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ORKNEY HERITAGE SOCIETY

SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER SC004033

ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 August 2020

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name

Orkney Heritage Society

Charity Number

SC004033

Address

P O Box 6220, Kirkwall, KW15 9AD

Current Trustees

Spencer Rosie Chair

David Murdoch Vice Chair

Neil Kermode Secretary

John White Treasurer

Sandy Firth President

Chris Gee

Joyce Gray

Hayley Green

Andrew Hollinrake

Ann Marwick

Sheena Wenham Vice President

Caroline Wickham-Jones

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 20 October 2016. The Society was previously an unincorporated association founded in 1968 and a registered charity from 28 January 1969.

Appointment of Trustees

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The Board members are the charity's trustees. Membership of the Board is open to all paid up members. Trustees are elected at the annual general meeting. There must be a minimum of five and a maximum of twenty trustees.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purposes

The Society's purposes are:

To stimulate public interest in, and care for, the beauty, history and character of Orkney;

To encourage the preservation, development and improvement of features of general public amenity or historic interest;

To encourage high standards of architecture and planning in Orkney;

And in furtherance thereof: to organise public lectures, conferences, exhibitions and trips, publish various publications and organise a series of awards

Activities

The Society's activities consist of: Trustees' meetings; updating a new website; publishing books, newsletters and Journals; selling books and journals; campaigning on Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) Infrastructure Project in Orkney; arranging visits; monitoring and being consulted on planning applications; liaising with the Orkney Local Access Forum; organising and promoting the Fereday Prize for a local history investigation amongst second year pupils in Orkney, the Marjorie Linklater Award for creative writing and the Laura Grimond Award for architectural projects in Orkney.

Achievements and Performance

The Society continues to liaise with SSEN and Orkney Islands Council over the Infrastructure Project in Orkney; has published its 2020 Newsletter; has been considering ways of assisting with the purchase of historical artefacts relevant to Orkney; continues to monitor and comment on planning applications; has published a Journal of papers to commemorate the victims of the Orkney witchcraft trials; is planning for the Fereday Prize and the Laura Grimond Award. The coronavirus pandemic has restricted activities, including the cancellation of the Eynhallow trip, the Society's main fundraiser for the year.

Financial Review

The Society's membership has remained steady. There has been a fall in sales of the HMS Hampshire book but the sales of other books and journals was similar. Donations have reduced, but costs have reduced, largely on account of fewer events and projects. The fall in surplus for the year is principally due to the cancellation of the annual trip to Eynhallow.

Reserves Policy

There is no policy as such on reserves but the Society holds sufficient cash and investments for its ongoing needs.

Plans for Future Period

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The Society's Board continues to meet regularly and is continuing with the abovementioned range of activities as far as these are possible in the restrictions imposed by the coronavirus pandemic.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures

Full Name

Position

Date