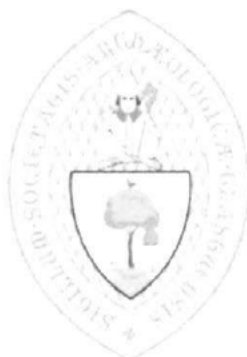


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Glasgow Archaeological Society

AGM, Thursday 17th April 2025

Reports from Council Members

President, [REDACTED]

My unwavering thanks goes to all our council members who have contributed to the running of GAS over the last year. They have guided me through my first year as President with patience and solid advice. Can I take this opportunity also to welcome new members to the council, [REDACTED] who has taken over as Membership Secretary and [REDACTED], who will be an ordinary member. Past presidents hold a vast reservoir of knowledge on GAS, its history and how it functions. I attended my first President's lunch in December 2024 and was greatly touched by the support and advice they were willing to impart. It was with great sadness then, that soon after, we learned of the passing of past President, [REDACTED] in January of this year. It will be my pleasure, as current President, to ensure his contribution and achievements within GAS are remembered.

I am delighted to see that membership has grown this year. This is thanks to our new system of online purchasing of membership on our website, set up by our last President, [REDACTED]. We are currently working through transferring to the new system, but we hope to make great gains on this over the next year.

Our lecture programme has been very well received this year with a diverse range of speakers from [REDACTED] research in Glencoe to the opening of the new museum in Kilmartin Glen with [REDACTED]. We also had an international flavour with [REDACTED] from the University of Lusanne, Switzerland, and a touch of the celebrity with [REDACTED] delivering a lecture with us as part of his book tour. Our congratulations to Kriss Naas who was our winner of the Postgraduate dissertation prize. He offered a fascinating presentation into his master's research and we are very happy to be supporting new talent within the University of Glasgow's archaeology department. I will look forward to our next 2025/2026 with our Vice-President, [REDACTED] taking the reins. He has promised something a little different to the normal lecture structure and a theme based on the Glasgow 850 celebrations.

The Glasgow 850 celebrations will also be the focus of our Dalrymple lecture series this year, to take place in November 2025. With falling attendee numbers the Dalrymple committee have agreed to try a different format this year. Watch this space for more exciting news to follow!

I am also delighted to announce that we have become the recipients of a very generous bequest from former GAS member [REDACTED] of Glasgow Museums. The council have set up a sub-committee to discuss how best to use the bequest in the form of grants to support further research, projects and collections.

And to you, dear GAS member, thank you for your support this year. Your presence at lectures and excursions helps our society thrive. Can I please encourage you to attend in person as many as you can as this generates the exciting atmosphere necessary to successfully promote local archaeology and heritage. To aid this we will be looking for a new venue within the University campus to improve accessibility and some experimentation in our lecture format. We also have a number of quality excursions to look forward to and the release of another issue of our journal, with SAJ47 to be published imminently.

I look forward to seeing you all for another exciting year!

Below we have reports from our Treasurer, Journal Editor, Excursions Convenor, Publicity Convenor, and Lecture Convenor.

Treasurer, Stephen Stockdale

It is with pleasure that I can report on the Association's finances for the year ending 31 December 2024.

Receipts	Total Fund 2024	Total Fund 2023
Subscriptions	2878.92	3390.44
Publications	150.01	121.80
Donations	76317.90	78.00
Bank Interest	2108.10	575.93
Gift Aid	0.00	0.00
Grants	512.49	649.50
Miscellaneous	18621.15	3066.00
Journal	4462.91	4003.19
Excursions	1160.00	1333.88
TOTAL	106211.48	13218.74

Payments	Total Fund 2024	Total Fund 2023
Publications	0.00	0.00
Admin	108.00	262.74
Lectures	3283.43	2276.43
Insurance	374.15	374.15
Donations	38158.95	0.00
Miscellaneous	19829.95	4242.00
Grants	300.00	1480.00
Journal	9381.00	708.00
Excursions	1427.50	1416.50
TOTAL	72862.98	10759.82

STATEMENT OF BALANCES		
Current Assets:	2024	2023
Current Account (Virgin Money)	14797.07	6573.67
Deposit Account (Virgin Money)	0.00	16678.45
Skipton Building Society	75229.93	33472.62
Charity Account (Virgin Money)	16516.90	16236.50
Royal Bank of Scotland (Excursions)	2088.78	2322.94
Fixed Assets (Medal)	3500.00	3500.00
TOTAL	112132.68	78784.18

Journal Editor, Alan Gifford

During the last year I have received and dealt with submissions for the Journal and sent these to EUP in the required format. Proof reading and corrections then followed resulting in the publication of SAJ47. Jim Mearns advice, assistance and guidance were invaluable and [REDACTED] role as Assistant Editor has also been of huge benefit and I greatly appreciated the help of both in getting SAJ47 published.

Excursion Convenor, Moira Gemmell

We ran one excursion within the city in 2024. In May we visited the site of the 1988 Glasgow Garden Festival where investigative work is ongoing into what has survived to form a legacy.

In June we made a self drive trip to Low Parks Museum Hamilton and were given a tour of the Mausoleum.

Our coach excursion was to the newly refurbished Perth Museum, where amongst other exhibits, we viewed the Stone of Destiny in its new and permanent home. We also visited the historical Kirk of St John .

At the beginning of 2025 we ran two excursions within the city. In February we walked the historical route from George Square to Glasgow Cathedral. In March we had a guided tour of the Burrell Collection in Pollok Park.

My thanks are due to those who have helped me in my first session as Excursion Convenor, my predecessor [REDACTED]

Publicity Convenor, Anthony Lewis

The good news is publicity about GAS is stronger and better thank to GAS Council members Allan Gifford, Orla Craig and Lauren Welsh. We are now able to review what we do better and have people with skills to use new social media platforms. The new GAS website will also be able to carry communications and publicity better too.

In retrospect, the figures for 2025 indicate the same pattern as reported in 2024. This is to say that the more activities that are recorded with images and texts and put up on social media the more attention we get. The Facebook page again indicates that most of our 3,600 followers are over 35 years old and based in the UK and USA and the gender balance is even (49% male and 51% female).

Over the past 90 days (since 15th March 2025) the Facebook page received 9,198 views so possibly an annual viewing could touch 30,000? As ever, converting viewers into members is our concern.

The X/Twitter account is locked to us and will ultimately perish. New platforms to take on will be found and ideally the council members can use them to promote activities, events and announcements.

Lecture Convenor –

2024 - 2025

17 th October	(Co-Director Glencoe Project)	Glencoe and excavation of 'Maclain's Summerhouse' title tbc
21 st Nov	University of Lausanne (Switzerland)	Carved stones and Christianisation: Place, movement and memory in early medieval north-western Europe
19 th December	AcFA University of Glasgow PG Prize Winner	Just above the waves: ACFA on Tiree, 2016- 2023 'Viking Graves in Orkney and Sunnmøre - A Comparative Study'.
2025		
16 th January	(GUARD Archaeology)	<i>Bronze Age Settlement and Cinerary Activity discovered at Northbar, Erskine</i>
20 th February	(University of Glasgow	Cultybraggan in cartoons: A novel approach to understanding the PoW experience
17 th – 20 th March	Triskele Heritage	Historic Building Mythbusting in Scotland
17 th April	Kilmartin Museum	The Prehistory of Kilmartin Glen and the new Kilmartin Museum

Vice President will be taking over the lecture programme for 2025/26. This will be a mixture of lectures and trying out some new formats.

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Receipts and Payments Excursion Account
for the year ended 2024

Receipts	£
Excursion Fees	1160.00
Interest	33.34
Miscellaneous	
	1193.34

Payments	£
Administration	0.00
Coach Hire	760.00
Hotels	0.00
Vox Box Hire	0.00
Cafes	199.50
Guide Gifts	50.00
Site Entry Fees	160.00
Site Donations	233.00
Insurance	0.00
Miscellaneous	25.00
	1427.50

Net Movement	-234.16
Balance B/fwd	2322.94
Balance 31/12/2022	2088.78

EXCURSION ACCOUNT INCOME 2024

Date	Item	RBOS	TOTAL B/fwd		Excursion Fees	Interest		
30/12/2023	B/fwd Totals		2322.94					
08/01/2024	Transfer from GAS - Excursion Payment	66.00			66.00			
27/03/2024	RBS	8.47				8.47		
20/06/2024	Chqs Rec'd Hamilton Trip	96.00			96.00			
27/06/2024	RBS	8.69				8.69		
28/06/2024	Chqs Rec'd Hamilton Trip	24.00			24.00			
27/08/2024	Chqs Rec'd Perth Trip	572.00			572.00			
04/09/2024	Chqs Rec'd Perth Trip	308.00			308.00			
10/09/2024	Chqs Rec'd Perth Trip	44.00			44.00			
13/09/2024	Reimbursement to [REDACTED] or Cash to Guides	50.00			50.00			
27/09/2024	RBS	8.74				8.74		
30/12/2024	RBS	7.44				7.44		
	Annual Totals	1193.34	3516.28		1160.00	33.34		
Total Paid In		1193.34	Total Allocated		1193.34			
A/C Total (b/fwd + paid in)		3516.28	Total Allocated & B/Fwd		3516.28			

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Total Allocated	1427.50
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Scottish Charity SC012423

Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 31/12/ 2024

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Excursion Fund	Total Fund 31.12.2024	Total Fund 31.12.2023
Receipts	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions	2878.92		2878.92	3390.44
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Donations	76317.90		76317.90	78.00
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Gift Aid	0.00		0.00	0.00
Grants	512.49		512.49	649.50
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Payments				
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Lectures	3283.43		3283.43	2276.43
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Grants	300.00		300.00	1480.00
Journal	9381.00		9381.00	708.00
Excursions		1427.50	1427.50	1416.50
	71435.48	1427.50	72862.98	10759.82
Net Movement	33582.66	-234.16	33348.50	2458.92
Balance B/Fwd	72961.24	2322.94	75284.18	72825.26
Balance 31/12/2024	106543.90	2088.78	108632.68	75284.18

GLASGOW ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Scottish Charity SC012423

Statement of Balances at 31 December 2023

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Excursion Fund	Total Fund 31.12.2023	Total Fund 31.12.2022
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	3500.00		3500.00	3500.00
Current Assets				
Virgin Bank:				
Current A/C	6573.67		6573.67	3316.06
Deposit A/C	16678.45		16678.45	17953.97
Skipton Building Society	33472.62		33472.62	32945.49
Virgin Bank Charity A/C	16236.50		16236.50	16204.18
Royal Bank of Scotland		2322.94	2322.94	2405.56
	72961.24	2322.94	75284.18	72825.26
Net Assets	76461.24	2322.94	78784.18	76325.26
Funds				
General Fund	72961.24		72961.24	70419.70
Excursion Fund		2322.94	2322.94	2405.56
Reserve (Fixed Assets)	3500.00		3500.00	3500.00
	76461.24	2322.94	78784.18	76325.26

NOTES to Treasurers Report 2024

In the RECEIPTS section the DONATIONS total is considerably greater than the previous years. This is due to the very generous Bequest left to the Society by the late, long served GAS Member, [REDACTED]

As to this sections item titled, GIFT AID. There was again no submission this year to HMRC re donations by Gift Aid.. This was due to difficulties with the closure of the Societies Deposit Account, which made it difficult to identify those who continued to support the Gift Aid scheme.

In the PUBLICATIONS section of the PAYMENTS column, the Society maintains a quantity of Publications and there was no demand for further purchases this year,

Also in PAYMENTS, the DONATION of £38158.95 was transferred to the Societies Skipton account. In MISCELLANEOUS, the sum of £19829.95 reflects the final closure of the Deposit account by the Virgin Bank and the funds transfer to the Societies Current account.

Finally, in the STATEMENT OF BALANCES, the DEPOSIT account is shown to be closed. There was no reason given by the bank for this closure, other than this type of account was considered to be obsolete . It is worth pointing out that this account contained almost all our Members Standing Orders.

Independent Examiners Report

We report on the accounts of Glasgow Archaeological Society for the year ended 31st December, 2024

The Society's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee investment [Scotland] Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts [Scotland] Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10{1}{d} of the 2006 Account Regulations does not apply. It is our responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44{1}{c} of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to our attention

Basis of Independent Examiners' Statement

Our examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the society 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, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiners' Statement

In the course of our examination, no matter has come to our attention which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements,

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44{1}{a} of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations.
- To prepare accounts which accord with accounting records and comply with
- Regulation9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

Have not been met.

