



NORTH OF SCOTLAND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY SCIO
Scottish Charity No SC044585

Annual Report & Financial Statements

For the Year to 31 August 2020

Trustees' Annual Report for the Year ended 31 August 2020

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the Independent Examiner's report for the year ended 31 August 2020.

References & Administrative Information

Charity Name: North of Scotland Archaeological Society SCIO

Registered charity number: SC044585

Principal Address: 7 Ruisaurie, Beauly, Inverness-shire, IV4 7AJ

Trustees, on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report:

Name	Office	Area of Responsibility	Period
Tim Blackie		Highland Council HER	from 15/10/2016
Elizabeth Anne Coombs		MAD nights, Field Activities	from 15/01/2014
Catherine Dagg			from 19/10/2018
Joan Catherine Guest ¹		Training	from 15/01/2014
Duncan Kennedy		Students, particularly UHI	from 13/10/2018
Karen Kennedy			from 12/10/2019
Susan Elizabeth Kruse		NOSAS Library	from 15/01/2014
Anne MacInnes	Secretary		from 05/03/2018
Meryl Mary Marshall		Book Sales	from 15/01/2014
James Bruce McComas	Vice Chair	Website, FB page, Blogs	from 15/01/2014
Roland Spencer-Jones	Chair	JS Bone Collection	from 15/01/2014
Gordon Cardew	Treasurer		from 05/03/2018
Sue Walker		Membership Secretary	from 10/10/2015
Jonathan Wordsworth			from 12/10/2019

Note that two new Trustees – Karen Kennedy and Jonathan Wordsworth - were appointed at the 2019 AGM.

Structure Governance and Management

Constitution

NOSAS SCIO was granted Charitable status by OSCR on 15 January 2014 and it is governed by the constitution which was approved at its formation. That constitution is available to view on the NOSAS website, under the "Joining NOSAS" tab, [here](https://tinyurl.com/y6lln5k8): <https://tinyurl.com/y6lln5k8>

Appointment of Trustees

Members of the management committee, which normally meets every two months, are the charity's Trustees. Any member can be appointed as a Trustee, provided he/she is not an employee of the society. Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting which is normally held in October. The Officers of the charity are elected at the first Trustee meeting thereafter, usually November. Under the constitution, the number of Trustees should not exceed twenty and not be less than eight. The committee may also appoint any member to be a trustee, outwith the time of the AGM. This appointment must then be approved by the members at the next Annual General Meeting.

Management

The Trustees are responsible for the management of the society. During the year we hold six regular Committee (Trustee) meetings. At each meeting, a financial report is received. In addition to the functions of the three Officers, some Trustees take responsibility for a particular area of responsibility in the life and work of the committee, as indicated on the chart above.

¹ Jonie Guest died on 29th May 2020, part way through her year as Trustee

Objects & Activities

Charitable Purposes

The society is a membership based voluntary group that seeks to encourage people of all ages to learn about and engage with the archaeology of the North of Scotland, to enjoy it, and to protect it for the future. Its purposes are:

1. The advancement of education by arranging and supporting projects and events, formal and informal, which enable members and others to learn archaeological methods and associated techniques.
2. The advancement of the arts heritage, culture or science by
 - a. undertaking and supporting relevant archaeological projects adding to the public record of our heritage
 - b. promoting awareness and understanding of our heritage by arranging discussion sessions and exploratory walks, publications, and participating in public events.

The NOSAS Year

It has been a year like no other in NOSAS's 22 years of existence. The year from 1st September 2019 has been in two halves - before the Covid-19 restrictions were announced by the UK Prime Minister on 23rd March, and after. The previous year 2018-2019 was a particularly busy year for NOSAS, and we had many plans to ensure that 2019-2020 would be equally adventurous. And then a virus intervened.

In addition, sadly, there were three significant deaths of NOSAS members during the year:

- **Jonie Guest** who had been a Committee member for many years died on 29th May after a long illness. She had been an inspiration to many of us - enthusiastic, energetic and always willing to take part.
- **George Grant** had been a founder member of NOSAS at its inception in 1998 and a committee member for many years. He lived near Aviemore, and died on 16th June
- **Doug Kippen** of Shandwick had been a NOSAS member for many years, particularly enjoying NOSAS-related excavations. He died on 28th November last year.

Before 23rd March 2020 The year started in the normal way with the following activities:

Excavations

Tarradale through Time: The Tarradale through Time excavation of the Pictish Barrow Cemetery started at the very beginning of the year, from 31st August onwards for three weeks. This was a nationally significant excavation. Aerial photographs for many years have shown extensive cropmark features suggestive of a barrow cemetery, with some other much larger circular and rectangular features. Extensive areas of the topsoil were therefore removed in four trenches, which a team of volunteers proceeded to excavate. The dig was organised by the TTT management team, led by Eric Grant, with Steve Birch as the (almost) resident archaeologist. The dig went on a few days longer than expected, encouraged by the discovery of the ghostly shadow of a burial on the last day! Further details of this excavation, and those of previous years, can be found on the TTT website: www.tarradalethroughtime.co.uk

Field Events

Meryl Marshall and Anne Coombs had organised a programme of field trips and outings over the darker months. This included two field trips for Highland Council's October *Highland Archaeology Festival's (HAF)* programme of outings. The NOSAS field trips from September 2018 to August 2019 were:

- September 25th – HAF walk from the Slochd to Sluggan Bridge, led by Duncan Kennedy
- October 1st – Cathy Dagg led a HAF guided tour of Isle Martin
- October 16th – Cathy Dagg led a HAF walk around one of the largest glebes in Scotland, Loch Broom
- October 17th – Roland Spencer-Jones led a HAF walk to Tarbat House, and the ruins of New Tarbat House
- October 20th – Anne Coombs organised a visit to sites in Stratherrick and Strathnairn
- December 3rd – John Wombell led a tour of The Admiralty Pier and the Oil Tanks at Invergordon
- December 18th – Graham Clarke, previously of ARCH, led a walk down the Redcastle Burn
- January 20th – John Wombell led a walk along the flood defences of the River Ness in Inverness.
- February 22nd – Meryl Marshall led a walk along the River Orrin, near Aultgowrie.

- February 29th – Anne Coombs, also involved with Dornoch’s Historylinks project, invited NOSAS to join a training day on the use of plane-tables at Dalnamein, near Loch Fleet
- AND THEN a Covid-driven UK lockdown intervened.

Monthly Archaeological Discussion (MAD) Meetings

These have always been an important focus of NOSAS activity during the darker months, when we can’t get out so much. They are lively and interactive meetings, during which a presentation from someone with an interest or expertise in a topic is followed by a discussion from the floor. The meetings, usually in Strathpeffer Community Centre, are popular and well-attended, with usually 20-30 people attending each time. The meetings over the last year were:

- September 12th – Gordon Noble: *The King in the North*. The talk title neatly fitted the title of his latest book, of which he had many copies to sell.
- November 21st – Eric Grant presented the results of three years of excavation at Tarradale
- December 12th - Gordon Sleight presented an overview of the earlier archaeology of Assynt
- January 23rd – Catherine Williams presented a well-illustrated history of Tarbat House in Easter Ross
- February 20th – a collage of three NOSAS members’ holiday photos! All with an archaeological bent.
- March 19th – a presentation by John Borland on Pictish Stones was postponed
- AND THEN a Covid-driven UK lockdown intervened.

Conferences

NOSAS members attended a range of local and national archaeological and heritage conferences during this time. Their contribution to these is by bringing display boards, by chatting and networking between talks, and occasionally by presenting a paper or lecture.

The conferences attended by our members last year included:

- September 27th – October 18th - Highland Council’s annual **Highland Archaeology Festival** continues to be a focus of Highland archaeological activity over the year. One of the speakers at the conference was Roland Spencer-Jones who presented on the JS Bone Project, see below. NOSAS members contributed four of the field events during the festival in 2018, see above. Our sister organisation, *Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands (ARCH)*, was the organiser for HAF again last October.
- November 8th – Roland Spencer-Jones attended the International Conference on Community Heritage at St Andrews, hosting a NOSAS stand during the conference.
- November 9th – Roland Spencer-Jones attended Historic Environment Scotland’s Community Heritage Conference at Dunkeld, hosting a NOSAS stand during the conference.

Since 23rd March, numerous organisations have had to hold their annual conferences online, which in a way makes it easier for those of us in the Highlands to attend. Many NOSAS members have “taken part” in these online conferences.

The NOSAS Projects

NOSAS works on the basis that as individuals develop interest in an area they then lead (champion) a project that involves others in the society. Numerous such projects have been adopted by NOSAS over the years. These are the projects that were active throughout 2019-20:

Tarradale Through Time

This major NOSAS project, led by Eric Grant and assisted by a project management team (Anne Coombs, John Wombell, Jonie Guest [until May 2020], Tim Blackie, Jonathan Wordsworth [from May 2020]) seeks to engage the local community in investigating the multi-period landscape of Tarradale. The three-year project to survey and excavate five different parts of that landscape is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Historic Environment Scotland, and NOSAS donors.

It was due to finish at end-March 2020, although a delayed finishing date due to Covid-19 has been agreed with the main funder, the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

This is NOSAS’s biggest funded project ever. Eric and his team deserve considerable praise for all the hard work they put in to firstly raise the money and then organise the various components of the project.

In 2018-9, those were:

- August 31st the start of three weeks of excavation at Tarradale. This is described further on page 3.
- Other components of the project, such as school visits and the involvement of the local community, are described further on the TTT Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/tarradalethroughtime/>.

Scottish Rock Art Project

This major national project to survey and record Scotland's rock art is organised by Historic Environment Scotland. Tertia Barnett is the HES national lead for the project. In 2016 NOSAS was selected as one of three national pilot projects. Led by Alan Thompson, with assistance from John Wombell, NOSAS has organised field trips and training activities since summer 2017. This last year NOSAS members continued to record rock art sites on Tiree, Strath Sgitheach, and Moray. All known Highland Rock Art sites have now been surveyed, a great achievement.

The JS Bone Collection of Aerial Photographs

Jim Bone was a founder member of NOSAS, a previous committee member, and an enthusiastic pilot. During a flying career that started as a young man, he got involved in aerial photography of archaeology through a chance meeting with Professor Barri Jones in 1972. The account he gave of his flying and photography became a NOSAS blog post:

<https://nosasblog.wordpress.com/2018/03/10/jim-bone-aerial-photography-of-archaeological-sites/>

Jim died on June 16th 2018 after a long and wearisome illness. Just before he died, in May 2018, Jim gifted his entire collection of aerial photographs to NOSAS. This consisted of slides, negatives, prints and digital images. Sorting and cataloguing these images has been undertaken by Jonathan Wordsworth and Roland Spencer-Jones, who then delivered the non-digital images to Historic Environment Scotland in April 2019. HES has now scanned all the physical images, converting them to digital images, sending the scans to us just before lockdown in mid-April. Since then, a small team of NOSAS people has been slowly working through the images in order to: geo-reference them, give them a title, link them to known archaeology on the image, and describe the photo. When completed this information will then be uploaded to Canmore to link to the images that are now already visible on their website.

The eventual aim is that there will be a designated JS Bone Collection page on the HES Canmore website, detailing all the approximately 5900 images that Jim left us.

The Conan Pictish Cross Slab

Early in 2019 Anne MacInnes and some other NOSAS members undertook a survey of the neglected burial ground of Logiewester in Easter Ross. During the process of that recording she discovered that one of the grave slabs was a Pictish Class II decorated stone, subsequently re-used and inscribed as a grave marker in 1797. This extraordinary discovery led to the involvement of the Highland Council Heritage team, and John Borland, a Pictish stone expert, from HES. In view of the landowner's wish for privacy, the exact find site has not been widely publicised. A smaller cross-incised slab was also identified.

After considerable discussion, involving a number of parties, NOSAS agreed to be the lead agent in removing the Pictish stone and the cross-slab to a place of safety, and then arranging their conservation and subsequent mounting in Dingwall Museum.

In his talk to the HAF Conference in October, John Borland of the Pictish Arts Society (PAS) introduced the details of the Cross Slab to the world. This was linked to a press release and Facebook posts. Suddenly, we were inundated with requests for interviews and more information. This all helped the fund-raising campaign that coincided with the press release. Using a variety of different fund-raising methods NOSAS, PAS & Highland Council have together now raised all the money needed to conserve the stone and ensure that it is appropriately mounted in Dingwall Museum. This has been a huge achievement with many congratulations to the HC Heritage Team, the NOSAS Stones subcommittee and many other NOSAS members.

There was meant to be a Pictish related conference in Inverness in May 2020, organised jointly by NOSAS, PAS and the Scottish Society for Northern Studies, with an unveiling ceremony of the stone in the museum on the evening before. However, Covid halted all work on the stone, and the Conference was postponed! (With partial lifting of Covid regulations, conservation of the stone has now been completed and it was brought up to Dingwall Museum by the conservators in August. It should be erected into its place in the window of the museum by mid-November)

Excavations and other NOSAS activities

The only significant excavation in the year before March 23rd was at Tarradale in September. All other excavations planned by our academic and community colleagues were postponed because of Covid-19.

Training & Skills Development

Training in archaeological skills is one of the original aims of NOSAS.

For several years a small group of NOSAS members has met as a “Technology Learning Group”, sometimes involving Malcolm Standing as a technical resource. The aim of the group is to enhance the group’s competence in IT, computer, photogrammetry and mapping skills. This group is now facilitated by James McComas and met:

- December 4th – a session on Excel spreadsheets, led by Karen Kennedy, then Richard & Jonie Guest talking about the uses of the NOSAS Resistivity Unit
- February 27th – more about spreadsheets with Karen Kennedy, then Malcolm Standing presenting his manufacture of a small GPS total station.

In addition, Jonie & Richard Guest have been the lead trainers the Resistivity Unit given to NOSAS in December 2018 by NESAR (North East Scotland Archaeological Research Society) following the demise of that organisation. Until Jonie’s terminal illness made it impracticable, she and Richard have enthusiastically lent their time and skills to other NOSAS members in training them how to use the equipment. It was particularly helpful during the Tarradale dig.

A group of 11 NOSAS members renewed their three-year training in First Aid at an event led by a skilled trainer from the British Association of Ski Patrollers at Fairburn on 16th January. First Aid skills are necessary for those of us who lead or take part in field events.

After 23rd March 2020

Although it took some time to get used to the idea, gradually it became clear that the Covid-19 restrictions were going to last more than a few weeks. Like most other people in society, we now realise that it may be still another year before we can return to “normal”, and even that depends on an effective vaccine. The future for NOSAS gatherings and outings remains uncertain. For an organisation that has thrived on meeting, getting out and doing things together, this has been particularly hard. And yet our hardships are nothing compared to what many other charities, organisations and businesses are going through. Thankfully, we have no employees or physical assets that need monthly income to maintain.

What we have lost or had to postpone:

- Generally, meeting up, as described above.
- A NOSAS field trip to Caithness in April
- A Pictish Conference (together with PAS & SSNS), preceded by Conan Stone unveiling, in early May
- A NOSAS field trip to The West Coast in mid-May
- Helping Alistair Stenhouse with excavation of fish-traps in the Cromarty Firth in June, his PhD project.
- Further small-scale exaction at Tarradale
- Helping with excavations planned by University of Aberdeen, Caithness Archaeological Trust and UHI.
- NOSAS members giving talks on a variety of subjects to local heritage and archaeology organisations

What we have done instead:

We have moved our MAD (Monthly Archaeology Discussion) meetings online, using the Zoom platform. There was an experimental session on 15th April, for a small invited audience when Lynne Mckeggie made a fascinating

presentation on weaving. As that trial worked well, all subsequent meetings were advertised to the whole membership. The list of subsequent presentations follows. The online presentations have been a great success, with 25-35 people attending each time. Although the format doesn't make discussion easy, in the way that we were used to when sitting in a room, nevertheless there is a sense that we come together every two weeks as a group.

After the first night, 23rd April, all subsequent talks were recorded. Links to all the talks are available on our website: <https://www.nosas.co.uk/onlinemadevenings.asp>. The most recent talks are publicly available to watch on the NOSAS YouTube site: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIQ0GOe13Fre3wdhHcCO-ig>. Many of these recorded talks have been watched by several hundred people.

Date	Speaker	Title
23.04.20	Lachlan McKeggie	<i>Domestic Wooden Objects in the National Museum of Scotland</i>
23.04.20	Malcolm Bangor-Jones	<i>Coigach: Exploration of the Rough Quarter</i>
07.05.20	Duncan Kennedy	<i>Highlanders and the Military Landscape</i>
07.05.20	Mary Peteranna	<i>Archaeology of Inverness West Link development, Phases 1&2</i>
21.05.20	Marion Ruscoe	<i>Raigmore Hospital: from EMS to NHS</i>
21.05.20	Jonathan Wordsworth	<i>Archaeological Evidence for Charcoal Burning in the Highlands</i>
04.06.20	Cathy Dagg	<i>The kelp industry in Lochbroom: Looking beyond the statistics</i>
04.06.20	Jo Hambly & Tom Dawson	<i>Archaeology of the Wemyss Caves 2019 – unabridged video</i>
18.06.20	John Borland	<i>The Invergowrie Stone - a perfect Pictish stone?</i>
18.06.20	Susan Kruse	<i>Telford in the Kyle of Sutherland</i>
02.07.20	Eric Grant	<i>Tinsmiths & Travellers: Archaeology on the Move</i>
02.07.20	Rhona Ramsay	<i>Nacken Chaetrie in Scottish Museums</i>
16.07.20	Scott Timpany	<i>Recent palaeo-environmental work in the Highlands region</i>
30.07.20	Adrian Maldonado	<i>The last days of Fortriu? The Croy Hoard Revisited</i>
13.08.20	Graeme Cavers	<i>Living in Iron Age Assynt: The Clachtoll Broch and Beyond...</i>
20.08.20	Andy Hickie, Roland Spencer-Jones	<i>Knockfarrel Henge - a new discovery</i>

The NOSAS Committee has met regularly online during the lockdown period, and the Covid-19 implications and restrictions have been of particular concern for us. Considering Scottish Government advice, we have decided that it has not possible to meet in person in groups, for field activities or in indoor meetings. However, we will continue to monitor the situation, hoping that we may be able to meet sometime in the new year.

An innovation, driven by Covid-19 was to circulate five mystery photos each week to the membership, seeking answers. This was subsequently uploaded to the NOSAS Facebook page, where the challenge produced some interesting responses.

The JS Bone aerial photography project has kept going, and arrangements to erect the Conan Stones in Dingwall Museum continue.. Individual members have kept active in their locality, surveying, recording, investigating, etc. Several NOSAS members have been invited to give online talks to other organisations.

General Comments & other Activities

In autumn 2018 NOSAS decided to offer students at UHI free membership of NOSAS. This is an attempt to reach out to archaeology students, offering them information, connections, and access to all our activities. At the end of the current year, 20 UHI students had joined NOSAS, bringing our membership total up to 140.

Our digital presence continues to grow, with an up-to-date Website, Facebook page and Blog organised and updated by James McComas, with help from others. The FB page and Blog represent our online presence, with a wide reading audience both in the UK and around the world. Our Facebook page currently has 3377 followers. The NOSAS Blog is six years old now, has more than 90 individual articles and has had over 120,000 total views. The NOSAS blog

page received ten new entries this year, allowing the contributors to consider an archaeological topic in detail. An impressive online presence!

Susan Kruse continues to supervise and cherish our library, housed in Dingwall Library. She organised a stock-taking exercise during the year.

Sales of Meryl Marshall's two books (Glenfeshie and Strathconon), Anna Welti's book (Prehistoric Roundhouses) and the 2019 NOSAS book (A Year of Highland Archaeology) were providing a steady income to the society until lockdown reduced both the number of tourists visiting Highland and our ability to sell the books at conferences.

A few years ago, related to the 2018 NOSAS 20-year celebrations, Meryl Marshall developed a plan to explore then write up certain Heritage Routes in the Highlands as an accessible resource for others. This project has slowly developed, with currently four routes available on the website: <https://www.nosas.co.uk/historicalroutes.asp>

One recent example of the benefits of NOSAS activity comes from our awareness of changes in the heritage landscape around us. We can take action as we see areas of concern, or unplanned changes happen. In this last year, for example, we have intervened in the following situations:

- The imminent destruction of a cruck-framed cottage on the braes above Beauly. The building was surveyed, two of the cruck timbers were salvaged, and the building and its demolition were written up as a NOSAS blog.
- An old burial ground near Muir of Ord was being massively re-designed. This was noticed by one of our members who wondered if permission had been granted. We investigated; it appears it hadn't. Highland Council was notified.
- Timbers from the partial demolition of a C18th building in Inverness were noticed in a skip by two of our members. Again, Highland Council was notified to see if these could be salvaged for dendrochronology. This in turn led to recommendations for greater awareness of timber remains when other buildings in the future get remodelled or demolished.

Achievements & Performance

Governance

As indicated above we have held six Trustee (Committee) meetings during the year. At each meeting, a financial report is received from the Treasurer. When subsequently approved at the following meeting, the minutes are uploaded to our website.

Much of the work of NOSAS takes place outwith the main Committee. A report from each of the main areas of interest is considered at each Committee meeting. Those areas are indicated against the Trustee's name on page 2.

Strategy

This has not changed over the year. We have consistently tried to provide activities which meet the aspirations and needs of our members, so fulfilling the aims of the organisation as enshrined in our constitution. The levels of attendance at all the activities listed above, until 23rd March, suggest that we are indeed providing appropriate activities.

The Society continues to grow slowly (now 140 members) This appears to be a viable and manageable size and we have not sought to grow more rapidly. Consistent with our strategy we have had positive contact with, and in many cases worked with, other organisations with common interests, including.....Highland Council Historic Environment Team, Historic Environment Scotland, ARCH, University of Aberdeen, Avoch Community Archaeology, Scottish Rock Art Project, Historic Assynt, Forestry and Land Scotland, SCAPE, Clyne Heritage Society, Pictish Arts Society, and the University of the Highlands and Islands.

We have also used NOSAS funding to support training events (although participants usually contribute part of the cost) and for limited purchases of equipment. We budget to spend up to £200 per year on books and publications for the NOSAS library.

People

The Society relies entirely on the enthusiasm and hard work of its members, particularly its Committee. Many people have contributed to the meetings, events, field trips and excavations that NOSAS has undertaken until lockdown. Some of them have been mentioned in the paragraphs above. We want to acknowledge all those whose names

haven't been specifically mentioned. Without their input and enthusiasm, NOSAS would not be the organisation that it is.

Future Vision

As with so many other organisations, we face an uncertain future. It is hard to know when any "normal" NOSAS activity will be able to start up again. In the interim, our focus is to do what we can within the constraints of government guidelines to further both of our charitable aims – education about and the pursuit of archaeology. For the former, we have given talks as individuals to others, and organised talks for our members. For the latter, we have continued the JS Bone project, continued to work on the Conan stones and been out in the field, on an individual basis, investigating and surveying.

Financial Review

The core charitable activities of NOSAS continue to follow the pattern of previous years, although in a quieter way.

In this current year we have received a grant of £39,200, being the previously arranged second part of the money from National Lottery Heritage Fund for the Tarradale through Time project. This restricted money will be spent by the management team on post-excavation work, reports, etc.

The unrestricted funds contain income and expenditure during the year relating to the Conan Stones project. This reflects the ambitions of that project, namely, to raise money to conserve and restore the stones and see them housed in Dingwall Museum.

At year end there was a small net surplus of unrestricted funds of £769 compared to a deficit the previous year of £2,852.

Reserves Policy

The policy of the Trustees is to maintain sufficient reserves to cover normal annual running costs and have sufficient funds to investigate, research and fund future projects. At the end of the year the society has reserves of £44,604 (2019 32,092) of which £32,393 (2019 £20,650) is **restricted** for expenditure on funded projects and £12,211 (2019 £11,442) is **unrestricted** for general NOSAS use.

The Committee sees no reason to recommend a change to the membership fees.

Plans for Future Periods

The Trustees intend to continue to carry on with the core charitable purposes of the society and will continue to encourage members to promote relevant new projects and activities.

Approved by the trustees on xxxxxxxxxxxxxx and signed on their behalf by:

Roland Spencer-Jones
Chair

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

Year ended 31 August 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds to 31/8/2020 £	<i>Period to 31/8/2019 £</i>
Receipts					
Donations	4	2,040	6,458	8,498	3,383
Grants	5	0	39,220	39,220	0
Gross trading receipts	6	799	0	799	1,874
Bank interest		18		18	24
Total receipts		2,857	45,678	48,535	5,281
Payments					
Trading payments	7	135	0	135	3,286
Costs of charitable activities	8	1,683	33,935	35,618	16,193
Governance costs					
Independent examination		50		50	50
Other	9	220	0	220	172
Total payments		2,088	33,935	36,023	19,701
Net Receipts/Payments		769	11,743	12,512	(14,420)
Surplus for period		769	11,743	12,512	(14,420)

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Statement of Balances

Year ended 31 August 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds (notes 2,10) £	Total Funds to 31/8/2020 £	Period to 31/8/2019 £
Opening cash at bank	11,442	20,650	32,092	46,512
Surplus for year	769	11,743	12,512	(14,420)
Closing bank	12,211	32,393	44,604	32,092
Bank balances				
Bank deposit account			6,780	1,373
Bank current account			11,925	11,906
TTT account			25,899	18,812
Total bank balances			44,603	32,092

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all trustees

Date approval

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Roland Spencer-Jones

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Gordon Cardew

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Year ended 31 August 2020

1. Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities and trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (as amended)

2. Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Restricted funds may only be used for funded projects as specified by the donor. During the year £27,720 (2018-9 £0) was received for the Tarradale Through Time project and £17,958 (2018-9 £1500) was received for the lifting, preservation and display the of Conan Pictish Stones. See note 10 for detail of Restricted Funds.

No separate bank account is maintained for restricted funds. A separate bank account is however maintained for the Tarradale Through Time project

3. Related party transactions

In 2017 NOSAS was awarded Heritage Lottery Funding for the Tarradale Through Time archaeological project. A project management team prepared and advertised briefs for contractors to provide services to the project. Tenders were received and formally assessed.

The archaeological community in the North of Scotland is small and all the contractors are known to us. With the approval of HLF, four contracts were awarded where there was a declared relationship with NOSAS or the trustees of NOSAS or members of NOSAS.

- A contract for IT support for website and social media setup was awarded to James McComas. James is a trustee and currently Secretary and Vice-Chair of NOSAS.
- A contract for administrative and financial support was awarded to Alexander Gallacher. Alexander's mother, Susan Kruse, is a trustee of NOSAS.
- Two other contractors, AOC Archaeology Group and Highland Archaeology Services, have close historic links with NOSAS but in the view of the trustees are not connected parties.

In all cases the trustees of NOSAS are satisfied that these contracts have been awarded in an open fair and proper way and are consistent with our duties as a Charity.

During the year payments for the above mentioned contracts were made as follows: James McComas £500 (2019 £500) and Alexander Gallacher £0 (2019 £500).

RECEIPTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds to 31/8/2020 £	<i>Period to 31/8/2019 £</i>
4. Donations				
Member subscriptions	1,798		1,798	1,630
Other donations	242	6,458	6,700	1,753
Total Donations	2,040	6,458	8,498	3,383

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Year ended 31 August 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds to 31/8/2020 £	<i>Period to 31/8/2019 £</i>
5. Grants				
HES - Conan Stone		4,500	4,500	0
National Heritage Lottery Fund - TTT		27,720	27,720	0
Highland Council - Conan Stone		2,000	2,000	0
Pictish Arts Society - Conan Stone		1,500	1,500	0
Fargher Noble Trust - Conan Stone		1,500	1,500	0
SSNS - Conan Stone		1,000	1,000	0
Clan Macaulay - Conan Stone		1,000	1,000	0
Total Grants	0	39,220	39,220	0
6. Gross trading receipts				
Gross income from sale of books	659		659	457
Events	140		140	1,417
Total Gross trading income	799		799	1,874
PAYMENTS				
7. Trading payments				
Events	135		135	1396
Yearbook			0	1890
	135	0	135	3,286
8. Costs of Charitable activities				
Funded project costs		20,639	20,639	13,069
Unfunded project costs		13,296	13,296	171
Equipment purchased	27		27	1,128
Training costs	616		616	0
Stationery post and consumables	0		0	301
Insurance	346		346	346
Discussion group hall and costs	366		366	444
Other expenses incl website	328		328	507
Library books	0		0	227
Total costs of charitable activities	1,683	33,935	35,618	16,193
9. Other governance costs				
SCIO AGM, accounts etc	220		220	172
Total other governance costs	220	0	220	172

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of North of Scotland Archaeological Society SCIO

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2019 which are set out on pages 2 to 13.

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 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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 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
- 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.