

Clan Donnachaidh Society

Company Limited by Guarantee

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Directors' Report)

Year ended 31 December 2022

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Clan Donnachaidh Society

Charity registration number SC044296

Company registration number SC267317

Principal office and registered office 51 Atholl Road
Pitlochry
Perthshire
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The trustees

Mr A G H Robertson of Struan
(Clan Chief)
Mr G P A G Robertson (Retired 15 March 2022)
(Chairman)
Mr I D Reid (Chairman) (Retired 27 February 2023)
Mr J E Duncan (Chairman)
Rev J Reid (Clan Chaplain)
Mrs K P Duncan
Mr E F Guevara (Appointed 9 September 2022)
Mr D G Reid (Retired 14 July 2022)
Mrs E A Reid
Mr A Robertson of Drumachuine
Mr D M Robertson (Appointed 15 March 2022)
Mr J Robertson (Appointed 15 March 2022)
Ms S Robertson
Mr S G Robertson (Retired 9 September 2022)
Mr E A Stewart (Retired 29 June 2022)
Ms S McNutt (Appointed 9 September 2022)

Company secretary J & H Mitchell W S

Independent examiner Graeme Tough C A
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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company registered in Scotland and limited by guarantee incorporated under the Companies Act 2006. The company has been registered as a Scottish charity since 2 October 2013.

The detailed rules regarding the appointment, term of office and compulsory retiral of trustees are set out in Section 8 of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Training is given to trustees as and when required. OSCR guidance and updates are shared with trustees when available.

When new trustees are elected the Society makes them aware of their responsibilities, the governing document, administrative procedures and the history of the charity.

Objectives and activities

The objectives and activities of the charity are:

- (a) to promote the history, heritage and sentiment of the Clan Donnachaidh in Scotland and elsewhere in the world;
- (b) to promote education of the public generally and conduct educational research programmes, produce publications and create other materials conducive to the objects;
- (c) to provide, maintain and administer facilities for the advancement of education and for the conservation and preservation of the lands, buildings, traditions, museum, records, and artefacts of whatever nature relating to the Clan Donnachaidh;
- (d) to encourage, sustain and support educational establishments and other charitable bodies by giving from time to time grants, prizes, subscriptions and donations; and
- (e) to do anything as will further the attainment of these Objectives, except that the members of the Trust will not be permitted to do anything political or sectarian in their capacity as members of the Trust or which will cause the Trust to cease being recognised as a charity in Scotland.

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Achievements and performance

As has been the case for many organisations, the last few pandemic years have been challenging. However, the Society sought to use that time to gather itself and focus its priorities, so that it would be well placed post pandemic.

During the last year, the leadership of the Society passed to our new Chair, John Duncan, who has energy and vision for the Society, and the Society is now ready to move forward.

During 2022, the Society also hosted a small Gathering in September in Pitlochry. Members attended the Chief's Dinner and the Pitlochry Games, with a good turn out from members. In March 2023, The society also hosted a lunch for local members that was also well attended, and from both events the Council is pleased to note that a good level of interest remains in a variety of events being hosted, so that the Society may continue to promote its history and meet its objectives.

The Society received updates from branches during the year, noting that many had attended Highland games locally and held a variety of other events furthering their objectives.

In addition to this, Council has clearly identified priorities which, as funding permits, it will steadily work towards achieving, with a focus on ensuring the museum at Bruar remains relevant and interesting to visitors, whilst looking to engage digitally with its membership reflecting the significant advances made to meet virtually during the last few years.

Financial review

The Society saw another increase in income this year. Total income for the year was £108,395 (2021: £48,244) which included increases in income from donations and legacies, sales of merchandise, and dividend income. Our funds were significantly boosted by a most generous legacy of £53,533 from the estate of Jean Robertson.

Our single most important ongoing source of income continues to be rental income from our leasing of part of the Society's property at Bruar, which amounted to £18,696 (2021: £18,696). This is followed by membership subscriptions and contributions towards the cost of the Clan Annual, which collectively amounted to £10,982 for the year (2021: £13,838).

Society expenditure increased slightly for the year, amounting to £44,638 in total (2021: £40,159). As might be expected, most of the increased costs can be attributed to hosting our first Gathering since 2019. In addition to this, increases were also seen in the categories of wages, Clan Annual expenses, accountancy and legal & professional.

Investment values held fairly constant compared with last year, taking account of additions and disposals.

Of the total funds, the amount ring-fenced for specific purposes is currently £75,120 (2021: £70,472). This includes £12,663 for Struan Kirk Trust support, £54,232 for educational purposes, £3,225 for Genealogy and £5,000 Piper statue fund (2021: £7,911, £54,336, £3,225, £5,000, respectively). Donations for the ongoing maintenance of Struan Kirk continue to be received from our members worldwide. Total donations received this year for that purpose were £5,997 (2021: £1,891).

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Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report (incorporating the directors' report) was approved on 18 August 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr J E Duncan (Chairman)
Trustee