

The Regency Society of Brighton and Hove

Report of the trustees and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019

<u>President</u>	Sir Simon Jenkins FRSL
<u>Vice-presidents</u>	Sir John Kingman FRS Derek Granger John Wells-Thorpe OBE (deceased 21 st April 2019) Prof Gavin Henderson CBE
<u>Trustees</u>	
Chair	Roger Hinton (re-elected 2017 and stood down 2019) Mary McKean (elected 2019)
Vice-chairs	Helen Walker (re-appointed 2019) Mary McKean (appointed 2018 and stood down 2019) David Fisher (appointed 2019)
Honorary secretary	Richard Carroll (elected 2016 and stood down 2019) Roger Hinton (elected 2019)
Honorary treasurer	Rupert Radcliffe-Genge (re-elected 2017)
Committee	Angela Devas (co-opted 2019) David Fisher (re-elected 2017) Delia Forester (re-elected 2017, stood down 2019) Alasdair Glass (elected 2018) Kate Jordan (elected 2017) Kate Ormond (elected 2018) Richard Robinson (re-elected 2017, stood down 2019) Lyn Turpin (elected 2018) Helen Walker (re-elected 2019) Kevin Wilsher (elected 2017) Jamie Wright (re-elected 2019)

Note: the vice chairs are appointed annually by trustees at their first meeting after the AGM.

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Membership secretary and contact address

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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.

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 December 2019

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

Our Planning Forum, which is run jointly with Hove Civic Society, has met 11 times during the year and reviewed 90 significant planning applications.

We raised queries about proposals to change the layout of the front boundary wall and driveway of Marlborough House, one of Brighton's most significant listed buildings. No adequate heritage appraisal had been provided. Even so, the application has now been approved.

We looked in detail at the proposal for a new block of flats on a site that is part of the Sussex County Cricket Ground. We supported the scheme in terms of its size and design, but regretted the lack of any affordable housing. Meanwhile we fully supported the proposal for two new buildings behind Portslade Town Hall to provide 42 new homes. This is part of the City council's major project to build new council housing.

Jointly with Hove Civic Society we objected to a proposed development of a site in Holland Road, currently used by a vehicle rental business. The proposed design is poor and does not sit well with its neighbours, particularly the Grade II listed former depository to the south. A decision is awaited.

We welcomed a proposal for work at All Saints Church in Church Hill Brighton, to strip away modern render and repair the original flint rubble and lime mortar walls. This application has now been approved.

We objected to a major development proposal on the corner of Palmeira Avenue and Cromwell Road that would provide 80 new flats and a hotel. The design of the building was inappropriate for the area. We also queried the suitability of the location for a hotel. A decision is awaited.

Plans have been approved for a new synagogue and housing on a site in New Church Road. We looked at the proposals in considerable detail and visited the site with the architect. There is much that is good about this scheme, but our overall conclusion was that it represents over-development of the site and we objected on that basis.

The Society was much relieved to learn that the idea of a new conference and entertainment venue at Black Rock had been abandoned. We met representatives of Aberdeen Standard twice during the year to learn about their plans to re-develop Churchill Square, including space for a replacement for the now out-dated Brighton Centre. This new scheme will represent a major re-development in central Brighton: it deserves architecture of the highest quality. We will be monitoring it closely.

Advancement of education

History

Work has continued on the updating of the James Gray photographic collection. We are planning for the new website to become available for use early in 2021. It will offer improved search facilities and contemporary views alongside many of James Gray's original photographs.

Publications

We celebrated some of the best of Brighton's architecture in an occasional paper by former trustee John McKean on the buildings of Brighton College.

Events

The speaker at the annual Antony Dale lecture was Duncan Wilson, chief executive of Historic England, who was introduced by the Society's vice-president, Gavin Henderson.

Other events during the year included a very successful study tour to Merseyside. Our lecture programme covered a variety of subjects such as the restoration of the Brighton Corn Exchange (with a site visit); Eric Lyons and Span; and the social history of Regency Square. We had an enjoyable evening visit to the Keep to hear Mary McKean and Christopher Horlock talk about old photographs of Brighton and Hove.

At the start of the 2019-20 events season we moved our regular venue from the Metropolitan College in Pelham Street to the Friends Meeting house in Ship Street. Members' comments suggest that the new venue is proving to be a success.

Membership

It is with great regret that we note the death of John Wells-Thorpe on Easter Sunday 2019. He was a past chair of the Society and continued to give much-valued advice and support to trustees thereafter. Our condolences go to his wife, Meta, and his children, Francis and Peter. For an appreciation of John's life, please see our website at <https://rb.gy/d5ioal>

As at 31 December 2019 the Society had 361 members (358 in 2018), listed below. We continue to recover Gift Aid for those members who are eligible.

We have continued to keep members informed about our activities through monthly news updates.

Our annual members' garden party was held on 22nd June. Our guest of honour was the Mayor of Brighton and Hove, Councillor Alex Phillips.

Governance

The committee of trustees met formally 11 times during 2019. The financial statements for the year are shown on the following pages. The trustees reviewed the reserve funds; and the investment policies during the year.

We are grateful to Stephen Pavey who has served as our independent financial examiner. Stephen is a Regency Society member and undertakes the role on a voluntary basis.

Funding

The lecture programme and journals are available largely free of charge to members and to the public; they are funded from members' subscriptions and other revenues. The main 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 contribute towards these costs is charged to all those attending. Tours and outings are also funded from charges to participants. The cost of the garden party is met by the sale of tickets to members.

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 2019 and currently stands at £24,000.

Conservation and 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 £250 was made from this fund to Hove Civic Society towards the cost of the next sculpture to be installed on the Hove Plinth. A donation of £2,500 was agreed for Brighton Dome and Festival Ltd to support the restoration of the Brighton Corn Exchange. This was made in 2020. The fund currently stands at £24,000, following a transfer of £250 from the general fund. A donation of £350 was made from the general fund to the Antony Dale Trust to support its work in maintaining the Kemp Town "Secret Garden". All the above-mentioned recipients are registered charities.

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. As mentioned above, 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 significant

additional educational activity that cannot be fully funded in the usual way. It has not been drawn on during 2019 and currently stands at £12,000.

Heritage assets

The Society owns a small number of heritage assets. The James Gray photographic collection is one. There is also a small collection of other historic artworks and artefacts owned by the Society, which are on loan to the Brighton Royal Pavilion and Museums.

Property

The Society owns the lease on a storeroom in Regency Square, Brighton. This is held in trust for the Society by the Official Custodian of Charities. During the year the trustees were required to pay £779.10 for the fitting of a new fire door to the storeroom, as a result of a fire safety survey. The storeroom is in need of other maintenance work. The trustees have reviewed the contents of the room during the year with a view to disposing of the lease. The contents have all been removed; some have been deposited at The Keep, others have been sold or donated to charity and the remainder have been re-located to a secure storage area provided by one of the trustees.

Signed by Mary McKean, chair
On behalf of the trustees, 22 February 2020

Statement of financial activities (unrestricted funds) for the year ended 31 December 2019

	2019	2019	2018	2018
Income and endowments from:				
Subscriptions	£4,743.34		£4,912.62	
Lecture series + events	£15,582.51		£5,386.80	
James Gray collection	£356.00		£600.00	
Dividend income	£2,292.92		£1,739.42	
Donations + Gift Aid	£1,034.28		£1,154.59	
Interest received	£25.76		£14.13	
Total income		£24,034.81		£13,807.56
Expenditure on:				
<i>Direct expenditure</i>				
Lecture series + events		£18,553.36		£4,998.91
James Gray collection		£55.00		
<i>Administration costs</i>				
Subscriptions	£437.00		£429.50	
Committee, AGM costs	£264.00		£303.00	
Donations ¹	£600.00		£7,300.00	
Internet and website costs	£791.42		£814.87	
Insurance	£285.36		£271.78	
Printing and postage and publications	£2,379.75		£1,579.31	
Bank charges	£60.00		£60.00	
Storeroom costs	£779.10			
		£5,596.63		£10,758.46
Total expenditure		£24,204.99		£15,757.37
Net income or (net expenditure)		£(170.18)		£(1,949.81)
Gains on revaluation of investment assets		£10,231.61		£(10,558.72)
Net movement in funds		£10,061.43		£(12,508.53)
Total funds brought forward at 1 January		£108,974.47		£121,483.00
Total funds carried forward at 31 December		£119,035.90		£108,974.47

Balance sheet at 31 December

	2019	2019	2018	2018
Fixed assets				
Tangible fixed assets at cost				
Furniture on loan to the Royal Pavilion ²	£1,715.00		£1,715.00	
James Gray Photographic Collection Storeroom ³	£10,000.00		£10,000.00	
	£-		£-	
		£11,715.00		£11,715.00
Investments at market value				
CAF UK equity stock	£86,530.74		£74,006.21	
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Total fixed assets		£98,245.74		£85,721.21
Current assets				
Bank account – CAFBank current	£1,000.00		£1,000.00	
Bank account – CAFBank deposit	£17,772.68		£19,863.13	
Bank account – Lloyds Bank current	£2,017.48		£2,390.13	
Total current assets		£20,790.16		£23,253.26
NET ASSETS		£119,035.90		£108,974.47
Unrestricted funds⁴				
General fund		£59,035.90		£48,974.47
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
		£119,035.90		£108,974.47

Approved by trustees on 21 January 2020 and signed on their behalf

Mary McKean

Chair

1 – £250 to the crowdfunding appeal for the Hove plinth, from the conservation or improvement fund, topped up by the general fund; £350 to the Antony Dale Trust, 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 2019

Mrs	B Abbott	Mr	S Corson
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Mr	Christopher Horlock	Mr	Nick Muston
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