

THE SCOTTISH RIGHTS OF WAY AND ACCESS SOCIETY
(A charitable company limited by guarantee)

REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

Registered Company Number: SC024243

Registered Charity Number: SC015460

WHITELAW WELLS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

The Directors present their report and the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2022. The financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Objectives

The charitable objective of the Society is “the preservation, defence, restoration and acquisition, for the public benefit, of public rights of access in Scotland, including public rights of way and related amenity”.

The Society is the independent charity which upholds public access in Scotland. Originally founded in 1845, then incorporating in 1946, it combines the three main roles: expert authority and adviser on the law of access; custodian and manager of the national resource of information about access routes and rights and practical guardian and advocate of public access on the ground, in town and country, across Scotland.

Activities and achievements

The year was marked by a record number of paid-for search enquiries and by several major access disputes.

The Society took the initiative in relation to the closure of the Ben Alder level crossing at Dalwhinnie. Convinced that the crossing is public, we embarked upon a questionnaire exercise to gather additional information about public use to augment that already held in the National Catalogue of Rights of Way (CROW). It is intended that the totality of the evidence will persuade Network Rail to reinstate public access.

We were involved in several other access disputes including at Glenborrodale where The Highland Council has entered court proceedings to resolve an access issue. We assisted the Council by considering the evidence they had gathered and acting as a sounding board.

Historic Environment Scotland closed the “Radical Road”, around Salisbury Crags in Edinburgh, in 2018 and this past year we collaborated with Mountaineering Scotland, Ramblers Scotland and the Cockburn Association to challenge this.

Of a more esoteric but no less important nature, we have provided significant input to the National Access Forum. One aspect of this is looking at ways of resolving the apparent conflict between access and roads legislation, and the UK-wide Highway Code’s overlooking of the different legal position in Scotland in relation to access rights.

We contributed to the consultation on the draft National Planning Framework 4. This is a long-term plan that sets out where development and infrastructure is needed. Scottish Ministers will expect decisions to support its delivery both at local level and in national developments, such as electricity transmission lines. We pointed out that the draft made no specific reference to public rights of way or to statutory access rights under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003. The planning system has an important role to play in protecting and preserving access rights when applications are considered.

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Activities and achievements (cont)

In April, the Cairngorms Capercaillie Project invited views on taking forward the advice in the NatureScot review of Capercaillie Conservation and Management. Our advice centred on how public access could be managed and the noted action of “More/larger refuges from human disturbance through the temporary or permanent closure of paths and tracks.” We emphasised the general principle of keeping closure of routes and areas as limited in geographic extent and duration of time as is necessary to achieve the purposes of that closure.

We have significantly advanced the production of the next edition of Scottish Hill Tracks. Determined recruitment of new volunteers meant that by the year end 70% of routes had been surveyed with a further 28% allocated to volunteers. Only seven routes still require someone to walk them to complete this exercise.

We now have over twenty volunteers regularly surveying our signposts. There are a total of 5,222 recorded signs and 3,176 remained to be assessed at the end of June. Surveys coming in have to be logged and the volume is demanding when added to those resulting from Hill Tracks reports. A training video has been prepared to assist volunteers and we hope to start practical training.

Our members’ walks programme started again in 2022. We had decided that any walk had to proceed with at least one first aider and there is a new risk assessment process in place. By the end of June, the first three walks had taken place and members reported enjoying being able to meet up again and explore some interesting parts of the country.

We participated in various access groups - Scottish Outdoor Access Network and the Scottish Outdoor Recreation Alliance amongst them - and at all National Access Forum meetings. Work has started to contact ScotWays representatives on Local Access Fora and we now have volunteers representing us on eleven such.

Reaching further out, we introduced a completely new website with improved and extended information and better navigability. In particular, the “Ask Ken” section provides a huge range of legal, historical and practical information. Our old Heritage Paths website has been fully incorporated into the new website. We also provided information and opinion via social media to an increasing audience.

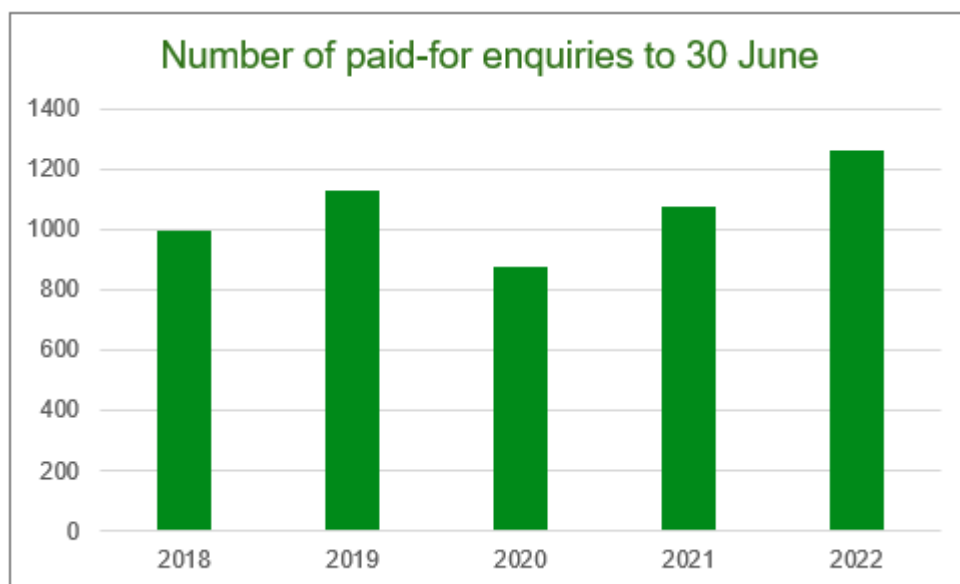
We celebrate the success of our paid-for enquiry team. As will be seen from the chart on page 7, we dealt with more paid-for enquiries in 2021/22 than ever before. This was without any assistance from volunteers. We depend on income from this source to promote our charitable activity and we congratulate all our staff in helping to achieve this excellent result.

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Activities and achievements (cont)



Financial review

The Society recorded a deficit of £55,115 (2021: surplus £20,568) for the year. This includes a deficit of £59,337 (2021: surplus £25,168) on unrestricted reserves and a surplus of £4,222 (2021: £4,600) on restricted reserves. The overall deficit is the result of investment losses - both realised and on year end valuation - being factored into the accounts, as required by accounting standards. The running, or “trading”, position is a deficit of £1,415 (2021: deficit £21,083). As at 30 June 2022, the Society had total reserves of £565,883 (2021: £620,998), including £544,770 (2021: £603,825) general funds, £9,272 (2021: £9,554) designated reserves and £11,841 (2021: £7,619) restricted funds. Further detail on the financial performance of the charity can be found in the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and supporting notes.

Reserves policy

The general fund represents the free reserves of the Society. General fund not tied up in fixed assets amounted to £436,283 (2021: £499,534). The Board considers it appropriate to hold the equivalent of 12 months’ budgeted expenditure, around £220,000. The directors acknowledge that reserves are in excess of that requirement while the Society continues to modernise and increase its activities and profile for the benefit of the public and considers the current level of reserves satisfactory in funding operating deficits in fulfilment of the Society’s objectives. More detail on the designated funds are set out in Note 16.

Risk management

In these uncertain times the identification, management and mitigation of risk has been at the forefront of the Society’s activities. It underlies the work of the Board with sub committees and of the staff. In line with our risk policy our risk register is formally reviewed at the September Board meeting after active consideration by the Finance sub-committee.

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Investment policy

The Society maintains an investment portfolio and is advised on its composition by Investec Wealth and Investment Limited. The investment objective is to maintain the real value of the portfolio over time as well as provide an income. The value of the portfolio at 30 June 2022 was £338,945, a decline of 15.2% over the year, with an estimated annual income of £10,000. A full report on the investments will be given at the Annual General Meeting.

Grants awarded policy

ScotWays small grants scheme is aimed at community-based and access-related projects which might otherwise not proceed. Grants are awarded for up to 50% of the project budget and within a range of £500 to £1,500. Assessment of applications is made by a director-led committee whose criteria include public benefit and the ability of an organisation to deliver the project. Applicant organisations must be members of ScotWays.

At the discretion of the Board, the Society may also contribute to larger projects which benefit public access and meet its charitable objectives.

Plans for the future

The board of directors embarked on an ambitious strategic review in April 2022 and plan to complete that by the end of 2022. Fundamentally, this will ask what issues and what work must the Society focus on in order to achieve its objectives. The description of the range of work under Activities and Achievements, as well as day-to-day activities, illustrates the diverse demands on our resources. We believe that we can continue to punch above our weight but if, and only if, we prioritise carefully.

The Society is applying for a Scottish Mountaineering Trust Diamond Grant. Our proposal is for a network of "Scottish Cross Country Routes". Initially this will be for 8 to 10 such routes, starting and finishing at public transport termini, for example Aviemore to Blairgowrie. Mapping, signposting and publicising these routes is proposed.

As noted earlier, our paid-for enquiry system generates a significant proportion of our income. We plan to assist our staff by introducing a web-based version of the system used to track, trace and support the data. We expect this will allow us to make use of our volunteers in order to supplement the staff effort.

We plan to publish the next edition of Scottish Hill Tracks with freshly-validated data and expanded information. This publication has always proved to be popular with both domestic and international audiences. It is a valuable guide that boosts outdoor activity and supports tourism.

We had hoped to publish a revised version of our authoritative law guide. However, on-going disputes in relation to Network Rail activity and Glenborrodale access, which may provide valuable information for that version, suggest that publication may be delayed until 2022/23. We will however continue to add information and guidance on our new website, using "Ken, the ScotWays Knowledge Base".

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Plans for the future (cont)

2022/23 will see us build on the work done surveying signposts. Our budget for the year commits £10,000 towards their repair and replacement. A complete replacement costs £300 and we will therefore seek additional funding from supporters to expand the scheme. We will train volunteers to carry out much of the work.

We plan to continue and expand our walks programme, taking members to interesting places around Scotland.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Scottish Rights Way and Access Society is a company limited by guarantee (SC024243) and a registered charity (SC015460) governed by its Articles of Association. Each member of the Society has undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards any deficit arising in the event of the Society being wound up.

Directors of the Society are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and directors for the purposes of company law and are listed on page 11. The Articles of Association provide that any director who has held office for a period of three years since their last appointment shall retire from office and may seek re-appointment. Directors may not seek re-appointment if they have held office for a continuous period of nine years.

The Directors are appointed by the members at the annual general meeting and the Chair is appointed by the Directors from among their number. John Elliot was appointed in December 2021 as Chair for the following year.

During the year, Bob Aitken retired as a director. Our Summer 2022 newsletter rightly lauded Bob's work. He provided practical knowledge, strategic insight and tactical nous to board discussions. We are grateful to Bob for his twenty six years of service to the Society as a director and delighted that he continues as an honorary vice president.

Peter Wood has been a director for nine years and an office volunteer for longer. As a volunteer he was a principal constructor of the current edition of Scottish Hill Tracks (published 2011) and a key part of the team responding to search enquiries. As a director, Peter has been a sound and challenging counsel; he has chaired the operations sub-committee striving to manage the Society on business-like principles. He has been the compiler and dedicated champion of the Society's risk register, making it a living and important document.

Terry Holmes has been a director for three years and has chaired the finance sub-committee. His enthusiasm for ScotWays' cause has been properly tempered by caution over management of our resources. Terry has provided insightful analysis of our financial position yet advocated expenditure when that is necessary to support the Society's objectives.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (cont)

During the year the directors co-opted the following to the board: Alistair Anderson; Hannah Downie; Peter Hildrew; Linda Johnson; John Onslow. Each of them has brought valuable knowledge and experience to the directors' discussions and I commend them to members for election as directors for a three-year term.

Board of Directors and Management

The Directors meet together five times a year and in addition each is a member of one or more sub-committees.

Day to day running of the Society is the responsibility of the Chief Operating Officer, Richard Barron and National Secretary, Alison Riddell, supported by other staff and volunteers.

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Charitable company information

Charity name

The Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society
(also known as Scotways)

Registered Company Number

SC024243

Registered Charity Number

SC015460

Honorary President

Vacant

Honorary Vice President

Robert Aitken

Directors

Robert John Elliot (Chair)

Stephan Hennig

David Langworth

Katharine A Taylor

Terence H Holmes

Elizabeth H Mauchlen

Timothy P Simons

Peter Wood

Robert Aitken

Muriel Robertson

Alistair R Anderson

Peter J Hildrew

Hannah J Downie

John A Onslow

Linda Johnson

(Resigned on 05/04/2022)

(Resigned on 22/11/2021)

(Appointed on 01/02/2022)

(Appointed on 17/02/2022)

(Appointed on 17/02/2022)

(Appointed on 17/02/2022)

(Appointed on 09/06/2022)

Company Secretary

Alison Margaret Riddell

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Independent Examiner

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the Report of the Directors and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year.

In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities & Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small entities.

Approved by the board of directors on 13 September 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



R John Elliot
Chair

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE SCOTTISH RIGHTS OF WAY AND ACCESS SOCIETY**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2022 as set out on pages 10 to 26.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity's Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion in the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44 (1)(a) of the 2005 Act, Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended) and sections 381, 382, and 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended)

have not been met; or

- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Kevin Cattanach C.A.
Whitelaw Wells
Chartered Accountants
9 Ainslie Place
Edinburgh, EH3 6AT

13 September 2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(incorporating the Income & Expenditure Account)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	57,109	5,802	62,911	56,076
Charitable activities	4	140,205	-	140,205	114,696
Investments	5	10,175	-	10,175	8,928
		_____	_____	_____	_____
Total		207,489	5,802	213,291	179,700
		_____	_____	_____	_____
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	(1,394)	-	(1,394)	(2,899)
Charitable activities	7	(211,732)	(1,580)	(213,312)	(202,484)
		_____	_____	_____	_____
Total		(213,126)	(1,580)	(214,706)	(205,383)
Realised gains/(losses) on investments	12	(4,013)	-	(4,013)	7,615
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments		(49,687)		(49,687)	38,636
		_____	_____	_____	_____
Net (expenditure)/income		(59,337)	4,222	(55,115)	20,568
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
		_____	_____	_____	_____
Net movement in funds		(59,337)	4,222	(55,115)	20,568
Funds brought forward at 1 July 2021		613,379	7,619	620,998	600,430
		_____	_____	_____	_____
Funds carried forward at 30 June 2022		554,042	11,841	565,883	620,998
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The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 13 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		108,487		104,291
Investments at valuation	12		338,945		399,803
			—————		—————
			447,432		504,094
Current assets					
Stock	13	1,326		1,686	
Debtors	14	36,518		25,470	
Cash at bank and in hand		110,186		111,861	
			—————		—————
			148,030		139,017
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(29,579)		(22,113)	
			—————		—————
Net current assets			118,451		116,904
			—————		—————
Total assets less current liabilities			565,883		620,998
			=====		=====
Reserves					
Unrestricted funds:	16				
General reserve		544,770		603,825	
Designated funds		9,272		9,554	
			—————		—————
Restricted funds	16		554,042		613,379
			11,841		7,619
			—————		—————
			565,883		620,998
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As at 30 June 2022

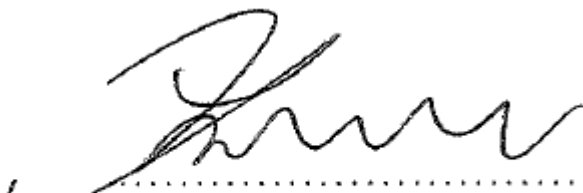
The directors are satisfied that the charitable company is entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that the members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year 30 June 2022 in accordance with the provisions in Section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- (ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial period and of its profit or loss for each financial period in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the board on 13 September 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



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Terence Henry Holmes
Director

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 30 June 2022

1. Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. Assets and liabilities are initially recorded at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The Society has taken advantage of the exemption from the requirement to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows as permitted under FRS 102 and the Charities FRS 102 SORP.

The Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The directors have assessed the charity's ability to continue as a going concern and they have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Therefore they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting which includes the expected impact of Covid -19 to the charity for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing of these financial statements.

b) Income

Income is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

- Where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, income from grants and donations are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled.
- Where related to performance and specific deliverables, income is accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.
- Income is only deferred when the donor specifies that the donation must only be used in future accounting periods or has imposed conditions that must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement, and these conditions have not yet been met.
- Investment income and fees for services is recognised when receivable and when the service is provided, respectively.

c) Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is recognised in the period in which it is incurred. All costs have been directly attributed to one functional category of expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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1. Accounting Policies (cont)

- Charitable activities expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries, including governance costs.
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

d) Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Assets are initially included at cost. The charity has the policy not to capitalise items under £250. Tangible fixed assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives at the following rates:

- Office equipment 33.3% straight line
- Heritable property £nil

No depreciation is provided on heritable property as in the opinion of the directors, the length of their estimated useful economic life and estimated residual value is at least equal to the book value. Having regard to this, it is considered that the depreciation of any such property would not be material. Costs of repairs and maintenance are charged to revenue as incurred.

e) Fund Accounting

Funds held by the charity are either in an unrestricted general fund, which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives, designated funds or in restricted funds. Restricted funds can only be used for particular purposes as specified by the donor.

Designated funds are applied at the discretion of the Board of Directors. They are designated from unrestricted reserves for particular projects and designated funds will be considered at each year end.

f) Financial instruments

Financial instruments comprise financial assets and financial liabilities which are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. They are classified as “basic” in accordance with FRS102 and are accounted for at the settlement amount due which equates to the cost. Financial assets comprise cash, grants receivable and other debtors, and financial liabilities comprise the pension scheme creditor, accruals and other creditors.

g) Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at their fair value at the balance sheet date. Any surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value are recognised in the statement of financial activities for the year.

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1. Accounting Policies (cont)

h) Operating leases

Rentals in respect of operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities as incurred.

i) Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

j) Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charitable company's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors have made the following judgements:

- Determine whether leases entered into by the charitable company as a lessee are operating or finance leases. These decisions depend on an assessment of whether the risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred from the lessor to the lessee on a lease by lease basis.
- Tangible fixed assets are depreciated over a period to reflect their estimated useful lives. The applicability of the assumed lives is reviewed annually, taking into account factors such as physical condition, maintenance and obsolescence.
- Fixed assets are also assessed as to whether there are indicators of impairment. This assessment involves consideration of the economic viability of the purpose for which the asset is used.

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2. Net income/(expenditure)

	2022	2021
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of fixed assets	2,851	410
Independent examination fee	1,850	1,750
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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Annual subscriptions	17,738	-	17,738	18,964
Life subscriptions	900	-	900	3,300
Corporate subscriptions	2,762	-	2,762	2,862
Local authorities' subscriptions	1,000	-	1,000	5,500
Donations	15,333	5,802	21,135	19,531
Bequests and legacies	14,152	-	14,152	-
Gift aid	5,224	-	5,224	5,919
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	57,109	5,802	62,911	56,076
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In 2021 all income from donations and legacies was unrestricted.

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Paid-for searches	135,065	-	135,065	106,440
Sale of publications	3,909	-	3,909	6,694
Walks	305	-	305	-
Other income	926	-	926	1,562
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	140,205	-	140,205	114,696
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Income from charitable activities was unrestricted in both years.

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5. Income from investments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Interest	230	553
Dividends	9,945	8,375
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	10,175	8,928
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Income from investments was unrestricted in both years.

6. Expenditure on raising funds

	2022	2021
	£	£
Investment manager's fees	1,394	2,899
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Investment manager's fees were unrestricted in both years.

7. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs (note 10)	154,080	-	154,080	155,403
Grants awarded	1,500	-	1,500	5,635
Travel costs	131	-	131	92
Publications	1,832	-	1,832	1,332
Project costs	3,584	1,580	5,164	1,950
Support costs (note 8)	46,340	-	46,340	34,237
Governance costs (note 9)	4,265	-	4,265	3,835
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	211,732	1,580	213,312	202,484
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In 2021 expenditure on charitable activities was split £197,884 unrestricted and £4,600 restricted.

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8. Support costs	2022	2021
	£	£
Premises costs	9,266	6,481
Printing, postage and stationery	5,391	6,600
Computer costs	6,795	800
Subscriptions	643	659
Depreciation	2,851	410
Maps	881	867
Advertising	470	1,021
Sundry expenses and bank charges	34	1,077
Meeting expenses and other staff costs	1,011	486
Professional fees	6,475	8,605
Software costs	12,523	7,231
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	46,340	34,237
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9. Governance costs	2022	2021
	£	£
Independent examiner's fees	1,850	1,750
Preparation of annual report and AGM	2,415	2,085
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	4,265	3,835
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10. Employees	2022	2021
	£	£
Staff salaries	137,240	137,651
Employer's NIC	5,728	6,040
Pension	9,893	9,679
Death in service	1,219	2,033
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	154,080	155,403
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10. **Employees (cont)**

No employee earned more than £60,000 in either the current or previous years.

The average number of employees was 7 (2021: 7) (full time equivalent 4 (2021: 5)).

The directors receive no remuneration for their services, but may be paid travelling, subsistence and other expenses properly incurred by them in connection with the discharge of their duties. In the current year none of the directors (2021: nil) were paid such expenses.

11. **Tangible fixed assets**

	Heritable Property £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 July 2021	103,765	6,058	109,823
Additions	-	7,047	7,047
Disposal	-	(2,700)	(2,700)
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At 30 June 2022	103,765	10,405	114,170
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Depreciation			
At 1 July 2021	-	5,532	5,532
Charge for the year	-	2,851	2,851
Disposal	-	(2,700)	(2,700)
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At 30 June 2022	-	5,683	5,683
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Net book value			
At 30 June 2022	103,765	4,722	108,487
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At 30 June 2021	103,765	526	104,291
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12. Investments

	2022	2021
	£	£
<i>Listed investments</i>		
Market value at 30 June 2021	374,413	310,114
Additions	22,265	95,427
Disposal proceeds	(20,274)	(77,379)
Realised gains/(losses) during the year	(4,013)	7,615
Unrealised gains/(losses) during the year	(49,687)	38,636
	322,704	374,413
Cash held by investment broker	16,241	25,390
Fair value at 30 June 2022	338,945	399,803
Historical cost	343,139	351,907

FRS 102 requires the disclosure of information in relation to certain investment risks. These risks are set out by FRS 102 as follows:-

- Credit risk: this is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.
- Market risk: this comprises currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.
- Currency risk: this is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial asset will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.
- Interest rate risk: this is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial asset will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.
- Other price risk: this is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial asset will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market.

The charitable company has exposure to these risks because of the investments it makes to implement its investment strategy. The Directors manage investment risks, including credit risk and market risk, within agreed risk limits which are set taking into account the charitable company's strategic investment objectives. These investment objectives and risk limits are implemented through the investment manager agreements in place with the charitable company's investment managers and monitored by the Directors by regular reviews of the investment portfolios.

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12. **Investments (cont)**

Further information on the Directors' approach to risk management and the charitable company's exposure to credit and market risks are set out below:

Credit Risk

The charitable company invests in pooled investment vehicles and is therefore directly exposed to credit risk in relation to the instruments it holds in the pooled investment vehicles and is indirectly exposed to credit risks arising on the financial instruments held by the pooled investment vehicles.

Analysis of direct credit risk

Direct credit risk arising from pooled investment vehicles is mitigated by the underlying assets of the pooled arrangements being ring-fenced from the pooled manager, the regulatory environments in which the pooled manager operates and diversification of investments amongst a number of pooled arrangements. The Directors carry out due diligence checks on the appointment of new pooled investment managers and on an ongoing basis monitor any changes to the regulatory and operating environment of the pooled manager. Pooled investment arrangements used by the charitable company comprise authorised unit trusts.

Currency risk

The charitable company is subject to currency risk because some of the charitable company's investments are held in overseas markets.

Interest rate risk

The charitable company is subject to interest rate risk through investments comprising bonds.

Other price risk

Other price risk arises principally in relation to equities held in pooled vehicles. The charitable company manages this exposure to other price risk by contributing a diverse portfolio of investments across various markets.

13. **Stock**

Stock consists entirely of goods for distribution to members and other interested parties.

	2022	2021
	£	£
Stock in hand	1,326	1,686
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14. Debtors		
	2022	2021
	£	£
Gift aid recoverable	5,223	5,841
Prepayments	10,781	8,020
Other debtors	20,514	11,609
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	36,518	25,470
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15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,384	93
Other creditors	14,258	11,556
Pension	1,331	1,182
Deferred income	4,724	4,913
VAT	6,882	4,369
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	29,579	22,113
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Deferred income relates to members subscriptions paid in advance.

	2022	2021
	£	£
At 30 June 2021	4,913	4,052
Released to income	(4,913)	(4,052)
Deferred in the year	4,724	4,913
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At 30 June 2022	4,724	4,913
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16. Movement of Funds

	Balance at 1 July 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 30 June 2022 £
Restricted Funds:					
Donald Bennet Fund	4,263	-	-	-	4,263
Heritage Path Fund	356	-	-	-	356
Law Guide Fund	2,000	-	(500)	-	1,500
Signage Fund	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
<i>Capital</i>					
Digital Boost Fund	-	5,802	(1,080)	-	4,722
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Total restricted funds	7,619	5,802	(1,580)	-	11,841
Designated Fund					
Life membership Fund	9,554	900	-	(1,182)	9,272
Unrestricted Fund					
	603,825	206,589	(266,826)	1,182	544,770
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Total funds	620,998	213,291	(268,406)	-	565,883
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- **Donald Bennet Fund:** funding received to fund projects in memory of the Society's former Chairman, Donald Bennet.
- **Heritage Paths Fund:** funding received to fund a project relating to Heritage Paths.
- **Law Guide Fund:** ScotWays has received funds towards the production of a new guide to access law in Scotland.
- **Signage Fund:** £1,500 was granted for signposting work in the Fife Council area.
- **Digital Boost Fund:** funding received to acquire IT equipment
- **Life membership subscriptions** are added to the Life Membership fund when received. A proportion is transferred to the general reserve annually to write off the subscriptions over 15 years.

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16. Movement of Funds (cont)

	Balance at 1 July 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gain/(loss) of Investment/ Transfers £	Balance at 30 June 2021 £
Restricted Funds:					
Donald Bennet Fund	8,263	-	(4,000)	-	4,263
Heritage Path Fund	456	-	(100)	-	356
Law Guide Fund	2,500	-	(500)	-	2,000
Signage Fund	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
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Total restricted funds	12,219	-	(4,600)	-	7,619
Designated Fund					
Life membership Fund	250,053	3,300	-	(243,799)	9,554
Unrestricted Fund					
	326,314	176,400	(200,783)	301,894	603,825
Revaluation Reserve					
	11,844	-	-	(11,844)	-
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Total funds	600,430	179,700	(205,383)	46,251	620,998
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17. Analysis of net assets amongst funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets	108,487	-	108,487	104,291
Investments	338,945	-	338,945	399,803
Net current assets	106,610	11,841	118,451	116,904
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	554,042	11,841	565,883	620,998
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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets	104,291	-	104,291	104,081
Investments	399,803	-	399,803	347,863
Net current assets	109,285	7,619	116,904	148,486
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	613,379	7,619	620,998	600,430
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18. Financial instruments

	2022 £	2021 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Fair value through profit and loss	338,945	399,803
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Financial assets measured at fair value through profit and loss comprise listed investments.

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19. Operating lease commitments

The Society was committed to making the following non-cancellable lease payments as at 30 June 2022:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Within one year	1,912	1,912
2 – 5 years	955	2,867
Over 5 years	-	-
	2,867	4,779
	2,867	4,779

20. Analysis of changes in net debt during the year

	2022	2021
	£	£
As at 1 July 2021	111,861	151,248
Net cash outflow	(1,675)	(39,387)
	110,186	111,861
As at 30 June 2022	110,186	111,861

21. Related parties

There were no related party transactions requiring disclosure in the year.