

Aberdeen Scottish Hellenic Society

Scotland · Charity number SC046195

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Registered	2015-12-10
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	9 Gordon Road Aberdeen AB15 7RY
Website	www.aberdeenscottishhellenicsociety.co.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

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

What the charity does: The Society is set up to provide an organisational focus for anyone who has an interest in any aspect of ancient and modern Greece, to promote social interaction with local Greek families, and to co-operate with other similarly minded local and national bodies. We deliver our aims and purpose by: (a) providing a range of talks and meetings on ancient and modern Greek topics (b) arranging social events which bring together Society members and local Greek families (c) promoting cultural events through musical evenings and film showings (d) providing a range of Modern Greek language classes for adults and children (e) co-operating with other Hellenic and Classical Societies and Communities

Beneficiaries: 'People with a particular ethnic or racial origin', 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: The aims of the Society shall be to promote, through education and other means, interest in Greek culture, life and thought both past and present to provide opportunities for social contact between local and Greek members to co-operate with other bodies having similar aims

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Aberdeen
- **Geographical spread:** More than one local authority area in Scotland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£7,463	£6,250	-	0
2024-07-31	£5,246	£5,827	-	0
2023-07-31	£7,770	£5,300	-	0
2022-07-31	£12,401	£11,236	-	0
2021-07-31	£699	£658	-	0

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Scottish Charity Regulator

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	1	August	2024		31	July	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name Aberdeen Scottish Hellenic Society
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number SC046195
Charity's principal address 9 Gordon Road
Aberdeen

Postcode AB15 7RY

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 Hamish Wilson	President		
2 Michael Shanks	Treasurer		
3 Louise Falconer	Secretary		
4 Grigorios Athanasiadis			
5 Naiara Carabias			
6 Alasdair Gordon			
7 Anastasia Holston			
8 Stylianos Kalidakis			
9 Ioannis Kondylas			
10 Panagiotis Kotsopoulos			
11 Iain Macleod			
12 Fani Motesnitsa			
13 Konstantinos Papadopoulos			
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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
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Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	The Society is governed by a Constitution which was last approved at a General Meeting on 26 November 2015.
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Trustee recruitment and appointment	The Trustees are the Committee which carries out the business of the Society on behalf of the members. The Committee is formally elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Society. All members are encouraged to stand for Committee membership.
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Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	<p>The Society's approved charitable purposes are (a) the advancement of education and (b) the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science. This is expressed through the aims of the Society which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) to promote, through education and other means, interest in Greek culture, life and thought both past and present (b) to provide opportunities for social contact between local and Greek members (c) to co-operate with other bodies having similar aims
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Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) educational meetings with invited speakers (b) a range of events to support social contact between local and Greek members and to encourage new members (c) musical and cultural events (d) classes to support the learning of Modern Greek (e) a local "Hellenic School" for the teaching of Modern Greek to young children of Greek and other families (f) co-operating with the Hellenic Alliance of Scotland, other Hellenic Societies in Scotland and the Aberdeen and North of Scotland Centre of the Classical Association
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Achievements and performance

The Society wishes to record in this report the sad death in October 2024 of its Honorary President and founder member, Dr Melvin Dalgarno. A celebratory event was held in his memory in May 2025.

The Society organised the following events during the year:

- A very successful Greek Evening in October 2024 with music provided by local Greek musicians
- In February 2025 a wide-ranging talk on the "Aegean Bronze Age" held both in person and online
- In March 2025 a thought-provoking talk and book launch on "Cyprus 1974: Anatomy of an Invasion" also held on a hybrid basis
- In March an enthusiastically attended Ceilidh

It proved impossible to find a suitable replacement venue for our regular Easter event in 2025.

The Society was honoured to host visits in October 2024 from the new Consul General in Manchester whose responsibilities include Scotland, and from the Greek Ambassador in London.

Members had the opportunity to participate in the varied programme of (mostly virtual) talks organised by the Aberdeen and North of Scotland Centre of the Classical Association.

Society representatives continued to participate in the Hellenic Alliance of Scotland.

A range of adult classes for Modern Greek were held both online and in person to meet the differing needs of the participants.

The Hellenic School continued its successful operation, delivering Modern Greek classes to up to 40 children of local Greek and other families, supported by expert teachers and assistants. The School also provided a range of other activities for the children, including a Carnival Party, geography workshops, and partnerships with schools in Nottingham and Ioannina.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Society's principal source of income is membership subscriptions, supplemented by modest donations and any surpluses from social events. The policy on reserves is to retain sufficient funds to meet any potential shortfall on the costs of meeting and events, and to provide for any equipment or donation requirements to support Society activities

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

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Other optional information

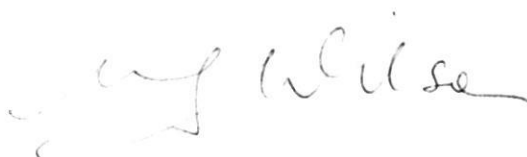
Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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signatures*



Full name(s)

Dr Hamish Wilson

**Position (e.g.
Chair)**

President

Date

14 April 2026

ABERDEEN SCOTTISH HELLENIC SOCIETY							
Scottish Charity Registration No. SC046195							
Statements of Receipts and Payments							
1st August 2024 - 31st July 2025							
	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
		2024 - 2025	2024 - 2025	2024 - 2025	2023 - 2024	2023 - 2024	2023 - 2024
RECEIPTS	1						
Membership subscriptions	2	1983.50		1983.50	1538.50		1538.50
Greek Evening tickets		546.00		546.00	295.00		295.00
Palamas appeal		0.00		0.00		1000.00	1000.00
Melvin's fund		1805.00		1805.00	0.00		0.00
Aberdeen Hellenic School	3	221.00		221.00	90.00		90.00
Modern Greek classes		1422.00		1422.00	220.00		220.00
Ceilidh		1025.00		1025.00	0.00		0.00
Greek Easter party		0.00		0.00	1646.00		1646.00
Donations		110.50		110.50	170.50		170.50
Gift Aid 2023-2024 (2022-2023)		350.70		350.70	304.66		304.66
Totals		7463.70		7463.70	4264.66	1000.00	5264.66
PAYMENTS							
Lecturer expenses		0.00		0.00	114.00		114.00
Greek evening expenses		1266.12		1266.12	1101.94		1101.94
Palamas appeal		0.00		0.00		1000.00	1000.00
Melvin's fund expenses		930.80		930.80	0.00		0.00
Aberdeen Hellenic School		600.00		600.00	264.45		264.45
Modern Greek classes		1020.00		1020.00	220.00		220.00
Ceilidh expenses		1215.00		1215.00	0.00		0.00
Greek Easter party		0.00		0.00	1481.54		1481.54
Donations and prizes	4	215.00		215.00	40.00		40.00
Public Liability and Trustees Indemnity Insurance		259.52		259.52	249.52		249.52
Website and domain expenses		348.34		348.34	724.96		724.96
Secretarial, printing, subs		107.20		107.20	50.20		50.20
Modern Greek prize from Loula's fund 2023-2024	5	40.00		40.00	0.00		0.00
Bank charges		44.50		44.50	38.60		38.60
Other		203.84		203.84	542.02		542.02
		6250.32		6250.32	4827.23	1000.00	5827.23
Surplus/-Deficit for this period		1213.38	0.00	1213.38	-562.57	0.00	-562.57
Total funds brought forward		7940.09	0.00	7940.09	8502.66	0.00	8502.66
Total funds carried forward		9153.47	0.00	9153.47	7940.09	0.00	7940.09

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Statement of Balances at 31st July 2025							
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	
	2024 - 2025	2024 - 2025	2024 - 2025	2023 - 2024	2023 - 2024	2023 - 2024	2023 - 2024
Surplus/-Deficit	1213.38	0.00	1213.38	-562.57	0.00	-562.57	
Clydesdale Bank current account at 31st July 2025	9153.47	0.00	9153.47	7940.09	0.00	7940.09	
Notes to accounts 1st August 2024 to 31st July 2025							
1 These accounts have been prepared on Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2005 (as amended)							
2 Subscriptions represent 177 members - 129 Full members, 19 Students and 29 Children							
3 ASHS made a donation of £320 to the Aberdeen Hellenic School for workshop expenses The Aberdeen Hellenic School funds are ring-fenced and the balance at 31st July 2025 is £2149.74							
4 Donations of £100 and £75 were made to St Mary's Church and Lumphanan Golf Club (Hygiene Course) respectively The society awards annually a prize of £40 to the best student in New Testament Greek as identified by Aberdeen University This year's winner was Klaudia Gomez Tombelle							
5 The Loula Solomou-Dalgarno Fund, established in memory of one of the founders and long-standing President of the Society, to support the teaching of Modern Greek, awards a medal to the best student of the year This fund is ring-fenced and the balance at 31st July 2025 is £196.09 (2024 - £236.09)							

[Handwritten Signature]
President.

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity name
THE ABERDEEN SCOTTISH HELLENIC SOCIETY

Registered charity number

SC 046195

On the accounts of the charity for the period

Period start date			to	Period end date		
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
01	08	2024		31	07	2025

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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) 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.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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**:

C Smith

Date:

12/11/2025

Name:

CLARE A SMITH

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

B.A. ACCOUNTING

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*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.

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Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose