The Virtual Hamilton Palace Trust
(a company limited by guarantee)

Directors' report and unaudited financial statements
31 July 2019
Registered number SC 253452
Charity number SCO34592
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Professional advisers

Directors: 
Godfrey Howell Evans
George Paterson Mackenzie
Rosemary H M Colquhoun
Gordon Malcolm Wyllie
Niven G Simpson

Company Secretary: 
Robert Millar

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Directors' report

The directors, who for the purposes of the charity are also trustees, present their annual report and the unaudited financial statements for the year to 31 July 2019.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee (No SC253452), incorporated on 29 July 2003 and registered as a charity on 19 August 2003 (No SC034592). The company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company, and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Membership and organisation of the Board

The day to day operation of the trust is arranged and managed by the directors of the Executive Committee. Members of the Executive Committee are entitled to propose representatives to serve as trustees.

Trustee recruitment and induction

Trustees are recruited by invitation and their duties are explained to them in full. In addition they receive a copy of the OSCR guidance for Charity Trustees.

Trustees

The trustees of the charity, who are the directors of the company, who served both during the year and after the year end were as follows:

RK Marshall (Resigned 9 June 2019)
GH Evans
GP Mackenzie
R H M Colquhoun
GM Wyllie
NG Simpson

The Company Secretary is R Millar.

Risk management

The Board continued to monitor the requirements of the Trust to comply with the provisions of the Charities and Trusts Investment Act (Scotland) Act 2005.

Objectives and activities

In order to advance still further public knowledge of the significant role of the Dukes of Hamilton and their internationally famous art collection over more than 400 years, the Directors have agreed that we must embark on a future fundraising campaign which would be considerably enhanced by a rejuvenated website.
Directors' report (continued)

Achievements and performance

Financial Review

During the current year, the Trust has realised a surplus of £1,995 (2018 surplus of £2,465).

Reserves Policy

It is the intention of the charitable company to build up unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the company, to a level which can cover the costs of refreshing the resource base as required. The Trustees recognise that this process will take time and will be achieved by securing unrestricted grants.

Achievements and Performance

The Trust recognises that modernising the website is critical to future development, both in reaching a wider number of users including scholars, and in order to demonstrate the concept and value of the virtual reconstruction of the palace. The latter is in turn essential for attracting future funding. The donation mentioned last year specifically for website improvements is being put to good use, with an entirely new ‘front end’ being built by Campbell Mills. Users will find this more attractive and easier to use than the old website. It is expected that the content of the underlying databases, which are currently hosted by Historic Environment Scotland, will be transferred to the new system over the coming months.

Although pressure of other work has delayed the start of work on the 1759 inventory, this remains a priority.

Dr Rosalind Marshall, one of the founding directors, gave notice in May that she intended to resign as chair in order to spend more time on her writing. Her fellow directors recorded their grateful thanks for her immense contribution to the intellectual work of the Trust and for her many years service, initially as vice chair and, over the past 10 years, as chair.

Plans for the future

Completing work on the new website and linking it to the content of the Trust’s databases, which represent the intellectual product of our work over the past decade, will be the major task in the coming year. Once development and testing are complete, there will be an opportunity for new initiatives to further promote the trust and its work. The idea of a joint project with Glasgow University remains alive, but Professor Nick Pearce has been unable to give the matter the attention he wished and is seeking to transfer responsibility to a colleague. The Trustees remain enthusiastic about such a project, but recognise that the university’s participation depends on factors outside our control.

Approval of the Report

This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the board

[Signature]

N G Simpson

Date: 21 November 2019
Independent Examiner’s Report to the Trustees of The Virtual Hamilton Palace Trust

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2019 which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity’s trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the 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 disclosure 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:

1. 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; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 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.

Paul Hutchison ACA

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Date:

Registered number SC 253452 / 31 July 2019
Statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)
For the year ended 31 July 2019

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<tr>
<th>Notes</th>
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<td>Income from charitable activities:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Donations</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>2,630</td>
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<td>Total income</td>
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<td>Expenditure</td>
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<td>Total expenditure</td>
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<td>Fund balances at 31 July 2018</td>
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<td>1,905</td>
<td>2,000</td>
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<td>2,000</td>
<td>5,900</td>
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The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing.
Balance sheet
at 31 July 2019

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<td>Current Assets</td>
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<td>Accrued income</td>
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<td>Cash at bank and in hand</td>
<td>6,500</td>
<td>3,905</td>
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| Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year
| Trade Creditors            |      |      |
| Accruals                   | (600)|      |
| Net Assets                 | 5,900| 3,905|
| Funds:
| Unrestricted funds         | 3,900| 1,905|
| Restricted funds           | 2,000| 2,000|
|                            | 5,900| 3,905|

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 July 2019. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these accounts.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The accounts were approved by the board on 21 November 2019.

NG Simpson
Director
Notes
(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

Charity Information

The Virtual Hamilton Palace Trust is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Scotland. The registered office is Dundas House, Westfield Park, Eskbank, Edinburgh, EH22 3FB.

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Trust’s financial statements.

Accounting Convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) ‘Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2016)’, Financial Reporting Standard 102 applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to small companies.

The Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note. The accounts are presented in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Trust. Monetary amounts are rounded to the nearest £.

The Trust has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

Going Concern

Having reported a surplus of £1,995 in the year the Trustees consider that the charity will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and they therefore continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Charitable Funds
Funds are classified as either restricted funds or unrestricted funds, defined as follows:

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific projects which are authorised by the donor.
Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Income Recognition

All income is recognised in the SOFA when the trust is legally entitled to the income and the amounts can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations are recognised on receipt.
1 Accounting policies (continued)

**Expenditure Recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal on constructive obligation committing the Trust to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis. The Trust is not registered for VAT therefore all VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

2 Remuneration of directors

No director received any remuneration during the year (2018 - £Nil). No directors received reimbursement of expenses during the year (2018- £Nil)

3 Donations

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<td>H &amp; K Enterprises</td>
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4 Charitable costs

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<td>Governance costs:</td>
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<td>Legal &amp; professional fees</td>
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5 Reserves

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Restricted fund income has been designated for website improvements.
6 Analysis of Funds

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7 Related parties

There were no related party transactions in the year.