initiative for the Society.



## Anniversary Meeting Report *(continued)*

### MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

The full Ballot list for Members of the Society Council was put forward in accordance with Laws 9 to 18. The President thanked the outgoing members of Council, Vice President Ann MacSween, Iain Fraser, and *ex officio* member Finlay McKichan for their service to the Society.

Two co-opted members, Dr Adelyn Wilson and Barry Ferguson, who were required to stand down at the Anniversary Meeting (as per Law 17), stood for election, and two current members of Council, Dr Anna Groundwater and Tom Dawson stood for re-election for a second term (as per Law 15). All those presented were duly elected at the Meeting and the President especially welcome the new members Dr Sharon Webb and Dr Dawn McLaren. He also welcomed as *ex officio* the elected Chairman of the Aberdeen and North East Section of the Society, Dr Jackson Armstrong.

During the previous year the National Museums Scotland *ex officio* representative Dr Fraser Hunter stood down and was replaced by George Dalglish, Keeper of Scottish History and Archaeology, who was warmly welcomed to Council. Dr Hunter had represented the NMS on Council for 10 years since 2005, and as a token of the Society's gratitude the President presented him *in absentia* with a small gift, received by his wife Dr Tanja Romankiewicz.

#### *Treasurer*

Stephen Carter BSc PhD FSA Scot MIfA is a Senior Consultant with Headland Archaeology, based in Edinburgh. Doctoral research in Environmental Archaeology at the University of London Institute of Archaeology was followed by a move to Scotland in 1989 where he initially worked on specialist analyses of archaeological sediments. With the creation of Headland Archaeology in 1996, his role shifted to archaeological project management, focussing on Environmental Impact Assessment; his current workload is dominated by consultancy for onshore wind energy developments throughout the UK. Away from his professional employment he has served on the governing bodies of various archaeological organisations. This has included a recent three-year term on the Council of this Society; he has also been a Trustee of the Council for British Archaeology and was President of Archaeology Scotland for two terms.

#### *Council Members*

Adelyn L M Wilson LLB (Hons) PhD FSA Scot FHEA is a lecturer in law and legal history at the University of Aberdeen. Her principal research interest is seventeenth-century Scottish legal history and literature. Most recently, her work has largely focused on the method of writing as well as the later use and transmission of Scottish legal treatises and collections of legal materials. Her work has been supported by funding awards from the Edinburgh Legal Education Trust, the Aberdeen Humanities Fund and the Bibliographical Society. Dr Wilson is a Committee member of the Society's North East Section and is also the Secretary and Trustee of the Scottish Legal History Group, a Council member and Trustee of the Stair Society, the Treasurer and a Board member of the Aberdeen Humanities Fund, and a Council member of the Centre for Early-Modern Studies. She is the European Society for Comparative Legal History's copyeditor for its journal, *Comparative Legal History*, published biannually by Taylor and Francis. She was in 2009-14 the Director of Aberdeen's Civil Law Centre, and was in 2012-15 the University of Aberdeen's '50 under 30' representative to the National Centre for University and Business.

Barry G Ferguson MA(Hons) FSA Scot has been Development & Sponsorship Director at the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, one of Scotland's National Performing Companies, since 2002. After studying medieval and Scottish history at the University of Glasgow under Professor Archie Duncan, Dr Stuart Airlie and Professor Matthew Strickland amongst others, Barry worked in various student development, student recruitment, alumni relations and fundraising roles at the University of Glasgow, Abertay University and the University of St Andrews where he was Deputy Director of Development. At St Andrews Barry was also privileged to serve on Dr Barbara Crawford's Dark Age Studies Committee. Whilst his interest and involvement in history is (very!) amateur, his professional experience in fundraising, alumni relations and marketing in the higher education and arts & culture sectors should prove useful in the next stages of the Society's development. His role at the SCO oversees work in generating income from individuals, trusts and the corporate sector. Barry has presented at Institute of Fundraising and Arts & Business Scotland events and regularly delivers fundraising training for the Federation of Scottish Theatre.



## Anniversary Meeting Report (continued)

### MEMBERS OF COUNCIL (CONTINUED)

Dawn McLaren MA (Hon) PhD FSA Scot MCIfA is a Project Manager (post-excavation) with AOC Archaeology Group, based in Loanhead. Having graduated from the University of Edinburgh in 2002 with a degree in Archaeology, she was employed as a Research Assistant and latterly Post-Excavation Officer within the Archaeology Department (now the Department of Scottish History and Archaeology) of National Museums Scotland. During her time at NMS she completed a doctoral thesis, co-supervised by Dr David Clarke (NMS) and Professor Ian Ralston (University of Edinburgh), entitled *Funerary Rites afforded to children in Earlier Bronze Age Britain: case studies from Scotland, Yorkshire and Wessex* and contributed as a panel member to the construction of ScARF Chalcolithic and Bronze Age Panel Report. In her current post as a Project Manager with AOC Archaeology Group, she is engaged principally as an artefact specialist but also manages and develops post-excavation programmes of work and research. Her interests lie in prehistoric material culture, particularly Bronze Age and Iron Age artefacts, and she has published widely on both. She has been a member of the society since 2002.

Dr Sharon Webb BA(Hons) MPhil PhD FSA Scot has been Director and Curator of Kilmartin Museum, Argyll since 2004 and in that time has taken the Museum from a major funding crisis to relative financial stability. The Museum and Café now employ over 30 staff and are supported by more than 50 regular volunteers. Now collecting and curating almost all the archaeology found in Argyll, the Museum also engages in active fieldwork. Currently, Sharon is also Project Director of Kilmartin Museum's Redevelopment Project, a £6.5 million endeavour which aims to transform the organisation by extending existing buildings and services. Over £1 million has been raised so far. The recent successful HLF Round 1 application will provide development funding and an endorsement of £3.1 million towards the project. Sharon authored a book entitled *In the Footsteps of Kings* a guide to walks around Kilmartin, published by Kilmartin Museum Trust. She was an appointed member of the Museums Think Tank set up by Government in 2009 and is a committee member of the National Committee for Carved Stones in Scotland and of the Argyll and Bute Museums and Heritage Forum. She has been the Vice Chair of the Natural History and Antiquarian Society of Mid Argyll, the Vice President of the Argyll and Bute Museums and Heritage Forum, helper for the Museums Young Archaeologists Club as well as previously curatorial advisor for a number of Museums in Argyll. Sharon is also the Curator of Archaeology and Natural Sciences for Campbeltown Museum, under a service level agreement with Argyll and Bute Council.

Anna Groundwater PhD FRHistS is an early modern Scottish and British historian at the University of Edinburgh. She is Director of the Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Co-ordinator of Graduate Research Methods Training, and lectures on Scottish and British history courses. Her research interests focus on government and society in the reign of James VI and I, with particular interests in the Union of the Crowns, the history of the Anglo-Scottish Borders, and cultural transmission and patronage between London and Edinburgh in the early years of regnal union. She is the author of *The Scottish Middle March, 1573-1625: power, kinship, allegiance* (Royal History Society, Boydell, 2010), a number of journal articles, and of the forthcoming *Scotland Connected: Scotland in the wider world*, a comparative timeline for Scottish history (Luath Press, 2016). Her most recent publication is *Ben Jonson's Walk to Scotland: an Annotated Edition of the 'Foot Voyage'*, co-authored with James Loxley, and Julie Sanders (Cambridge UP, 2015). She is also working on an edition of early seventeenth century political correspondence to be published by the Scottish History Society. She is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, and Secretary of The Scottish Medievalists, where she is involved in engaging with heritage institutions, and other educationalists in promoting and preserving Scotland's history.

Tom Dawson BA(Hons) is a Research Fellow at the University of St Andrews. He started his archaeological career with the Museum of London and went on to work on and direct excavations in several different countries (including France, Sri Lanka, Italy and Japan). Since coming to Scotland in 2000, his work has focused on coastal archaeology and the threats posed by coastal processes. He works closely with Historic Scotland to gather information on the scale of the problem; and has analysed results from coastal surveys in order to prioritize action. He also has a strong interest in community archaeology and is currently directing the Scotland's Coastal Heritage at Risk Project. This innovative national project employs mobile technology that allows members of the public to update information about priority sites. Tom has managed numerous survey and excavation projects, and his community excavations, include Unst and Bressay on Shetland, Baile Sear in the Western Isles and Brora in Sutherland.



## Anniversary Meeting Report *(continued)*

### MEMBERS OF COUNCIL (CONTINUED)

These projects were jointly awarded the 2012 Current Archaeology Rescue Dig of the Year Award. He has also explored novel ways of working with threatened archaeological sites, including relocating the eroding Bressay site to the local Heritage Centre and using virtual reality environments to recreate the salt pans at Brora. Tom has been the Managing Director of The SCAPE Trust (Scottish Archaeology and the Problem of Erosion) since 2001; was appointed Commissioner with the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland in 2010; and was a director of the Bardsey Island Trust from 2003 to 2008.

### ANNIVERSARY MEETING LECTURE

Dr David Caldwell then introduced Jane Ryder OBE FSA Scot, Chair of Historic Environment Scotland, who presented a short paper on the vision and plans for the new body entitled *Protecting the past, shaping the future*. A wine reception was then held for Fellows and guests.

### THE ROLL

The deaths of Fellows listed below were intimated to the Society during 2015–16. The dates in the right-hand column represent the year of election as a Fellow.

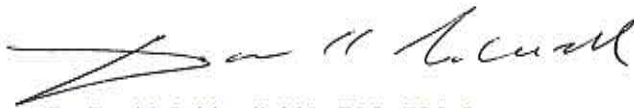
JOHN A ARMSTRONG OF NETHER THORNIEWHATS, Bishop Auckland, UK	1980
CAROLYN BARKLEY, Roseland, VA, USA	1993
ARTHUR BARROW, Wakefield, UK	2005
HUGH BOYLE, Clydebank, UK	1995
IAN D BROWN, Aberdeen, UK	1994
ROBERT D R BRYDON, Edinburgh, UK	1990
COLIN B BURGESS, South Shields, UK	1963
HOLLIS B CAHOON, Greensboro, NC, USA	2002
JAMES R CASEY, Edinburgh, UK	2009
IAN A COLQUHOUN, Ashington, Northumberland, UK	1981
JEAN E M COMRIE, Edinburgh UK	1970
MICHAEL COSTON, Alford, Aberdeen, UK	1998
KARL CULLY-FRIEND, Bowling Green, OH, USA	1996
BRIAN F DINELEY, Toward, Argyll, UK	1999
RICHARD J GILLASPY, Long Beach, CA, USA	2012
ROBERT F B GREIG, Edinburgh, UK	1978
IVOR R GUILD, Edinburgh, UK	1982
ARCHIBALD H JOHNSTONE, Prince Edward Island, Canada	1986
STEPHEN S S JOHNSTONE, San Diego, CA, USA	2004
MARY KENNAWAY, Edinburgh, UK	1989
SUSAN M LAIRD, Aberdeen, UK	1998
BRIAN A LAMBIE, Biggar	1974
NANCY MacNEIL OF BARRA, Edinburgh, UK	1991
KENNETH MacRAE, Saint Severin, France	2008
HARRINGTON E MANVILLE, Washington, DC, USA	1994
BERNARD McGRATH, Bellows Falls, VT, USA	1998
MAGDALENA MIDGLEY, Edinburgh, UK	1977
RODNEY T MOONEY, Avon, CT, USA	2008
CATHERINE MURRAY, Peebles, UK	1990
HOWARD C PATERSON, West Linton, UK	1984
WILLIAM JAMES RAMSAY, Kyle, UK	1995



## **Anniversary Meeting Report** *(continued)*

### THE ROLL (CONTNUED)

GERALD RAND, Maughold, Isle of Man	1993
JOAN S SCOTT, Edinburgh, UK	1976
JOHN R STRUTHERS, South Croydon, UK	2013
CHARLES M THOMSON, Orange, CA, USA	1994
DAVID L TORRIE, Arbroath, UK	2001



**Dr David Caldwell, MA, FSA, FSA Scot**  
**President**

29<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

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## **Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland**

We have audited the financial statements of The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland for the year ended 31 May 2016 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has now been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 44 (1) (c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, Regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Trust Deed. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view.

We have been appointed as auditors under section 44 (1) (c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with regulations made under that Act. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (United Kingdom and Ireland). Those Standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Audit.

### **Scope of the audit**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the trustees' report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

### **Opinion on the financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 May 2016 and of the charity's incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).



## **Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland** *(continued)*

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) requires us to report to you of, in our opinion:

- the information given in the trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records or returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

*Henderson Loggie*

**Henderson Loggie**

Statutory Auditors

(Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006)

*29 August 2016*

**Statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)**  
**for the year ended 31 May 2016**

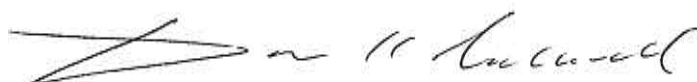
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2016 £	2015 £
<b>Income from</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	436,020	-	436,020	188,237
Investments	3	27,587	-	27,587	27,993
Charitable activities	4	88,128	143,859	231,987	195,038
<b>Total income</b>		<b>551,735</b>	<b>143,859</b>	<b>695,594</b>	<b>411,268</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>					
Raising funds	5	2,831	-	2,831	3,015
Charitable activities	6	320,717	125,695	446,412	470,010
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>323,548</b>	<b>125,695</b>	<b>449,243</b>	<b>473,025</b>
Realised gains/(losses)	11	(20,141)	-	(20,141)	75
Unrealised gains/(losses)	11	(9,693)	-	(9,693)	36,837
<b>Net income/ (expenditure)</b>		<b>198,353</b>	<b>18,164</b>	<b>216,517</b>	<b>(24,845)</b>
Balance brought forward		879,758	18,068	897,826	922,671
<b>Balance carried forward</b>		<b>1,078,111</b>	<b>36,232</b>	<b>1,114,343</b>	<b>897,826</b>



**Balance sheet**  
**at 31 May 2016**

	Notes	2016 £	2016 £	2015 £	2015 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>	10		<b>2,294</b>		5,583
<b>Investments</b>	11		<b>795,551</b>		861,911
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			<b>797,845</b>		867,494
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	12	348,130		96,460	
Bank and cash		58,417		29,031	
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		<b>406,547</b>		125,491	
<b>Less: Current liabilities due within one year</b>	13	<b>(90,049)</b>		<b>(95,159)</b>	
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<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>316,498</b>		30,332
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<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	14		<b>1,114,343</b>		897,826
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<b>Funds</b>					
Restricted funds	16		<b>36,232</b>		18,068
Unrestricted funds	15				
- General			<b>492,083</b>		499,101
- Designated			<b>586,028</b>		380,657
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			<b>1,114,343</b>		897,826
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Approved and authorised for issue by the Council on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2016 and signed on its behalf by:



**Dr David Caldwell, MA, FSA, FSA Scot**  
President

## Statement of cash flows at 31 May 2016

	2016 £	2016 £	2015 £	2015 £
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for year per the statement of financial activities</b>		<b>216,517</b>		<b>(24,845)</b>
<i>Adjustments for:</i>				
(Gains)/losses on investments		29,834		(36,912)
Depreciation		3,289		3,435
Income from investments		(27,587)		(27,993)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors		(251,670)		(37,158)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors		(5,110)		10,832
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<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>		<b>(34,727)</b>		<b>(112,641)</b>
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<b>Investing activities</b>				
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	27,587		27,993	
Proceeds from sale of investments	76,158		57,009	
Purchase of investment	(22,761)		(28,190)	
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<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>		<b>80,984</b>		<b>56,812</b>
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<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		<b>46,257</b>		<b>(55,829)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year</b>		<b>64,620</b>		<b>120,449</b>
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<b>Total cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>		<b>110,877</b>		<b>64,620</b>
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<b>Analysis of cash and cash equivalents</b>				
	At start of year £	Cash flow £	At end of year £	
Cash at bank	29,031	29,386	58,417	
Cash held within investments	35,589	16,871	52,460	
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<b>Net funds</b>	<b>64,620</b>	<b>46,257</b>	<b>110,877</b>	
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## Notes to the accounts

### 1 Accounting policies

#### ***Basis of preparation***

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost convention. The charity is a Public Benefit Entity. The financial statements are compliant with the charity's constitution, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006, the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) FRS 102 "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (revised 2015), and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102). This is the first year the financial statements have been prepared under FRS102. The adoption of FRS102 has resulted in no changes to the figures.

#### ***Going concern***

These financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis which assumes that the charity will continue its operations. There are no material uncertainties that exist or material changes in the way the charity operates and the Trustees consider it appropriate to prepare financial statements on a going concern basis.

#### ***Incoming resources***

Income is recognised where there is entitlement, probability of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Income is only deferred when the donor specifies that the grant or donation must be used in future accounting periods, or when the donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement. Subscriptions are recognised in the year in which they are receivable.

#### ***Resources expended***

Expenditure is recognised on accruals basis when a liability is incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT, which cannot be recovered.

Costs of generating funds are those incurred in investment management fees required to raise the charity's investment income.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

#### ***Fund accounting***

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are subject to grant or donor terms and conditions. Transfers from unrestricted funds to restricted funds are made when necessary to fund deficits arising on restricted projects as shown in notes 15 and 16.

#### ***Foreign currency transactions***

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using the rate of exchange resulting at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date and the gains and losses on transactions are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

#### ***Pension scheme***

The Society operates a defined contribution scheme and the pension cost charged in the accounts represents the contribution payable by the Society during the year.

#### ***Tangible fixed assets***

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets over their expected useful lives. The Society has a policy of capitalising items over £500. Office equipment including computer equipment is depreciated on a straight line basis at 25% per annum.

## Notes to the accounts (continued)

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### Investments

Investments are shown at market value, any gain or loss on revaluation on investments held at the end of the year being transferred to the General Fund and Designated Fund.

#### Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

### 2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2016 £	2015 £
Subscriptions	204,100	-	204,100	155,171
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid Scheme	190	-	190	28,579
Donations	9,656	-	9,656	4,274
Legacy	222,074	-	222,074	-
Sundry income	-	-	-	213
	<u>436,020</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>436,020</u>	<u>188,237</u>

Gift aid income recognised in 2015 included amounts relating to 2016 and has thus restricted the gift able to be recognised in 2016. A claim for both years was submitted post year end and as such the Gift aid debtor is similar to the prior year.

In 2015 £11,191 of donations were restricted.

### 3 Income from investments

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2016 £	2015 £
Income from investments	27,459	-	27,459	27,718
Bank interest received	128	-	128	275
	<u>27,587</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,587</u>	<u>27,993</u>

### 4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2016 £	2015 £
PSAS Grant Income	9,275	-	9,275	17,233
PSAS Income	1,041	-	1,041	533
Book Grant Income	60,564	-	60,564	17,410
Book Sales	8,112	-	8,112	14,330
SAIR	1,160	-	1,160	9,078
Programme & AGM	1,725	-	1,725	4,870
Rhinds	5,000	-	5,000	6,000
Conferences	797	-	797	13,955
Newsletter	275	-	275	375
Dig It 2015	-	87,328	87,328	111,004
ScARF	-	49,000	49,000	250
Events	179	-	179	-
Neolithic Project	-	5,330	5,330	-
Go Digital	-	2,201	2,201	-
	<u>88,128</u>	<u>143,859</u>	<u>231,987</u>	<u>195,038</u>

Income from charitable activities in 2015 was split £83,784 unrestricted and £111,254 restricted.



## Notes to the accounts (continued)

### 5 Expenditure on raising funds

	2016 £	2015 £
Investment manager's fee	2,831	3,015

Expenditure on raising funds was all unrestricted in 2015

### 6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted General	Unrestricted Designated	Restricted	2016 £	2015 £
PSAS expenditure	14,542	.	-	14,542	36,527
Book expenditure	58,596	.	-	58,596	35,665
SAIR	2,031	.	-	2,031	3,857
Programme & AGM	11,784	.	-	11,784	14,872
Rhinds	.	5,799	-	5,799	8,051
Conferences	1,687	.	-	1,687	9,486
Newsletter	6,887	.	-	6,887	6,657
DigIt! 2015	.	.	31,500	31,500	48,809
ScARF	.	.	14,174	14,174	61
Neolithic	.	.	4,630	4,630	35
Go Digital	.	.	1,570	1,570	.
Heritage Lottery Fund expenditure	.	.	-	-	8,025
Grants, awards and donations	.	12,013	-	12,013	14,633
Salaries and fees	114,668	.	-	114,668	122,141
- DigIt! 2015	.	.	55,458	55,458	53,180
- Fellowship and development	32,471	.	-	32,471	32,471
- ScARF	.	.	12,157	12,157	.
Pension payments	10,790	.	-	10,790	11,794
- DigIt! 2015	.	.	5,070	5,070	4,652
- Fellowship and development	2,950	.	-	2,950	2,950
- ScARF	.	.	1,136	1,136	.
Printing, stationery, post and telephone	3,586	.	-	3,586	5,929
Office equipment, maintenance and insurance	13,811	.	-	13,811	10,469
- CRM	.	.	-	-	10,982
Miscellaneous	4,753	.	-	4,753	4,342
Bank charges	1,888	.	-	1,888	1,871
Depreciation	3,289	.	-	3,289	3,435
Bad debt written off	11,216	.	-	11,216	9,867
Governance (Note 7)	7,956	.	-	7,956	9,249
	<u>302,905</u>	<u>17,812</u>	<u>125,695</u>	<u>446,412</u>	<u>470,010</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities in 2015 was split £355,108 unrestricted and £114,902 restricted.

### 7 Governance costs

	2016 £	2015 £
Independent Examination fee	-	4,140
Audit fee	6,499	.
Council and Committee expenses	857	305
Legal fees	-	4,800
Accountancy	600	.
	<u>7,956</u>	<u>9,249</u>

## Notes to the accounts (continued)

### 8 Employment costs

	2016	2015
	£	£
Salaries	196,777	191,048
Employer's National Insurance	14,760	13,556
Pension costs	19,946	19,396
Casual wages	300	272
Childcare vouchers	2,916	2,916
	<u>234,699</u>	<u>227,188</u>
Average number of employees	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>

The Director, Assistant Treasurer and Managing Editor are considered key management. Key management remuneration in the year was £85,245 (2015: £81,682). Employer pension contributions for key management totalled £8,949 (2015: £8,589). No employee earned more than £60,000 in either period.

The Society operates a defined contribution pension scheme in respect of its employees. The scheme and its assets are held by independent managers. The pension charge represents contributions due for the year.

Council members have received travel expenses of £392 to attend meetings (2015: £309) but no remuneration for their services has been made.

### 9 Grants, awards & donations

	2016 No	2016 £	2015 No	2015 £
Research grants to individuals	10	11,533	8	11,993
Awards	-	-	-	-
Unused grant amounts	-	-	-	-
		<u>11,533</u>		<u>11,993</u>
Other	1	480	1	2,640
		<u>12,013</u>		<u>14,633</u>

### 10 Fixed assets

	Office equipment £
<b>Cost</b>	
At start of year	53,379
Additions	-
	<u>53,379</u>
At end of year	53,379
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At start of year	47,796
Charge for year	3,289
	<u>51,085</u>
At end of year	51,085
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 May 2016	<u>2,294</u>
At 31 May 2015	<u>5,583</u>



## Notes to the accounts (continued)

### 11 Investments

	UK listed Investment	Fixed interest investment	Cash held for reinvestment	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Value</b>				
At start of year	782,109	44,213	35,589	861,911
Purchases at cost	22,761	-	-	22,761
Disposals proceeds	(61,158)	(15,000)	-	(76,158)
Cash transferred out of investments	-	-	16,871	16,871
Realised gains/(losses) on disposal	(19,970)	(171)	-	(20,141)
Unrealised gains/(losses) on revaluation	(9,918)	225	-	(9,693)
	<u>713,824</u>	<u>29,267</u>	<u>52,460</u>	<u>795,551</u>
<b>Historical cost</b>				
At 31 May 2016				<u>584,533</u>
At 31 May 2015				<u>616,498</u>

### 12 Debtors

	2016	2015
	£	£
Gift Aid receivable	46,698	46,508
Other debtors	12,090	23,928
Prepayments and accrued income	67,268	26,024
Legacy	222,074	-
	<u>348,130</u>	<u>96,460</u>

### 13 Creditors

	2016	2015
	£	£
Research and other grants not yet claimed	8,236	10,248
Tax and social security	2,949	4,088
Other creditors	41,726	29,507
Deferred income	18,405	17,922
Provision for publication – Volume 144 (2014: Volume 143)	18,733	33,394
	<u>90,049</u>	<u>95,159</u>

### 14 Analysis of net assets amongst funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	2,294	-	2,294
Investment assets	795,551	-	795,551
Current assets	370,315	36,232	406,547
Current liabilities	(90,049)	-	(90,049)
	<u>1,078,111</u>	<u>36,232</u>	<u>1,114,343</u>

## Notes to the accounts (continued)

### 15 Unrestricted funds

	1 June 2015	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Gains/ (losses) £	Transfers £	31 May 2016 £
General fund	499,101	318,480	(304,543)	(15,955)	(5,000)	492,083
Designated funds	380,657	233,255	(19,005)	(13,879)	5,000	586,028
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	879,758	551,735	(323,548)	(29,834)	-	1,078,111
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#### Purpose of unrestricted funds

The General Fund represents accumulated reserves and unspent balances from previous years. It may be used for any purposes under the terms of the Charter.

#### Purpose of designated funds

The designated fund represents accumulated reserves and unspent balances from previous years. It has been set aside from unrestricted funds by the Council Trustees to provide resource for grants and other awards.

### 16 Restricted funds

	1 June 2015 £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	31 May 2016 £
Murray	9,217	-	-	-	9,217
ScARF	2,663	49,000	(27,467)	-	24,196
Dig It 2015	5,413	87,328	(92,028)	-	713
Neolithic Project	-	5,330	(4,630)	-	700
Heritage Lottery Fund	775	-	-	-	775
Go Digital	-	2,201	(1,570)	-	631
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	18,068	143,859	(125,695)	-	36,232
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#### Murray Award Fund

Donations from Peter Murray to be used for the award of a cash prize and medal for the publication of high quality historic work in *The Proceedings* or in other publications of the Society.

#### ScARF (Scottish Archaeological Research Framework)

Funding was received from Historic Scotland and Museums Galleries Scotland for this project which is a web-based publication and provides a framework for the development of research in Scottish archaeology by critically reviewing the current state of archaeological knowledge and considering the potential and practicability of future areas of research.

#### Dig It 2015

Funding was received from Historic Scotland for this project which will provide a year long programme of events and initiatives celebrating Scottish archaeology in 2015.

#### Neolithic Project

A multi-disciplinary approach to research and celebrate Neolithic monuments, including their investigation, protection and conservation, which was administered through a member of staff within the Society funded by Historic Scotland and AOC Archaeology Group. The post was responsible for co-ordinating partners, helping organise a symposium and supporting the development of a major funding bid.



## Notes to the accounts *(continued)*

### 16 Restricted funds *(continued)*

#### **Heritage Lottery Fund**

Funding was received from the Heritage Lottery Fund towards the project "Scotland's Global Heritage: A sustainable future for The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland". The grant of £10,000 is to help develop increase Fellowship income from subscriptions, donations and legacies and includes funds towards the redevelopment of the Society website.

#### **Go Digital**

A grant award from Publishing Scotland enables the Society to pilot greater accessibility and discoverability of its online out-of-print books.

### 17 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year which require disclosure.

### 18 Ultimate controlling party

The Society is controlled by the Council who are the Trustees.