

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
FOR THE
SHEFFIELD DESIGN AWARDS**

**REGISTERED CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
CHARITY NO. 1180890 ON 29/11/2018**

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Introduction

The Trustees present their report with the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 to prepare cash [receipts and payments] accounts as the gross income of the charity is below the prescribed limit of £25,000.

Registered Charity number

1180890

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Trustees

Leanora Simmonite [Chair]
Paul Bedwell [Treasurer- since July 2025]
Michael Brown
Andrew Jackson

Jim Monach (our Former Treasurer and Trustee passed away in June 2025)

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a constitution, and is a charitable incorporated organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees.

Risk management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Objectives and activities

The Charity is established for the public benefit with the following objects in the area comprising the City of Sheffield and its region which area shall hereinafter be referred to as "the area of benefit":

- (1) To promote high standards of planning and architecture in buildings and open spaces in and around Sheffield, principally through the promotion of an Awards scheme.
- (2) To educate and inform the public in and around Sheffield about planning, design, architecture and landscape.
- (3) To promote the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in and around Sheffield

Achievements and performance

The early part of the reported year was taken up with the necessary preparation for the SDA 2024: the administrative framework to put in place; effort to find sponsors to support the scheme; the campaign to seek appropriate entries for the awards matching the aims to support excellence; the judging and administration to make the awards at a suitable venue; finally administration of the orderly conclusion of the SDA 2024.

Due to the increased pressure on Trustees to manage and organise these awards, and a review of the likely costs involved, the Trustees took the decision to run this cycle oncemore with paid administrative support. It was felt that the reputation of the scheme would benefit from this professional support, ideally of an individual with relevant experience. Previous use of large event management/public relations companies had been a mixed success given their usual clientele being much larger events, with much larger budgets than we would ever have. In addition, it affords the Trustees the opportunity to evaluate the efficacy, affordability and cost effectiveness of using such support for the SDA as well in its 2024 cycle. The Trustees agreed that the cycle could and would be terminated during the year if income looked unlikely to match the requisite level of expenditure to deliver the awards.

In the end, the SDA 2024 was a great success and celebrated the best in design in the built environment across Sheffield and South Yorkshire. 30 projects were submitted and a panel of national expert judges visited each of the shortlisted properties before selecting winners.

The 16 shortlisted projects, split across the following categories (many fell into more than one category): Small Project Award, Medium Project Award, Large Project Award, Conservation Award, Residential (single dwelling) Award, Residential (multiple dwelling) Award, Open Space Award, Interior Award, Outstanding Project of the Year, Public Choice Award, and Landmark Achievement Award. A new award 'Practice of the Year' was awarded for the first time and the judges gave two special awards for projects which deserved special recognition.

Considerable publicity attended the making of the awards at the Awards Ceremony which took place at Sheffield's Millennium Galleries on 14th November 2024. Over 160 architects, designers and professionals gathered at the ceremony to celebrate the best in architecture in our region. This Awards Ceremony also served to promote the SDA for Public Arts 2025 which would run in the following year as part of our ongoing biennial cycle of awards for Architecture and Public Art.

The Crucible Theatre was awarded the Landmark Achievement award for buildings in use by the Lord Mayor of Sheffield Jayne Dunn for being a truly iconic part of Sheffield's architectural and cultural cityscape.

The People's Choice award, voted for by the public, went to 105th Sheffield (High Green) Scouts Headquarters. The new building, which has seen enrolment numbers rise, was also given the Judges' Special award for Community Value by head judge Nicola Rutt, who thanked the scout leaders and the three young scouts who took the time to show the judges around during their visit.

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Eyewitness Works and Petronella House each took home two awards, and the Heart of the City was awarded *Outstanding Project of the Year*.

The winners of this year's awards were:

- The Crucible Theatre - Renton-Howard-Wood-Levin | Burrell Foley Fischer | Sheffield Theatres. Winner of the Landmark Achievement Award.
- Sort Trae - Susi Clark and Marc Medland (Concept Design), HEM Architects, Terry Huggett Developments Ltd. Winner of the Residential (single dwelling) Award, sponsored by Taylor Maxwell.
- Eyewitness Works - Twentysix Architects & shedkm | Urbanise Construction Ltd | Capital&Centric. Winner of the Residential (multiple dwelling) Award, sponsored by IG Masonry Support. Winner of the Large Project Award, sponsored by Gripple.
- Petronella House - Chiles, Evans + Care Architects | Travis Wainwright Builders | Helen and John Whysall. Winner of the Interior Award, sponsored by Skopos Fabrics. Winner of the Medium Project Award, sponsored by Creative Brick Solutions.
- Leah's Yard - Fielden Clegg Bradley Studios, Lathams, Leonard Design | RF Joinery | RF Joinery. Winner of the Conservation Award, sponsored by Leopold Hotel, Sheffield.
- Pound's Park - Sheffield City Council | Henry Boot Construction. Winner of the Open Space Award, sponsored by the Sheffield Property Association.
- Park Lane - Thomas Collier Studio. Winner of the Small Project Award, sponsored by Counter Context.
- 105th Sheffield Scout HQ - Race Cottam Associates | HP Construction Ltd | 105th Sheffield Scouts. Winner of the Judges' Special Award for Community Value.
- The Wave - HLM Architects | BAM Construction | The University of Sheffield. Winner of the Judges' Special Award for Equality, Diversity & Inclusion.
- Chiles Evans + Care Architects - Winner of the Practice of the Year Award, sponsored by the Sheffield Property Association.
- 105th Sheffield Scout HQ - Race Cottam Associates | HP Construction Ltd | 105th Sheffield Scouts. Winner of the People's Choice Award.
- Heart of the City - Leonard Design Architects, Sheffield City Council. Winner of the Outstanding Project of the Year, sponsored by Square German Kitchens & Bathrooms Ltd.

Membership There is no membership of the SDA in line with its constitution. However, as part of its charitable objects the Trustees maintained a high and active profile via professional contacts, its website and the use of print and social media. The membership of the two organisations (Sheffield Civic Trust and the Sheffield Society of Architects) that combined to found the SDA serve as groups of professionals and members of the public with whom SDA is able to consult on a continuing basis in support of its educational objectives.

Reserves It is regarded as good practice to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which would cover management and charitable expenditure budgeted for the next two years. This is to ensure the future viability of the charity. It is in the nature of the principal activities of the charity that significant financial commitments are only made at the start of the awards cycle. If there were insufficient funds available at the start of the financial year, our timetable is such that no commitments would need to have been made before that time. The SDA could reluctantly be cancelled for that cycle if they could not reasonably be expected to be financially sound.

There are no permanent employees or ongoing expenses such as premises etc. Continuing expenditure is therefore minimal and managed by a modest surplus from the operation of the awards scheme.

The organisation of the awards scheme is such that income from sponsorship, and for the SDA entry fees, is received during the early phases of the cycle. The Trustees see no reason for the usual approach not to be sustainable into the future, but it will be reviewed as necessary.

The SDA for Architecture continue to grow in both in their breadth and significance and celebrate buildings and open spaces within Sheffield and South Yorkshire. In this context, to suffer a small net loss of £346 during the financial year to 31st March 2025 is considered an acceptable outcome.

Trustees The SDA Trustees at the financial year end (31st March 2025) were Leonora Simmonite (our Chair), Jim Monach (our Former Secretary and Treasurer), Paul Bedwell, Andrew Jackson, Michael Brown.

Unfortunately, Jim Monach passed away on 27th June 2025.

**SHEFFIELD DESIGN AWARDS
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	2024/25
	Unrestricted Funds ^{1 and 2}
	£
Receipts	
Grants	-
Sponsorship/Donations	14,000
Entry Fees ¹	5,773
Total receipts	19,773
Payments	
Administration/IT ¹	9,286
Trustee Expenses	1,185
Meeting & Event Expenses	7,732
Judging Expenses ¹	306
Plaques/Certificates	1,610
Sundries	-
Total payments	20,119
Net of receipts/[payments]	[-346]
Total funds carried forward @ Bank on 27th March 2025	5,772

¹—The awards made during this year were the Sheffield Design Awards for Architecture 2024 (SDA 2024), which is our most resource-intensive Awards cycle and attracts both sponsorship and entry fees

² – There are no restricted funds in this charity; all are designated to achieve the aims of the SDA

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The Trustees present their report with the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 to prepare cash [receipts and payments] accounts as permitted by the Charities Commission for CIOs with a gross income of less than £25,000 p.a.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in this Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on a cash basis and has been classified under headings which then aggregate all costs related to that category.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with all and any of the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objectives of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. None of this applies to the funds reported here.

2. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no Trustees' remunerations or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees received no reimbursement of expenses in the year to 31 March 2025 beyond repayment of necessary travel or accommodation for meetings etc. No Trustees or any other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

External Checks

These have not been applied in view of the income being below the limit specified by the Charities Commission of £25,000 p.a.

Paul Bedwell – Treasurer/Trustee on behalf of Board of Trustees