

Scottish Printing Archival Trust

Scottish Charity no. SC 012320

Annual Report for year ending 30th September 2021

The Scottish Printing Archival Trust is a charitable unincorporated association formed in 1988, and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our Deed of Trust. The Deed of Trust was most recently altered in February 2012. The Trust's principal address is:

Scottish Printing Archival Trust, 46 Craiglea Drive, Edinburgh, EH10 5PF

Trustees

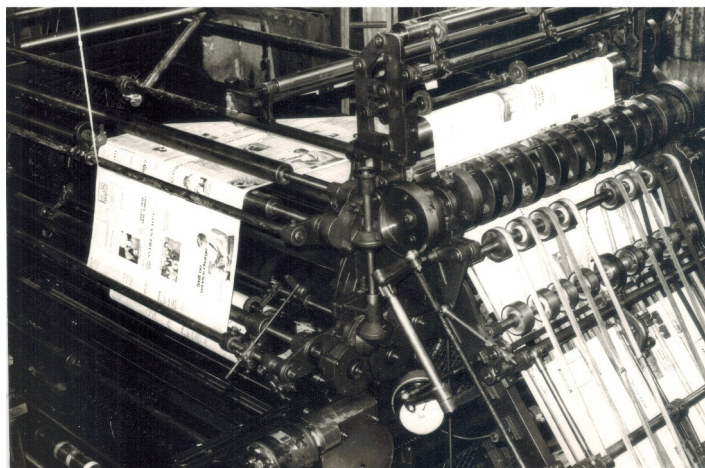
The Trustees are appointed (or their appointment is confirmed) at the Annual General Meeting. The current Trustees are:

Bob Hodgson (Chair)	23 September 2010
Patrick Mark	14 February 2002
Alistair McCleery	9 June 2008
Helen Williams (Secretary)	19 January 2011
Peter Laidlaw (Treasurer)	9 February 2012
Tim Honnor	25 June 2013
Garry Richmond	14 June 2021

During the year the Trustees held three meetings, online via Zoom on 22 February, 14 June and 21 September. At the meeting held on 14 June Garry Richmond was invited to become a Trustee.

Charitable Purposes

The purpose of the Trust is to conserve 'knowledge and examples of Scotland's printing heritage for the benefit of the public and print/media education'. It encourages the recording of information, research, and the acquisition of material relating to the development of the Scottish printing industry. The Trust works with a range of institutions to ensure that printing archives are not lost, and to support exhibitions and publications as appropriate.



Cossar Patent Flat Bed Web Newspaper Printing Machine
in operation at the Govan Press, Burndyke Street, Govan

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Summary of the Main Activities of the Charity During the Financial Period

The Secretary attended a virtual meeting of the Edward Clark Trust. She has also been in discussions with the City of Edinburgh Museums Service, Edinburgh Napier University, the Printing Historical Society, the National Trust for Scotland and National Museums Scotland on matters of mutual interest.

Collections

The storage facilities at Niddrie Road were vacated in November 2020 as a cost saving measure, and the Trust is very grateful to Antalis and Print Scotland for offering free storage for the Trust's stock of publications and the exhibition boards. A long-term solution to the Trust's storage needs will be sought as soon as conditions allow.

Although it has not so far been possible to unite the Trust's archive collection in one place, work on listing it has continued, albeit slowly, and the catalogue is available at:

www.librarything.com/profile/PrintScot

The Trust is particularly grateful for the donation of a small collection of photographs of the John Cossar & Son premises at Burndyke Road in Govan, by an anonymous donor.

Events

The Trust was contacted by the organisers of both the Edinburgh and Glasgow Doors Open Day festivals concerning guided walks. Unfortunately, due to the need for a digital offering alongside the 'in-person' event the Trust was unable to participate because the digital element required by the organisers could not be recorded by the deadlines.

However, three guided walks in Edinburgh were offered to private groups: the Edinburgh Bibliographical Society and two groups of students on the MSc Publishing course at Edinburgh Napier University. It is hoped to have a more comprehensive programme of guided walks, in association with the launch of a second edition of the *Edinburgh Printing Trail* leaflet, in 2022.

Website

The Trust's main website (www.scottishprintarchive.org) was updated occasionally throughout the year with matters of interest. The number of visitors to the website has dropped to around 330 per month, and enquiries have also been fewer, probably reflecting the limited level of events and announcements. The followers for the Trust's Twitter account continue to grow: at the end of the period they numbered 429, growing mainly in association with the guided walks.

Options for enhancing the website, for example with short videos extracted from the guided walks, are currently under consideration.

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Publications

The Trust sold some publications through the online shop, including a copy of *Mechanical to digital printing in Scotland*. The *Glasgow Print Trail* leaflet continues to be our best seller. The *Edinburgh Print Trail* leaflet is now close to out-of-print with limited supplies remaining, and sponsorship will be sought for the publication of an updated second edition.

The Trust has in the past sold a small number of its publications outside the UK, but in view of the ongoing issues with sending parcels outside the UK, the decision was taken to limit sales to the UK itself for the moment. The available titles and their prices in the online shop (inclusive of postage and packing):

- John Gennard, *Mechanical to digital printing in Scotland: the print employers' organisation*. £30
- *500 years of printing in Scotland*. £10
- *Reputation for Excellence* series: *Edinburgh; Glasgow; Dundee & Perth; Aberdeen & Northern Counties*. £10 each
- *Glasgow Print Trail* – leaflet. £5
- *Edinburgh Print Trail* – leaflet. £3
- *Rules for Compositors* – poster. £15

Financial position

The Trust is grateful for the generous donations received from the Watson Foundation to support its publications, website, exhibitions and other activities. The Trustees consider the available funds are sufficient for the operation of our activities for the next twelve months.

Helen S Williams, Honorary Secretary
December 2021

Signed

Robert J Hodgson, Chair

Signed

Helen Williams, Hon Secretary