

Annual report for Bergen Scottish Society 2020

About the society

The Bergen Scottish Society is a not-for-profit organisation founded on the 28th of April 2005. It is officially registered at the Brønnøysund Register Centre, with the organisation number 988 639 958.

The aim of the society is to promote and celebrate Scottish culture. It based in Bergen and is open to all those who would like to take part in music, dance, literature and other activities which are long standing traditions in Scotland.

The society aims to attract ex-patriates from Scotland, Norwegians who have lived in or travelled to Scotland and anyone else who love Scottish traditions.

The committee

The society is run by a committee elected by members at the society's annual general meeting each year. The committee in 2020 comprised:

Chairman:	James Hosea
Treasurer:	Hannah Petrie until the AGM 31 March 2020 Michal Gosiewski from the AGM 31 March 2020
Secretary:	Michal Gosiewski until the AGM 31 March 2020 Hannah Petrie from the AGM 31 March 2020
Membership secretary:	Evelyn Sutherland
Social secretary:	Liam Boyd until the AGM 31 March 2020
Information coordinator:	Gregor Campbell until the AGM 31 March 2020 Liam Boyd from the AGM 31 March 2020
Keeper of the haggis:	Jim Fulton

The committee held three meetings in 2020 and dealt with the society's budget and accounts, membership, activities and future plans.

Membership

The society had 74 members in 2020, of which 5 were honorary life members. Total membership increased by 15 compared with 2019.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Paying members and children	52	40	43	40	54	69
Honorary members	5	5	5	5	5	5
Total members	57	45	48	45	59	74

Activities

The society held two activities in 2020 and had to cancel a further three due to the Covid-19 pandemic:

- Burns Supper and 15th anniversary, 25.01.20
- Annual General Meeting, 31.03.20
- 17th of May parade, cancelled
- Autumn ceilidh, cancelled
- St Andrew's Night whisky tasting, cancelled

The society celebrated its 15th anniversary at the Burns Supper in January. Attendance was up by almost 50% in 2020, compared to 2019. Jon Askeland, the mayor of Vestland county was the guest of honour and specially produced mugs were given out to members to celebrate the society's anniversary.

All other events had to be cancelled, unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Burns Supper	50	49	53	55	50	73
Spring ceilidh	N/A	70	43	71	44	N/A
Autumn ceilidh	N/A	43	N/A	67	49	N/A
St Andrew's whisky tasting	N/A	9	19	20	12	N/A

Finances

The society made a deficit of kr. 8477 in 2020. It took in kr. 63,838 in revenues from membership fees, events, haggis sales and pipe band activities and paid out kr. 72,316 in expenses. The society's total assets went down from kr. 92,342 in 2019 to kr. 83,937. These are held in the form of cash in the bank.

Haggis sales provided a healthy income for the society once again, with no costs incurred towards haggis the past two years due to stock of spices bought in previous years.

Bergen Pipes and Drums made a deficit of kr. 3 in 2020. The band generated income of kr. 2000 against expenses of kr. 2003. All gig payments went straight out again to those involved and there were no membership fees collected to cover any sundry costs.

Continuing operations

No significant changes have occurred since the end of the financial year that affect the accompanying annual accounts or the continued operation of the society.

The committee confirms that the continued operation of the society was assumed when preparing the annual accounts.

The committee:

James Hosea	Hannah Petrie	Michal Gosiewski	Evelyn Sutherland
Liam Boyd	Jim Fulton		

Bergen Scottish Society Income Statement 2017-2020

Income from activities	2017	2018	2019	2020
Membership	6 758,35	9 502,21	8861,15	10354,92
Events	48928,32	76 458,66	51641,91	43785,6
Tartan sales	-			
Haggis	7 644,18	13 480,85	16767,64	7686,07
Pipeband	56 343,65	7 000,00	85174	2012
Total income	119 674,50	106 441,72	162 444,70	63 838,59
Costs of activities				
Administration	(1 249,71)	(1 600,25)	(3 211,06)	(10 772,00)
Events	(46 609,00)	(63 649,10)	(73 801,26)	(58 273,41)
Tartan expenses	-		0	0
Haggis Expenses	(8 055,00)		0	-1268
Pipeband	(62 077,36)	(526,09)	(91 771,94)	(2 003,00)
Total expenses	(117 991,07)	(65 775,44)	(168 784,26)	(72 316,41)
Net income from activities	1 683,43	40 666,28	(6 339,56)	(8 477,82)
Other Income				
Personal element (Pipeband)	0	-		
Interest				
Interest earned	30,00	64,00	189,00	74,00
Total net interest	30,00	64,00	189,00	74,00
Surplus/(deficit) before tax	1 713,43	40 730,28	(6 150,56)	(8 403,82)
Tax		-		
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Bergen Scottish Society Balance Sheet 2017-2020

	31.12.17	31.12.18	31.12.19	31.12.20
Assets				
Current Assets:				
Cash in bank	57 191,89	96 253,17	86 801,61	77 007,79
Cash in hand	570	2239	5 540,00	6 930,00
Accrued payments	0,00	0,00	0	0
Prepaid expenses	0,00	0,00	0	0
Total current assets	57761,89	98492,17	92341,61	83937,79
Fixed Assets:				
Tangible assets (pipeband)	0	0	0	0
Closing stock (tartan)	0	0	0	0
Total fixed assets	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Total Assets	57761,89	98492,17	92341,61	83937,79
Liabilities and equity				
Current liabilities:				
Short-term debt	0,00	0,00	0	0
Accounts payable	0,00	0,00	0	0
Accrued expenses	0,00	0,00	0	0
Total current liabilities	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Long term liabilities:				
Long term debt	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Total long-term liabilities	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Retained capital:				
Capital reserve	56048,28	57761,71	98491,99	92341,43
Retained surplus/(deficit)	1713,43	40 730,28	(6 150,56)	(8 403,82)
Capital	57761,71	98491,99	92341,43	83937,61
Total liabilities and equity	57761,71	98491,99	92341,43	83937,61
Check	0,18	0,19	0,18	0,18