



# OLD EDINBURGH CLUB

## Trustees' Report and Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2024

Scottish Charity Number SC006177

### 1. Charitable purpose and constitution

The objectives of the Old Edinburgh Club (OEC) are the study and support of all aspects of the history of Edinburgh, and the promotion and encouragement of interest in Edinburgh by means of lectures, visits, publications and appropriate activities for public benefit.

The Club is a charitable unincorporated association with a constitution that sets out its purposes and administration arrangements. The constitution was last revised in March 2023.

### 2. Activities and achievements

Our principal activities are events (talks and visits), our annual publication, *The Book of the Old Edinburgh Club* (The Journal for Edinburgh History), and a range of projects including those supported by Jean Butchart Bursaries and Jean Guild Grants.



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## 2.1 Events

We continue to hold hybrid meetings, offering the choice of in-person attendance at the Augustine United Church (AUC), live streaming for viewing at home, or, for members only, watching a recording later. We are very grateful to AUC for their investment in the video system that makes this possible.

Our lecture programme for 2023-24 maintained its standard and popularity. The topics and speakers were:

- ❖ *Reinventing Edinburgh: The Fall and Rise of the Municipality, 1830-70*, by Richard Rodger (October 2023)
- ❖ *Royal Society of Edinburgh in the 19th Century*, by Bill Jenkins (November)
- ❖ *Members' Evening*, with *Sweet Singers of Israel*, by Derrick Johnstone and *From Quill to Computer, Edinburgh Manuscript Collection and New Age Discoverability*, by Karen O'Brien and Iain Duffus (December)
- ❖ *Trinity Church - Medieval Edinburgh*, by Lizzie Swarbrick, with Jill Harrison on the *Trinity Stones* project (January 2024)
- ❖ *The University of Edinburgh in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century*, by Alasdair Raffe (February)
- ❖ *Discovering books and borrowing in Edinburgh, 1750-1830*, by Karen (Kit) Baston (March)

Attendances averaged 70 in the hall and 34 online. In addition the edited videos on YouTube, available only to our members, have been watched on average 71 times, giving a total audience per lecture of 175.

Member-only summer visits in 2024 were:

- ❖ *The Library at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh*, led by Leonie Paterson
- ❖ *General Register House*, led by Tristram Clarke
- ❖ *The Trinity Apse*, led by Jill Harrison & Lizzie Swarbrick

Each visit was run twice and 108 members took part.

As ever, we are very grateful to our presenters for preparing such fascinating talks and visits.

## 2.2 Book of the Old Edinburgh Club

Volume 19 of our journal, *The Book of the Old Edinburgh Club* (BOEC) was published in March 2024 and distributed to members by post. Its articles are:

- ❖ *Networked Edinburgh 1800–1820: James Bremner and the Stamp Office Story*, by Penelope Wilson
- ❖ *Major James Weir of Tollcross and Drumsheugh (1757–1820): Topographical Artist and Edinburgh Feuar*, by Jane Croom
- ❖ *James Nicolson, A Leith Jacobite Martyr*, by Steven Robb
- ❖ *The Treasury, Edinburgh, and the Royal Mile, 1824–1911*, by Ian Levitt
- ❖ *The Burgh Church Seat Rents: A Source of Municipal Revenue in Nineteenth-Century Edinburgh*, by John W. Sawkins
- ❖ *The Old Edinburgh Club – Edinburgh Central Library Manuscript Cataloguing Project*, by Matthew Ferrie

The 53 back volumes in the Original Series of the BOEC (1908 to 1985) contain invaluable information and knowledge about the history of Edinburgh which can be difficult to access. Each online volume is a very large file for download and metadata to assist online searching is lacking. We have started a project to ease access, splitting the volumes into individual articles and adding metadata (subject, key words and abstract) to each of 414 articles. The work is facilitated by using the ChatGPT AI app, to standardise elements of the project and save time. We have provided a Jean Butchart Bursary to a postgraduate student to undertake this work (see 2.3.3 below) and will promote interesting articles that deserve attention.

## 2.3 Legacy Fund Projects

### 2.3.1 Legacy Funds overview

In 2022, we were very fortunate to receive generous legacies from Jean Butchart and Jean Ritchie Guild. (For their biographies, see Appendix 1). We established a Legacy Group to consider priorities and assess the best uses of these funds to further our aim of promoting interest in the history of Edinburgh. The OEC Council agreed that we should aim to support research and its dissemination, make records more accessible, engage wider audiences and bring history to life. We also seek to ensure that our legacy monies bring benefits to the Club in raising our profile and growing our membership.

At last year's AGM we announced the first awardees under our Jean Guild Grants programme (2.3.2 below). We have developed our collaborations with the City Libraries (2.3.3) and the City Archives (2.3.4).

Our approach is to spread our spending of legacy monies over several years, while ensuring we achieve a financial return on unallocated monies (see 6.2). We seek lasting, tangible outcomes, and will not use the legacy funds to subsidise our normal operating activities.

### 2.3.2 Jean Guild Grants

The pilot round of the Jean Guild Grants programme in 2023 sought to attract proposals which involved one or more of the following activities:

- ❖ carrying out original research and sharing the findings;
- ❖ making records more accessible and promoting their use;
- ❖ pulling together existing research and knowledge to engage new audiences; or
- ❖ involving Edinburgh residents in history projects.

It was open to:

- ❖ local history or heritage groups and organisations;
- ❖ schools and colleges; and
- ❖ independent researchers, postgraduate students and early career researchers.

We received 20 applications, impressive in their range and quality. These were assessed rigorously against criteria including likely project impact, practicality and benefits for the Club. We selected seven, making three Project Awards aimed and four Research Awards, to a total of £10,475:

**Project awards:**

<b>James Gillespie's High School</b>	<i>Eachdraidh na Gàildhlig ann an Dùn Èideann (Gaelic in Edinburgh – A History)</i> (grant: £650)
A final-year school project researching how Gaelic features in Edinburgh history, such as in place names and in the experiences and contributions of Gaelic speakers. Our grant has funded the production of banners summarising the findings for use in exhibitions.	
<b>Trinity Network (Jill Harrison)</b>	<i>Reviving the Trinity Stones</i> (grant £1,050)
What happened to the stones set aside for rebuilding the medieval royal Trinity Collegiate Church, dismantled to make way for Waverley Station? Not all were used in rebuilding the church in what is now Chalmers Close. This project seeks to map and illustrate what became of them.	
<b>Northlight Productions (Robert Sproul-Cran)</b>	<i>Old Edinburgh Reborn</i> (grant £3,275)
Project developing photorealistic images of the Parliament Square and the High Street around 1700, with illustrations and findings published on the <a href="#">Old Edinburgh Reborn</a> website	

**Research awards:**

<b>Jenny Bruce</b>	<i>Linen Weavers in Edinburgh</i> (grant: £500)
Under-researched topic on what was once a very significant industry in the city. The research includes a focus on the Huguenots of Picardy village.	
<b>Graeme Cruickshank</b>	<i>Port Hopetoun, the Union Canal Basin</i> (grant: £500)
Research drawing together what is known about Port Hopetoun, the terminus of the Union Canal between Falkirk and Edinburgh.	
<b>Charlie Ellis</b>	<i>Table Tennis in Edinburgh</i> (grant: £500)
Project to chart the history of table tennis in Edinburgh and find a home for archival material. Rich in 20th century social history.	
<b>Naomi Wells</b>	<i>History of the South Bridge</i> (grant: £500)
Research into the design and construction of South Bridge as an early 'palace-fronted' development and purpose-built shopping street.	

### 2.3.3 Jean Butchart Bursary and Edinburgh City Libraries

We have a partnership project with the City Libraries to create a digital catalogue of the Manuscript Collection held by the Edinburgh and Scottish Library. This is a little-known archive with fascinating and diverse papers. Information on its contents is sparse, held in a card index.

Our support (£2,000) took the form of the Jean Butchart Bursary, a part-time work experience grant for a student, Matthew Ferrie, on a Masters in Library and Information Sciences programme, plus a modest provision for conservation work. This has proved very successful, with substantial progress made on the cataloguing and Matthew securing employment in the field. He kindly wrote of his experience in the latest volume of the BOEC. The title of the Bursary recognises our benefactor, Jean Butchart's lifelong connection with both the OEC and the Library Service.

The Library Service since decided to progress the cataloguing using their own resources and with a further postgraduate placement, without requesting that the OEC provide a further Bursary. We continue to work closely with Library staff to promote the cataloguing project.

Our collaboration has, however, led us to provide a second Bursary, awarded to the Library's 2024 placement student, Amanda Ramsey, for our project to improve the searchability of the Book of the Old Edinburgh Club (2.2 above).

### 2.3.4 Dean of Guild Catalogue and Edinburgh City Archives

We continue our collaboration with the City Archives to digitise records of Dean of Guild building warrants, building on earlier work of Dr Joe Rock, also funded by the OEC, to photograph and transcribe these, compiling a catalogue, currently available for download on our website. Dr Rock's work has proved invaluable to people researching the development of the City in the 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries and the history of individual properties.

In the light of a commitment made by the Club and our desire to enable access to the records, we commissioned a developer to create a fully searchable online database of the transcribed records. This has been significantly delayed because of technical issues but should prove a significant advance and draw in a wider range of users. For example, family historians will be able to find details of a wide range of individuals, not just property owners, but tenants, neighbours and other people associated with particular locations.

We have also funded Dr Rock to complete his transcription project covering a final batch of ten boxes of records covering 1712 to 1727. These will be added in due course to the online database.

## 2.4 Other Projects

### 2.4.1 OEC Bibliography of Edinburgh History

We have updated the online OEC Bibliography of Edinburgh History, which serves as a 'go to' place to explore the wealth of what's been written about the history of Edinburgh. This has added over 600 items (97 articles, 363 books, 167 chapters and four dissertations), taking the total to nearly 3,000. As with the original Bibliography, this has been prepared by Dr Malcolm Noble. We have commissioned from him three further updates, with new publications and discoveries to be published annually each May. We are very grateful to our members who have recommended content to add.

### 2.4.2 Southside Graveyards Project

The Club provided a grant of £5,000 to the Edinburgh Southside Graveyard Project in 2016. By re-erecting headstones which had fallen or been laid flat for safety reasons, the Project improved the appearance of the cemeteries and allowed inscriptions to be read once more. It worked with the City of Edinburgh Council by providing constructive opportunities to participants on the Community Payback Programme. Over 225 headstones have been rebuilt in the Grange Cemetery and 19 foundations prepared.

The project has been in abeyance since the onset of COVID restrictions and continuing staff shortage in the Council. The Club retains a balance on behalf of the Project of £899, to be released when requested.

### 2.4.3 OEC Prize

The OEC prize for Edinburgh History was not awarded this year, as arrangements for publicity and nominations were not in place within the University of Edinburgh. However, we have signed a donor agreement and we anticipate that the next award will be made in early 2025.

The Prize is open to postgraduate Masters students in the School of History, Classics and Archaeology or exceptionally to undergraduates with outstanding dissertations. We invite winners to contribute an article for the BOEC, as we did last with Maximilian Knight in Volume 17 (2021).

## 3. Promoting the Club

### 3.1 Membership

At 30 June 2024 we had 353 members (215 full and 69 joint memberships). These numbers represent a 4% fall from last year (367 members; 215 full and 76 joint memberships). This is creditable in the light of our decision last year to increase our subscription rates by around 50%. This step allowed us to catch up with inflation since our last subscription increase in 2012. The decision has resulted in much healthier subscription income, up by 40% since last year.

We have enjoyed success with 52 new memberships taken out this year (up from 38 last year), well above the average of 15 new memberships gained during each of the previous four years.

To simplify the process of joining the Club, we have introduced online payment, allowing card payments via Stripe. We also offer a new deal for members joining online after the end of our lecture programme, where their subscription will not be due for renewal until the end of the following membership year (i.e., 1 September 2025 for those joining between 1 April and 30 August 2024). They will receive the following year's volume of the BOEC, and will not be faced with another request for full payment of subscription within a few months of joining.

We have also standardised our subscription rate for overseas members, at £35, to include the associated additional cost of posting their copy of the BOEC.

### 3.2 Marketing Subcommittee

We are devoting considerable energy to promoting the Club and our activities, bearing fruit in our growing numbers of new members and increased profile on social media. These efforts are led by our Marketing Subcommittee.

We continue to take steps to make ourselves more approachable as Council Members, with pen portraits on our website, name badges for events and attendance at events such as Doors Open Days at the AUC and the Edinburgh, East Lothian and Borders Archaeology Conference. We have adopted a new house style in documents and online.

The website, Facebook and X (previously Twitter) and e-mails to members are our principal channels. We are experimenting with newsletters and we also use Instagram. We have a marketing calendar and a press release programme. We seek to anticipate newsworthy events to publicise, e.g., around notable anniversaries such as the 400<sup>th</sup> of George Heriot's Hospital and the 250<sup>th</sup> of laying the foundation stone of General Register House. We are gaining press coverage: for

example, the Evening News has featured the launch of our redesigned website and the Old Edinburgh Reborn project, and we have a very good working relationship with the Edinburgh Reporter.

We maintain content on the websites of the British Association for Local History (BALH) and the Scottish Local History Forum (SLHF), with the latter including details of our forthcoming events and a link to purchase back copies of the BOEC. We have successfully submitted an entry on the Club to Wikipedia after several attempts where we were accused of self-plagiarism and employing a consultant which we did not do!

### 3.3 OEC website

The redesign of our website (<https://www.apsedinburghclub.org.uk/>) has been a major development for the Club, funded as an exceptional item out of our legacy monies. We see this as an investment to help us grow the Club. We aim to attract more visitors to the site and for them to explore the site for longer, gain benefit and join if they are not already members. We have welcomed the professional design expertise of RedCitrus, and have devoted many hours to improving and adding content. User feedback has been very positive. Since the launch at the end of February, we have more than doubled the number of visitors to the site, notably to our home page, the BOEC contents pages and the Bibliography. For the full year to 30 June, we had 22,928 page views and 6,441 users (up 69% and 46% respectively on 2022-23).

The site features content from our Jean Guilds Grant awardees, with items on Old Edinburgh Reborn and the History of Table Tennis among the visited pages. Innovations include 'News and Views' where we publish news items relating to the history of Edinburgh including book reviews and blog articles which we link to our social media promotion. We have been pleased, for example, to publish articles of quality such as *'The Siege of Edinburgh Castle in 1689'* by Dr Graeme Millen. We welcome further contributions.

Members of the Marketing Subcommittee have been able to manage and develop the site without the Club having a Web Manager in post. We have, however, entered into an annual website maintenance agreement with RedCitrus to keep the site running smoothly and securely and deal with technical issues that may arise.

### 3.4 Social media

The Club has a growing profile on both Facebook (managed by Jerry Ozaniec) and on Twitter (managed by Alison Macdonald), with an increase of 14% in our 'followers'. On Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/OldEdinburghClub>) the Club has 2,500 page Likes and 2,900 Followers, and on X (formerly Twitter([@OldEdinClub](https://twitter.com/OldEdinClub))) 1,965 Followers. We tweet details of the Club's meetings and events along with other historical/ archaeological news of local interest. Our popular 'On This Day in Edinburgh History' now features not only on Facebook but also in the monthly pages of Edinburgh Reporter.

## 4. Trustees and club management

### 4.1 Office-bearers

Honorary office-bearers of the Club are Lord Cullen of Whitekirk, Honorary President and Iain Gordon Brown, Honorary Vice President.

The Club is managed by a Council of members, consisting of office-bearers (President, Vice President(s), Secretary, Treasurer, Programme Secretary, Membership Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Editor and Publicity Officer) and up to nine Ordinary Members.

The Members of Council are the trustees for the purposes of charity law. At the date of approval of this report they were:

<i>President</i>	Edward Duvall
<i>Vice Presidents</i>	Alison Macdonald Steven Robb
<i>Treasurer</i>	Jim Gallacher
<i>Secretary &amp; Minutes Secretary</i>	Derrick Johnstone
<i>Membership Secretary</i>	Jerry Ozaniec
<i>Programme Secretary</i>	Richard Rodger
<i>Publicity Officer</i>	Jo Chapman
<i>Editor, Book of the Old Edinburgh Club</i>	Wilson Smith
<i>Web Manager</i>	vacant
<i>Ordinary Council Members</i>	Fiona Alexander Andrew Boyd Hetty Lancaster Alison Moodie

The above were members of Council throughout the period to the date of approval of this report. Maurice McIlwrick declined to take up his nomination at last year's AGM as an Ordinary Council Member, and David Hamilton resigned early in the Club year, not wishing to continue his appointment as Web Manager.

In 2023-20234 the Council met six times for ongoing and routine business, with a high attendance rate of 87%. Alternate meetings are face-to-face and online. At each meeting, the Council received reports on Finance, Legacy Projects, Marketing and Membership, Events, Publications, and other activities.

### 4.2 Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees (Members of Council) are elected by and from the Club's membership at the Annual General Meeting. The trustees also have the power to co-opt additional trustees. The office-bearers are elected annually. The President and Vice President(s) hold office for no more than three years. Ordinary Council Members are elected for three years. Past practice has been for three of them to retire annually by rotation. They are not eligible for re-election as Ordinary Council Members for one year.



New trustees have their duties explained to them in full and are given a copy of Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR)'s Guidance for Charity Trustees.

### 4.3 Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Club. Trustees are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. The Club has suitable insurance through our membership of the British Association for Local History.

Given the nature of the Club's activities, we have not needed to adopt safeguarding policies and procedures. However, we shall anticipate and deal with any situation where children or vulnerable adults are involved and potentially at risk.

We updated our privacy and data protection policy in 2022 to take account of offering member registration via our website and sharing personal information in specific circumstances, as was required by AUC for COVID logging purposes.

This year we agreed a Take-Down Policy to cover any eventuality where we may be challenged over copyright, e.g., in making past content of the BOEC available online. This is published on our website.

### 4.4 Archiving OEC Council documents

We have lodged Club documents for 2022-23 with Edinburgh Central Library for archiving. This maintains their collection of OEC Annual Reports, minutes, scrapbooks, lecture programmes and volumes of the BOEC going back to 1908. These form part of the Library's Manuscript Collection (2.3.3 above).

## 5. Plans

We shall continue to promote the study of the history of Edinburgh through events, publications and projects, and do more to raise the profile of the Club to help attract new interest and crucially, new members. One of our tasks will be to undertake a member survey.

We have reviewed the operation and experience of the first round of the Jean Guild Grants Programme, and will launch the next round in October 2024. We are happy with the processes we have implemented and very pleased with the extent to which our awardees have welcomed our role in helping them promote and disseminate their research and activities.

We will develop our collaborations with the City Archives and Libraries, while being open to other ventures. Within our abilities and time available as volunteers we shall work with our partners and grant recipients to help ensure successful outcomes and a raised profile for the Club.

We are glad to be members of the new Edinburgh Local Heritage Network organised by the City Council and welcome the opportunity to build our relationships with other bodies who share our interest in Edinburgh. We are keen to play our part in the Council's 'Edinburgh 900' celebration and have provided details of our forthcoming lecture for the Edinburgh 900 Events Calendar.

## 6. Financial review

### 6.1 Operating income and expenditure

Our principal operating income is from subscriptions due each September. Most are paid by standing order and come with Gift Aid. Our largest associated expenditure is on printing and distributing the Book of the Old Edinburgh Club.

We work to the principle that receipts from charitable activities should exceed payments in relation to these. Last year, facing increasing potential deficits on our operations, we decided to increase subscription rates by around 50%, the first increase for many years. This has resulted in a move from a deficit on charitable activities of £839 to a surplus of £247.<sup>1</sup> This would have been greater had it not been for the one-off cost of website consultancy, where we applied some of our legacy funds in the interest of improving our online presence and ability to attract and retain members.

### 6.2 Investment of legacy funds

We seek an appropriate return on our unallocated legacy monies. We operate an account with CAF Flagstone, an initiative of the Charities Aid Foundation which enables voluntary organisations to take advantage of a selection of shorter to longer term savings accounts on attractive rates of interest. This also allows us to spread our monies in more than one account such that all are covered by the Government's Financial Services Compensation Scheme for up to £85,000 in any one institution.

### 6.3 Financial management and control

Our Financial Statement shows a deficit for the year of £7,151. This was wholly intentional and reflects the payment of £8,635 in grants, drawing down our legacy funds in pursuit of our charitable purpose.

Council members receive monthly statements of our accounts, including our funds held with CAF Flagstone and a schedule showing the timing of expenditure relating to our commitments.

All payments by the club require two members of council to authorise.

### 6.4 Forward commitments

We have committed expenditure on projects in 2024-25 of £15,140, including commitments rolled forward from 2023-24. These include part-payment of Jean Guild Grants from the first round, the second Jean Butchart Bursary, our funding of the Dean of Guild database, and the next update of the Bibliography of Edinburgh History. As noted under Plans (item 5 above), we also propose a second round of Jean Guild Grants.

<sup>1</sup> Grant payments fall outside the definition of operating expenditure.

## 6.5 Reserves

Our policy is to maintain reserves of least £15,000. This should be sufficient to cover the costs of printing and distributing one volume of the BOEC, meeting the immediate costs of running the Club, and make an allowance for unforeseen contingencies.

## 6.6 Financial standing

The total funds of the Club were £161,370 at the end of the year. Of these, £899 are Restricted, to the Southside Graveyards Fund. This leaves £ 160,471 as Unrestricted Funds, our free reserves. The monies are used to further the Club's charitable activities.

*Report approved by the trustees on 27 August 2024 and signed on their behalf:*



Edward Duvall            Trustee and President, The Old Edinburgh Club

## Statement of OEC Receipts and Payments, 2023-24

	2023-24 Total	2022-23 Total
	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>		
Receipts from charitable activities (Note 1)	12,562	8,578
Donations	1,065	93
Legacies	-	18,260
Bank interest	1,424	236
Graveyards Project	-	899
Other	-	78
<b>Total Receipts</b>	15,051	28,144
<b>Payments</b>		
Grants made (Note 2)	8,635	-
Payments for charitable activities (Note 3)	12,315	9,417
Financial fees	275	-
Governance: room hire for council meetings	197	246
Governance: independent examination	280	275
Purchase of fixed assets (Acer laptop)	500	-
<b>Total Payments</b>	22,202	9,938
<b>(Deficit)/ Surplus</b>	(7,151)	18,206

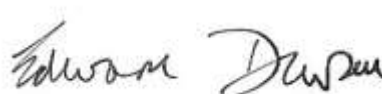
## Statement of Balances

	2023-24	2022-23
	£	£
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>		
Balance at start of year	168,521	150,315
(Deficit)/surplus for year	(7,151)	18,206
Balance at end of year	161,370	168,521
<i>Comprising:</i>		
Virgin current account	15,225	146,678
Clydesdale current account	-	21,843
Bank deposits (Note 6)	146,145	-
	161,370	168,521

Approved by the Council on 27 August 2024 and signed on its behalf by



James Gallacher, Treasurer



Edward Duvall, President

*The notes following form an integral part of these accounts.*

## Notes to the accounts

### 1. Receipts from charitable activities

	<b>2023-24</b>	<i>2022-23</i>
	<b>Total</b>	<i>Total</i>
	£	£
Membership subscriptions	8,805	6,195
Gift aid	1,857	756
Book of the Old Edinburgh Club: sales	698	664
Publishers Licensing Services scheme	478	530
Winter lecture guests	204	53
Summer visits	520	380
<b>Total</b>	<u>12,562</u>	<u>8,578</u>

### 2. Grants paid

	<b>2023-24</b>	
	<b>Total</b>	
	£	
Dr Joseph Rock	5,000	Photographing and transcribing Dean of Guild building warrants, updating database
Matthew Ferrie	1,500	Bursary to postgraduate student to catalogue Edinburgh Central Library manuscripts
Northlight Productions Ltd	1,035	'Old Edinburgh Reborn': realisation of virtual photographs of 1700s Edinburgh and website
Jill Harrison	350	'Trinity Stones': research and photographic survey of fragments of Trinity Collegiate Chapel
Malcolm Noble	750	Update of the OEC Bibliography of Edinburgh History
<b>Total</b>	<u>8,635</u>	

No grants were made in 2022-23.

### 3. Payments for charitable activities

	<b>2023-24</b>	<i>2022-23</i>
	<b>Total</b>	<i>Total</i>
	£	£
Book of the Old Edinburgh Club: printing and distribution	8,061	7,840
Winter lectures: speakers, catering, online	234	183
Hire of room for winter lectures	964	874
Payments for walks	275	-
Payments to local history organisations	125	75
Copying, postage and stationery	284	79
Website and publicity (includes £1,680 for website upgrade)	2,372	366
<b>Total</b>	<u>12,315</u>	<u>9,417</u>

Trustees receive no remuneration. They are reimbursed for expenditure properly incurred on behalf of the Club, and not for any travel or accommodation costs. Six trustees were reimbursed for total expenditure of £1,105, which is included above.

#### 4. Restricted funds

	<b>At 30 June 2024</b>	<i>At 30 June 2023</i>
	£	£
Southside Graveyards Fund	899	899
<b>Total</b>	899	899

This amount is included within the Bank and Cash balances at year end.

#### 5. Investment interest

	<b>2023-24</b>	<i>2022-23</i>
	<b>Total</b>	<i>Total</i>
	£	£
Bank interest	5,228	-
<b>Total</b>	5,228	-

This amount is **not** included within the aforementioned statements. This will be included in subsequent years when paid to the Club, as monies are received on maturity of our deposits through the CAF Charity Deposit Platform.

#### 6. Deposit accounts with UK Banks

	<b>2023-24</b>	<i>2022-23</i>
	<b>Total</b>	<i>Total</i>
	£	
Holding Account	336	-
Aldermore	75,000	-
Sainsburys Bank	70,810	
<b>Total</b>	146,146	-

The holding account is with HSBC. Our investments through the CAF Charity Deposit Platform, provided by Flagstone, are currently with Aldermore and Sainsburys Bank.

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Old Edinburgh Club

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and 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 ('the 2005 Act') and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ('the 2006 Regulations'). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under Section 44(1)(c) of the 2005 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Regulations. 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 seeks 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 on 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
  - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Regulations, and
  - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulationshave 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.

Signed



Date: 5 August 2024

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## Appendix 1      Our benefactors

**Jean Butchart** had a great interest in Edinburgh history and was a member of the Old Edinburgh Club for many years. She was very committed to honour her father's work, as City Librarian from 1942 until 1953 and author in 1955 *Prints and Drawings of Edinburgh*. He held that this collection, held in the Edinburgh Room of the Central Public Library, constituted the "finest collection in existence of topographical and historical prints of the City". In 1982 Miss Butchart presented her father's own collection to the City Library Service, which later featured as an exhibition in its own right. She previously funded the digitisation of the Old Series of Book of the Old Edinburgh Club, a major development in making the work of the OEC much more widely accessible.

**Jean Ritchie Guild** was also a long-term member of the OEC. She joined the University of Edinburgh Library staff in 1948 and played a significant role in the postwar development of the Library's collections. She became Reference Librarian, well-respected for her skills and knowledge, especially in relation to the Faculty of Arts. Later she was responsible for publicity, Library publications, visitor programmes and the Library's relationship with the wider community. She co-edited *Edinburgh University Library, 1580-1980: a collection of historical essays* (1982).