

The Strathbungo Society

Registered Charity Number: SCO38276

Trustees' Annual Report: Year ended 30 April 2021

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Statutory Information

The Strathbungo Society

Registered Charity Number: SCO38276

Principal Address: 17 Regent Park Square, Strathbungo, Glasgow G41 2AF

Charity Trustees: Chair - Jane Carolan; Vice Chair - Paola Rezzilli; Treasurer - Steven Good;
Secretary – Sharon Schweps

The Strathbungo Society ("the Society") is governed by a constitution, agreed at the AGM held on 27 October 2015 and available for examination on the Society's website: www.bungoblog.com.

At each AGM, the members of the Society elect four Trustees (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary) plus a Management Committee of up to a maximum of fifteen members. The Trustees hold office until the next AGM, when they are eligible for re-election.

The Society's objectives as set out in the Constitution are:

- **To advance citizenship and develop the community** by encouraging all members of the community, including families, children, ethnic minorities, people with disabilities and the elderly to interact with the aim of improving the community both by bringing the community together and by promoting the provision, maintenance or improvement of public amenities within or in the vicinity of the Strathbungo area; and
- **To promote the conservation of local architectural and environmental heritage**, including the maintenance or improvement of the built and natural environment.

Operating Review

Chair's Report 2020-21

This Annual Report considers the activities of the Society from April 2020 to April 2021.

It was, as everyone is aware, the period of lock down due to the COVID epidemic. Many among us will have suffered directly or indirectly, whether from the disease itself or from seeing its effects on loved ones. Our streets responded with all kinds of informal groups to provide practical and moral support. Hopefully the worst is now behind us, but we can carry the community spirit that was generated forward.

The Annual Report is a record of the activities undertaken by the Society over the past year. From April 2020 until very recently the committee was meeting by Zoom on a regular basis, but restrictions meant that the outdoor events that we specialise in were completely ruled out. So there was no Bungo in the Back Lanes, no Bungo at the Bells, and no Window Wanderland. What we were able to do was replace our outdoor activities with online versions. So instead of the Back Lanes, there was an online market featuring local craft makers and artists. This was supplemented by a music programme, broadcasting live performances by local artists, courtesy of Southside Sessions. The success of this event meant that the online market was repeated in the run up to Christmas 2020.

Another activity organised by the Society, the regular Brighter Bungo clear-ups, were also sidelined by the pandemic. Our volunteers do a sterling job in keeping our area clean and tidy but there is a responsibility on all of us to do our bit to keep our own back yards and front gardens and lanes tidy. Until the summer of this year, our clear ups were covered by the Council's Public Liability Insurance. This has now been unilaterally withdrawn. The Society have been in correspondence with councillors and council officials trying to make sense of this decision, and assess its potential impact on our future activities.

The last Annual Report also noted "continuing issues facing us in the lack of enforcement over planning regulations, along with problems over bin collection (or lack of bin collections!)." Some things never seem to change, particularly the environmental impact of delayed bin collections, or in some cases, bins that are never emptied. The problem does not seem to be confined to our area as local newspaper reports will testify, but we continue to make representations to try to resolve our problems.

Throughout 2020 the Society have been engaged with Network Rail over the plans for the electrification of the East Kilbride / Glasgow Central rail line as it passes along the area along Moray Place . Campaigns to save the old Strathbungo station (aka Susie's) came to nothing, as an application for it to be listed was unsuccessful and it will now be demolished during 2022. However there will continue to be a footbridge in the area. The original bridge, refurbished only two years ago will hopefully have a place in a railway heritage site. Network Rail ran a consultation for a replacement design, and the result is available on the Bungo Blog. The question now is where the bridge will be sited, as many in the community favour the restoration of the site at Marywood Square. We are seeking a resolution by involving council planners and transport officials but as yet have nothing definite to report. We have also been involved in discussions regarding the road bridge and an appropriate replacement for the conservation area.

The worry is that, with the footbridge due to be removed early in 2022 and work to commence on the road bridge, our community will have no access across the railway between Titwood Road and Albert Drive. The Society continues to press the relevant authorities on these matters.

Throughout the pandemic, one regular activity has still continued, and that was the regular publication of Strathbungo News, published on the blog but also printed and delivered to all homes in the area. Thanks are due to James and Sandra, our editors and to all who contribute articles and content, plus the army of deliverers. In a difficult period, the newsletter kept the community informed and entertained. Thanks also to our social media posters who keep the blog, Facebook and Instagram up to date.

As a committee we play our part in the local Area Partnership, and we monitor and make representations on behalf of residents over local planning matter. As a society, we are often in the position of needing the assistance of the elected representatives of the area whether on the council, the Scottish Parliament or Westminster. As chair, I want to thank all those who respond to our pleas for help and assistance and provide support when we need it.

I also want to thank my fellow committee members, who have kept the society going in recent months. We have members who tackle everything from litter picking to social media posting, who provide specialist advice on Planning applications or keep the magazine in circulation or who keep us financially solvent.

All voluntary organisations always need volunteers – that is one of the laws of the universe. So if you want to become involved in any of our activities, please contact chair@strathbungo.co.uk.

Jane Carolan
Chair

Financial Review

The Society operates an unrestricted current account, through which it runs its ongoing activities. Trustees receive no remuneration for any of the work that they do.

As shown in the following receipts and payments account, the Society had a small deficit of £18 for the financial year ending 30 April 2021, compared to a surplus of £1,140 in the year ending 30 April 2020. The deficit this year was largely attributable to the absence of fund-raising events, particularly with Bungo in the Back Lanes cancelled in June 2020 due to the pandemic. However, the size of the deficit was reduced somewhat by the receipt of £476 of late income from Bungo in the Back Lanes 2019. The Society has continued to maintain tight controls over expenditure.

The Society continues to rely on voluntary donations via its “Friends of Strathbungo” scheme. This helps to provide self-generated funds for the Society and to enable it to fund its activities and publication of The Strathbungo News.

Donations from Friends for this year were £819, a drop of about 7% on the previous year. Almost all our Friends have been so for years and only stop paying when they leave the area or die. The Trustees continue to wish to see voluntary giving to the Society extended, and we would like to encourage people to join the Friends scheme.

As at 30 April 2021, the Society had unrestricted funds in hand of £5,917.

Steven Good
Treasurer

The Trustees’ declare that they have approved the Trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the Society's Trustees

Signed.....*Jane Carolan*.....

Jane Carolan, Chair

Date: *16/11/21*.....

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Statement of receipts and payments

Year ending 30 April 2021

		2020-21	2019-20
		Total funds	Total funds
		Current Period	Previous Period
		£	£
Income			
Donations	Friends	819.00	882.00
Grants	Window Wanderland/BIBL Grants	-	2,475.63
Fundraising Activities	Bungo in the Back Lanes	476.50	3,038.43
	Merchandise Sales	58.39	182.00
	Spring Fling	-	198.50
Other Income	Miscellaneous	0.01	-
Total income		1,353.90	6,776.56
Expenditure		£	£
Fundraising activities	Spring Fling	-	41.75
	Bungo in the Back Lanes	-	1,436.59
Other activities	Newsletters	850.98	1,020.00
	Bungo Not in the Back Lanes	186.50	-
	Winter Market	42.00	-
	Brighter Bungo	-	129.00
	AGM/public meetings	112.00	-
	Window Wanderland	-	2,002.74
	Bungo at the Bells	-	144.61
Event Insurance		-	660.80
Technology & Website		115.10	174.99
Affiliations		40.00	-
Miscellaneous		25.43	25.70
Total expenditure		1,372.01	5,636.18
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		-18.11	1,140.38

Statement of balances

As at 30 April 2021 & 2020

	Total current	Total previous
	period	period
	£	£
Cash Funds (unrestricted)		
Opening cash balance	5,935.29	4,794.91
Surplus/Deficit for the year	-18.11	1,140.38
Closing cash balance	5,917.18	5,935.29

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Notes to the accounts - year ended 30 April 2021

1. Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

2. Funds

The Society holds a Current Account with the Clydesdale Bank plc for day to day receipts and payments. These funds are unrestricted.

3. Trustee's Remuneration

No remuneration was paid to any Society Trustee or anyone connected to a Society Trustee.

4. Grants Received

The Society did not apply for or receive any grants during the year.

5. Bungo in the Back Lanes Income

At the end of the previous financial year there was income still to be received of £476 for Bungo in the Back Lanes 2019. This has now been received and is reflected in the 2020-21 accounts.

6. AGM Costs

Due to the pandemic, the Society's 2020 AGM was held online via Zoom. The Society purchased a subscription to Zoom at a cost of £112 to facilitate this.

7. Insurance

The Society's Insurance is usually paid annually in January and would cover all events within the calendar year. However, owing to the pandemic, the Society did not renew insurance for 2021.

8. Affiliations

The Society renewed its membership of The Alexander Thomson Society at a cost of £40.

Independent examiner's report

The Strathbungo Society – Registered charity number SCO38276 on the accounts of the Society for the year ended 30th April 2021

I report on the accounts of The Strathbungo Society for the year ended 30th April 2021.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

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 Society 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 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners 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 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 consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. 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 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.......... 29th August 2021

Allan Hunter
Chartered Certified Accountant