

The Regency Society of Brighton and Hove

Report of the trustees and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017

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Membership secretary

Suzanne Hinton, 12 Abbots, 129 Kings Road, Brighton BN1 2FA

Independent examiner

Stephen Pavey ACMA

Constitution

The Regency Society is a registered charity, no. 210194. It is governed by its Constitution, adopted by members at a special general meeting on 2 March 2011 and amended on 6 February 2013.

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The Society's Charitable Objects are:

- (1) to promote for the benefit of the public, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and built environment of the City of Brighton and Hove and the surrounding area.
- (2) to advance the education of the public in the history, conservation, protection and improvement of this physical and built environment.

Conservation, protection and improvement

To achieve our first object the trustees have monitored development proposals throughout the City. We have met developers and council officers to discuss issues such as the Waterfront Project, the restoration of the Madeira arches, re-development of a synagogue site in Hove and plans for the "Edward Street Quarter".

In May we held a special meeting of trustees, devoted entirely to consideration of the Council's joint project with Standard Life Aberdeen to build a new venue at Black Rock and expand the Churchill Square shopping centre (the "Waterfront Project"). As a result, we published a position statement in which we raised a number of concerns and criticised the Council for failing to publish and consult on the justification for this large, complex development.

In July we withdrew from membership of the Council's Conservation Advisory Group. The decision arose from a disagreement within the group regarding the way its views had been reported to the Planning Committee. Hove Civic Society withdrew at the same time. Since then the two societies have been holding regular joint meetings to monitor developments across the city. Each society still makes its own decisions about what actions to take, but we benefit from the shared discussions.

Following our involvement during 2016 in the preparation of a character statement for the Old Town Conservation Area, we are now helping with the drafting of a conservation management plan for the area.

In December we contributed £10,000 towards the successful crowdfunding campaign to support the initial stage of restoration of the Madeira Arches. We have also made smaller donations to the Hove Plinth Appeal (£150), the Antony Dale Trust (£300) and the Civic Voice Conservation Areas Appeal (£50)

Advancement of education

Our public lecture programme started with an excellent talk by Owen Hopkins on Hawksmoor's churches in London, followed later in the year by a coach trip to view some of them. Other lectures covered landscape planning, postmodernism and theatrical buildings. The annual Antony Dale lecture was given by our president, Sir Simon Jenkins who told us about some of the work he had done as chair of the National Trust.

Our main study tour was a five-night trip to Northumbria, based in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Our visits included Cragside (a fine National Trust property), a boat trip around the Farne Islands and a tour of Washington New Town, on which two of our number had worked as architects during its inception.

We published two *Regency Society Journals* during the year, the second being entirely devoted to the history and current plight of Marlborough House, arguably Brighton's second most important listed building.

In November we held a very well-attended event to launch a new Regency Society website, which holds an impressive collection of early prints of Brighton and Hove. To accompany the launch we published a book about two of the printmakers who had originally created them and two historians. Particular thanks are due to print collector and Regency Society member, Steve Myall who first proposed the project and has played a major role in its success.

Work also started during the year on upgrading the website which holds the Society's James Gray photographic collection. The main aim is to make the site easier to search and to add contemporary updates to Gray's original annotations. A large team of members has volunteered to help with this major task.

Membership

Membership numbers have remained fairly steady over the year but with a small reduction by the year end. As at 31 December 2017 the Society had 345 members (361 in 2016). At the end of the year we started a membership drive, which we hope will bring membership numbers back to 2016 levels or above. This year's financial statements show the results of our first success in recovering Gift Aid for those members who are eligible.

We have continued to keep members informed about our activities through regular news updates. Our members' garden party was held in Kemp Town's secret garden. City mayor Cllr. Mo Marsh was our guest of honour and we were also very pleased to welcome Lloyd Russell-Moyle, the newly elected MP for Brighton, Kemptown. We held a quiz night for members in February.

Governance

The committee of trustees met formally on 12 occasions during 2017. The financial statements for 2017 are shown in pages 7 and 8. The trustees did not review the reserves or investment policies during 2017.

We are grateful to Mike Jackson who has served as our independent financial examiner for several years and has now stood down. We are pleased that Regency Society member Stephen Pavey has volunteered to take over the role.

Funding

The lecture programme and journals are largely available free of charge to members and to the public; they are funded from members' subscriptions and other revenue. The exception is the Antony Dale lecture for which we hire the Royal Pavilion Music Room and serve drinks after the talk; an entrance fee to cover these costs is charged for all those attending.

Charges are made for all outings and study tours to cover their full cost.

The donation to the Madeira Arches restoration was funded from the Conservation and Improvement reserve, which has been replenished from the general fund to maintain it at its previous level.

Reserves

The trustees have designated three unrestricted reserve funds for purposes directly related to the society's charitable objects:

Campaigning fund: this reserve is held to meet the cost of campaigning for or against proposed development activity which the trustees consider likely to improve or to damage the city's physical and built environment. It has not been drawn on during 2017 and currently stands at £24,000.

Conservation or improvement fund: this reserve is held for use in supporting projects which the trustees believe will conserve, protect or improve the city's physical and built environment. A donation of £10,000 was made from this fund to the City Council's appeal for restoration works on the Madeira Arches. The fund currently stands at £24,000, following a transfer of £10,000 from the general fund.

Education fund: this reserve is held to enable the society to subsidise events designed to educate the public in the history, conservation, protection and improvement of the city's physical and built environment. The cost of the society's educational activities is met largely from annual revenue. The education fund is held to meet the cost of any additional educational activity that cannot be fully funded in the usual way. It has not been drawn on during 2017 and currently stands at £12,000.

Heritage Assets

The society owns a small number of heritage assets.

The James Gray photographic collection illustrates the development of Brighton and Hove through a wide and varied range of images. The collection is lodged with East Sussex Records Office at the Keep. Scanned copies of the entire collection can be viewed on the society's web site.

A small collection of other historic artworks and artefacts owned by the society are on loan to the Brighton Royal Pavilion and Museums.

Property

The Society owns a small storeroom in Regency Square, Brighton. This is held in trust for the society by the Official Custodian of Charities.

Signed by Roger Hinton

On behalf of the Trustees 28 February 2018

Statement of financial activities (unrestricted funds) for the year ended 31 December 2017

	2017	2017	2016	2016
	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
Subscriptions	4,827.00		3,982.00	
Lecture series + events	22,600.66		18,771.13	
James Gray collection	175.00		130.00	
Dividend income	1,583.23		1,691.36	
Donations + Gift Aid	2,995.62		105.00	
Interest received	12.12		13.24	
Total income		<u>32,193.63</u>		<u>24,692.73</u>
Expenditure on:				
Direct expenditure				
Lecture series + events		19,623.79		22,576.45
Administration costs				
Subscriptions	428.00		379.00	
Committee, AGM costs	555.00		279.00	
Donations (note 1)	10,500.00		250.00	
Internet and website costs	1,214.46		612.77	
Insurance	266.93		265.73	
Printing and postage and publications	1,421.33		1,073.81	
Bank charges	85.60		14.41	
		<u>14,471.32</u>		<u>2,874.72</u>
Total expenditure		<u>34,095.11</u>		<u>25,451.17</u>
Net income or (net expenditure)		(1,901.48)		(758.44)
Gains on revaluation of investment assets		<u>7,142.98</u>		<u>4,871.24</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>5,241.50</u>		<u>4,112.80</u>
Total funds brought forward at 1 January		<u>116,241.50</u>		<u>112,128.70</u>
Total funds carried forward at 31 December		<u><u>121,483.00</u></u>		<u><u>116,241.50</u></u>

Balance sheet at 31 December 2017

	2017 £	2017 £	2016 £	2016 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible fixed assets at cost				
Furniture on loan to the Royal Pavilion (Note 2)	1,715.00		1,715.00	
James Gray Photographic Collection	10,000.00		10,000.00	
Storeroom (Note 3)	-		-	
		<u>11,715.00</u>		<u>11,715.00</u>
Investments at market value				
CAF UK equity stock	82,825.51		74,099.30	
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Total fixed assets		<u>94,540.51</u>		<u>85,814.30</u>
Current assets				
Bank account – CAFBank current	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Bank account – CAFBank deposit	22,329.50		4,970.99	
Bank account – Lloyds Bank current	3,612.99		24,456.21	
Total current assets		<u>26,942.49</u>		<u>30,427.20</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>121,483.00</u>		<u>116,241.50</u>
Unrestricted funds (Note 4)				
General fund	61,483.00		56,241.50	
Designated – campaigning	24,000.00		24,000.00	
Designated – conservation or improvement	24,000.00		24,000.00	
Designated – education	12,000.00		12,000.00	
		<u>121,483.00</u>		<u>116,241.50</u>

Approved by the trustees on 16 January 2018 and signed on their behalf

Roger Hinton
Chairman

Notes

1 – £10,000 to the crowdfunding appeal for Maderia Terraces, from the conservation or improvement fund, topped up by the general fund; £150 to the Hove Plinth Appeal, £300 to the Antony Dale Trust, £50 to Ciivic Voice conservation area appeal, all from the general fund.

2 – The assets lent by the Society to the Royal Pavilion are accounted for at cost: valuations are unchanged from 2010 and are reported as follows: 1. Candlesticks £5,000; 2. Circular table in elm £25,000; 3. State armchair £30,000 4. Bust of George IV £10,000.

3 - Given to the Society in 2004. It is vested with the Charity Commission's Official Custodian.

4 - Funds designated by trustees, May 2014

Rupert Radcliffe-Genge
Honorary treasurer

Members as at 31 December 2017

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