

Orkney Historic Boat Society

Scotland · Charity number SC044884

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2014-05-28
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	The Sycamores KW16 3BA
Website	www.ohbs.org

Activities

Activities: 'It makes grants, donations or gifts to organisations', 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science'

What the charity does: Preserve and interpret and communicate Orkney's maritime heritage, in particular by collecting and preserving historic Orkney boats.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: The Society's purposes are: To advance the preservation, interpretation and communication of Orkney maritime heritage. To achieve these purposes, the Society will: 1. Collect, restore and preserve boats built in Orkney or that have contributed to Orkney life. 2. Collect, restore and preserve maritime artefacts related to Orkney maritime heritage. 3. Manage the collection of boats and artefacts in a sustainable manner. 4. Build and maintain a set of tools, materials and equipment required to support the restoration and preservation of boats and artefacts in the collection. 5. Restore and preserve the boats and artefacts in the collection using traditional boat building skills and crafts. 6. Preserve traditional boat building skills and crafts through support for education and training. 7. Research and publish information about the boats and artefacts in the collection or related to Orkney maritime heritage. 8. Educate the public about Orkney maritime heritage. 9. Establish a boat museum in Orkney through which the boats, artefacts and related knowledge can be interpreted and communicated to the public.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Orkney Islands
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£6,554	£8,782	-	0
2024-04-05	£1,349	£2,376	-	0
2023-04-05	£2,634	£6,287	-	0
2022-04-05	£10,008	£2,492	-	0
2021-04-05	£996	£991	-	0

Accounts

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	06	April	2024		05	April	2025

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	1862				1862	683
Legacies	0				0	0
Grants	550				550	300
Receipts from fundraising activities	0				0	0
Gross trading receipts	0				0	0
Income from investments other than land and buildings (bank a/c interest)	224				224	91
Rents from land & buildings	0				0	0
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	4072				4072	276
					0	0
A1 Sub total	6708	0	0	0	6708	1349
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	0				0	0
Proceeds from sale of investments	0				0	0
A2 Sub total	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	6708	0	0	0	6708	1349
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	58				58	0
Gross trading payments	0				0	0
Investment management costs	0				0	0
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	8662				8662	2341
Grants and donations	0				0	0
Governance costs:					0	0
Audit / independent examination	32				32	35
Preparation of annual accounts	0				0	0
Legal costs	0				0	0
AGM advert & room hire	30				30	0
					0	
A3 Sub total	8782	0	0	0	8782	2376
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	0				0	
Purchase of investments	0				0	
A4 Sub total	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total payments	8782	0	0	0	8782	2376
Net receipts / (payments)	-2074	0	0	0	-2074	-1027
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					0	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-2074	0	0	0	-2074	-1027

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	29053				29053	30081
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	-2074				-2074	-1027
						0	0
						0	0
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	26979	0	0	0	26979	29053
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total	0	0

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets					
		Total	0	0	0

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total	0	0

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total	0	0

Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature*

Print Name

Date of
approval

			27/10/2025

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds *(may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)*

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the charity. There is only one Unrestricted Fund, and there are no Restricted Funds, so the Additional Notes (2) & Additional Notes (3) worksheets have been deleted.

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Total			-

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	X
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C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	X
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C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C6 Other information

The funds are held between two bank accounts at Bank of Scotland. At financial year end, the balances were: Treasurer's Account £6664.15, Saver Account £20314.73

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Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Trustee donations (32 + 30 + 1000)	1062				1062	52
	200				200	100
W Annal (Falcon)	600				600	0
Amazon Smile	0				0	31
Anonymous	0				0	485
OSC - refund for AGM room hire	0				0	15
Total	1862	0	0	0	1862	683
	0	0	0	0	0	reference

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
VAO Small Grants	0		0	300
Orkney Islands Council	550		550	
			0	
			0	
Total	550	0	550	300
	0	0	0	0

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Annual membership	140				140	180
Blue Door	2133				2133	
Northwest Passage talk & raffle	1024				1024	
HMRC Refund (Gift Aid since 20??)	775				775	
Donations at boat display at Pole Star Pier	0				0	96
					0	
					0	
					0	
Total	4072	0	0	0	4072	276
	0	0	0	0	0	0

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Insurance (Premises & risk/trailers)	1679				1679	936
Boat restoration materials & consumables	2320				2320	267
VAO Annual Membership	15				15	15
Lorry hire / haulage	332				332	221
Premises set-up / maintenance / electricity	373				373	120
Equipment - A frame, workbenches, tools	1151				1151	352
Misc expenses - website, domain name	239				239	431
Surveys etc for potential Boat Haven	2553				2553	
					0	
					0	
					0	
					0	
Total	8662	0	0	0	8662	2341
	0	0	0	0	0	reference error

APPENDIX 3



Report to the
trustees/members of

Registered charity
number

On the accounts of the
charity for the period

Set out on pages

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

Independent examiner's
statement

Signed**:

Name:

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Charity name
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Period start date				Period end date		
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(remember to include the page
numbers of additional sheets)

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) 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.

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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.

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention ~~[other than that disclosed on the attached page*]~~

- 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

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

Date:

20/10/2025

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

**OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures

APPENDIX 1



Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	06	April	2024	To	05	April	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

Orkney Historic Boat Society	
OHBS	
SC044884	
The Sycamores	
23 Church Road	
Stromness	
Orkney	Postcode KW16 3BA

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Chair		
2	Vice Chair		
3	Minutes Secretary		
4	Treasurer		
5			
6			
7			
8			
9	Membership Secretary		
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12			
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15			
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20			

Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The organisation is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by our Constitution (updated 09/09/2020)

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The management committee, which meets as and when required, are the charity's trustees. Trustees are elected by members at the Annual General Meeting. Under the constitution, there must be a minimum of four and a maximum of 18 elected trustees

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

OHBS aim to preserve historic Orkney boats of note as well as traditional boat building skills and crafts. Also, to collect, preserve and publish knowledge relating to either boats built in Orkney or contributing to Orkney life and to further the education and knowledge of the public in relation to Historical Orkney Boats. A long-term aim is to support the establishment of a Boat Museum/Haven and workshop.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

OHBS recover boats and artefacts of note and significance to Orkney maritime heritage. The restoration team consist of amateur boat builders and keen enthusiasts who preserve and restore the boats and artefacts collected by the society.

Ongoing work: -

- 1) Preserving and restoring boats and artifacts in the OHBS collection and the OIC collection when necessary.
- 2) Producing an audio archive of memories of Orkney Boat Builders.
- 3) Archiving photographs of boats and artefacts collected.
- 4) Archiving information and details on traditional wooden boats known to us but not in our collection.
- 5) Archiving in detail all boats and artefacts collected.
- 6) Maintaining a Website and Facebook page to share information about our collection and volunteer activities.
- 7) Producing an annual newsletter.
- 8) Continuing towards establishing a Boat Haven/Museum on the Orkney Mainland.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

Another busy year with a focus on continuing to adapt our premises to best fit our purposes as a place to store boats, together with associated workshop facilities, while, at the same time, taking forward our volunteer work on restoring/preserving traditional wooden boats in our collection.

Our work on the acquisition of suitable premises to create an Orkney Historic Boat Haven continued to the stage of taking forward the production of a full Feasibility Study based on the acquisition of the use of a long-time empty seafront property in Stromness, owned by Orkney Islands Council.

Herring Factory

In addition to improvements, restoration work continues at various stages on a number of our boats: Saga, Nellie, Venture, Falcon and Laverne. Work has also continued on maximising the use of the available space to store boats and other artefacts.

Boat Haven

The proposed full Feasibility Study involves a Structural Survey, a Valuation and Condition Report, a Conceptual Design & Interpretation Report and full Business Plan. Invitations to tender were issued in April/May and preferred bidders identified. Grant funding applications were submitted in June and quickly approved. However, potential issues regarding parking held up full approval until late October. Unfortunately, in November, a significant fire in a shed on an adjacent property caused collateral damage, which caused access to the building to be restricted until early in 2025. By the end of February the Structural and Condition Reports had been completed, indicating that, while there were matters requiring attention, the building was structurally sound and would be suitable for development into a museum space.

Acquisitions

A ten foot Orkney Dinghy joined our collection in February 2025. It was built in Flotta (c1910 – 1920) for the JMF Groat family for use as a tender for one of the boats used in their grocery and provisions business in Scapa Flow during WW1 (Cingalee, already in our collection).

Fundraising

In April 2024, the planned talk on the North West Passage by Capt Maiwenn Beadle finally took place. The much enjoyed talk was also a very successful fundraiser, bringing in a total of £1024.

In February 2025, we had a week in the Blue Door Charity Shop in Kirkwall. This was well supported by our volunteers, relatives and friends. The kind donation of raffle prizes and wonderful home bakes contributed to another very successful event which raised £2,133.

Tools and equipment

Among the items being built or refurnished to add to our facilities this year have been a mobile 3 Tonne lifting gantry and a French cleat tool storage unit together with tools (OIC grant £550 contribution). Also, a Circular Saw was provided by HIS at a significantly reduced purchase price.

Newsletter

Another excellent Christmas Newsletter, with details of all our activities and developments over the year, was produced and distributed to all members, as well as being posted on the OHBS website.

All our activities are shared publicly on our website (OHBS.net) and on our FaceBook page (<https://www.facebook.com/orkneyhistoricboatsociety>)

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity maintains a reserve surplus to facilitate the acquisition of our own boat storage, workshop and public display (museum/haven) facilities.

Details of any deficit

None

Donated facilities and services (if any)

Storage facilities during the year donated by: -

██████████, Ness Boat Yard, Stromness.

Shop Display facilities at 140 Victoria Street, Stromness donated by:-

██████████.

All aspects of the organisation, management and the restoration/preservation of boats are carried out by volunteer members of the Society, who collectively contribute very many hours of unpaid work annually.

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Other optional information

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (e.g. Chair)

Date

Chair

27 October 2025

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