

Scottish Printing Archival Trust

Scottish Charity no. SC 012320

Annual Report

October 2013 – September 2014

As usual, the Trustees held three meetings during the year at the Merchiston Campus of Edinburgh Napier University. Trustees also attended meetings of the Edward Clark Trust, with representatives of the City of Edinburgh Museums and of the Edinburgh World Heritage Trust.



Helen Williams and Tim Honnor, assisted Stirling University with advice on returning their Columbian Press (made by D & J Greig of Edinburgh) to working order, with a view to running workshops and community events.

An article on the Trust's work which has been accepted for publication in *Scottish Local History*, the magazine of the Scottish Local History Forum, the umbrella body for local history societies in Scotland.

Helen Williams, Honorary Secretary, received a personal grant of £500 from the Printing Historical Society to undertake research on the local printing industries, specifically the benefit society and union organisations, in Perth and Dumfries.

Cossar Press Project

The 1907 Crieff 'Cossar Patent Flat Bed Web Newspaper Printing Machine' remains in temporary storage in Govan where it has been reconstructed. It will move to the National Museums Collections Centre in Edinburgh once current development plans are in place. The Trust has led on the fundraising in support of this project, and less than £1000 of the total required remains to be raised. The full story of the press, and the Trust's involvement with it can be found on the Trust's website at:

<http://scottishprintarchive.org/projects/cossar-project/>

Other activities

The Trust's website was updated regularly throughout the year with news items. Other changes include an updated list of archives relating to the history of the printing industry in Scotland, together with an updated bibliography section. Figures for visitors to the website for the last two reporting years show an increase in visitors of around 10% over the previous year, from just over 900 visitors a month to just under 1000 visitors per month. In addition, the project website for the *500 years of printing in Scotland* project receives over 100 visitors per month: www.500yearsofprinting.org

A few copies of Trust publications books were sold. As in previous years, copies of the Edinburgh Printing Trail leaflet were distributed, courtesy of Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature, during the Edinburgh International Book Festival.

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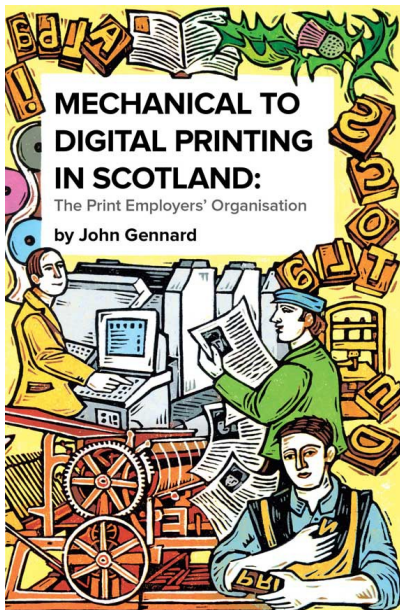
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Trustees

The Trustees are appointed (or their appointment is confirmed) at the Annual General Meeting. The current Trustees are:

Patrick Mark (Chair)	14 th February 2002
Bernulf Clegg	19 th September 2000
Alistair McCleery	9 th June 2008
Bob Hodgson	23 rd September 2010
Helen Williams (Secretary)	19 th January 2011
Peter Laidlaw (Treasurer)	9 th February 2012
Tim Honnor	25 th June 2013

Full list of Trust titles currently in print



Mechanical to digital printing in Scotland: the print employers' organisation / John Gennard. (2010)

500 years of printing in Scotland. (2009)

A reputation for excellence: history of the Edinburgh printing industry. (1990)

A reputation for excellence: history of the Glasgow printing industry. (1994)

A reputation for excellence: history of the Dundee and Perth printing industries. (1996)

A reputation for excellence: history of the Aberdeen and Northern Counties printing industries. (2000)

Edinburgh Print Trail – leaflet (2008)

Rules and directions to be observed in printing-houses – poster