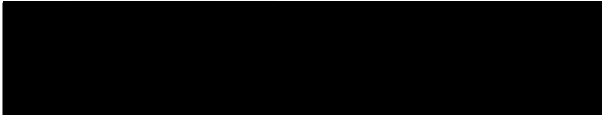


# **The Scottish Mineral and Lapidary Club**

## **Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 October 2024**

Scottish Charity Number SC051658

### **Current trustees**



### **Contact address**



### **Recruitment and appointment of Trustees**

Charity Trustees are elected by the Club members at an Annual General Meeting to serve initially for a period of five years. They will be eligible to be reappointed by the members at the AGM every five years.

### **Governing document**

The Club is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in the Club Constitution registered on 27 March 2022.

### **Charitable purposes**

The Club's purposes are, for the benefit of the public in Scotland and elsewhere:

1. to advance education in relation to natural minerals and lapidary, especially those of Scottish interest
2. to provide training in the craftsmanship of stones, minerals, gemstones and associated silver work, and
3. to advance the heritage and culture surrounding the Scottish lapidary tradition.

### **Activities and achievements**

The SMLC has had another very active year. Training courses were run on the weekends of January 13/14, April 6/7, July 6/7 and October 5/6, 2024, at which 27 adults and 3 juniors were trained. Membership continues to increase, with 82 full members, 16 associate members, 5 junior members. Our training courses are fully booked through October 2025. The Club premises were open to passing visitors most Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Our outreach activities included: collecting beach pebbles (with the Scottish Geology Trust) at Wardie Bay (April 11) and Cramond (April 12); a doors-open event during the Leith Festival (June 8-15); a visit to the Club by the Sussex Mineral and Lapidary Society (June 11); doors-open days during the Scottish Geology Festival (September 3, 10, 17, 24 (Tuesdays) and 7, 14, 21 and 28 (Saturdays); displays at Dynamic Earth (September 14-16); and the SMLC annual 'at home' event on the weekend of November 10/11.

Our programme of lectures and field trips have still not yet fully resumed but the annual Heddle Lecture entitled 'The Heddle Collection – Developments in Curation Techniques' was given on April 27 by [REDACTED] (National Museum of Scotland).

The public lecture given by SMLC members [REDACTED] on the making of the Elizabeth Sword and the role of the SMLC in the project proved very popular. It was repeated several times to various groups over the past year, and four more lectures are scheduled for later in 2025 and early 2026.

#### **Trustee remuneration and expenses**

The trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

#### **Reserves at 31 October 2023**

Valuation of investment portfolio (St. James's Place)	£67435
Bank and PayPal accounts, and cash in hand	£9806
<b>Total value</b>	<b>£77241</b>

[REDACTED] Chair of Trustees

26 May 2025

# **The Scottish Mineral and Lapidary Club**

## **Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 October 2023**

Details of income and expenditure are given in the accompanying financial statement.  
The following is a summary.

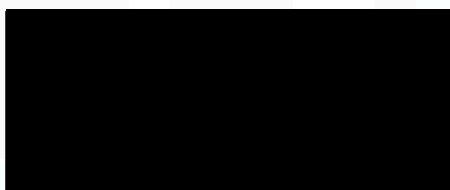
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>£</b>
Total receipts	27472
<b>Payments</b>	
Total payments	25789
Surplus for year	1683

## **Statement of Balances as at 31 October 2024**

<b>Bank and cash in hand</b>	
Bank of Scotland Current Account, cash, PayPal credit	9806
Opening balance (1 November 2023)	8123
Surplus for year	1683
Closing balance (31 October 2024)	9806

All funds are unrestricted.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf



 Chair of Trustees  
26 May 2024

# Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Scottish Mineral and Lapidary Club

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2023 which are set out on pages 1 to 3 and in the accompanying financial report.

## 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) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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

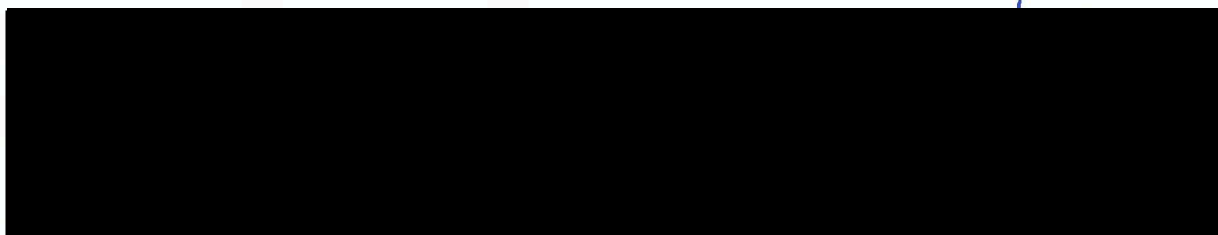
My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual 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

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 Regulationshave 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.

Date: 28/5/2025



# Cash Summary

Scottish Mineral & Lapidary Club  
For the year ended 31 October 2024

2024

## Income

At Home	663.00
Box Rental	150.00
Donation	180.00
Legacy	1,000.00
Membership	13,260.00
Other Revenue	4,816.55
Sales	2,242.74
Shop Sales	670.00
Training	4,490.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>27,472.29</b>

## Less Expenses

Insurance	1,224.41
Light, Power, Heating	6,008.07
Rates (rebate)	(954.12)
Rent	17,919.96
Repairs & Maintenance	1,119.24
Telephone & Internet	471.36
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>25,788.92</b>

## Surplus (Deficit)

1,683.37

## Net Cash Movement

1,683.37

## Summary

Opening Balance	8,123.00
Plus Net Cash Movement	1,683.37
<b>Cash Balance</b>	<b>9,806.37</b>