Brisbane Observatory Trust

Scottish Charity Number SC042253
Scottish Company Number SC392502

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 January 2012

(as approved at the Trust's 7 June 2012 Annual General Meeting)

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Correspondence address: 10 Crawfurd Road, Edinburgh EH16 5PQ

Trustees

The charity is managed by Trustees, numbering eight at the date of approval of this report, namely:
Appointed 31.01.2011:
John Campbell Brown, Astronomer Royal for Scotland, retired professor of astronomy
Ian Campbell, retired farmer
Jean Steven Donaldson, retired teacher, Chair of the Largs & District Historical Society
Alison Dorothy Morrison-Low, museum curator
Ian Robson, retired professor of astronomy
Allen David Cumming Simpson, retired academic
James Walter Thorburn Simpson, consultant architect
Appointed 02.01.2012:
Seymour Hector Russell Hale Monro, major general

Office-bearers: Throughout the period of this report, Allen Simpson has been Acting Chairman. Officers are to be appointed at the first Annual General Meeting, 7 June 2012.

Governing Document

The Trust is a private limited company with charitable status, governed by Articles of Association which sets out the purposes, administrative arrangements and powers of the charity. The charity is a building preservation trust whose principle aim is the restoration of first astronomical observatory of General Sir Thomas Brisbane, and the site and policy grounds of Brisbane House, together with the several meridian markers associated with the observatory.

Activities and achievements

The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator confirmed that the proposed charity would pass the charity test under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 in December 2010. The Registrar of Companies for Scotland incorporated the trust as a private limited company under the Companies Act 2006 on 31 January 2011, and charitable status was approved in April 2011 and the trust entered in the Scottish Charity Register.

During this initial period of the observatory restoration programme, fruitful discussions have been established with other partner bodies, notably the Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park, the Largs Historical

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Society, and the Largs Museum Trust. Possible collaboration with the Strathclyde Building Preservation Trust has been explored. There have been extended discussions with planning advisers and the landowner in order to establish objectives for developing and managing the area of ground occupied by the observatory, the ruins of Brisbane House and the portion of policy land necessary to restore a focus for the designed landscape of the Brisbane Glen, which is recognised as of outstanding quality.

The trust secured a grant of £2,400 in June 2011 from another Scottish charity which has an interest in Thomas Brisbane, the Royal Scottish Society of Arts. This has enabled legal fees for the establishment of the trust to be paid together with start- up costs at the site. The balance at the end of the accounting period to 31 January 2012 was £1,360, and with archival research and further legal costs the balance at the 7 June 2012 AGM is £1,008.

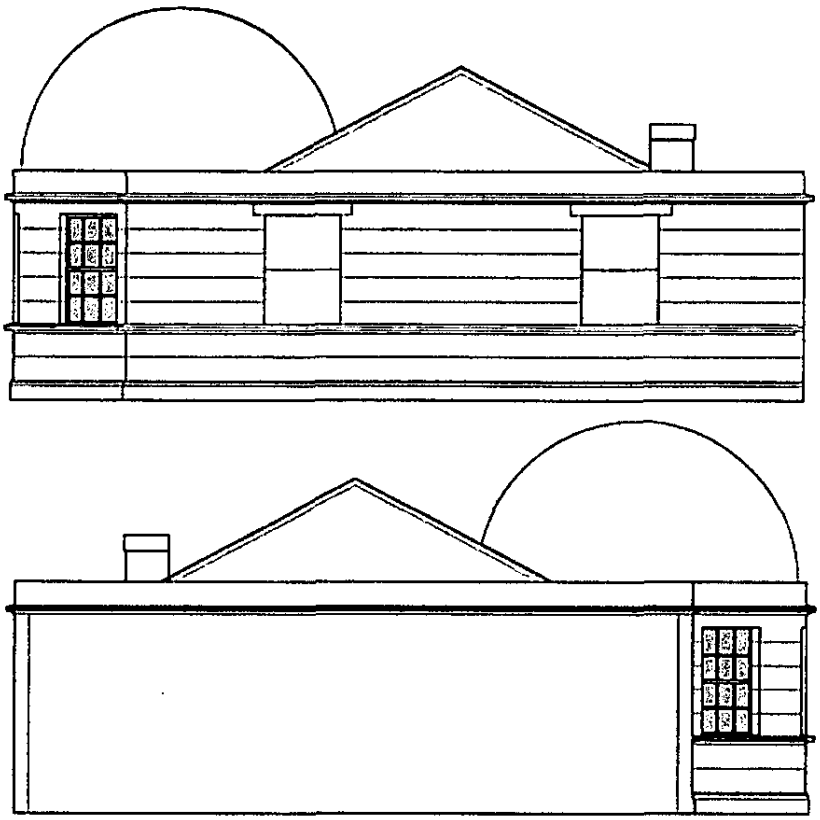
Work has subsequently begun on site, and initial archival work in the extensive Brisbane Papers at the Mitchell Library, Glasgow, has established a presumption that the observatory was designed by the notable Scots architect James Gillespie Graham, and this research is directed towards the preparation of grant applications.

In conjunction with Clyde Muirshiel Park officers, a substantial tree within the observatory which was threatening the structure has been safely removed, and a further tree adjacent to the building has been identified for removal. The area immediately round the observatory has been cleared of a dense covering of rhododendron and a number of trees by volunteer workers. The attached picture shows a local volunteer team at the damaged south front of the building. Discussions are under way with the Scottish Government's Criminal Justice Department about using supervised offenders doing community service for clearing the remainder of the rhododendron coverage and contributing to this important cultural heritage project.

The observatory building has been measured and drawn, and copies of preliminary elevations are attached. This work will allow the consolidation of the structure to be assessed and for conservation and restoration work to be costed. Fallen stone recovery from the interior of the building will follow. Similar surveys will begin soon on the remains of Brisbane House.

Presentations are being prepared for discussions with Local Authority planning officials, and the setting of development targets and grant activity are due to be discussed at the Trust's 7 June 2012 Annual General Meeting.

Allen D C Simpson
Chairman
8 June 2012





APPENDIX 1

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Office of the Scottish **Charity Regulator**

Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2

Report to the trustees/members of
Charity name
BRISBANE OBSERVATORY TRUST

Registered charity number
SC042253

On the accounts of the charity for the period

Period start date				Period end date		
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
31	01	2011	to	31	01	2012

Set out on pages
1 to 7 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 disclosures 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 accounts.

Independent examiner's statement
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [~~other than that disclosed on the attached page~~*]

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.

Signed: Mark Probert **Date:** 8 JUNE 2012

Name: MARK PROBERT

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): MAAT, ACCA

Address: 9 CRAWFURD ROAD
NEWINGTON
EDINBURGH
EH16 5PQ

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.



Annual Accounts
for the period

From (start date) 3 1 0 1 1 1 to (end date) 3 1 0 1 1 2

Charity Name BRISBANE OBSERVATORY TRUST

Charity No (if any) SC 0 4 2 2 5 3

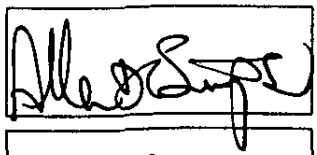
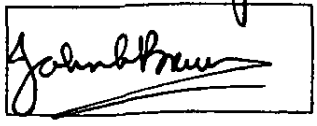
Section A Statement of Financial Activities

Recommended categories by activity	Details of own analysis	Note	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total this year £ F04	Total last year £ F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)							
Incoming resources from generated funds							
Voluntary income	GRANTS	S01	2,400	–	–	2,400	–
Activities for generating funds		S02				–	
Investment income		S03				–	
Incoming resources from charitable activities		S04				–	
Other incoming resources		S05				–	
Total incoming resources		S06	2,400	–	–	2,400	–
Resources expended (Notes 4-8)							
Costs of generating funds						–	
Costs of generating voluntary income		S07				–	
Fundraising trading costs		S08				–	
Investment management costs		S09				–	
Charitable activities		S10				–	
Governance costs	LEGAL FEES	S11	1,040	–	–	1,040	–
Other resources expended		S12				–	
Total resources expended		S13	1,040	–	–	1,040	–
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		S14	1,360	–	–	1,360	–
Gross transfers between funds		S15				–	
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)		S16	1,360	–	–	1,360	–
Other recognised gains/(losses)							
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		S17				–	
Gains and losses on investment assets		S18				–	
Net movement in funds		S19	1,360	–	–	1,360	–
Total funds brought forward		S20				–	
Total funds carried forward		S21	1,360	–	–	1,360	–

Section B Balance sheet

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets (Note 9)	B01				–	
	B02				–	
Investments (Note 10)	B03				–	
Total fixed assets	B04				–	
Current assets						
Stock and work in progress	B05				–	
Debtors (Note 11)	B06				–	
(Short term) investments	B07				–	
Cash at bank and in hand	B08	1,360	–	–	1,360	–
Total current assets	B09	1,360	–	–	1,360	–
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 12)	B10				–	
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B11	1,360	–	–	1,360	–
Total assets less current liabilities	B12	1,360	–	–	1,360	–
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 12)	B13				–	
Provisions for liabilities and charges	B14				–	
Net assets	B15	1,360	–	–	1,360	–
Funds of the charity						
Unrestricted funds = total funds	B16 B20	1,360	–	–	1,360	–

For the year ended 31 January 2012 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.
These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print name	Date of approval
		ALLEN D.C. SIMPSON	7 JUNE 2012
		JOHN C. BROWN	7 JUNE 2012

COMPANY REGISTERED No. SC392502.

Note 3 Analysis of incoming resources

Incoming resources may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Voluntary income	GRANT FROM THE ROYAL		
	SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF ARTS		
	(CHARITY NO. SC015549) IN 2		
	INSTALLMENTS, PAID ON 15		
	& 20 JUNE 2011	2,400	
	Total	2,400	–
Activities for generating funds			
	Total	–	–
Investment income			
	Total	–	–
Incoming resources from charitable activities			
	Total	–	–

Note 4 Analysis of resources expended

Resources expended may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Costs of generating voluntary income			
	Total	—	—
Fundraising trading costs			
	Total	—	—
Investment management costs			
	Total	—	—
Charitable activities			
	Total	—	—
Governance costs	PAYMENT OF LEGAL FEES		
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	PAID ON 20 JUNE 2011	1,040	
	Total	1,040	—