

**The Regency Society of Brighton and Hove**

**Report of the trustees and financial statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

<b><u>President</u></b>	Sir Simon Jenkins FRSL
<b><u>Vice-presidents</u></b>	Sir John Kingman FRS Prof Gavin Henderson CBE
<b><u>Trustees</u></b>	
<b>Chair</b>	David Fisher (elected 2022)
<b>Vice-chair</b>	Helen Walker (appointed 2020)
<b>Honorary secretary</b>	Roger Hinton (elected 2022)
<b>Honorary treasurer</b>	Rupert Radcliffe-Genge (elected 2021)
<b>Committee</b>	Angela Devas (resigned 28 August 2022) Alasdair Glass (stood down 3 May 2022) Desmond Lavery (appointed 20 Sept 2022) Catherine Page (appointed 21 June 2022) Helen Walker (elected 2022) Jamie Wright (stood down 3 May 2022) Paul Zara (elected 2021)

Trustees serve for three years after election and can then be nominated for re-election.

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**Independent examiner**

Stephen Pavey ACMA

## **Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022**

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 has been less disrupted by the Covid 19 pandemic in 2022 than in the previous two years and activities have mostly returned to normal since the spring.

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

Our Planning Forum, which is run jointly with Hove Civic Society, resumed its work in June, initially via email but in face-to-face meetings later in the year.

Two trustees, including one who stood down at the AGM in April, continued to be members of Brighton & Hove City Council's Madeira Terraces advisory committee. With some reservations about the proposed new lifts, we supported the planning application for the first of the four planned phases of restoration.

We welcomed the proposed development of 212 new homes in eight blocks at Hodshrove Lane as a major contribution to the need for affordable housing in the city, and the redevelopment of the Enterprise Point and Melbourne Street site, which will provide a considerable boost for the city's need for co-living and co-working places.

We have followed proposals for the development of the gasworks site in Kemp Town as a member of a coalition of local amenity societies and joined in objecting to the inappropriate planned massing and over-development of the site. Jointly with Hove Civic Society we objected to the proposed replacement of a secondary school by more housing in the plans for Toads Hole Valley.

We were invited to a presentation by U+I about the proposed development at Moulsecoomb Place. Although the plans were thought sympathetic to the restoration of the Grade II historic buildings, again we were concerned about the over-development of the site, including the proposal for a 15-storey residential block on an already elevated position adjacent to Moulsecoomb railway station. We were also invited to tour the completed development at Circus Street.

We objected to the proposed siting of 5G communications masts opposite Brunswick Terrace and adjacent to St Nicholas' churchyard. The Trustees failed to reach a consensus about the revised planning application for the Hippodrome.

### **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. The results were presented as part of the lecture programme (see below).

## **Events**

Two lectures were presented online in real time: Kathryn Ferry on Eugenius Birch: The King of Piers on 19 January 2022 and Jackie Marsh-Hobbs about Brighton Aquarium on 16 March 2022. The lecture on 23 February 2022 was at the Friends Meeting House, shared by Helmut Lusser, chair of Hove Civic Society, and Diane Smith, a trustee of the Town & Country Planning Association and founder of Brighton & Hove 20 Minute Neighbourhood, on the theme of Beautifying the City.

The Annual General Meeting (see below) was followed by the John Small Lecture: trustee David Fisher's illustrated historical review of places associated with Drink in Brighton.

On 16 July we held a garden party in the Kemp Town Secret Garden. Some 60 guests enjoyed good weather, good refreshments and good conversation. We were pleased to welcome specially invited guests, including the city's mayor, Councillor Lizzie Dean, and the MP for Brighton Kemp Town, Lloyd Russell-Moyle.

The 2022/23 season began with the delayed Antony Dale Lecture on 28 September 2022, held as usual in the Music Room at the Royal Pavilion. Restoration of the Madeira Terrace was the subject for Lian Harter from the consultants Purcell. It was followed by drinks in the banqueting hall.

A new venue was arranged for lectures: The Hove Club, the 1897 Grade II listed building in Fourth Avenue, fittingly designed by Samuel Denman, the father of John Leopold Denman, one of the founders of the society. Unfortunately, the first lecture there, on Seaside Hotels, due in October, had to be postponed at short notice owing to the indisposition of the speaker. The programme resumed on 16 November 2022 with a talk by Kit Wedd, a trustee of the Victorian Society, on The Victorian House. On 14 December 2022 Mary McKean introduced the new version of the website for the society's James Gray Photographic Collection.

Many thanks are due to all our speakers for returning us to the traditional way of presenting our lectures.

## **Membership**

As at 31 December 2022 the Society had 325 members (341 in 2021), as listed below. The reduction in membership numbers had occurred mainly while the pandemic continued. However, 32 new members have joined since July, when we returned to regular events. We recover Gift Aid on members' subscriptions when possible.

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

We were saddened to learn that John Small died at the end of December. He had been a member since 1979 and was a trustee in 1983/84 and again from 1992 to 2009. He became honorary secretary in 1995 and held that post until 2009. The lecture that follows the AGM is named in his honour. We also lost Derek Granger, who died in December at the age of 101; he had been one of our vice-presidents since the closing years of the previous century.

## **Governance and finance**

The annual general meeting was held on 3 May 2022. Mary McKean's term of office as chair came to an end. As she is moving away from Brighton, she decided not to stand for re-election as chair, nor to remain as a trustee. Alasdair Glass and Jamie Wright stood down as trustees. They were all thanked for the contributions they had made to the society. David Fisher was elected chair and Roger Hinton re-elected as honorary secretary and Helen Walker as a trustee.

The committee of trustees met formally 11 times during 2022, the year's meetings being split between those in person and those online.

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 for several years as our independent financial examiner. Steve is a Regency Society member and undertakes the role on a voluntary basis.

During the year we were very grateful to receive a donation of £4,000.00. This was a bequest from the late Alfred Thompsett, who had been a long-standing member.

## **Trustees**

The constitution of the society allows for up to 14 trustees. We began the year with nine trustees. As well as the two who stood down at the AGM in May, Angela Devas resigned in August. She too is thanked for her contributions to the society.

The committee co-opted Catherine Page and Desmond Lavery as trustees. As there are still vacancies, the trustees are keen to encourage anyone interested to join us.

## **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 2022 the fund was not used and currently stands at £24,000.

*Conservation and improvement fund:* this reserve is held for use in supporting projects that the trustees believe will conserve, protect or improve the city's physical and built environment. It was not drawn on during 2022 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 2022 and currently stands at £12,000.

Now circumstances have returned to normal, the trustees will be seeking appropriate opportunities to apply these funds.

### **Heritage assets**

The Society owns a small number of heritage assets, the most notable being the James Gray photographic collection. 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. We agreed to a request from the Trust to move a bust of George IV to storage in order to accommodate the display of a painting by John Constable on display in the Royal Pavilion until it moves to the Museum.

### **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 now 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 by auction during 2023.

Signed on behalf of the trustees by David Fisher, chair, on 4 April 2023.

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## Statement of financial activities (unrestricted funds) for the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022	2022	2021	2021
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>				
Subscriptions	£4,139.85		£3,753.76	
Lecture series + events	£2,537.93		£1,176.81	
James Gray collection	£462.50		£130.00	
Dividend income	£2,030.40		£1,473.23	
Donations + Gift Aid	£4,592.02		£881.70	
Interest received	£82.15		£1.86	
<b>Total income</b>		<b>£13,844.85</b>		<b>£7,417.36</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Lecture series + events	£3,154.28		£1,032.06	
Subscriptions	£389.50		£549.88	
Committee, AGM costs	£142.00		£26.00	
Donations <sup>1</sup>	£525.00		£525.00	
Internet and website costs	£184.61		£1,121.08	
Insurance	£318.63		£285.36	
Printing and postage and publications	£531.17		£186.32	
Bank charges	£81.00		£96.00	
Storeroom costs			£180.00	
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>£5,326.19</b>		<b>£4,001.70</b>
<b>Net income or (net expenditure)</b>		<b>£8,518.66</b>		<b>£3,415.66</b>
<b>Gains (losses) on revaluation of investment assets</b>		<b>-£5,167.70</b>		<b>£10,963.74</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>£3,350.96</b>		<b>£14,379.40</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward at 1 January</b>		<b>£128,519.77</b>		<b>£114,140.37</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward at 31 December</b>		<b>£131,870.73</b>		<b>£128,519.77</b>

**Balance sheet at 31 December**

	2022	2022	2021	2021
<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	
	£-		£-	
		<b>£11,715.00</b>		<b>£11,715.00</b>
<b>Investments at market value</b>				
CAF UK equity stock	£92,152.91		£95,290.21	
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<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>£103,867.91</b>		<b>£107,005.21</b>
<b>Current assets</b>				
Bank account – CAFBank current	£1,000.00		£1,000.00	
Bank account – CAFBank deposit	£22,073.05		£18,753.66	
Bank account – Lloyds Bank current	£4,929.77		£1,760.90	
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>£28,002.82</b>		<b>£21,514.56</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>£131,870.73</b>		<b>£128,519.77</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b> <sup>4</sup>				
General fund	£71,870.73		£68,519.77	
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	
	<b>£131,870.73</b>		<b>£128,519.77</b>	

Approved by the trustees on 15 February 2023 and signed on their behalf by David Fisher, chair

1 2022: £325 to Antony Dale Trust (general fund), £200 to Vic Soc at request of speaker (general fund); 2021: £325 to Antony Dale Trust (ADT) (general fund), £200 to crowdfunded planning court 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 2022

Mrs	B	Abbott	Lady		Buxton
Prof	S	Adutt	Mr	Richard	Cairns
Ms	Catherine	Akester	Ms	Jean	Calder
Mr	Andrew	Allen-Tidy	Mrs	Susan	Cameron
Mr	Stephen	Allen-Tidy	Lady	D	Campbell of Alloway
Ms	Mary	Allison	Mrs	V	Cane
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Mr	Victor	Anderson	Mr	Jim	Casey
Ms	M	Angus	Ms	Julie	Cattell
Mr	Julian	Arkell OBE	Mrs	J	Chamberlain
Mr	Mike	Armstrong	Prof	D	Chamberlain CBE
Mr	D	Arnold	Mr	Donald	Church
Mr	Sam	Arshi	Mrs	Lesley	Clarke
Mr	A	Ashwell	Mr	Richard	Coleman
Mr	Martin	Auton-Lloyd	Mr	S	Corson
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Mr	Michael	Bishop	Ms	Angela	Devas
Mr	David	Botibol	Mr	Peter	Devonport
Mrs	Sandie	Botibol	Mr	Timothy	Digby Roberts
Mrs	R	Boulden	Mr	Timothy	Drew
Mrs	Annette	Boyne	Ms	Annie	Drynan
Ms	Rachel	Bridgeman	Mrs	Ulla	Dunlop
Mr	Joe	Broom-Fendley	Mr	C Mark	Dunman
Mr	Robert	Brown	Mrs	Margaret	Dunman
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Mrs	A	Money	Mr	V	Robinson
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Mr	Nick	Muston	Mr	Jack	Rose
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Mrs	Jayne	Paulin	Mrs	E Ann	Smith
Mr	Stephen	Pavey	Mr	Neil	Smith
Ms	Jennifer	Pearson	Mrs	Patricia	Smith
Mrs	Paloma	Phillimore	Mrs	Susanne	Smith
Mrs	Sue	Pigden	Mr	Bernard	Smith
Mr	Stephen	Piper	Dr	David	Southern
Mrs	Amanda	Piper	Mrs	Jane	Southern
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Dr	M	Ray	Mr	Andy	Statham
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Mr	Ian	Thorburn
Mrs	S	Tiplady
Prof	Paul	Tofts
Mr	Colin	Toovey
Lady	Helen	Trafford
Mr	Peter	Tuckett
Dr	Michael	Tunstall
Ms	Lyn	Turpin
Ms	Celia	Twining
Mrs	Angela	Tyack
Mr	Christopher	Tyack
Mr	Nick	Tyson
Ms	Kerry	Underhill
Mr	Richard	Vernon
Mrs	Sheena	Vernon
Miss	Gabrielle	Villermet
Mr	Hari Singh	Virk
Dr	Helen	Walker
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Mr	J	Watson
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