



ABERDEEN CITY  
HERITAGE TRUST

Annual Report  
2008-2009

Front cover picture:  
Curved sash and case windows installed at  
Rosemount Place.

## Legal and Administrative Information

### Constitution

Aberdeen City Heritage Trust is a company limited by guarantee (SC271933) and a registered charity (SC036391) governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

### Directors and Trustees

The directors of the charitable company ("the charity") are its trustees for the purposes of charity law. The directors are:

- Mr Angus A M Donaldson (Chair)
- Councillor Ian Yuill
- Councillor Alan Milne
- Councillor Irene S Cormack (Vice-Chair)
- Councillor Martin Greig
- Mr George A E Brand
- Mrs Sheila E Rhind
- Mr Alexander E Urquhart
- Mr David E D McClean

### Secretaries

Peterkins

### Registered Office

100 Union Street, Aberdeen

### Auditors

Anderson, Anderson and Brown LLP  
9 Queen's Road, Aberdeen

### Solicitors

Peterkins  
100 Union Street, Aberdeen

## Chair's Report

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Welcome to the 6th Annual Report of Aberdeen City Heritage Trust.

We were pleased this year that our funders, Historic Scotland and Aberdeen City Council, agreed to continue supporting the Trust's activities until March 2011. This allows the Trust to continue to help support building repair and other work across Aberdeen. This is particularly important in this period of economic uncertainty when the Trust can continue to give support to property owners facing the sometimes considerable challenges of looking after old buildings.

With the commencement of financial investment in the buildings and streets of Aberdeen's Green and surrounding area, through the Townscape Heritage Initiative, plus other private sector investment, the Trust took the opportunity to review the coverage and effectiveness of its grants. Moving forward, two central conservation areas will be prioritised in the coming period to ensure that Trust support complements other funding and is more focused on helping improve the condition and appearance of the most widely used and visited parts of the Aberdeen.

We look forward with enthusiasm to the coming period.

**Angus Donaldson**  
Chair

## Financial Review

The net out-going resources for the year, amounting to £124,857 have been dealt with as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities. The Trust is financially supported by Historic Scotland and Aberdeen City Heritage Trust.

The Trust works closely with Aberdeen City Council which offers support in kind through accommodation of the Trust Project Officer and the provision of limited clerical services. The majority of funding made available to the Trust is for the purpose of making financial awards for the repair and restoration of historic buildings. Operational funding was supplied to the Trust by Historic Scotland.

### Reserves

The nature of day to day operations and grants given means there is neither a surplus or deficit from these activities. The surplus at the end of the year is a result of additional donations and interest received and it is the Charity's intention to use these in the furtherance of its objectives.

### FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESERVES STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2009 Total £	2008 Total £
<b>Incoming resources</b>				
Investment income	12,435	-	12,435	22,366
Incoming resources from charitable activities	<u>86,798</u>	<u>230,301</u>	<u>317,099</u>	<u>434,586</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<u>99,233</u>	<u>230,301</u>	<u>329,534</u>	<u>456,952</u>
<b>Charitable expenditure</b>				
Charitable activities	96,315	356,637	452,952	310,297
Governance costs	<u>1,439</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,439</u>	<u>1,410</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>97,754</u>	<u>356,637</u>	<u>454,391</u>	<u>311,707</u>
<b>Movement in total funds for the year - net income for the year</b>	1,479	(126,336)	(124,857)	145,245
Total funds brought forward	<u>72,624</u>	<u>126,336</u>	<u>198,960</u>	<u>53,715</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<u>£ 74,103</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 74,103</u>	<u>£ 198,960</u>

The Charity has made no gains or losses other than as reported above.

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2009**

	2009 £	2008 £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Debtors	192,388	69,952
Cash at bank	461,251	556,187
	<u>653,639</u>	<u>626,139</u>
<b>CREDITORS:</b> amounts falling due within one year	579,536	427,179
	<u>74,103</u>	<u>198,960</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
	<u>74,103</u>	<u>198,960</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES</b>		
	<u>74,103</u>	<u>198,960</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>		
Unrestricted funds - general	74,103	72,624
Restricted funds	-	126,336
	<u>£ 74,103</u>	<u>£ 198,960</u>

These summarised accounts are an extract from the statutory annual report and accounts of the year ended 31 March 2009.

Anderson Anderson & Brown LLP reported on the statutory accounts as auditors on 20 October 2009, and gave an unqualified audit report. The auditors have confirmed to the Board of Trustees that these summarised accounts are consistent with the statutory accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009. The annual report and accounts were approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on their behalf. They have been submitted to Companies House and the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator for filing. Copies of the statutory annual report and accounts may be obtained from Aberdeen City Heritage Trust, 100 Union Street, Aberdeen.

**Independent Auditor's Statement to the Trustees of Aberdeen City Heritage Trust**

We have examined the summarised accounts set out on pages 4 and 5.

**Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Auditors**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the summarised accounts.

We are responsible for reporting to the Trustees of Aberdeen City Heritage Trust our opinion as to the consistency of the summarised accounts with the full accounts from which they are prepared.

**Opinion**

In our opinion the summarised accounts are consistent with the full accounts of Aberdeen City Heritage Trust for the year ended 31 March 2009.

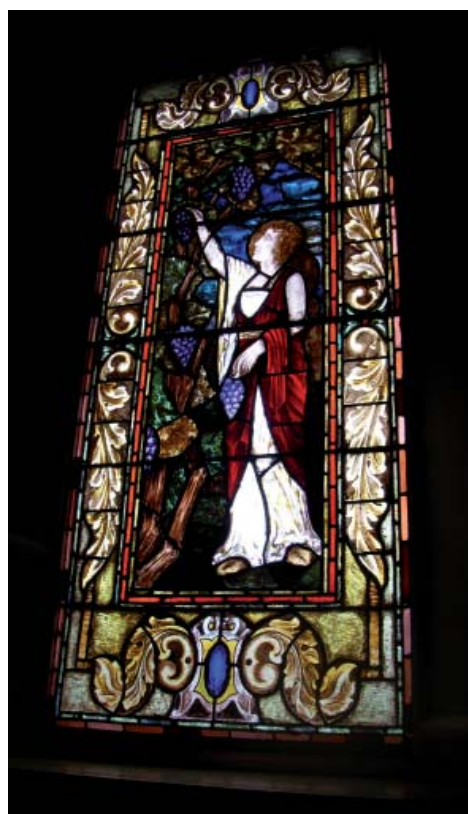
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Chartered Accountants  
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Aberdeen

## Objectives and Activities

During the year the charity aimed to promote and encourage the conservation, protection and improvement of the historic, architectural and physical environment of Aberdeen for the benefit of the general public. Additionally, it sought to further the study and understanding of the environment and use the information obtained to educate the general public.

In order to achieve this and other objectives the charity has employed various schemes and initiatives including:

- Operation of a Historic Building Repair Grant Scheme which has assisted property owners in the repair of historic buildings. Fixed percentage rate grants are given for the repair of Listed Buildings and buildings in Conservation Areas, using traditional materials and techniques specified by historic Scotland as best practice.
- Operation of Tree Management Grants in partnership with Aberdeen City Council to encourage the proper management of trees that contribute to public amenity.
- Supporting Doors Open Day in Aberdeen, part of European Heritage Days which opens the doors to the public of some of Aberdeen's most interesting historic and other buildings.
- Carried out photographic recording of 6 Conservation Areas in the City.
- Produced and distributed grant leaflets and displayed exhibition material.
- Giving presentations on the work of the Trust to various organisations and schools.
- Holding the first Trust Annual Lecture in June 2008.



Leaded glass window in Beaconsfield Place, repaired with grant assistance from the Trust.

## **Achievements and Performance**

The Trust's Historic Building Grants Scheme was a main activity for the Trust making use of funding from Historic Scotland and existing agreed funds from Aberdeen City Council. This allowed the Trust to deliver further physical improvements to the historic environment.

All available funding from Historic Scotland and Aberdeen City council was committed against projects and a number of other potential applications are being developed for the coming year.

## **Plans for Future Periods**

The Company aims to revise its scheme following a review of its grants carried out in 2008. It will continue its support of smaller scale projects that incrementally support preservation of the historic environment.

The Trust continues to explore opportunities to support construction training with an emphasis on the historic built environment and will develop proposals to establish a joint craft fellowship with Historic Scotland.

Presentations and opportunities to explain the purposes and activities of the Trust are anticipated to continue. Doors Open Day in Aberdeen was supported by the Trust in 2007 and 2008. It is anticipated that Trust support for this event will continue in 2009.

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