

# Annual report for Bergen Scottish Society 2021

## 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, elected 2021
Treasurer:	Michal Gosiewski, elected 2020
Secretary:	Hannah Petrie, elected 2020
Information coordinator:	Willie Dawson, elected 2021
Keeper of the haggis:	Jim Fulton, elected 2020

The committee held four meetings in 2021 and dealt with the society's budget and accounts, membership, activities and future plans.

## Membership

The society had 74 members in 2021, of which 5 were honorary life members. In 2021 the committee decided to extend all 2020 memberships for one year free of charge due to the Covid/19 pandemic and low level of activities. Total membership remained stable as a result.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Paying members and children	52	40	43	40	54	69	69
Honorary members	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Total members	57	45	48	45	59	74	74

## Activities

The society held six activities in 2021, with three of the being online due to the Covid-19 pandemic:

- Burns Supper, 23 January 21 - online
- Annual General Meeting and quiz, 25 March 21 - online
- 17<sup>th</sup> of May parade, cancelled
- Historic walk: *When the black death came to town*, 27 May 21 – City centre
- Summer barbecue with the Bergen Irish Society, 8 August 21 - Fløyen
- Musical event, 30 October 21 - online
- St Andrew's Night whisky tasting, 30 November 21 – Hotel Terminus

Attendance was much lower at the online events than at physical events, but it was good to see a core of people turning out. The online events did enable people who no longer live in Bergen to take part.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Burns Supper	50	49	53	55	50	73	25
Spring ceilidh	N/A	70	43	71	44	N/A	N/A
Autumn ceilidh	N/A	43	N/A	67	49	N/A	20
St Andrew's whisky tasting	N/A	9	19	20	12	N/A	10

## Finances

The society made a surplus of kr. 6207 in 2021. It took in kr. 29,499 in revenues from membership fees, events, haggis sales and pipe band activities and paid out kr. 23,329 in expenses. The society's total assets increased from kr. 83,937 in 2020 to kr. 90,144. 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. 593 in 2021. The band generated income of kr. 3505 against expenses of kr. 4098. 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
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## Bergen Scottish Society Income Statement 2017-2021

<b>Income from activities</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Membership	6 758,35	9 502,21	8861,15	3754,92	736,86
Events	48928,32	76 458,66	51641,91	50386,24	7207,12
Tartan sales	-				0
Haggis	7 644,18	13 480,85	16767,64	7685,43	18049,69
Pipeband	56 343,65	7 000,00	85174	2012	3505
<b>Total income</b>	<b>119 674,50</b>	<b>106 441,72</b>	<b>162 444,70</b>	<b>63 838,59</b>	<b>29 498,67</b>
<b>Costs of activities</b>					
Administration	(1 249,71)	(1 600,25)	(3 211,06)	(10 772,00)	(6 451,24)
Events	(46 609,00)	(63 649,10)	(73 801,26)	(58 273,41)	(9 312,75)
Tartan expenses	-		0	0	0
Haggis Expenses	(8 055,00)		0	-1268	(3 467,29)
Pipeband	(62 077,36)	(526,09)	(91 771,94)	(2 003,00)	(4 097,84)
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>(117 991,07)</b>	<b>(65 775,44)</b>	<b>(168 784,26)</b>	<b>(72 316,41)</b>	<b>(23 329,12)</b>
<b>Net income from activities</b>	<b>1 683,43</b>	<b>40 666,28</b>	<b>(6 339,56)</b>	<b>(8 477,82)</b>	<b>6 169,55</b>
<b>Other Income</b>					
Personal element (Pipeband)	0	-			
<b>Interest</b>					
Interest earned	30,00	64,00	189,00	74,00	37,00
<b>Total net interest</b>	<b>30,00</b>	<b>64,00</b>	<b>189,00</b>	<b>74,00</b>	<b>37,00</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) before tax</b>	<b>1 713,43</b>	<b>40 730,28</b>	<b>(6 150,56)</b>	<b>(8 403,82)</b>	<b>6 206,55</b>
<b>Tax</b>		-			

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**Bergen Scottish Society Balance Sheet 2017-2021**

	31.12.17	31.12.18	31.12.19	31.12.20	31.12.21
<b>Assets</b>					
Current Assets:					
Cash in bank	57 191,89	96 253,17	86 801,61	77 007,79	83 214,34
Cash in hand	570,00	2 239,00	5 540,00	6 930,00	6 930,00
Accrued payments	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Prepaid expenses	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>57 761,89</b>	<b>98 492,17</b>	<b>92 341,61</b>	<b>83 937,79</b>	<b>90 144,34</b>
Fixed Assets:					
Tangible assets (pipeband)	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Closing stock (tartan)	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
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<b>Liabilities and equity</b>					
Current liabilities:					
Short-term debt	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Accounts payable	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Accrued expenses	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>
Long term liabilities:					
Long term debt	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
<b>Total long-term liabilities</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>
Retained capital:					
Capital reserve	56 048,28	57 761,71	98 491,99	92 341,43	83 937,61
Retained surplus/(deficit)	1 713,43	40 730,28	-6 150,56	-8 403,82	6 206,55
<b>Capital</b>	<b>57 761,71</b>	<b>98 491,99</b>	<b>92 341,43</b>	<b>83 937,61</b>	<b>90 144,16</b>
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