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Annual Report

1. General

- 1.1. This is the ninth annual report and accounts for The Supreme Court of the United Kingdom Art Trust (SCAT). SCAT is a registered charity. Its Registration Number is 1165602.
- 1.2. The principal address of SCAT is The Supreme Court, Parliament Square, London, SW1P 3BD.
- 1.3. The annual report and accounts are for the year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

2. Objectives

- 2.1. The objectives of SCAT are:
 - 2.1.1. To advance the education of the public, in particular in relation to art; the connection between art and legal institutions of, or associated with, the United Kingdom and the history and operation of such legal institutions; and
 - 2.1.2. To promote art for the public benefit, in particular through exhibitions and displays and through maintaining and managing the art collection of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom.
- 2.2. The charity's activity has been relatively modest during the reporting period, with the main focus being continuing to identify potential new Trustees in order to support the charity as it develops its future plans to advance its objectives.

3. Structure

- 3.1. SCAT is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).
- 3.2. The governing document for SCAT is the Constitution document agreed on 21 July 2025.

4. Governance and Management

- 4.1. Trustees are appointed to SCAT. The process for induction and training of a trustee is stated in the Constitution.
- 4.2. The SCAT trustees provide a high level of experience in a range of relevant disciplines, including curatorial and exhibition design, legal affairs, fundraising oversight, and governance. SCAT formally met twice during the reporting year and is supported by a UK Supreme Court Member of staff who acts as the Trust's Secretary.
- 4.3. The management of risks is discussed regularly at meetings and there is a process in place to manage them.

5. Details of the Trustees

5.1. There have been changes to the trustees during the reporting year.

5.2. Details of the current Trustees and Secretary is shown below:

Baroness Hale	Chair, Trustee & signatory
Dinah Casson	Trustee
Elsie Owusu	Trustee
Caro Howell	Trustee & signatory
Rebecca Fry	Trustee
Ian Oakley Smith	Trustee appointed 15 January 2025
Ayoola Onatade	Secretary

6. Main Activities undertaken for Public Benefit

6.1. Since the formation of SCAT in 2016, it has built on the UK Supreme Court's track record of successful summer exhibitions to help promote public education on the justice system and the rule of law.

6.2. The principal way in which SCAT has previously delivered Public Benefit is through the delivery of temporary exhibitions and the commissioning of works of art. Both these serve to stimulate interest, discussion and further research into topics connected to the broad work of the appellate courts and particularly of the UKSC.

6.3. Following a skills audit, SCAT sought a new Trustee with financial expertise. Ian Oakley Smith has now been appointed as a Trustee.

7. Declaration of Public Benefit Guidance

7.1. The Trustees have given due regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

8. Additional Policy Statements

8.1. There are currently no plans for policy programme related investment for the coming year.

9. Summary of Main Achievements During the Year

9.1. The charity spent time identifying new Trustees in order to support the charity as it develops plans for the future and has been liaising with the Trustees of another charity with similar objects in order to understand the potential for future collaboration.

Approved by the Committee of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Baroness Hale, Chair of the Trustees

PRINT NAME:

Baroness Hale

DATE: 1st December 2025

Caro Howell – Trustee

PRINT NAME:

DATE: *1st* December 2025

Caro Howell
CAROL HOWELL

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Financial Statements

Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2024		
	Year ended 31 March	
	2025	2024
	£	£
Total receipts	0	0
<i>Payments</i>		
Charitable activity costs	0	3,593
Total payments	0	3,593
Net movement in funds	0	-3,593
Opening balance at Bank	1,596	5,189
Closing balance at Bank	1,596	1,596
Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31 March 2024		
	Year ended 31 March	
	2024	2023
	£	£
<i>Assets - cash funds</i>		
Cash in bank	1,596	1,596
Total cash funds	1,596	1,596
<i>Liabilities</i>		
Total liabilities	0	0
Net assets	1,596	1,596

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Notes to the Financial Statements

10. Basis of preparation

- 10.1. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, as required by guidance CC16a of the Charity Commission accounts preparation notes dated January 2017. The accounting policies applied consider that SCAT is a CIO with gross threshold income of less than £25,000.

11. Receipts & Payments Account

- 11.1. The above covers the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 and is based on the activity-based receipts and payments category approach.
- 11.2. There were no sales of assets or investments in the above stated accounting period.
- 11.3. Assets are capitalised where the cost to UKSC of the individual item is in excess of the capitalisation threshold of £5,000.

12. Statement of Assets & Liabilities

- 12.1. The 'Statement of Assets & Liabilities' account is required when a receipts & payments accounts approach is applied. This replaces a balance sheet required for accruals accounting.
- 12.2. Cash in bank is accounted for in the Cash Funds category of assets.