

Annual Report for the year 1 July 2007–30 June 2008

We have decided that the Annual Report produced in the *Proceedings* will reflect the financial year in question, a Trustees' Report for which is required for audit purposes and reproduced here. The Anniversary Meeting reported in each *Proceedings* will now be the one falling within that same financial year, and thus all areas of the *Proceedings* Annual Report will reflect the same year. For this reason we will reproduce the 2007 Anniversary Meeting report here and the 2008 Anniversary Meeting report will be published in volume 139.

There will, however, be some minor changes to the version printed in Volume 137 (2007). The Ballot for Fellows of the Society listed all those put forward and elected at the meeting itself. Strictly, they do not become Fellows until they have paid their subscription and entry fee. The list printed here, and those in subsequent volumes, details those elected at the Anniversary Meeting, with those who have still to pay their subscription and entry fee by the end of the financial year being reported on (30 June 2008) highlighted with an asterix.

We have also listed those who were elected to Council at the Anniversary Meeting, with a short biography each provided for the election. The Roll will include those Fellows for whom the Society has received notification of death within the same financial year.

In future we will also print the names of those lost, resigned and removed from the list of Fellows during the financial year. Finally, we have made an estimation of the numbers of Fellows of differing types during the previous years, and will print this list as recorded by the Society at the end of each financial year in the Annual Report in future.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland is a learned Society founded in 1780 and incorporated by Royal Charter in 1783 (Scottish Charity No. SC 010440). The Society offices are at the National Museums Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1JF.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland was founded in 1780, and granted a Royal Charter in 1783. It has eighteen governing Laws, which are published in the annual journal, *The Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland*. The Society has five elected office-bearers: the President, three Vice-Presidents and the Treasurer. The governing body of the Society is Council, whose members act as Trustees, and which consists of the five office-bearers, 12 Fellows elected by the Society and four *ex officio* members, consisting of the Chair of the Aberdeen & North East Section, the Conveners of the Publication and Research Committees (if not already elected members) and the representative of the National Museums Scotland (NMS), who must be a Fellow of the Society, nominated by the Trustees of the NMS.

Elected Vice-Presidents and Councillors (apart from the Treasurer) hold office for three years, and are not eligible for re-election until at least one year has elapsed. The Treasurer is elected for one year, and may stand for re-election annually. The elections are by ballot at the Annual General Meeting (Anniversary Meeting), from a list issued by Council for that purpose to Fellows at least 14 days before the meeting. New office-bearers and Council members are provided with a document outlining their role and responsibilities and are invited to an induction meeting with the President and Society staff before their first Council meeting.

Council, chaired by the President, normally meets five times a year, and there are three sub-committees: Publications, Research and Fellowship. The Publications Committee meets three times a year to discuss all aspects of the Society's publications, while the Research Committee meets only once a year to make recommendations to Council on allocation of research funds. The Fellowship Committee rarely meets, but communicates via email to assess the applications for Fellowship and ensure they meet the standards required for admission to the Society; the names are presented to the Fellowship for election at the Anniversary Meeting. A smaller Executive Group (President, Treasurer, one Vice-President, Director and Assistant Treasurer) oversees day-to-day financial matters, meeting on a roughly six-weekly basis (or more frequently as required) and bringing recommendations and information to Council as appropriate. The Executive Group has delegated responsibility for risk management within the Society. Personnel matters are dealt with by the Vice-President with responsibility for Staff Matters, consulting other Council members and/or staff as and when necessary.

The Director is delegated by Council to promote the objectives and organise the activities of the Society. The Director has some autonomy in the area of historic environment advocacy, because responses to consultations and reviews often have to be written to short deadlines which cannot wait for the next meeting of Council. However, a general steer is usually sought from Council on issues known to be coming up for consultation, to enable the Director to draft a response along lines already suggested by Council when the request for views is made. Whenever time permits, comments on draft responses are sought from Council members by email.

The offices of the Society are housed within the NMS as per the arrangements agreed in the Conveyance of 1851. At that time, the Society and its collection were provided with fit and proper accommodation, in the National Gallery on The Mound, as a condition of signing over its collection to the nation for the benefit of the public. This collection formed the core of the national archaeological collections now housed in the NMS, and other parts are now in the National Archives, the National Library or the National Galleries, as well as the RCAHMS. The Library of the NMS receives 163 periodicals as exchanges from other societies and libraries in return for copies of the *Proceedings*, as well as publications donated by Fellows through the Society. Fellows of the Society have a statutory right to free entry to the Library.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The principal objective of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland is set out in Law 1: 'the study of the antiquities and history of Scotland, more especially by means of archaeological research'.

In May 2008, Council approved a new five-year strategy document that sets out the above objective and amplifies it with the following Mission Statement:

'The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland will promote the research, understanding and conservation of the archaeological and historic environment of Scotland for the benefit of all. It will actively support research in the field and advocate good practice. It will promote the results of its research and that of others to the widest possible audience'.

To achieve these aspirations, the Society:

- encourages first-class research through grants to individuals, institutions and partnerships;
- disseminates the results of research and endeavour in the field of archaeology and history in Scotland through lectures, conferences and publications;

- furthers the cause of archaeology and history in Scotland by providing independent expert advice in discussions and consultations relating to the historic environment;
- recognises and encourages excellence throughout the whole community of interest in archaeology and history, by awarding bursaries, medals and prizes to students, non-professionals and professionals alike.

The following activities are undertaken in order to meet these aspirations:

- grant-aiding research and the Buchan lectures;
- organising the annual lecture series, the annual Rhind lectures, the annual Archaeological Research in Progress Conference (with Archaeology Scotland), the Lindsay-Fischer lecture series and other conferences and seminars as appropriate;
- publishing the annual *Proceedings*, and books and reports both in print and online; The online publications are available free of charge to all, including the *Proceedings* from five years after publication;
- playing an active role in public discussions and consultations on the historic environment.

The period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 has seen staff changes, with Debra Barrie changing career after three years with the Society, first as *SAIR* editor and then as editor of the *Proceedings* for two years, and the appointment of her replacement, Erin Osborne-Martin, in August 2007 as a full-time Managing Editor and Sales Manager. Debra continues to work freelance for the Society on *SAIR* as necessary. Dr Jeff Sanders was appointed from 1 April 2008 as full-time Project Manager for the Scottish Archaeological Research Framework (ScARF) project, funded by Historic Scotland.

The new Society web-site was launched at the 2007 Anniversary Meeting, and has since been regularly updated, for example to enable Fellows to pay their subscriptions online. Further developments are planned for 2008–09.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Research Grants Awarded

The Society received twenty-four individual applications totalling £31,109.55, every one of which was considered to be of a high standard. However, to keep expenditure in line with income the Society had only a limited amount to disburse in grants this year and so this total was exhaustively whittled down to fourteen successful projects during February 2008. The Society is justly proud of its grant awards scheme, which, although presenting only relatively small sums, helps to initiate new projects and aims to contribute where the relatively small sums would make the greatest impact. Receiving funding from the Society, who rigorously scrutinise the applications through the Research Committee, can also help projects get further funding from other sponsors.

This year the Society awarded grants to a typically diverse group of projects, ranging from the historical analysis of small Jewish communities in Scotland to the landscape-scale multi-period historical and archaeological excavations and analysis of the Strathearn Environs and Royal Forteviot Research Project run by the University of Glasgow Department of Archaeology. In providing these funds, the Society aims to encourage best practice in the research of Scotland's past. In addition,

the Society also agreed to help fund the production of a CD of Celtic harp (*clarsach*) music by the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama (RSAMD), sponsor the well-attended Carpow Logboat Conference held by the Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust, and contribute to the Kilmartin House Museum.

In March 2008 the Council ratified the following awards:

<i>Applicant name</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Amount granted</i>
Dr Nathan Abrams	Remote Jews: The Small Jewish Communities of Scotland	£468.78
Dr Kenneth Brophy	Strathearn Environs and Royal Forteviot (SERF)	£500.00
Ms Ann Clarke	Orkney Axe Project	£750.00
Mr Mark Hall	Radiocarbon Dating of Cremated Bone, Callum's Hill, Crieff	£290.00
Kilmartin House Museum		£100.00
Mrs J A Macdonald	An Riol shielings survey	£300.00
Dr N D Melton	Isotope, osteological and palaeopathological analysis of human bone from Sumburgh	£800.00
Mr Oliver O'Grady and Mr Peter Yeoman	Moothill and Abbey of Scone Project	£1,000.00
Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust	Tales of the Riverbank: the Carpow Bronze Age logboat in context	£250.00
Mr John Pickin	Tonderghie Early Mining Project	£1,500.00
Dr Anna Ritchie	Holm of Papa Westray North Fishbone Analysis	£1,000.00
RSAMD	CD of <i>Silva Caledonia: Scottish Harp Music of the 17th Century</i> by Javier Sainz	£1,250.00
Professor Daniel Szechi	The Jacobite Moment. Engaging and Disengaging with the Stuart Cause, 1688–1788	£1,000.00
Miss Antonia Thomas	The Braes of Ha'Breck, Wyre: Excavation 2008	£400.00
Dr Bruce Walker	Timber Buildings of Scotland	£600.00
Molly Warsh	Adorning Empire: The History of the Early Modern Pearl Trade, 1492–1688	£1,000.00
Mr Allan Wilson	Roman and Native in the lands of the Selgovae	£1,350.00
<i>Total</i>		<i>£12,558.78</i>

The limited funds that the Society has available means that many of these projects did not receive the full grant requested. We also had to turn down altogether applications from excellent and deserving proposals, for example a community-led archaeological survey at a multi-period settlement site at Braemore Square, Lochbroom, which the Society would have very happily contributed towards, given enough funds.

The Society invests entry fees paid by new Fellows for the restricted purpose of providing income for grants and other awards. The Society welcomes donations, of whatever size, which can be restricted for use in providing funds for the grants scheme, thereby helping us to increase the amounts we can disburse and begin to match the numbers of deserving applicants.

The Society also supports Archaeology Scotland's Young Archaeologists' Clubs (YAC) by awarding an annual grant. The YAC network plays a vital role in reaching out and bringing young people into archaeology.

Donations and Bequests

In January 2008, the Society gratefully received a bequest of books from the estate of Sir Howard Colvin, an Honorary Fellow who bequeathed 'up to ten books on Scottish Architecture or history to be selected by or on behalf of the Librarian (excluding any books specifically bequeathed to other institutions or individuals)'. The Society was provided with eight books that will be deposited in the NMS library once delivered to Edinburgh.

A financial donation was gratefully received from our Fellow Dr Peter Murray. This forms the basis of The Murray Award Fund, established in January 2008 in loving memory of his wife Anne Mary Murray. Dr Murray has also agreed to continue strengthening this fund through Payroll Giving, operated by the Institute of Fundraising and supported by HM Government. Payroll Giving is a scheme that enables you to give to any UK charity straight from your gross salary (before tax is deducted), and to receive immediate tax relief of up to £4 for every £10 donated.

The Scottish Archaeological Research Framework (ScARF) Project

This year saw the inception of this ambitious and exciting new project being led by the Society with generous funding from Historic Scotland. A Steering Group has been set up and the project has appointed Dr Jeff Sanders as full-time Project Manager. By the end of the project we will have in place an updatable framework highlighting both current research strengths within Scottish archaeology and areas for future exploration. This will enable anyone wishing to undertake research in Scotland to plan their work effectively in relation to the framework, thereby ensuring that future research is relevant, represents best value and effectively contributes to our understanding of the past. The framework is intended to be a rolling project, to be updated as fresh research is undertaken, so that it provides an enduring and relevant legacy for those involved in archaeological research. The framework will thus comprise both a structure to build upon and a set of research goals to aspire to.

The framework is being developed in partnership with all those involved in the archaeology of Scotland from the academic, professional, commercial and voluntary sectors. Initially, this involves an assessment of our current state of knowledge on a period-by-period basis. Panels are being assembled to identify current research strengths and future research themes for Scottish archaeology, beginning with the Neolithic and Medieval periods. Consultation by the panels will then ensure the views of all those with an interest in Scottish archaeology are included.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

The Society provided the following events, including lectures at its regular Ordinary Meetings, conferences and special events.

8 & 9 October 2007

The Treaty of Union: a necessity of political economy?

Professor Allan Macinnes, University of Strathclyde

20 October 2007

OPEN EVENT: CONFERENCE JOINT WITH THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON THE ANCIENT AND HISTORIC MONUMENTS OF SCOTLAND (RCAHMS)

Industrial Archaeology in Scotland: Future Perspectives

12 & 13 November 2007

'... for the more decent burring of defunct persons ...' – the Aberdeenshire Historic Kirkyards Project

Ian A G Shepherd, MA FSA FSA Scot MIFA, Aberdeenshire Council

30 November 2007

ANNIVERSARY MEETING

Archaeology and Aberdeen: a new beginning

Professor Neil Price, BA PhD FSA FSA Scot FRGS MIFA, University of Aberdeen

10 & 11 December 2007

JOINT WITH THE PREHISTORIC SOCIETY

Forgotten Sites and Elusive Images: prehistoric rock carvings of southern Scandinavia

Professor John Coles, FBA FSA HonFSA Scot

14 January 2008

JOINT WITH THE NATIONAL MUSEUMS SCOTLAND MEMBERS

With Rhetoric: Basil Spence and modern architecture at mid-century

Dr Louise Campbell, BA MA PhD, University of Warwick

15 January 2008

With Rhetoric: Basil Spence and modern architecture at mid-century

Neil Gregory, RCAHMS

28 January 2008

OPEN EVENT JOINT WITH THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF LONDON

The Dawn of Civilization

Professor Lord Renfrew, FBA FSA HonFRSE HonFSA Scot

11 & 12 February 2008

What makes Scottish Woodland History Special?

Professor Oliver Rackham, OBE FBA, University of Cambridge

10 & 11 March 2008

Pastimes and Pleasures at the Scottish Royal Court, c 1424–1542

Dr Katie Stevenson, BA(Hons) PhD FSA Scot FRHistS, University of St Andrews

14 & 15 April 2008

OPEN EVENT – SCIENCE FESTIVAL

The Nebra Sky Disc – latest results on an Early Bronze Age find of extraordinary significance

Dr Harald Meller, MA PhD, Landesmuseum für Vorgeschichte, Halle, Germany

25–27 April 2008

OPEN EVENT – THE RHIND LECTURES

Archaeology and the Sea in Scandinavia and Britain

Professor Ole Crumlin-Pederson, The Viking Ship Museum, Roskilde, Denmark

12 & 13 May 2008

Manufacturing a Technological Legend: sculptural monuments to James Watt in Greenock

Mr Ray MacKenzie, Glasgow School of Art

31 May 2008

ANNUAL CONFERENCE WITH ARCHAEOLOGY SCOTLAND – OPEN JOINT EVENT

Archaeological Research in Progress

Organised in Caithness by Archaeology Scotland

9, 10 and 11 June 2008

LINDSAY-FISCHER LECTURES

How Old are the Stave Churches?

Dr Ola Storsletten, Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research

The evening lectures at Ordinary Meetings are free to Fellows and their guests, and were held in the Lecture Theatre of the National Museums Scotland in Edinburgh until April 2008, and in the Marischal Museum in Aberdeen. The Rhind Lectures were kindly accommodated in the University of Edinburgh free of charge and the Society is very grateful to the University of Edinburgh School of Classics, History and Archaeology for their help in organising these prestigious lectures. The Edinburgh lectures in May and June were held in the National Galleries of Scotland's Hawthornden Lecture Theatre on the Mound following the closure of the NMS lecture theatre as part of the Royal Museum of Scotland project. The May lecture was a last-minute change from that advertised (Juliet Kinchin, University of Glasgow on *Art and History into Life: the Pageant Revival in Scotland*), and the Society is extremely grateful to Mr Ray McKenzie for his excellent presentation on the sculpture of James Watt. In a similar vein, Mr Neil Gregory stepped in at the last minute to replace Dr Campbell, who, due to a family bereavement, was unable to present a lecture on Basil Spence to the Aberdeen and North East Section in January. The Society extends its thanks to him also.

2007 was the anniversary of the Treaty of Union between England and Scotland and, to mark the occasion, the Society was presented with a splendid lecture on the topic by Professor Allan

Macinnes. This year also saw the tercentenary of the Society of Antiquaries of London, and to help them celebrate, we collaborated to host a public lecture by Professor Lord Colin Renfrew, which was very well attended and followed by a reception in the University of Edinburgh.

All of those events marked 'Open Event' are free to all and open to the public, including the Rhind Lectures. The day conferences were ticketed, but the cost is kept as low as possible, with concessions for students to encourage attendance by younger people. However, rising costs, in respect of accommodation and refreshments at conferences, makes it difficult to keep the ticket price as low as the Society might wish.

The conference with the RCAHMS on Industrial Archaeology was a popular event that saw the inception of the Scottish Transport and Industrial Collections Knowledge network and the launch of the book *Civil Engineering Scotland*, published by the Institution of Civil Engineers. It provided the opportunity for scholars to consider the future, as well as reflect on recent events, in Scottish Industrial archaeology. The Society would particularly like to thank Mr John Crompton for giving the vote of thanks.

The Rhind Lectures are an esteemed event that allows the speaker to investigate a particular topic in more depth than would normally be possible. This year the Society is very grateful to Professor Ole Crumlin-Pederson for his exemplary analysis of the use of boats in northern Europe over several millennia, but concentrating especially on the North Sea and Atlantic seaways during the late medieval and Norse periods. These lectures saw the introduction of a short question and answer session, not normally provided at Rhind lectures, to which Professor Crumlin-Pederson responded wonderfully.

The 2008 Archaeological Research in Progress conference was held in Lybster, Caithness, and organised by the newly renamed Archaeology Scotland (formerly the Council for Scottish Archaeology) and showcased projects from northern Scotland. This event is hosted alternately by the Society and Archaeology Scotland. The Society usually holds the conference in Edinburgh and presents a wide range of projects from the whole of Scotland, while Archaeology Scotland takes the conference to other parts of Scotland and concentrates the presentations on the local area concerned.

The Society has a thriving Aberdeen and North East Section. It is the tradition that each speaker from the Ordinary Meetings in Edinburgh travels to Aberdeen to give the same lecture there, and it is to the credit of the speakers that they were willing to give so freely of their time to visit both. The Section also organises its own additional programme of lectures and field trips.

This year the Lindsay-Fischer Lectures, presented by Ola Storsletten were given not only in Edinburgh and Aberdeen, but also, on the third day, in Kirkwall. This extension is possible through a generous agreement with the Strathmartine Trust, and the Society is grateful to them for this opportunity to take Society lectures furth of Edinburgh.

Publications

The Society published its first volume of *Transactions* in 1792, and has been publishing a regular journal since then. The *Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland*, published annually, is now the national journal of record for Scottish archaeology. Volume 136 was published and distributed to Fellows and libraries in 2007, and contains the customary mix of archaeology, history, architectural history and other areas of material culture. This volume returned to a chronological sequence of papers. It included a synthetic piece on Neolithic archaeology in Scotland, and we hope that further similar interpretative and synthetic work will be submitted to future volumes. Work on Volume 137 progressed during the year, and this is due to be published and distributed in November 2008.

Scottish Archaeological Internet Reports (ISSN 1473–3803) has seen the publication of three reports in the year ending 30 June 2008:

SAIR 23 Excavations at Maybury Park, Edinburgh (1990–02) by Colm Moloney and John A Lawson with contributions by D Johnson, A Saville, A Sheridan, C McGill, M Hastie and V Dean, illustrations by L Baker, J Miller and M O’Neil, ISBN 0 903903 92 X

SAIR 24 Cist burials and an Iron Age settlement at Dryburn Bridge, Innerwick, East Lothian by Andrew Dunwell with contributions by B Finlayson, H E M Cool, T Cowie, A Heald, F Hunter, D Inge-mark, M Jay, J Roberts, A Sheridan and J Thoms, ISBN 0 903903 93 8

SAIR 25 Excavation of a Bronze Age funerary site at Loth Road, Sanday, Orkney by Paul M Sharman with contributions by D Alldritt, A Clarke, A MacSween, E Photos-Jones and J Roberts, ISBN 0 903903 95 4

All *Scottish Archaeological Internet Reports* are freely available online at www.sair.org and the series is being permanently archived by the National Libraries of Scotland (NLS), because it is, in their words, ‘an important part of our documentary heritage’. This will ensure the accessibility of *SAIR* in the future as part of the permanent collections of the NLS.

The Society has published four books in the year ending June 2008 and work continues on several further volumes. *The Locksmith Craft in Early Modern Edinburgh* by Dr Aaron M Allen considers this vital part of the early modern town and explores the lives of the craftsmen, the social structures in which they lived and the remarkable objects that they made, from the time of incorporation in the fifteenth century, to the eve of Deacon Brodie, the Industrial Revolution and the breakdown of guild control. The Society is grateful to the Incorporation of Hammermen of Edinburgh for grant-aid towards this volume. *In the Shadow of Bennachie*, by the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historic Monuments of Scotland, and published jointly with them, is richly illustrated with photographs, maps, and drawn plans, and brings together the various strands of archaeology, history and geography to uncover a remarkable past and the way it has shaped the modern landscape of Donside, Aberdeenshire. *The Lands of Ancient Lothian: Interpreting the Archaeology of the A1*, edited by Gavin MacGregor and Olivia Lelong draws together the results of the excavations during the upgrading of part of the A1 road in south-east Scotland. The archaeology uncovered spanned a period of 5,000 years from the early fourth millennium BC to the early fifth century AD. *Scotland’s Parliament Site and the Canongate: archaeology and history* by the Holyrood Archaeology Project Team documents archaeological and historical work that illuminated medieval Canongate and unravelled the history of Queensberry House in advance of the construction of the Scottish Parliament. Discoveries made both on the ground and in the documentary sources spanned nine hundred years of busy life in this area of the Old Town of Edinburgh from the 13th century when the burgh was created to the 21st century when the new Parliament was built. The Society gratefully acknowledges grant-aid from Historic Scotland towards the publication of the last two volumes.

The Society also hosted, in accommodation kindly provided by Historic Scotland, a meeting on 2 November 2007 for all those involved in publishing archaeology in Scotland and beyond. This proved a most valuable opportunity to communicate and culminated in several actions for the Society and others, including making the publication process more transparent. The Society has agreed to host another publications day in 2009.

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT ADVOCACY

As the senior antiquarian body in Scotland, the Society is consulted by a wide range of organisations from central government to academic funding bodies such as the Arts & Humanities Research Council, where it is considered a Subject Association. The Director is a representative board member of the Built Environment Forum Scotland (BEFS), an umbrella body which brings together non-governmental organisations working in the historic and built environment sector, he is also convenor of the Historic Environment Working Group of that Forum. The Society is a member of The Archaeology Forum, a UK-wide grouping of non-governmental organisations, and through this the Director is made aware of, and can contribute to, consultations and initiatives which emanate from outside Scotland, but may have an impact on the Scottish historic environment, the most recent being the *Draft Heritage Protection Bill* in England and Wales that will create a more effective, coherent and open system for heritage protection there. The Director represents the Society on the Council of the National Trust for Scotland, which meets three times a year to discuss matters of policy, finance and forward planning. The Society is also a member of Scottish Environment Link (with Archaeology Scotland), and Scottish Archaeological Link.

This year the Society has responded to consultations on the Historic Scotland Archaeology Investment Review, the Scottish Historic Environment Policy (SHEP) on the Marine Historic Environment and Scottish Planning Policy 23, and prepared its response to the SHEP on Historic Battlefields and the consultation on the Heart of Neolithic Orkney World Heritage Site Management Plan 2008–13.

We also sit on the Archaeology Data Services Management Committee, the RCAHMS User Panel, the British and Irish Archaeological Bibliography Online Advisory Committee, the Antonine Wall Management Plan Working Group, the National Committee on Carved Stones in Scotland and the Heritage Audit advisory group, while Fellows represent the Society on the National Museums Scotland Board of Trustees, The Dalrymple Donaldson Fund, Sir Henry Wade's Pilmuir Trust, the Mouswald Trust and the Traprain Law Advisory Group. Through all these organisations we are able to keep abreast of current news in the heritage sector and discuss and support the archaeology and history of Scotland.

RECOGNISING EXCELLENCE

The RBK Stevenson Award

RBK Stevenson was for many years the Keeper of the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland and was President of the Society between 1975 and 1978. This award is made annually in recognition of the paper in the Proceedings that best reflects Robert Stevenson's own scholarship and high standards. The 2007 award £50 went to the article *New Light on Iron Age Massive Armlets* by Dr Fraser Hunter of the National Museums Scotland. Dr Hunter accepted the award in person at the Anniversary Meeting.

Dorothy Marshall Medal

The medal commemorates Miss Dorothy Marshall who in her own long lifetime contributed so much to Scottish archaeology and especially in the area of her beloved island of Bute and marks our gratitude for the bequest to the Society following her death in 1992. It is given to an individual who,

in a voluntary capacity, has made an outstanding contribution to Scottish archaeological or related work. At the 2007 Anniversary Meeting the President presented Mr Ian Keillar in person with the Dorothy Marshall Medal for his contributions over many years to the archaeology of Moray. Ian was born in Kinross and served in the Royal Air Force, where his interest in archaeology and especially aerial archaeology was stimulated while travelling extensively during his service. After becoming a Chartered Electrical Engineer he eventually joined the Hydro-Board and settled in Elgin in 1964. From here his interest in archaeology took off as a student of Dr Ronald Cant, and then as a friend and colleague of the late Professor Barri Jones. Ian established and substantially funded the Moray Aerial Archaeology Group, one of whose early finds was the site at Birnie, which has since received Society research funding.

While illness has restricted his activities somewhat of late, Ian is still a prominent figure in the Moray area. He wrote up the paper he and Barri Jones had been planning prior to his untimely death, *'In Fines Borestorum': reconstructing the archaeological landscapes of prehistoric and proto-historic Moray in Northern Scotland*, published by the University of Aberdeen Centre for Scottish Studies, and, with Bill Bartlam, another Fellow, *World War II in Moray*, and *The Romans in Moray: The Evidence* published by Moray New Horizons. His vigorous work on the plans for the Elgin Relief Road resulted in ensuring that archaeological work was undertaken as part of the mitigation strategy. In his own words he still 'dabbles away looking for sites' and we believe Ian Keillar is a worthy recipient of the Dorothy Marshall Medal.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Society's Abbreviated Income and Expenditure Accounts are reproduced here. The presentation style reflects the new accounting standards for charities. At the Anniversary Meeting on 30 November 2007, the Society approved increased subscription rates and entrance fees, which were introduced on 1 July 2008. Increased subscriptions were tempered by a rebate for two years for those who signed up promptly for the newly introduced Direct Debit facility for paying subscriptions, which will eventually replace Standing Orders. In addition, Fellows can now pay their subscriptions online.

In April 2008 the Society appointed new accountants, Henderson Loggie, who have a specialist charities team which we expect will actively advise the Society on relevant financial issues as well as auditing our accounts.

The Society's investments are managed by Bank of Scotland Portfolio Management Services who provide a half-yearly review and quarterly valuations. Our Investment Manager attends Council annually and has more frequent meetings with office-bearers. The Society's objective is to have a balanced portfolio subject to a medium degree of risk. Council reviewed the Society's investments during 2007-08 and adjustments have been made to increase income while maintaining capital growth and raise the proportion of investments in Government bonds compared with shares. Taken together, Council considers it has sufficient procedures in place to oversee this process and manage the inherent risk in a portfolio of investments.

Some of the Society's investments are restricted in purpose, notably to the funding of research. For some time income from entry fees has been used to fund research and we have begun to invest these fees to increase income that we can disburse in grants. We would also encourage Fellows and others to help us increase these restricted funds further by donations of any size: please do not hesitate to contact the Society.

ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR FELLOWS
SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Endowment</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Restated</i>
	<i>Funds</i>	<i>Funds</i>	<i>Funds</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>Total</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
Income					
Subscriptions	143,276	–	–	143,276	143,741
Tax recovered on Gift Aid Scheme	14,277	–	–	14,277	19,529
Donations	1,580	2,299	–	3,879	166
Legacy	–	–	–	–	1,000
New Fellow Entrance Fees	–	1,260	–	1,260	2,010
Income from Listed Investments	25,244	7,868	–	33,112	27,759
Bank Interest Received	377	128	–	505	1,273
Income from Proceedings	15,750	–	–	15,750	16
Income from Monographs	57,195	–	–	57,195	20,135
Income from SAIR	10,000	–	–	10,000	9,291
Income from ScARF	8,862	–	–	8,862	–
Total Income	276,561	11,555	–	288,116	224,920
Expenditure					
Grants, awards and donations	3,650	10,959		14,609	18,259
Lecture Programme	12,085	1,506		13,591	15,991
Proceedings	42,976			42,976	45,351
Monograph	59,149			59,149	39,753
SAIR and ScARF	9,503			9,503	4,662
Heritage Programme	–			–	1,500
Salaries and Fees	86,070			86,070	59,230
Pensions Payments	8,110			8,110	5,784
Printing, Stationery, Post & Telephone	14,757			14,757	20,652
Office Equipment, Maintenance and Insurance	15,550			15,550	11,377
Miscellaneous	684			684	6,644
Investment Management Costs	3,427			3,427	3,689
Bank Charges	2,349			2,349	1,790
Depreciation	1,669			1,669	6,077
Bad Debt	5,934			5,934	903
Accountancy & Audit Fee	5,387			5,387	3,656
Council & Committee Expenses	1,449			1,449	908
Legal & other professional fees	–			–	705
Total Expenditure	272,749	12,465	–	285,214	246,931
Surplus (Loss) for year	3,812	(910)	–	2,902	(22,011)
Transfer from unrestricted to restricted	(4,292)	4,292	–	–	–
Realized gains (losses) on investments	(8,432)	–	–	(8,432)	7,202
Unrealized gains (losses) on investments	(86,111)	–	(37,293)	(123,404)	78,175
Balances brought forward	573,406	18,244	301,011	892,661	829,295
	478,383	21,626	263,718	763,727	892,661

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2008

	2008	2008	<i>Restated</i>
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets		1,992	2,744
Investments		776,020	907,856
		<u>778,012</u>	<u>910,600</u>
Debtors	59,819		39,152
Cash at Bank	8,176		26,251
	<u>67,995</u>		<u>65,403</u>
Less			
Current Liabilities due within one year	(82,280)		(83,342)
		<u>(14,285)</u>	<u>(17,939)</u>
		<u>763,727</u>	<u>892,661</u>
Endowment Fund		263,718	301,011
Restricted Funds		21,626	18,244
Unrestricted Funds		478,383	573,406
		<u>763,727</u>	<u>892,661</u>

The figures above have been extracted from the audited accounts for the year ended 30 June 2008, which carried an unqualified audit report, and which were approved by Council on 14 October 2008. The full Trustees' Report and Financial Statements may be obtained from the Assistant Treasurer at the Society's Office at the National Museums of Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1JF, upon receipt of £5 UK and £10 elsewhere.

Roger Mercer, *President*

Independent auditors' statement

We have examined the summarized financial information which is prepared for the Society's Fellows.

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the financial information. We have agreed to report on its consistency with the annual accounts on which we reported on 14 October 2008.

Basis of Opinion

We have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to ascertain whether the abbreviated accounts are consistent with the annual accounts from which it has been prepared.

Opinion

In our opinion the abbreviated accounts are consistent with the annual accounts for the year ended 30 June 2008.

Henderson Loggie, Edinburgh

14 October 2008

FUTURE PLANS AND COMMITMENTS

Research

Research grants are central to the Society, and we will continue to consider grant applications. The deadline for which remains the Anniversary Meeting (30 November). Donations and bequests for the research fund would be gratefully received.

The Scottish Archaeological Research Framework project will continue to take shape, with several of the chronological panels meeting to investigate the Neolithic and the Medieval periods and the Maritime and Marine environment. These should have reported within the next year and new webpages will be added to the Society website to keep everyone up-to-date with what is happening and to inform them how to get involved. It is also expected that work will begin on preparing the Iron Age and Palaeolithic/Mesolithic chronological panels, with a Human Remains panel also initiated.

Programme

The lecture programme for 2008–09 was decided by the end of June 2008. From October 2008, however, lectures and conferences can no longer be held in the NMS lecture theatre which is being redeveloped as part of the Royal Museum Project. The Society has agreed with the Royal Society of Edinburgh to use its accommodation for our meetings throughout 2008–09. The Rhind Lectures are such a major undertaking that the speakers require at least three year's notice, and currently we have Rhind lecturers in place up to and including 2011. It is the Society's turn to organise and host the Archaeological Research in Progress conference for 2009, and we will be organising a conference with the NMS in Edinburgh on 9 and 10 May 2009 entitled *Late Roman silver and the end of the Empire: the Traprain Treasure in context*. Work is currently under way on the organisation of a major international conference in collaboration with the NMS and Winterthur Museum, Delaware, USA, on *Scottish Transatlantic Material Culture*, from 7 to 9 October 2009 at the Winterthur Museum.

Publications

The Society is committed to annual publication of the *Proceedings*, and work has already begun on volume 138 to be published in October 2009. Intending contributors please note that there is now a deadline of 1 November for papers to be submitted for the following *Proceedings*.

From this report it can be seen that the Society has completed a busy and exciting year, with many new developments and excellent events. A stimulating programme of activities is already in place for next year, particularly in the area of events and publications, and the staff are very grateful for the continued support of both you, the Fellows, and the Council members, who put a lot of voluntary time and effort into the organisation and running of the Society.

R MERCER OBE
President
 14 October 2008

ANNIVERSARY MEETING REPORT

The Anniversary Meeting is held, as per Law 16, on St Andrew's Day, except when this falls on a Sunday. The meeting is also the Annual General Meeting of the Society. The meeting of 30 November 2007 was previously reported in Vol 137 of the *Proceedings*, but the majority of this information, without the President's Address, is reproduced here in line with the new reporting structure.

BALLOT FOR FELLOWS OF THE SOCIETY

The following were elected as Fellows of the Society in accordance with Law 4: *‘Council shall cause the names of the Candidates and their Sponsors to be circulated to all Fellows at least ten days before the date of the meeting at which a ballot is to be held. Fellows may vote against any candidate by striking out the name from the list and returning the list to the Society before the meeting or placing the list in the Ballot Box before the meeting commences. Candidates receiving ten or more adverse votes will be balloted for individually at the meeting, and any candidate then receiving less than two-thirds of the votes shall not be admitted.’*

Those marked with an asterisk (*) are still to pay their admission fee and subscription, and thus, under Law 7, have not yet completed the admission process and are therefore not yet added to the list of fellows.

DONALD M ABBOTT, Invergowrie, by Dundee, UK
 CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM ALLAN, West Saltoun, East Lothian, UK
 NORWOOD BAYBRIDGE, Big Stone City, South Dakota, USA
 WILLIAM PARET BOSWELL, SSA HSS, Sewickley, Pennsylvania, USA
 CHARLES, LORD BRUCE, MA(Hons), Culross, Fife, UK
 STEVEN ELLIS BRUCE, Gainesville, Georgia, USA
 ALIMA BUCCIANINI, Edinburgh, UK
 DAVID J BYRNE, Prospect, Connecticut, USA
 BERNARD BYROM, FCCA FCMA, Clifton, Bedfordshire, UK
 ALAN CAMERON, FRHistS, West Linton, UK
 SUSAN IONA CASEY, MA(Hons), Edinburgh, UK
 GORDON THOMAS COOK, PhD, East Kilbride, UK
 JAMES GEORGE CROW, FSA, Edinburgh, UK
 PAULA DE FOUGEROLLES, PhD, Brookline, Massachusetts, USA
 JONATHAN DOWLING, MA, Dairsie, Fife, UK
 ROBERT ALLAN FENWICK, BA(Hons) PhD, Perth, UK
 LYDIA CAMPBELL FISHER, BA, Edinburgh, UK
 ROGER GOODBURN, BSc FSA, Abingdon, Oxon, UK
 DEBORAH BRUCE GOTTLIEB, Roswell, Georgia, USA
 ISABELLA GOLD GRAY, MA, Glasgow, UK
 LYNDISAY NAIRN GREWAR, MBE, Kirriemuir, Angus, UK
 KATHERINE ANNE GROUNDWATER, PhD, Edinburgh, UK
 KIERAN HAINES, MLitt PIFA, Dalkeith, Midlothian, UK*
 SELWYN PHILIP HODSON-PRESSINGER, BA(Hons) FRSA FRGS, London, UK
 PETER JORDAN, PhD, Aberdeen, UK
 MELVILLE GREIG KERR, Edinburgh, UK
 JONATHAN M KLEMENS, MA BSc, Gibsonia, Pennsylvania, USA
 ROGER JOHN KNOWLES, Cannock, Staffs, UK
 JOHN EASTON LAW, MA(Hons) DPhil, Swansea, UK
 JOHN AMOS LOGAN, HHS, New Fairfield, Connecticut, USA
 MALCOLM JOHNSON MACALISTER MA DipEd, Fort William, UK

STEPHEN CYRUS MACEACHERN, North Port, Florida, USA
 CATHERINE ANNE MACIVER, Inverness, UK
 ANNA CAMPBELL MACLEAN, MA LLB, Edinburgh, UK
 JULIAN MCCORQUODALE, London, UK
 FIONA MOYRA MCGIBBON, Dunbar, East Lothian, UK
 BILLY DONALD MCKENZIE, Pinehurst, North Carolina, USA
 DAVID LOGAN MCLEAN, SBStJ, Blackburn, West Lothian, UK
 KAREN B MILEK, DPhil, Aberdeen, UK
 ADRIENNE L MILLER, BA MSc, Wilmington, Delaware, USA*
 RALPH DOMINIC MOFFAT, MA(Hons), MSc, Edinburgh, UK
 CATRIONA ANNE MURRAY, MA(Hons), Edinburgh, UK
 CHRISTOPHER JOHN NELSON, MA MPhil, Carlisle, South Lanarkshire, UK*
 ANDREW NEWBY, PhD MA (Hons), Edinburgh, UK
 ALISON JANE PARFITT, Banchory, Aberdeenshire, UK
 JANET MARY PARKIN, Banchory, Aberdeenshire, UK
 ANDREW KEITH RATTRAY, Walsingham, Ontario, Canada
 MATTHEW RITCHIE, Cardiff, UK
 ALEXANDER JAMES ROBB, Edinburgh, UK
 WILLIAM ROBERT WILSON ROBERTSON, MA(Hons) MPhil DipThMin, Edinburgh, UK
 WILLIAM JAMES ROULSTON, Belfast, Northern Ireland
 GRAHAM FLOCKHART RUSSELL, Edinburgh, UK*
 CHRISTOPHER JOHN SCARRE, PhD BA FSA, Durham, UK
 GARY L SCOTT, MA, St Louis, Missouri, USA
 CLAIRE SHAW, MSc BSc(Hons) AIFA, Paisley, UK*
 CECILY ALEXANDRA SPALL, BSc(Hons) MA, York, UK
 JIM STEEL, BA, Irvine, North Ayrshire, UK
 JAMES ANDREW STRACHAN, Temecula, California, USA
 SHEILA D SZATKOWSKI, Edinburgh, UK
 GARETH JOHN TALBOT, BSc(Hons) AIFA, Glasgow, UK
 SHERRILYN DAWN THEISS, PhD, Huntingdon Beach, California, USA
 IAN WILSON TOUGH, JP FRSA, Dartford, Kent, UK
 ALAN WILLIAM WELSH BENG, BA(Hons) FRSA, Edinburgh, UK
 THOMAS WILSON, Strathaven, UK
 RUARAIKH WISHART, MA(Hons), Stonehaven, UK
 ALAN GIBSON YOUNG, Linlithgow, UK

THE ROLL

The deaths of the Fellows listed below were intimated to the Society during 2007–08. The dates in the right-hand column represent the year of election as a Fellow.

JOHN COPE ABBOTT, Bedford, Massachusetts, USA	1991
DON ALDRIDGE, Perth, UK	1991

HELEN BANEY, Argyll, UK	1981
ALEXANDER SCOTT BELL, Edinburgh, UK	2003
NEIL M CAMERON, Edinburgh, UK	1983
SIR HOWARD COLVIN, Oxford, UK	Hon Fellow 1986
LINDSAY GORDON COOK, Ellon, Aberdeenshire, UK	2006
ALBERT DE RUIJTER, Denny, Stirlingshire, UK	1994
JAMES FRANKLIN ERSKINE, Del City, Oklahoma, USA	1995
IAN ANDREW FORSHAW, Inverness, UK	1994
MELVIN B GAY, Georgia, USA	1999
WILLIAM WALLACE GRANT, Edinburgh, UK	1996
JOHN HIGGITT, Edinburgh, UK	1974
JOHN R B HORDEN, Bridge of Allan, UK	1980
JACK HOWDLE, Dumfries, UK	1966
ARTHUR JAMIESON OF BARNACH, Beith, Ayrshire, UK	1953
JACK D JONES, Newport, Isle of Wight, UK	1951
ARTHUR R H KELLAS, Edinburgh, UK	1990
GORDON E KENNEDY, Washington, USA	1994
CRIGHTON W LANG, Blairgowrie, UK	1984
D LIDDELL-GRAINGER, Eyemouth, UK	1967
JAMES CRAWFORD LITTLE OF MORTON RIG, Dumfries, UK	1992
ANGUS CHARLES MACALISTER OF GLENBARR, Tarbert, UK	1999
ISOBEL MACALISTER, Fort William, UK	2000
REV DONALD MACKAY, Dumfries, UK	1990
MAGNUS MAGNUSSON, Glasgow, UK	1974
GEORGE M A McCHLERY, Glasgow, UK	1976
MAJOR O J MIRYLEES, Bognor Regis, UK	1998
FRANK MORAN, Dunkeld, UK	1983
META ELIZABETH CECILIA JANE MUIR, Edinburgh, UK	1982
DESMOND JOSEPH O'BRIEN, Lasswade, UK	1991
KENNETH RODNEY PRINGLE, Farnham, Surrey, UK	2004
DAVID ROY, Dundee, UK	2002
THOMAS WILLIAM SCRAGG, Cheshire, UK	1970
ROBERT SHELDON SLEMMONS, Topeka, Kansas, USA	1997
GEORGE SORRIE, St Andrews, UK	1974
CECILIA AGNES SYM, Edinburgh, UK	1978
DEREK R THORNTON, Galashiels, UK	1993
PROFESSOR BRUCE G TRIGGER, Montreal, Canada	Hon Fellow 1993
ALFRED TRUCKELL, Dumfries, UK	1948
BARRY VICKERS, Edinburgh, UK	1988
DEREK WEBBER, Ardgay, Sutherland, UK	1984
GEORGE WILLIAMSON, Gweru, Zimbabwe	1982
CHARLES WILSON, South Hills, South Africa	1989

BALLOT FOR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

The following were elected as members of Council of the Society in accordance with Laws 11 to 14.

Vice-President

Ian B M Ralston MA PhD FRSE FSA MIFA is Professor of Later European Prehistory at Edinburgh University, and divides his time between Scottish Archaeology and the European Iron Age. He is co-directing the excavation of a major fifth century BC settlement at Bourges in Central France. He presently chairs the Scottish Archaeological Finds Allocation Panel and the Universities' Standing Committee for Archaeology, as well as being non-executive Chair of CFA Archaeology in Musselburgh. His recent books include *Celtic Fortifications* (Tempus 2006) and (co-edited with Prof John Hunter) *Archaeological Resource Management in the UK* (Sutton 2006, 2nd edition).

Treasurer

Brendan O'Connor BA DPhil has been active in archaeology for forty years. After studying at Nottingham and Oxford he moved to Edinburgh to work in the Scottish Office from which he retired in 2001. His thesis was published in 1980 and he has published extensively on Bronze Age metalwork in Scotland (often in collaboration with Trevor Cowie), elsewhere in Britain and abroad. From 1995 to 1998 Dr O'Connor was a member of the Society's Council and also served on its Finance and Administration Committee.

Council Members

Iain Banks MA(Hons) PhD MIFA is a graduate of Glasgow University where he gained his MA in Archaeology & Medieval History in 1986 and his PhD, titled *Rural Society and Settlement: Isolated Monuments and Farming Communities in Northern and Western Scotland in the late Atlantic Iron Age*, in 1994. He has worked for GUARD since 1989 and is now Director. Originally working on the first millennia BC and AD in Britain and Ireland, his research interests have developed into battlefield archaeology, initially through the BBC TV series *Two Men in a Trench*. He has worked across Britain and in South Africa, Libya and on the Western Front and, as a result of this work, he co-founded the *Journal of Conflict Archaeology* in 2005 and the Centre for Battlefield Archaeology in 2006. Since 2006–07, the centre has been offering the first MLitt in Battlefield and Conflict Archaeology in the world.

Alan Braby became involved in archaeology in 1981, undertaking post-excavation for a variety of projects in the artefact research unit of the NMS, which was interleaved from 1982 to 1984 with restoration and picture framing for the NTS, and an apprenticeship as a commercial picture framer. From then to the late 1990's he worked on excavations across Scotland and England. In 1988 he became involved in archaeological illustration, which has gradually taken over from excavation, and he now spends the bulk of his time as a freelance archaeological illustrator, undertaking projects of various sizes for the NMS archaeology department and for various commercial archaeological units, museums, universities and individuals. He has illustrated several archaeological publications and numerous other books, leaflets, site display boards and museum displays. He is currently involved in two important long-term excavations at Old Scatness, Shetland, where he is Assistant Director, and Birnie, Morayshire, as site supervisor. He is especially interested in Iron Age Scotland and maritime archaeology and is currently researching the shipwrecks and maritime history of Sanday, Orkney, and examples of Scottish ship graffiti. He has been a Fellow of the Society since 1988.

Shannon M Fraser MA DipPost-Ex PhD MIFA read Archaeology and Medieval History at the University of Glasgow, completed post-excavation studies at the University of Leicester, and eventually returned to Glasgow in 1991 to undertake doctoral research into Irish and Scottish Neolithic landscapes. In 1993 she was enrolled in the Institute of Field Archaeologists (IFA) and in the same year was elected a Fellow of this Society. She is currently a Committee member of the IFA Buildings Archaeology Group and of the Society's North East Section, and is an Honorary Research Fellow in Geography and Environment at the University of Aberdeen. In 2001, after three years as Director of the Council for Scottish Archaeology, she joined the National Trust for Scotland as Archaeologist for the Trust's North East Region. As part of a multi-disciplinary, holistic conservation team, she is responsible for the conservation, interpretation and promotion of the cultural heritage assets on Trust properties in the northeast and in Perthshire, and more recently Shetland, Fair Isle and Fife. She has been involved in excavations embracing the Mesolithic period to the 19th century across Scotland and England. Her research interests focus on the interplay between the human body, the physical attributes of the landscape – both natural and constructed – and the social and intellectual landscape. She is currently exploring these linkages in the context of 18th-century Sublime Landscape design.

Ronan Toolis MA(Hons) MIFA graduated from the University of Edinburgh in 1994, and then worked for a range of archaeological bodies in Scotland and Germany, carrying out archaeological surveys, excavations and community outreach. He joined AOC Archaeology Group in 2001, and has since directed and managed a number of excavations across Scotland. Ronan has contributed several papers on prehistoric, medieval and post-medieval archaeology to a variety of archaeological journals and magazines.