

Annual report for Bergen Scottish Society 2022

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 2022 comprised:

Chairman:	James Hosea, elected 2021
Treasurer:	Michal Gosiewski, elected 2022
Secretary:	Hannah Petrie, elected 2022
Information coordinator:	Willie Dawson, elected 2021
Keeper of the haggis:	Jim Fulton, elected 2022

The committee held four meetings in 2022 and dealt with the society's budget and accounts, membership, activities and future plans.

Membership

The society had 52 members in 2022, of which 5 were honorary life members. This was a drop of 22 members compared to 2021. The Burns Supper has traditionally proved to be the biggest single event for recruiting new members and renewing memberships. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, no Burns Supper could be arranged in 2022. The committee sent out membership reminders to the members that had provided email addresses and the vast majority renewed their memberships. The society did not hold email addresses for 23 members from 2021 and as a result these people were not contacted and asked to renew their membership. The membership renewal email was a success and illustrates how important it is to collect contact information for members, something that can be challenging when membership is sold together with Burns Supper tickets via Vipps.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Paying members and children	52	40	43	40	54	69	69	47
Honorary members	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Total members	57	45	48	45	59	74	74	52

Activities

The society held six activities in 2022, with one of the being online due to the Covid-19 pandemic:

- Burns Supper, 22nd January - online
- Annual General Meeting and Scottish music talk, 24th March – Brian Boru pub
- 17th of May parade
- Shuffleboard evening, 22nd September – Bar 3
- Autumn ceilidh, 30th October – Bergens Skipperforeningen
- St Andrew's Night whisky tasting, 30th November– 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. The return of physical events later in the year brought good turn outs to the Autumn ceilidh and the whisky tasting.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Burns Supper	50	49	53	55	50	73	25	30
Spring ceilidh	N/A	70	43	71	44	N/A	N/A	N/A
Autumn ceilidh	N/A	43	N/A	67	49	N/A	20	63
Whisky tasting	N/A	9	19	20	12	N/A	10	15

Finances

The society made a surplus of kr. 33,133 in 2022, including bank interest. It took in kr. 73,199 in revenues from membership fees, events, haggis sales and pipe band activities and paid out kr. 40,121 in expenses. The society's total assets increased from kr. 90,144 in 2021 to kr. 123,255 in 2022. These are held in the form of cash in the bank.

Haggis sales provided a healthy income for the society once again, more than offsetting the costs of bringing a band over from Scotland for the Autumn ceilidh.

Bergen Pipes and Drums made a surplus of kr. 5,735 in 2022. The band generated income of kr. 10,754 against expenses of kr. 5,019. 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
Willie Dawson	Jim Fulton	

Bergen Scottish Society Income Statement 2017-2022

Income from activities	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Membership	6 758,35	9 502,21	8861,15	3754,92	736,86	8 259,72
Events	48928,32	76 458,66	51641,91	50386,24	7184,59	29 130,97
Tartan sales	-				0	442,12
Haggis	7 644,18	13 480,85	16767,64	7685,43	18049,69	24 615,74
Pipeband	56 343,65	7 000,00	85174	2012	3505	10 750,00
Total income	119 674,50	106 441,72	162 444,70	63 838,59	29 476,14	73 198,55
Costs of activities						
Administration	(1 249,71)	(1 600,25)	(3 211,06)	(10 772,00)	(6 451,24)	(2 858,00)
Events	(46 609,00)	(63 649,10)	(73 801,26)	(58 273,41)	(9 312,00)	(31 206,03)
Tartan expenses	-		0	0	0	0
Haggis Expenses	(8 055,00)		0	(1 268,00)	(3 467,29)	(1 038,00)
Pipeband	(62 077,36)	(526,09)	(91 771,94)	(2 003,00)	(4 097,84)	(5 018,91)
Total expenses	(117 991,07)	(65 775,44)	(168 784,26)	(72 316,41)	(23 328,37)	(40 120,94)
Net income from activities	1 683,43	40 666,28	(6 339,56)	(8 477,82)	6 147,77	33 077,61
Other Income						
Pipeband	0	-				
Interest						
Interest earned	30,00	64,00	189,00	74,00	37,00	56,00
Total net interest	30,00	64,00	189,00	74,00	37,00	56,00
Surplus/(deficit) before tax	1 713,43	40 730,28	(6 150,56)	(8 403,82)	6 184,77	33 133,61
Tax		-				
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Bergen Scottish Society Balance Sheet 2017-2022

	31.12.17	31.12.18	31.12.19	31.12.20	31.12.21	31.12.22
Assets						
Current Assets:						
Cash in bank	57 191,89	96 253,17	86 801,61	77 007,79	83 191,81	116 325,42
Cash in hand	570,00	2 239,00	5 540,00	6 930,00	6 930,00	6 930,00
Accrued payments	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Prepaid expenses	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Total current assets	57 761,89	98 492,17	92 341,61	83 937,79	90 121,81	123 255,42
Fixed Assets:						
Tangible assets (pipeband)	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Closing stock (tartan)	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Total fixed assets	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
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Liabilities and equity						
Current liabilities:						
Short-term debt	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Accounts payable	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Accrued expenses	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Total current liabilities	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Long term liabilities:						
Long term debt	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Total long-term liabilities	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Retained capital:						
Capital reserve	56 048,28	57 761,71	98 491,99	92 341,43	83 937,61	90 122,38
Retained surplus/(deficit)	1 713,43	40 730,28	-6 150,56	-8 403,82	6 184,77	33 133,61
Capital	57 761,71	98 491,99	92 341,43	83 937,61	90 122,38	123 255,99
Total liabilities and equity	57 761,71	98 491,99	92 341,43	83 937,61	90 122,38	123 255,99
Check	0,18	0,19	0,18	0,18	-0,56	-0,57