

# **The Regency Society of Brighton and Hove**

## **Report of the trustees and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020**



<b><u>President</u></b>	Sir Simon Jenkins FRSL
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<b>Chair</b>	Mary McKean (elected 2019)
<b>Vice chairs</b>	Helen Walker (appointed 2020) David Fisher (appointed 2020)
<b>Honorary secretary</b>	Roger Hinton (elected 2019)
<b>Honorary treasurer</b>	Rupert Radcliffe-Genge (elected 2017)
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Notes: the vice chair(s) are appointed annually by the trustees, normally at their first meeting after the AGM; trustees serve for three years after election and can then be nominated for re-election.

**Registered address**

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**Membership secretary**

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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. It can be read on the Society's web site ([regencysociety.org](http://regencysociety.org)).

## **Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 December 2020**

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.

Like so many activities, the work of the Society during 2020 has been disrupted by the Covid 19 pandemic. The trustees have continued to meet, though less frequently than normally and on-line rather than in one room.

### **Conservation, protection and improvement**

Our Planning Forum, which is run jointly with Hove Civic Society, has continued its work, via email rather than face to face meetings. We have reviewed 85 significant planning applications during the year.

One of the largest was the demolition of the Sackville Trading Estate in Sackville Road, Hove. We expressed concern that the development will have only one vehicle access route, but this, along with the rest of the scheme has now been approved. It will provide homes, office space, retail and a care home.

Also in Hove, we objected to a large residential and hotel scheme proposed for the corner of Palmeira Avenue and Cromwell Road. The developer tried to meet various objections by making several changes, including the removal of the hotel element. Even so, permission has eventually been refused.

We looked in detail at plans for a new hotel in Cannon Place, behind the Metropole. If approved, it should improve the character of the Regency Square Conservation Area. We made several comments such as regretting the lack of a master plan for development of the rest of the site. Overall, we welcomed the scheme. The scheme has now been approved.

We objected to a proposal for a large block of flats in Holland Road because of their damaging impact on an immediately adjacent listed building. We thought our case had won the day when the Council refused permission. Unfortunately, the developers then appealed and permission has been granted by the government planning inspector.

Unusually the Regency Society members of the Planning Forum were unable to agree on whether or not to object to a scheme for a new office building at the corner of Church Street and Portland Street in Brighton. Some wanted to

welcome the development of the site which has been an eyesore for many years. Others felt the new building would harm the character of the North Laine Conservation Area and the setting of a nearby listed building. So, for once, we had to remain silent! A decision is still awaited on this application.

Plans are currently being prepared for a major development on the gas works site in Kemp Town. We met online with the developers in August. We responded to their plans, saying that they are not in scale with the local area. We suggested housing priced to suit local people and other amenities which could include medical facilities, social space, a nursery, and a market space.

We also met online with Council traffic planners to discuss their proposals for the final stage of the Victoria Gardens re-development. We suggested a number of minor changes to pedestrian and cycle routes.

Two of the Society's trustees have served on the Council's advisory panel related to the management of the project to restore the Madeira Arches.

We have responded to a number of public consultations during the year, notably Part 2 of the Brighton and Hove City Plan and the Government White Paper, "Planning for the Future"

## **Advancement of education**

### **History**

Work continues on the new web site for the James Gray photographic collection. Once it is available for use it will offer improved search facilities and contemporary views alongside many of James Gray's original photographs.

### **Publications**

We have contributed to the debate on the future of the Brighton General Hospital site with a discussion paper published on our web site. It describes the historical development of the site as a workhouse and discusses how it could be re-developed as housing while preserving the heritage of the original buildings.

### **Events**

The year started well with an excellent talk at the Friends Meeting House on "Honesty in Architecture". it was given by Mathew Slocombe, Director of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings.

In February we were able to visit Brighton College to see their new Science and Sport Building. The tour was followed with talks from one of the architects involved in designing the building and from John McKean, author of our recently published paper on the college's buildings.

In the same month we organised a "members' conversation" about the Society's future activities. It resulted in a number of interesting ideas which were discussed further at an on-line members' meeting in September.

By March concerns about the corona virus were mounting. We were able to go ahead with the Antony Dale lecture at the Royal Pavilion. It was given by Nicola

Turner Inman, a curator of the Royal Collection. She told us about the various items of furniture and objects currently on loan from Her Majesty the Queen for display in their original home, which, of course we were able to see around us. Then came the cancellations: the John Small Lecture, the AGM, the Garden Party and a tour of Lancing College Chapel and Steyning.

When Autumn came and face to face meetings were clearly not an option, we organised a series of on-line talks which were made available to view on the Society's web site, each for a specified period of a few weeks. These included Alan Powers on John Piper's seaside aquatints, James Gardner on Brighton's workhouses and Mary McKean on the lost streets of Brighton. We were also very pleased that David Fisher was able to give an online version of his previously cancelled, John Small lecture on the development of Brighton.

### **Membership**

As at 31 December 2020 the Society had 342 members (361 in 2019), as listed below. We recover Gift Aid on members; subscriptions when possible. We have continued to keep members informed about our activities through monthly news updates.

### **Governance and Finance**

No annual general meeting was held during 2020 because of government restrictions arising from the Covid pandemic. After consultation with the Charity Commission the trustees are hoping to be able to hold an AGM at some point during 2021. The reports and accounts for both 2019 and 2020 will be presented to members at this meeting. The committee of trustees met formally 6 times during 2020. They also held two informal discussion meetings.

In September 2020 Mary McKean, stepped back from her roles as a trustee and chair of the society. This was for personal reasons. She remains a trustee and the elected chair of the society. She has been kept fully informed of the trustees' activities and consulted on specific issues from time to time. Her duties as chair were taken over jointly by the two vice-chairs, David Fisher and Helen Walker. It is hoped that normal trustee responsibilities can be re-established by April 2021.

The financial statements for the year are shown on the following pages. The trustees reviewed the reserve funds, and 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 publications are available largely free of charge to members and equally 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.

## **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 was drawn on during 2020 for £200 (see accounts) 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. It was drawn on during 2020 for £2,650 (see accounts) and currently stands at £24,000.

**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 2020 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. It is held in trust for the Society by the Official Custodian of Charities. It is currently empty, and the Society's archives are held partly at The Keep and otherwise in a secure storage space provided by one of the trustees. Having been required by the freeholder to spend a significant sum on fire protection during 2019, we now find that the storeroom is in need of further work. The trustees intend to dispose of the storeroom during 2021.

**Signed by Mary McKean**

**On behalf of the Trustees on 29 June 2021**

## Statement of financial activities (unrestricted funds) for the year ended 31 December 2020

	2020	2020	2019	2019
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>				
Subscriptions	£3,605.37		£4,743.34	
Lecture series + events	£1,625.18		£15,582.51	
James Gray collection	£199.00		£356.00	
Dividend income	£1,636.02		£2,292.92	
Donations + Gift Aid	£208.24		£1,034.28	
Interest received	£12.50		£25.76	
<b>Total income</b>		<b>£7,286.31</b>		<b>£24,034.81</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
<i>Direct expenditure</i>				
Lecture series + events		£2,346.08		£18,553.36
James Gray collection		£-		£55.00
<i>Administration and other costs</i>				
Subscriptions	£444.00		£437.00	
Committee, AGM costs	£353.88		£264.00	
Donations <sup>1</sup>	£3,150.00		£600.00	
Internet and website costs	£14.32		£791.42	
Insurance	£285.37		£285.36	
Printing and postage and publications	£215.67		£2,379.75	
Bank charges	£60.00		£60.00	
Storeroom costs	£-		£779.10	
		<b>£4,523.24</b>		<b>£5,596.63</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>£6,869.32</b>		<b>£24,204.99</b>
<b>Net income or (net expenditure)</b>		<b>£416.99</b>		<b>£(170.18)</b>
<b>Gains (losses) on revaluation of investment assets</b>		<b>£(5,312.52)</b>		<b>£10,231.61</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>£(4,895.53)</b>		<b>£10,061.43</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward at 1 January</b>		<b>£119,035.90</b>		<b>£108,974.47</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward at 31 December</b>		<b>£114,140.37</b>		<b>£119,035.90</b>



## Balance sheet at 31 December

	2020	2020	2019	2019
<b>Fixed assets</b>				
<b>Tangible fixed assets at cost</b>				
Furniture on loan to the Royal Pavilion Trust <sup>2</sup>	£1,715.00		£1,715.00	
James Gray Photographic Collection Storeroom <sup>3</sup>	£10,000.00		£10,000.00	
	£-		£-	
		£11,715.00		£11,715.00
<b>Investments at market value</b>				
CAF UK equity stock	£82,853.24		£86,530.74	
		£82,853.24		£86,530.74
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		£94,568.24		£98,245.74
<b>Current assets</b>				
Bank account – CAFBank current	£1,000.00		£1,000.00	
Bank account – CAFBank deposit	£15,726.80		£17,772.68	
Bank account – Lloyds Bank current	£2,845.33		£2,017.48	
<b>Total current assets</b>		£19,572.13		£20,790.16
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		£114,140.37		£119,035.90
<b>Unrestricted funds</b> <sup>4</sup>				
General fund	£54,140.37		£59,035.90	
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	
	£114,140.37		£119,035.90	

Approved by the trustees, 19 January 2021, and signed on their behalf

Helen Walker

Vice-chair

1 – £2,500 to Corn Exchange restoration fund (conservation fund topped up by general fund), £300 to Antony Dale Trust (general fund), £150 to Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (conservation fund, topped up by general fund), £200 to crowdfunding appeal for planning case (campaigning fund, topped up from general fund)

2 – The assets lent by the Society to the Royal Pavilion Trust are accounted for at cost: valuations are unchanged from 2010, checked in 2020, 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 2020

Mrs B	Abbott	Mrs Susan	Coskry
Prof S	Adutt	Mr Anthony	Cragg
Ms Kate	Akester	Mr Ian	Crammond
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Mrs Coreen	Sears	Ms Monica	Willis
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Mr Neil	Smith		
Mrs Patricia	Smith		
Mr Bernard	Smith		
Mr David	Southern		
Mrs Jane	Southern		
Mr Tony	Spawforth		
Mr Arnold	Spence		
Mr Howard	Spencer		
Mr John	Spink		
Mrs Vivienne	Steinhardt		
Miss Caroline	Stephens		
Mr Duncan	Stewart		
Mr Robert	Stiles		
Mrs Pamela	Stiles		
Mr Alan	Stratford		
Mr Duncan	Studholme		
Mr Michael	Swain		
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