

**THE SOCIETY OF THE FRIENDS OF  
ST MAGNUS CATHEDRAL**

**Charity Number SC007980**

**REPORT OF COUNCIL OF MEMBERS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**for the year to 31 March 2024**

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for the year to 31 March 2024**

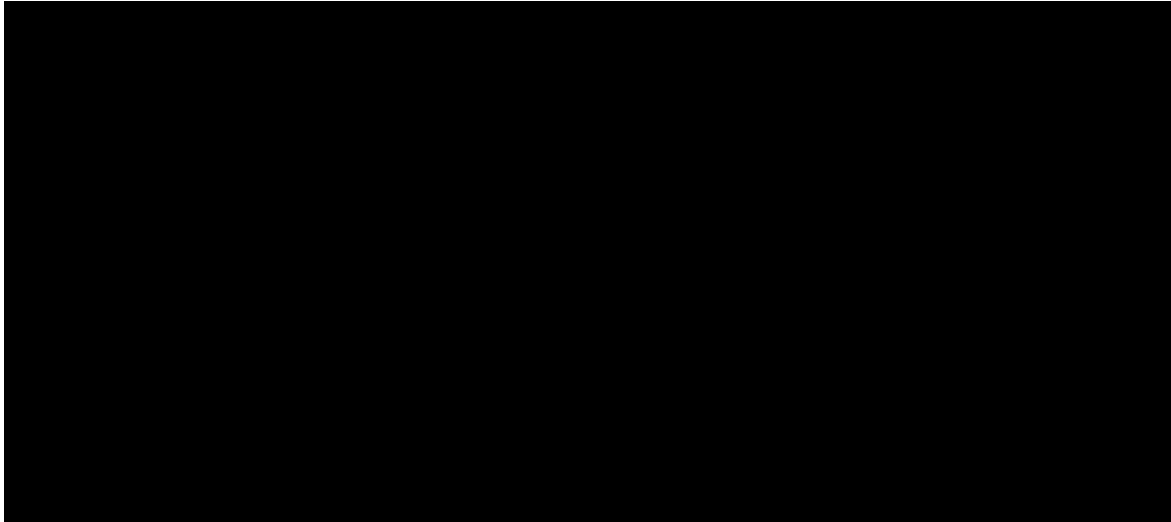
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# THE SOCIETY OF THE FRIENDS OF ST MAGNUS CATHEDRAL

## Council of Members Annual Report for the year to 31 March 2024

Scottish Charity Number SC007980  
Inland Revenue Reference Number CR390970

### TRUSTEES



#### Governing document

The Society is a charitable unincorporated association and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution.

#### Structure, governance and management

- (a) The affairs of the Society shall be Governed by a Council of Members of the Society which shall consist of the following:-
  - (i) The chairperson
  - (ii) The vice chairperson
  - (iii) Honorary secretary and honorary treasurer
  - (iv) Four Orkney Islands Councillors (each to be nominated for the duration of their election as Councillor, but in any event for a period of not more than five years)
  - (v) The session clerk of St Magnus Congregation, *ex officio*
  - (vi) Three members of St Magnus Congregation (excluding the Minister) elected by the Kirk Session (each member being elected for a period of not more than three years)
  - (vii) Four members of the Society (but excluding any Members who may be Orkney Islands Councillors or Members of St Magnus Congregation) as elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Society (each member being elected for a period of not more than four years)
- (b) One member of Council from each of the preceding groups (vi) and (vii) shall retire each year in rotation and shall not be eligible for re-election until the lapse of one further year.

# THE SOCIETY OF THE FRIENDS OF ST MAGNUS CATHEDRAL

## Trustees' Annual Report for the year to 31 March 2024

### Charitable purposes

Our purposes are to educate the public about St Magnus Cathedral and to help maintain its fabric.

### Objectives

The Society of the Friends of St Magnus Cathedral was formed in 1958. St Magnus Cathedral is owned by the people of Orkney through Orkney Islands Council. The Friends main role is to raise sufficient funds to ensure the preservation of this historic building. The percentage of total expenditure to total income can vary each year depending on the capital programme drawn up by Orkney Islands Council.

### Financial review

Incoming resources showed a small increase of £5,881. Although investment income increased by £5,183 (£109,597 v £104,414), there was a decrease of contributions in The Friends boxes of £2,240 (£11,287 v £13,527). This may be attributable to the introduction of a suggested donation on entry scheme of £5.00 by Orkney Islands Council and/ or visitors making a contribution by means of electronic debit. The Charity received sizeable donations of £4,000 in memory of [REDACTED], St Ola; Kirkwall Flower Arrangement Club gave a very generous donation of £5,200 with a further £1,000 received from the Archer Foundation.

The total resources expended amounted to £65,702, similar to the previous year. Costs associated with the Visitors Service Assistant increased by £10,709 (£27,273 v £16,564). These costs included arrears during the previous period together with salary increase and overtime payments. Portfolio management fees increased slightly by £1,590 (£25,716 v £24,126). The Friends paid £1,786 in respect of the organ report and £3,941 in legal fees associated with the review of the constitution. These in turn contributed to an increase in the management and admin costs by £5,614 to £6,073 up from £459 the previous year.

The Friends remain liable for the costs associated with the Curator from 1 March 2024 and consequently payment has been allowed in accounts of £5,000 for March 2024.

The surplus for the year amounted to £66,236 before taking into account the gain on realisation on some 22 of our investment assets amounting to £380 compared with £18,621 the previous year. The overall surplus amounted to £66,616 which is very satisfactory.

### Trustee remuneration and expenses

The trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

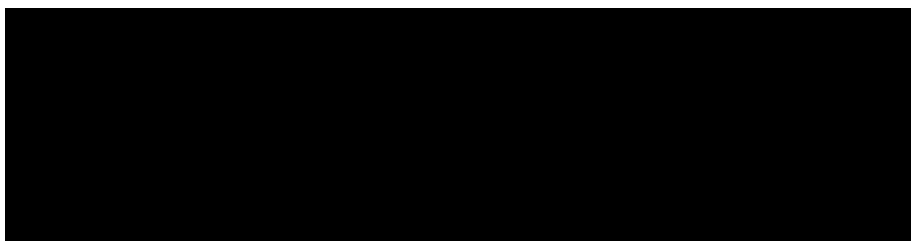
### Reserves

It is the policy of the Society to maintain sufficient funds to enable contributions to be made to Orkney Islands Council to meet their capital programme and future maintenance of the Cathedral.

The balance sheet shows total funds of £2,706,684 (compared to £2,640,068 at 31 March 2023) of which investments comprised of £2,654,979 (£2,596,327 at 31 March 2023).

It has been another successful year for The Friends and there are ample funds to enable us to pursue our aims under the constitution in the future.

### Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf



## THE SOCIETY OF THE FRIENDS OF ST MAGNUS CATHEDRAL

### Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The Friends of St Magnus Cathedral

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

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

#### Basis of independent examiner's statement

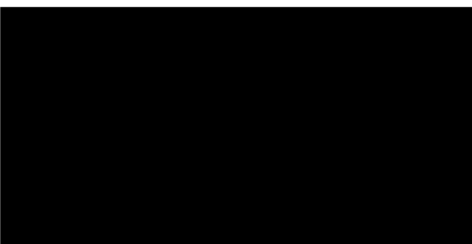
My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration 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 which gives me 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, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met



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5 November 2024

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
for the year to 31 March 2024**

	<b>31 March 2024</b>	<b>31 March 2023</b>
<b>Incoming Resources</b>		
Investment Income	109,597	104,414
Membership	664	492
Donations and gift aid	5,190	2,999
Collections, sale of guides etc	11,287	13,527
Kirkwall Flower Arrangement Club	5,200	4,625
	<hr/> 131,938	<hr/> 126,057
 <b>Resources Expended</b>		
Contributions to Orkney Islands Council		
Visitors Services Assistant	27,273	16,564
Curator (Estimated)	5,000	-
St Magnus Centre Film	-	19,716
St Magnus Way Guide Book	-	3,085
	<hr/> 32,273	<hr/> 39,365
“Story of Cathedral” (cost)	1,640	994
	<hr/> 33,913	<hr/> 40,385
 Other expenditure		
Portfolio Management Fees	25,716	24,126
Storage costs	-	714
Management and administration costs	6,073	459
	<hr/> 31,789	<hr/> 25,299
 Total Resources expended	<hr/> 65,702	<hr/> 65,658
 Net incoming (outgoing) resources for year	66,236	60,399
 Gain/ (Losses) on investment assets:-	<hr/> 380	<hr/> 18,621
Realised		
 Net movement in fund	66,616	79,020
 Fund balances brought forward at 01 April 2023	<hr/> 2,640,068	<hr/> 2,561,048
 Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2024	<hr/> <u>2,706,684</u>	<hr/> <u>2,640,068</u>

Note all of the Society's funds are unrestricted

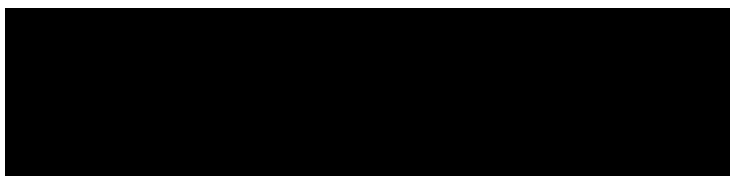
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**BALANCE SHEET  
as at 31 March 2024**

	Notes	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Investments	2	2,654,979	2,596,327
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Stocks of publications		4,927	6,567
Debtors	3	100	202
Cash at banks on deposit		42,685	33,880
Cash held by Fund Managers		42,995	17,357
		<u>90,707</u>	<u>58,006</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	4	<u>39,002</u>	<u>14,265.00</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		51,705	43,741.00
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>2,706,684</u>	<u>2,640,068.00</u>
<b>Financed by</b>			
Total funds		<u>2,706,684</u>	<u>2,640,068.00</u>

NOTE: All of the Society's funds are unrestricted.

**Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:**



05 November 2024

**THE SOCIETY OF THE FRIENDS OF ST MAGNUS CATHEDRAL**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**for the year to 31 March 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Accounting**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost basis of accounting. The accounts are set out so as to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charity Accounts. To fully comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice would require investments to be accounted for at valuation. The Council of Members are of the opinion that since the investments are held for the long term it would be inappropriate to account for unrealised gains and losses year by year. The market value of the investments is disclosed in note 2.

**Interest received**

Interest received on investments is credited to the Income and Expenditure Account on the basis of actual amounts received during the year.

**Funds**

All income and expenditure is dealt with through the Income and Expenditure Account. Funds are classified as either restricted funds or unrestricted funds, defined as follows:

**Restricted funds** are funds subject to specific terms declared by the donors.

**Unrestricted funds** are expendable at the discretion of the Council of Members in furtherance of the objects of the Society of The Friends of St Magnus Cathedral.

Movements in restricted and unrestricted funds are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities at note 5.

**Stocks**

Stocks of publications are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.



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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
for the year to 31 March 2024

<b>2. INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>31 March 2024</b>	<b>31 March 2023</b>
<b>Listed investments</b>		
Cost		
At 01 April 2023	2,596,327	2,510,085
Added	668,750	296,150
Sold	(610,478)	(228,529)
Gain/ loss on sale	380	18,621
At 31 March 2024	<u>2,654,979</u>	<u>2,596,327</u>
The market value of the listed investments at 31 March 2024 was £3,776,268 (31 March 2023 £3,450,431)		
<b>3. DEBTORS</b>	<b>31 March 2024</b>	<b>31 March 2023</b>
Tax recoverable	100	202
<b>4. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>		
Contribution to Orkney Islands Council	32,273	8,096
Other creditors – Management fees	6,729	6,169