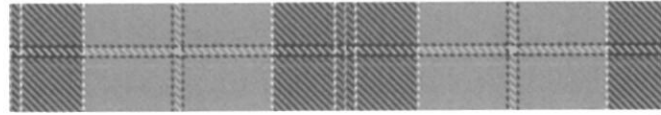


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Annual Report

2024/2025

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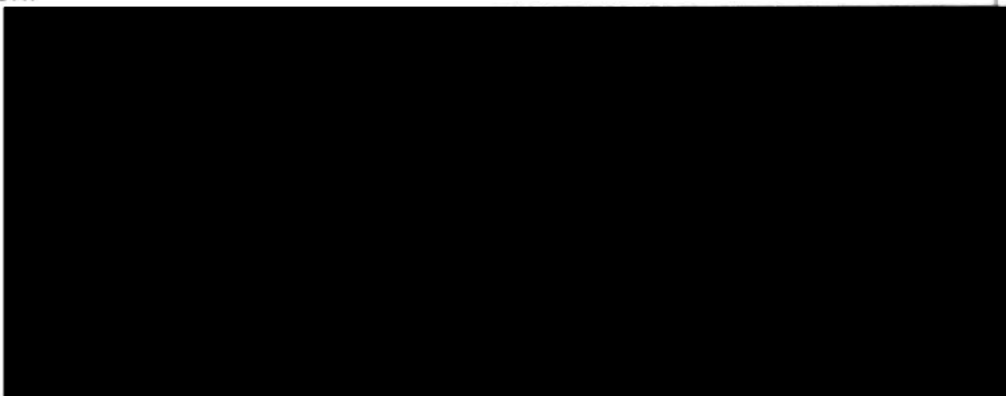
Annual Statement

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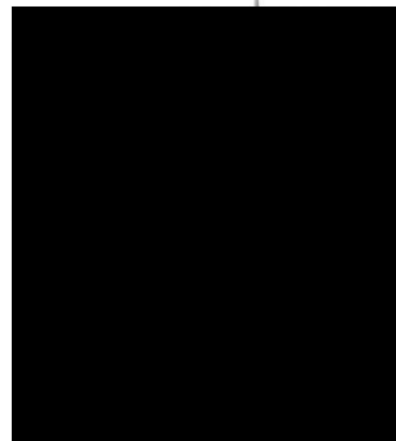
Executive Committee Report

The DHS AGM 2024 was held at Perth Art Gallery on Saturday 26th October 2024 and was well attended by members and non-members. There were five vacancies on the DHS Executive Committee and [REDACTED] were elected for three years. [REDACTED] accepted the nominations and would serve on the Executive Committee for a year or two. There was a book launch of "Aberdeen & North East Deaf Society 1895-1995". [REDACTED] gave a brief account of the book and he then gave a cheque of £1,000 to DHS, on behalf of St John's Church, Aberdeen.



[REDACTED] gave a presentation on how the Donaldson's Collection was acquired and the current conservation work. Then [REDACTED] gave a short and interesting presentation on the life and work of [REDACTED] Deaf Painter from Perth. His presentation was followed by a slide show of [REDACTED] paintings that are stored in the Perth Art Gallery.

[REDACTED] with her "Honorary Membership" certificate in recognition of her steadfast and valued contributions to DHS.



When the AGM was concluded, DHS members and non-members were invited to view a selection of [REDACTED] paintings in the basement.

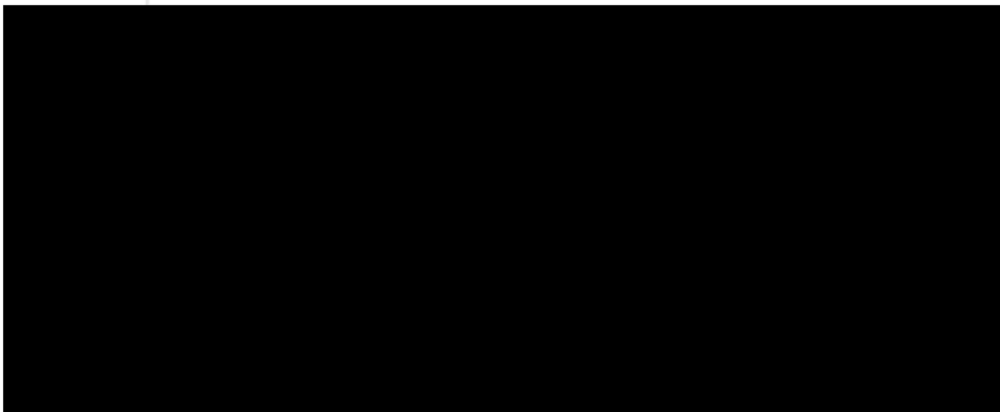
The DHS Executive Committee had their meetings three times and had co-opted [REDACTED] (with her archival expertise) and [REDACTED] (with youth experience) to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee had discussed a wide range of topics. They also received reports from members who had attended meetings that were organised by other organisations like Deaf Action and BDA Scotland. [REDACTED] has worked hard with the Scottish Deaf Archive, clearing the backlog of acquisitions, placing them in archival boxes. DHS continue to receive donations of photographs, reports, mementos, leaflets, minutes, books and equipment. We are most grateful to have these acquisitions to our Scottish Deaf Archives. To accommodate the

Donaldson's Collection and other acquisitions, we bought more shelving units and boxes.

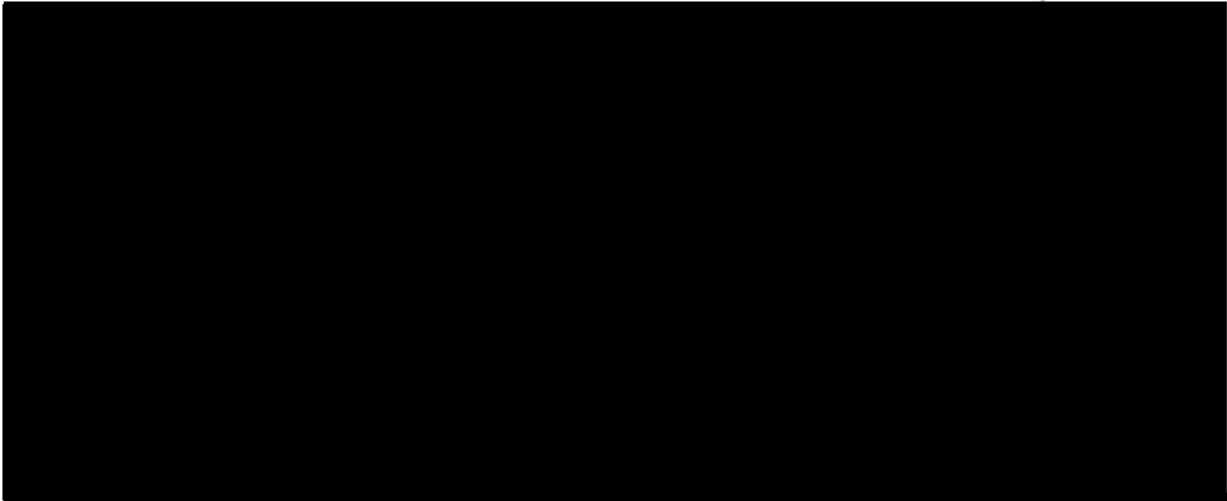
DHS have written a Collections Care and Conservation Policy and Disaster Plan for the Scottish Deaf Archive

To help DHS fully catalogue the Scottish Deaf Archive and engage with Deaf people, especially young Deaf people, DHS successfully applied for a cataloguing grant of £50,000 from Archives Revealed, a partnership programme supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the Pilgrim Trust, the Wolfson Foundation and the National Archives. Recruitment for a Project Archivist has started and it is hoped that the post will be filled by end of October 2025.

On 15th November 2024, DHS was invited to give a presentation on the "BDA history - Scottish links" to BDA members who had come from all over the UK to Glasgow for the BDA AGM. The presentation was jointly given by [REDACTED]. There was also a DHS stall which made an excellent sale of books and other merchandise. DHS members volunteered to help with catering. On Sunday 17th November 2024, [REDACTED] led a group of BDA members on a tour of Glasgow Deaf Heritage.

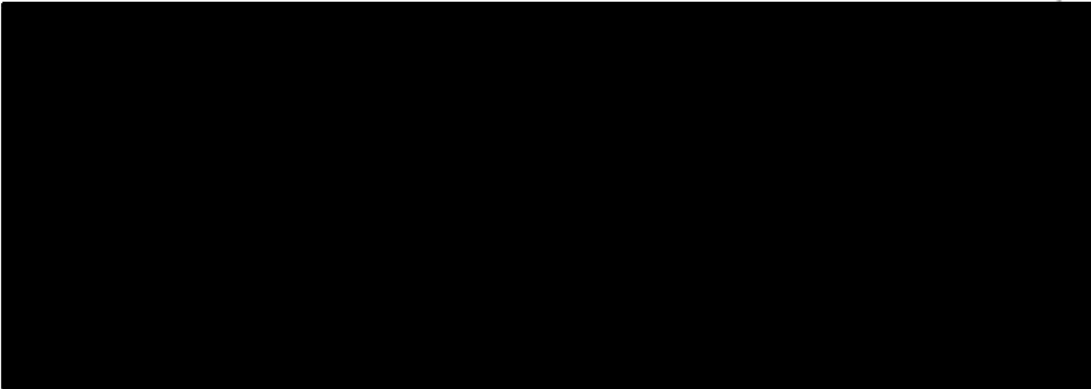
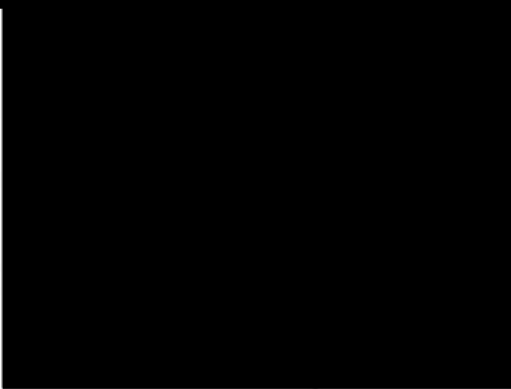


DHS was in demand to give talks or take part in events: Fife Deaf Group about DHS on 6th May 2025; Hamilton Deaf School about Deaf History on 8th January 2025; the launch of the Brennan Library on 22nd April 2025; the book launch of "St Vincent's Deaf History" at the Glasgow City Chambers on 26th February 2025; and Fife Deaf Communication Services' "BSL Culture Day" in Kirkcaldy on 1st March 2025 and Former Pupils of Donaldson's School event at Deaf Action on 14th June 2025 – [REDACTED] gave a presentation about the Edinburgh Deaf & Dumb Institution, Donaldson's Hospital and Donaldson's School. DHS and Scottish Sensory Centre jointly held two events about the Edinburgh BSL Research Project at Forth Valley Sensory Centre, Falkirk – for deaf children and teachers in November 2024 and for adults in March 2025. Both events were very well attended. [REDACTED] (DHS) and [REDACTED] (Scottish Sensory Centre) gave a workshop about the Edinburgh BSL Research Project at the Edinburgh Deaf Festival 2025 on 10th August. [REDACTED] led a group of 17 American



students and lecturers from Philadelphia on a tour of Glasgow Deaf Heritage on 17th May 2025.

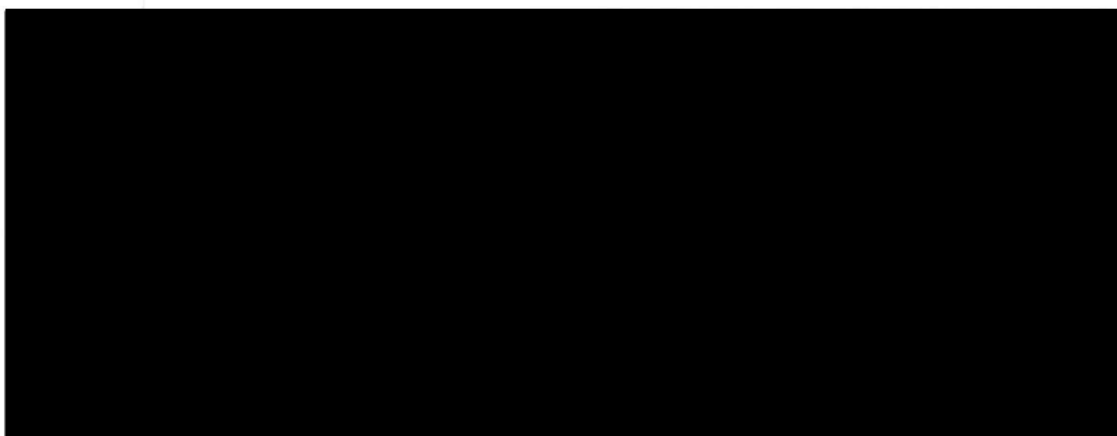
DHS was awarded funding from Solar Bear to organise a tour of Glasgow Deaf Heritage and an art workshop for young deaf people. This tour and workshop took place on 26th July 2025. Unfortunately, there was only one participant and however, the tour went ahead. Afterwards, the participant with a few others enjoyed the day, specially creating art work depicting knickerbocker glory. It was explained in the tour that young deaf people used to go to the Mocka Bar for the knickerbocker glory after attending the youth fellowship.



During the Edinburgh Deaf Festival, DHS opened the Scottish Deaf Archive rooms to visitors who enjoyed viewing the selected archives and artefacts. We were honoured to have Breda Carty, Deaf historian from Australia visiting the Scottish Deaf Archives. On 12th September 2025, a large group of people from Newcastle and Sunderland came to Deaf Action and had the opportunity to have a look in the Archive room. [redacted] volunteered to talk to this group.

DHS and Deaf Action continue to have a strong working relationship and a Memorandum of Understanding between DHS and Deaf Action was signed on 26th February 2025. DHS and Deaf Action have had a couple of meetings.

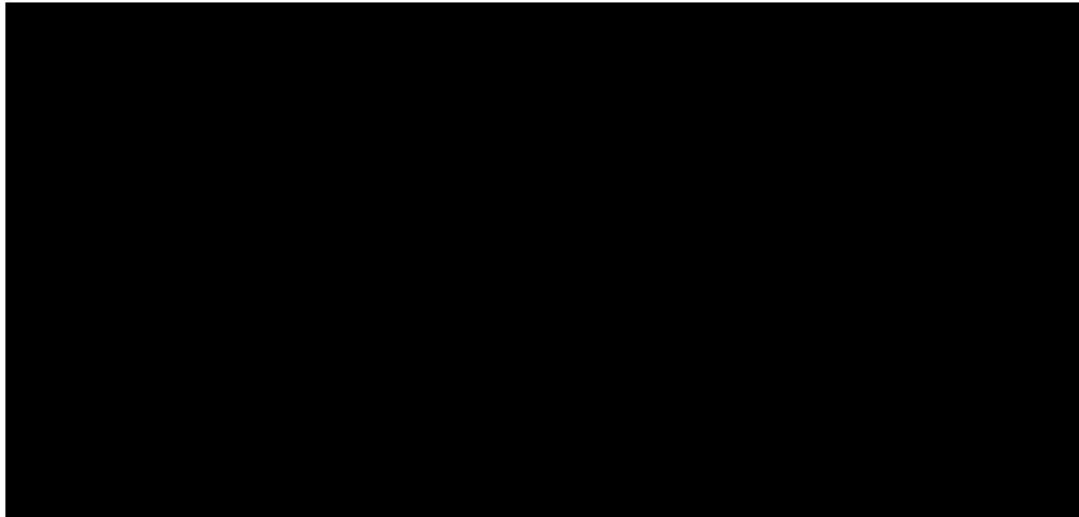
Research work on the history of Glasgow Deaf & Dumb Institution/Glasgow Deaf School is still ongoing with trips to the Mitchell Library. [REDACTED] interviewed former pupils in front of a camcorder. [REDACTED] kindly volunteered to research magazines in the Scottish Sensory Library, Moray House School of Education in Edinburgh. It is hoped that a book will be ready for publication in 2026. [REDACTED] raised funds towards the cost of publishing the book.



DHS was invited by [REDACTED] of Sign Vine to have the 2025 Spring Gathering in the Vinery, Banff on Saturday 19th April 2025. The Spring Gathering was well attended and there were people attending from Orkney and Bristol! There were three presentations: "History of Aberdeen & North East Deaf Society" by [REDACTED] "Deaf Orcadian History Project" by [REDACTED] and "[REDACTED] Deaf Fraudster" by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] aged 95 years old from Buckie, was interviewed by [REDACTED] about her education, work and life. [REDACTED] was a remarkable lady, ably answering all questions. Everyone at the Spring Gathering agreed it was a great gathering.

DHS supported the set up and opening of the Brennan Library at Deaf Action, a reference only library of deaf history, culture and linguistics. DHS contributed books and Carrie Skinner volunteered to help [REDACTED] Deaf Action's Office Manager finish the library after the departure of Deaf Action's Heritage Officer.

[REDACTED] organised a sponsored walk on the Fife Coastal Path from Kirkcaldy to Newport-on-Tay on 16th to 21st June 2025. She walked a total of 60 miles in five days and was supported by [REDACTED] on the first day of the walk (from Kirkcaldy to Leven), [REDACTED] on the second day of the walk (from Leven

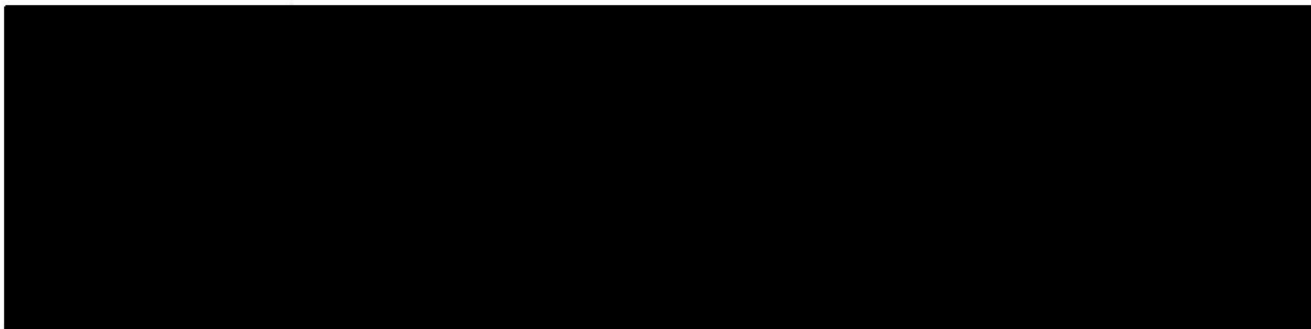


to St Monans) and [REDACTED] on the fifth & last day of the walk (from Tentsmuir to Newport-on-Tay). [REDACTED] posted videos and vlogs at the end of each day on DHS Facebook, helping to raise the profile of DHS and raise money for the Scottish Deaf Archive. To date, a grand sum of £7,960 was raised. DHS is truly grateful to many people for sponsoring [REDACTED]

Work on revamping the DHS website is still ongoing. It is planned to have videos of past DHS events uploaded to the website as well as a digital library of photographs. We continue to constantly post latest information and photographs on our Facebook page, and this has certainly helped to raise the profile of DHS. We also regularly send reports and articles to British Deaf History Society for inclusion in their "Deaf History Journal".

We would like to acknowledge the great support from Deaf Action for allowing us to store our Scottish Deaf Archive and display our books and merchandise in their building. We also thank all the members for their continuing support, attendance at our events, donations and acquisitions for the Scottish Deaf Archives. Thank you!

Executive Committee



Bankers: Santander, PO Box 1109, Bradford, BD1 5ZJ

Deaf History Scotland

Receipts and Payments Account

for the year ended 30th September 2025

	£	£
	2024/2025	2023/2024
Receipts		
Gift Aid	1014	0
Grants	24,500	500
Book sales	2774	2190
Merchandise sales	35	55
Membership fees	1105	1121
Donations	259	898
Donations for GSD Book	210	682
Scottish Deaf History Tartan	163	230
Scottish Deaf Archives	10726	1158
Event Fees	170	590
Catering	73	0
Total Receipts	41029	7424
Payments		
Deaf History Journals	683	620
Administration costs	23	51
DHS AGM	194	493
Executive Committee expenses	261	309
Spring Gathering	250	100
Scottish Deaf Archives	1410	5376
Cataloguing Project	11	0
GSD Book Project	101	0
Publications	890	965
PayPal fees	14	13
Merchandise (inc. tartan)	127	644
Miscellaneous	255	158
Gratitutes	20	250
Total Payments	4238	8979
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year	36,790	(1555)
	£	£
	2025	2024
Bank Opening Balance	10,482	12,037
Surplus/ (deficit) for the year	36,790	(1555)
Closing Balance	47,272	10,482

Notes on the Receipts and Payments Account

for the year ended 30th September 2025

1. Accounting policies

The accounts are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting by Charities'.

2. PayPal Account

The PayPal Account was set up in the financial year of 2016/2017.

Fund carried forward	£987.36
Receipts received:	+ £307.00
	£1,294.36
Less PayPal fees	(£13.81)
	£1,280.55
Transfer to Santander Bank	£1,000
Balance at 30th September 2025:	£280.55

3. Dedicated Funds

	Balance at 1 st October 2024	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance at 30 th September 2025
	£	£	£	£
Publications Fund	3,786	2,744	890	5,640
Scottish Deaf Archive	644	11,120	1,410	10,354
	4430	13,864	2,300	15,994

a) Publications Fund

The Publications Fund is to cover costs of printing future DHS publications. This fund was used towards the cost of printing the "Aberdeen & North East Deaf Society 1895-1995" (£890). Income raised from book sales in this financial year (£2,744) was added to the Publications Fund.

b) Scottish Deaf Archive

In 2024, the Executive Committee set up an appeal to members and supporters of DHS to raise money for the Donaldson's Collection's conservation costs initially. Since 1st October 2024, DHS received more donations for this appeal, totally £3,160. For the sponsored Fife Coastal Walk, a total of £7,566 was donated. In addition to this latter sum, DHS received £394.15 from HMRC Gift

Aid scheme. Therefore, the total fund in the Scottish Deaf Archive is £10,354. Dehumidifiers, shelving units and archival storage boxes were purchased, costing £1,410.

4. Restricted Funds

- a) **Glasgow Deaf School History Book Project:** DHS received a grant of £500 for this project from the Mackichan Bursary in the last financial year and £182 of donations. In this financial year, more donations totalling £210 were received. The Glasgow Deaf School History Book sub-group had meetings, thus incurring expenditure of £101.40. Therefore, the total fund for this project is £791.
- b) **East Dunbartonshire BSL Access Group:** This group received a grant of £2,000 from East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action (EDVA). Because this group has not yet opened a bank account, the EDVA agreed for the group to bank the grant in DHS' bank account until when the group has opened a bank account.
- c) **Cataloguing Project:** DHS was awarded a grant of £50,000 from Archives Revealed for a cataloguing project. The grant is being paid to DHS in three instalments. The first one of £22,500 was received in September 2025. There was a claim for travel expenses incurred for attending a first meeting of the Cataloguing Project Advisory Committee - £11.15. Therefore, the restricted fund for this project is now £22,488.85.

5. Total Funds at 30th September 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Dedicated funds	15,994	4,430
Restricted funds	25,280	0
General funds	5,696	5,065
Cash in hand	21	0
PayPal Account	281	987
Total Funds	47,272	10,482

Approved by:

Margaret Aitken, DHS Convenor *M. Aitken*

Lilian K Lawson OBE, DHS Secretary/Treasurer *LK*

Date:

1/11/2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Executive Committee of DHS

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2025 which are set out on pages 9-11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's Executive Committee acting as trustees is 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 (as amended). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 of 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 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

* to keep accurate records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and

* to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.....

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