

The Regency Society of Brighton and Hove

Report of the trustees and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

<u>President</u>	Sir Simon Jenkins FRSL
<u>Vice-presidents</u>	Sir John Kingman FRS Derek Granger Prof Gavin Henderson CBE
<u>Trustees</u>	
Chair	Mary McKean (elected 2019)
Vice-chairs	Helen Walker (appointed 2020) David Fisher (appointed 2020)
Honorary secretary	Roger Hinton (elected 2019)
Honorary treasurer	Rupert Radcliffe-Genge (elected 2021)
Committee	Angela Devas (elected 2021) David Fisher (elected 2021) Alasdair Glass (elected 2021) Steve Piper (co-opted 2021 but did not stand for election at the subsequent AGM) Helen Walker (elected 2019) Jamie Wright (elected 2019) Paul Zara (elected 2021)

Notes: the vice chair(s) are appointed annually by the trustees from among their number, normally at the first committee meeting after the AGM. Trustees serve for three years after election and can then be nominated for re-election.

Registered address

18 Bedford Place, Brighton, BN1 2PT

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. It can be read on the Society's web site (regencysociety.org).

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 December 2021

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.

The work of the Society during 2021 has been disrupted by the Covid 19 pandemic. The trustees have continued to meet regularly, but 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 reviewed 54 planning applications during the year.

We welcomed proposed improvements to a former bank in Marlborough Place, originally designed by John Leopold Denman, a Regency Society founding member. On the other hand, we objected to proposed internal alterations to the Grade II listed, former post office in Ship Street.

We looked at plans for two new public sculptures. One, in Norfolk Square, which we suggested might result in an over-cluttered footway. The other in Circus Street, which we welcomed as providing some relief in the otherwise over-developed site, which now replaces the former fruit and vegetable market.

We also welcomed the well-presented application for improvements to the Temple and other buildings at the Brighton Girls Senior School and Sixth Form in Montpelier Road.

As the year drew to a close, we were starting to look at two major applications which will probably demand much attention during of 2022, namely the proposed Aldi store at the top of Dyke Road Avenue and the plans for more than 550 new homes on the site of the former gas works in Kemp Town.

Two trustees continued to be members of Brighton & Hove City Council's Madeira Terraces advisory committee during the year.

Advancement of education:

History

Our project to improve the accessibility and usefulness of the James Gray photographic collection has continued during the year, thanks to the hard work of a committed team of volunteers.

Events

Because of the pandemic most of our events during 2021 were presented online rather than in person. Topics covered included a history of the Hippodrome Theatre (by David Fisher), a virtual walk around Steyning (by Janet Pennington), the development of Brighton (by Sue Berry) and the architecture of the Denman family (by David Robson). Many thanks are due to all our speakers for adapting to a new way of presenting.

The one face-to-face event during the year was the Annual General Meeting (see below) which was followed the John Small lecture, given this year by the society's membership secretary, Suzanne Hinton who presented an illustrated tour of the city's twittens and cat creeps.

The annual Antony Dale lecture, which is normally held in the Music Room at the Royal Pavilion, was not held during 2021 because of Covid restrictions.

On 14 August we held a garden party in the Kemp Town Secret Garden, a little later in the year than usual. Some 60 guests enjoyed good weather, good refreshments and good conversation. We were pleased to welcome specially invited guests, including the Mayor.

Membership

As at 31 December 2021 the Society had 341 members (342 in 2020), 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 had been held during 2020 because of government restrictions arising from the Covid pandemic. After consultation with the Charity Commission the trustees decided to hold an AGM on 8 September 2021 at which the annual reports and accounts for both 2019 and 2020 were presented to members. Elections took place. There were 31 members present, making the meeting quorate. It was chaired by Mary McKean.

The committee of trustees met formally 10 times during 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.

Reserves

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

Campaigning fund: a reserve 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. During 2021 £200 was given to help fund a planning court case 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 not drawn on during 2021 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 2021 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 Trust.

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. Trustees have obtained a valuation for the storeroom and are hoping to dispose of it during 2022.

Signed by

Mary McKean, chair, on behalf of the trustees, on 15 February 2022.

Statement of financial activities (unrestricted funds) for the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2021	2020	2020
Income and endowments from:				
Subscriptions	£3,753.76		£3,605.37	
Lecture series + events	£1,176.81		£1,625.18	
James Gray collection	£130.00		£199.00	
Dividend income	£1,473.23		£1,636.02	
Donations + Gift Aid	£881.70		£208.24	
Interest received	£1.86		£12.50	
Total income		£7,417.36		£7,286.31
Expenditure on:				
Lecture series + events	£1,032.06		£2,346.08	
Subscriptions	£549.88		£444.00	
Committee, AGM costs	£26.00		£353.88	
Donations ¹	£525.00		£3,150.00	
Internet and website costs	£1,121.08		£14.32	
Insurance	£285.36		£285.37	
Printing and postage and publications	£186.32		£215.67	
Bank charges	£96.00		£60.00	
Storeroom costs	£180.00		£-	
Total expenditure		£4,001.70		£6,869.32
Net income or (net expenditure)		£3,415.66		£416.99
Gains (losses) on revaluation of investment assets		£10,963.74		£(5,312.52)
Net movement in funds		£14,379.40		£(4,895.53)
Total funds brought forward at 1 January		£114,140.37		£119,035.90
Total funds carried forward at 31 December		£128,519.77		£114,140.37

Balance sheet at 31 December

	2021	2021	2020	2020
Fixed assets				
Tangible fixed assets at cost				
Furniture on loan to the Royal Pavilion Trust ²	£1,715.00		£1,715.00	
James Gray Photographic Collection	£10,000.00		£10,000.00	
Storeroom ³	£-		£-	
		£11,715.00		£11,715.00
Investments at market value				
CAF UK equity stock	£95,290.21		£82,853.24	
		£95,290.21		£82,853.24
Total fixed assets		£107,005.21		£94,568.24
Current assets				
Bank account – CAFBank current	£1,000.00		£1,000.00	
Bank account – CAFBank deposit	£18,753.66		£15,726.80	
Bank account – Lloyds Bank current	£1,760.90		£2,845.33	
Total current assets		£21,514.56		£19,572.13
NET ASSETS		£128,519.77		£114,140.37
Unrestricted funds⁴				
General fund	£68,519.77		£54,140.37	
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	
	£128,519.77		£114,140.37	

Approved by the trustees on 13 January 2022 and signed on their behalf by Helen Walker, vice-chair

1 – 2021: £325 to Antony Dale Trust (ADT) (general fund), £200 to crowdfunded planning court case (campaigning fund topped up from general fund); 2020: £2,500 to Corn Exchange restoration fund (conservation fund topped up by general fund), £300 to ADT (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 2021

Mrs B	Abbott	Ms Shirley	Collins
Prof S	Adutt	Mr S	Corson
Ms Catherine (Kate)	Akester	Mr Eric	Coskry
Mrs Katerina	Allen	Mrs Susan	Coskry
Ms Mary	Allison	Mr Anthony	Cragg
Mr Roger V	Amerena	Mr Ian	Crammond
Ms M	Angus	Ms Audrey	Cresswell
Mr Julian	Arkell OBE	Mr Keith	Daniel
Mr Mike	Armstrong	Mrs Catherine	Davey
Mr D	Arnold	Mr Stuart	Davidson
Mr Sam	Arshi	Ms Christine	Davies
Mr A	Ashwell	Mr Lee	Davies
Mr Martin	Auton-Lloyd	Ms Melanie	Davies
Ms Karen	Averby	Ms Ghislaine	Davis
Mr N	Badshah	Mr Malcolm	Dawes
Mrs M	Bailey	Mr Christopher N G	Dawes OBE
Dr A J	Bailey	Ms Angela	Devas
Mr Chris	Baines-Holmes	Mr Peter	Devonport
Mr Stan	Baker	Mr Timothy	Digby Roberts
Mrs Pru	Baker	Mr Rob	Doe
Revd Anthony	Ball	Mr Timothy	Drew
Mr Alan	Banks	Ms Annie	Drynan
Mrs P	Barber	Mrs Ulla	Dunlop
Mr P	Bareham	Mr C Mark	Dunman
Mrs	Bareham	Mrs Margaret	Dunman
Ms Carolyn	Barton	Ms Diana	Dunn
Ms Sasha	Bates	Mr Jeremy	Dutton
Mr David	Beevers		Earl Kendrick Associates Ltd
Mr Christopher	Bennett	Mr Richard	Edgar
Mrs Linda D	Bennett	Ms Elizabeth	Edie-Maud
Mr Mike	Benson	Mr Robert	Edwards
Mrs Janet	Benson	Mr Adrian	Edwards
Mr Michael	Bishop	Mr Vic	Ellis
Mr David	Botibol	Mr Nigel	Enever
Mrs Sandie	Botibol	Mrs Elaine	Evans BEM
Mrs R	Boulden	Mr Ian	Farrell
Mrs Annette	Boyne	Mrs H	Faulkner
Ms Rachel	Bridgeman	Mr G	Fearn
Mr Joe	Broom-Fendley	Mrs	Fearn
Ms Caraline	Brown	Mrs Ludmilla	Ferguson
Mr Andrew	Buck	Mr Roger	Fine
Ms Chloe	Bullock	Mr Michael	Fisher
Mr Ian	Bullock	Mr David	Fisher
Mrs Sue	Bullock	Mr Norman	Fisher
Mr A	Burrell	Mr Bernie	Flint
Mr I	Burridge	Ms Carolyn	Foreman
Sir Richard	Buxton	Mrs Cherry	Fraser
Lady	Buxton	Ms Jackie	Fuller
Mr Richard	Cairns	Mrs C	Gee MBE
Ms Jean	Calder	Mr Anthony	Gerrard
Mrs Susan	Cameron	Mrs S	Gibbings
Lady D	Campbell of Alloway	Mr M	Gibson
Mrs V	Cane	Mrs Alison	Glasheen
Mr Richard	Carroll	Mr Alasdair	Glass
Ms Julie	Cattell	Mrs Helen	Glass
Mrs J	Chamberlain	Miss M	Gledhill
Prof D	Chamberlain CBE	Mr Ian	Gledhill
Mr Donald	Church	Mr Michael	Godfrey
Mrs Lesley	Clarke	Mr Andrew	Goodall
Mr Richard	Coleman	Mrs Kate	Goodchild

Mr	Rob	Goodchild	Ms	Frances	McCabe
Mr	Mark	Gourley	Mr	Alan	McClellan
Mr	J	Gowans	Mrs	Stella	McCrickard
Mr	Derek	Granger	Mr	Martin	McCurdy
Mrs	Jane	Gray	Ms	Vivienne	McKay
Ms	M	Grimsdell	Mr	J	McKean
Mr	Jonathan	Gwyn	Mrs	M	McKean
Mr	Paul	Haggqvist	Miss	Susan	Meadows
Mr	Mark	Harper	Mr	Michael	Meager
Ms	Francoise	Haslam	Ms	Alison	Minns
Dr	Geoffrey	Hatcher	Mrs	Vanessa	Minns
Mr	Geoffrey	Hawman	Mr	Tony	Mollett
Mr	Jack	Hazelgrove	Ms	P	Monahan
Prof	Gavin	Henderson CBE	Ms	Anne	Moncrieff
Ms	Jacki	Heppard	Mrs	A	Money
Ms	Colleen	Hillman	Mrs	Selma	Montford
Mr	Roger	Hinton	Mr	Adrian	Montford
Mrs	Suzanne	Hinton	Mr	Piran	Montford
Mr	John	Hird	Mr	Jason	Moore
Mr	Phil	Hodges	Mr	Chris	Morley
Mrs	Joy	Hole	Mr	Nick	Muston
Mrs	Heather	Holford	Mr	Steven	Myall
Mr	Leslie	Holland	Mr	Herb	Nahapeit
Miss	E	Hollingdale	Mrs	Janine	Nahapeit
Mr	Christopher	Horlock	Mr	Stephen	Neiman
Mr	Christopher	Horlock	Mr	Robert	Nemeth
Mr	Nicholas	Horsley	Miss	G	Neppe
Mr	M	Inglethorpe	Mr	Kevin	Newman
Mrs	P	Inglethorpe	Mr	Chris	Nichols
Mr	Tony	Jaffe	Ms	Mary	Nixon
Mrs	Shirley	Jaffe	Mrs	Margy	Nixon
Sir	Simon	Jenkins	Mr	I J	Noonan
Mr	Paul	Jenkins	Mrs	Chris	Noonan
Ms	Janis	Johnson	Mrs	Jane	Norledge
Ms	Merryn	Jones	Mr	Jon	Norledge
Dr	Kate	Jordan	Ms	Juliet	O'Brien
Mr	John	Kapp	Mr	Alfred	Offord
Ms	Claire	Keatinge	Lady		Olivier
Mr	Malcolm	Kemp	Dr	Jeanne	Openshaw
Ms	Annette	Kendrick	Miss	Hazel	Orchard
Mr	Dan	Kimber	Ms	Kate	Ormond
Sir	John	Kingman	Mr	M	Osborne
Ms	V	Kippax	Miss	Catherine	Page
Mr	Jeremy	Knight	Mr	William	Parr
Mrs	Cicely	Knowles	Mr	John	Patching
Ms	S	Lancaster	Mrs	Ingela	Patching
Mrs	Pamela	Lawson	Mrs	Jayne	Paulin
Ms	Margaret	Lester	Mr	Stephen	Pavey
Mr	Mingyu	Li	Mrs	Paloma	Phillimore
Mrs	Frances	Lindsay-Hills	Mrs	Sue	Pigden
Mr	Tom	Livingstone	Mr	Stephen	Piper
Mr	Laurence	Lobo	Mrs	Amanda	Piper
Mrs	Shirley	Lobo	Dr	Andrew	Polmear
Mrs	Elisabeth	Losschmidt	Mrs	Margaret	Polmear
Mrs	Jackie	Lovesey	Mr	Ronald	Power MBE
Mr	Chris	Lowe	Mr	P	Quick
Mr	Kelvin	MacDonald	Mr	R	Radcliffe-Genge
Mrs	E	MacDonald	Dr	M	Ray
Mr	Steve	Mackenzie	Mrs	Y	Ray
Mr	Richard	Mangas	Dr	John	Rees
Ms	Gill	Manton	Mrs	Rosalind	Rees
Mr	John	March	Mr	F Vaughan	Rees OBE
Mrs	Ruth	Martin	Mr	Paul	Riccoboni

Mrs	Jane	Richards	Ms	Lyn	Turpin
Mr	Howell	Richards	Ms	Celia	Twining
Mr	Kenneth	Richardson	Mrs	Angela	Tyack
Mrs	Sallyann	Richardson	Mr	Christopher	Tyack
Mr	Michael	Richardson	Mr	Nick	Tyson
Mrs	Jennifer	Ritson	Ms	Kerry	Underhill
Mr	David	Roberts	Mr	Richard	Vernon
Mr	V	Robinson	Mrs	Sheena	Vernon
Mrs	Annie	Robinson	Miss	Gabrielle	Villermet
Mr	Richard	Robinson	Mr	Hari Singh	Virk
Prof	David	Robson	Mr	J	Vokins MBE
Ms	Clare	Rogers	Dr	Helen	Walker
Mr	John	Rowland	Mr	Christopher	Walter
Mrs	Mary-Louise	Rowland	Mr	J	Watson
Mrs	G	Rowlands	Dr	Trix	Webber
Mr	R E G	Sachs	Mrs	Meta	Wells-Thorpe
Dr	M	Salbstein	Mr	Richard	White
Mr	Jack	Sammons	Mrs	Janet	White
Miss	Mary	Sansom	Mr	Robert	Wigin
Mr	Michael	Schouten	Miss	Ninka	Willcock
Mr	Tony	Scott	Ms	Maureen	Williams
Mrs	Liz	Scott	Mr	Donald	Williamson
Mrs	L	Seabrook	Ms	Monica	Willis
Dr	David	Sears	Mr	Barry	Wilsher
Mrs	Coreen	Sears	Mr	Kevin	Wilsher
Mr	Guy	Shanley	Dr	Robert	Winter
Ms	Diana	Sharpe	Mr	Benjamin	Wood
Miss	Lois	Shaul	Mr	Nicholas	Worth
Mrs	Helen	Shipley	Mr	James	Wright
Mr	David	Simpson	Mrs	Phoebe	Wyss
Mr	John	Small	Ms	Gerda	Zainal
Mr	Maurice	Smith	Mr	Paul	Zara
Mrs	E Ann	Smith			
Mr	Neil	Smith			
Mrs	Patricia	Smith			
Mrs	Susanne	Smith			
Mr	Bernard	Smith			
Dr	David	Southern			
Mrs	Jane	Southern			
Mr	Tony	Spawforth			
Mr	Arnold	Spence			
Mr	Howard	Spencer			
Mr	John	Spink			
Mr	Malcolm	Stacey			
Mrs	Vivienne	Steinhardt			
Miss	Caroline	Stephens			
Mr	Duncan	Stewart			
Mr	Robert	Stiles			
Mrs	Pamela	Stiles			
Mr	Alan	Stratford			
Mr	Duncan	Studholme			
Miss	Sue	Tatton-Brown			
Mr	Phillip	Taylor			
Ms	Ann	Thomson			
Mr	Ian	Thorburn			
Mrs	S	Tiplady			
Prof	Paul	Tofts			
Mr	Francis	Tonks			
Mr	Colin	Toovey			
Lady	Helen	Trafford			
Mr	Peter	Tuckett			
Dr	Patricia	Tunstall			
Dr	Michael	Tunstall			

