

FORTH & BORDERS GROUP

42nd Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 42nd Annual General Meeting of the Forth & Borders Group of the Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland will be held at The Scottish Gallery, 16 Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 6HZ, on Tuesday 28th May 2024 at 6.30pm



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This year's AGM is being held at The Scottish Gallery, which has a proud history dating back to 1842. The firm was established in South St David Street as gilders and frame makers Aitken Dott, which went on to exhibit and sell work by leading Scottish artists. The company opened a dedicated gallery space, called *The Scottish Gallery*, in 1897, moving it to its current B-listed premises on Dundas Street in 1992. The AGM will be followed by a talk on the gallery.

AGENDA

1. Introduction and Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Adoption of the minutes of the 41st Annual General Meeting held on 30th May 2023
4. Convener's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of the Committee:
Caroline McFarlane, Jilly MacLeod and Jocelyn Cunliffe were last elected in 2021; they retire by rotation this year and have agreed to stand for re-election; Mathew Reilly is stepping down. The continuing members are Anne Tracy, Yvonne Hillyard, Elizabeth Graham, Tom Parnell, Richard Austin, Adam Gillingham, and James Seabridge-Cooper. Short biographies of the Committee members can be found on the back of this sheet. Any AHSS member interested in being more involved in the work of the Group may wish to be considered for the Committee. If you would like to be proposed, or know of anyone who would, please inform the Treasurer, Caroline McFarlane (at caroline.mcfarlane@gmail.com), and provide a proposer, the agreement of the person proposed, and a short biography by 20th May 2024.
7. Any other competent business

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PROPOSED COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2024–25

STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION

Treasurer: **Caroline McFarlane** is a retired solicitor. She has been involved with the Society for many years and is an elected member of the National Council.

Convener: **Jilly MacLeod** has a Masters Degree in Art and Architectural History from Birkbeck College, London, and has been a member of the F&B Cases Panel since retiring as a book editor in 2016.

Jocelyn Cunliffe is an architect in private practice. A member of the F&B Cases Panel and longstanding member of the Group Committee, of which she was Convener from 1999–2011, she is also an elected member of the National Council, and Convener of the AHSS National Conservation Committee.

CONTINUING MEMBERS

Secretary: **Anne Tracy** originally trained as a librarian and is now a semi-retired antique carpet restorer. She has volunteered at the Society for several years and is a member of the National Council.

Yvonne Hillyard has degrees in art history and architectural history and has worked on the 'Buildings of Scotland' series and the 'Dictionary of Scottish Architects' project. She joined Historic Environment Scotland in 2007 and is now retired. Yvonne has been associated with the AHSS since the mid 1970s.

Elizabeth Graham studied eighteenth-century French history and decorative arts, and has a PhD in Eighteenth-Century British Architecture and a Graduate Diploma in Architectural Conservation, both from the University of Edinburgh. She has been on the AHSS F&B Cases Panel since 2005.

Tom Parnell graduated from the University of Edinburgh with a Degree in Architectural Studies. He was a Heritage Consultant with Simpson & Brown for several years before joining Historic Environment Scotland in 2016. Tom served on the F&B Cases Panel from 2004–2016, spending the last four years as Convener.

Richard Austin joined what was then the Scottish Georgian Society more than fifty years ago. His engagement with the Society has seen him serve on both the National Council and the F&B Committee; since 2015 he has also served on the Board of the Royal High School Preservation Trust.

Adam Gillingham is a retired property lawyer. During his legal career, he worked with an eclectic mix of Scottish landowners, through which he developed an interest in the extraordinarily diverse architecture of Scotland and a desire to help preserve our built heritage for current and future generations.

James Seabridge-Cooper worked as an interior designer in the hospitality sector for 10 years before completing an Architectural Conservation MSc at the University of Edinburgh. He joined the F&B Cases Panel in 2020, serving as Convener from 2022–23. He currently works for Historic Environment Scotland.