

Scottish Printing Archival Trust

Scottish Charity no. SC 012320

Annual Report for year ending 30th September 2022

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

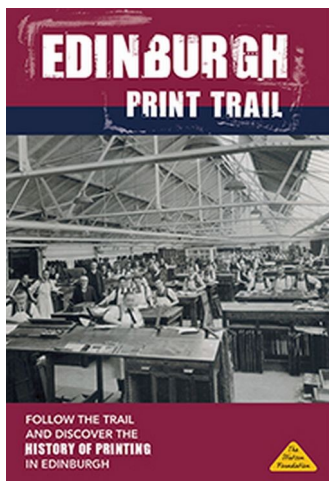
The Trustees are appointed (or their appointment is confirmed) at the Annual General Meeting. The current Trustees are:

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

The Trustees held two meetings, online via Zoom on 10 February and in person on 9 June. During the year Alistair McCleery and Tim Honnor both announced their intention of standing down as Trustees. The Trust is very grateful for their input over many years.

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.



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

The first half of the period was again dominated by pandemic restrictions, which limited the scale of the Trust's activities. However as these were finally lifted in spring 2022 it became possible to undertake in-person activities again.

The Honorary Secretary was been invited to join the committee of the British Museum of Printing, a web-based project to bring together information and multimedia content relating to the heritage of printing. She has also joined the committee of the Scottish Transport and Industrial Collections Knowledge Network (STICK).

Following staffing changes at Edinburgh Napier University, and at the request of the Trustees of the Edward Clark Bequest (finds and collection of books on printing) the Honorary Secretary investigated the origins and history of the Bequest in order to create a full record of its origins and purpose.

Work on listing the Trust's collection of books, trade ephemera and archives has continued: the catalogue is available at: www.librarything.com/profile/PrintScot
A review of future storage needs was also begun.

Events

The Honorary Secretary was invited to give talks on the heritage of the Scottish printing industry to the Old Glasgow Club, the Bathgate Probus Club and also led guided walks in Edinburgh's Old Town for the Old Edinburgh Club and one in Glasgow to mark Glasgow's Doors Open Day weekend in September.

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 continued to drop, but this may be partly because there have been so few events to report.

Following changes at the website hosting provider, the contract for hosting and maintenance was transferred in July to a new provider. Various technical changes have been recommended, and the opportunity has been taken to consider options for updates to the design and functionality to the site.

The followers for the Trust's Twitter account continue to grow slowly to 439, growing mainly in association with the guided walks.

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Publications

The Trust is very grateful to the Watson Foundation for a generous donation of £2,000 towards the production costs of the new edition of the *Edinburgh Print Trail* leaflet. This has now been printed, and a formal launch is planned.

In June 2022, the Trustees agreed to amend the prices of some publications in the online shop as follows: (inclusive of postage and packing):

- John Gennard, *Mechanical to digital printing in Scotland: the print employers' organisation*. £30 (as before)
- *500 years of printing in Scotland*. £7.50
- *Reputation for Excellence* series: *Edinburgh; Glasgow; Dundee & Perth; Aberdeen & Northern Counties*. £7.50 each
- *Glasgow Print Trail* – leaflet. £4
- *Edinburgh Print Trail* (new edition) – leaflet. £4
- *Rules for Compositors* – poster. £15 (as before)

Financial position

The Trust is grateful for the generous donations received from the Watson Foundation over a number of years which 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
January 2023

Signed

Robert J Hodgson, Chair

Signed

Helen Williams, Hon Secretary