

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SOVIET, SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

England & Wales · Charity number 1006263

Details

Other names	B A S E E S, BASEES, British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies
Status	Registered
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Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IN THE HUMANITIES AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AS THEY RELATE TO THE SOVIET UNION AND THE COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE.

Activities: The association exists to advance education for the public benefit in the United Kingdom in the humanities and in the social sciences as they relate to the former Soviet Union and the countries of Eastern Europe.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNITED KINGDOM
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£30,397	£26,036	-	-
2023-12-31	£34,780	£30,522	-	-
2022-12-31	£28,478	£26,384	-	-
2021-12-31	£15,474	£6,920	-	-
2020-12-31	£637	£12,418	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Rajendra Anand Chitnis	Chair	2026-04-11
Dr Gary Lawson		2026-04-11
Dr Samuel Foster		2026-04-11
Dr Sarah Hudspith		2025-05-01
Professor Katharine Hodgson		2023-04-01
Professor Matthias Neumann		2016-04-01

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

11 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	13,674	-
	<u>13,674</u>	<u>-</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	744	744
	<u>744</u>	<u>744</u>

13 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	77,405	30,397	(26,036)	81,766
	<u>77,405</u>	<u>30,397</u>	<u>(26,036)</u>	<u>81,766</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	73,147	34,780	(30,522)	77,405
	<u>73,147</u>	<u>34,780</u>	<u>(30,522)</u>	<u>77,405</u>

14 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

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6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2024 £	Charitable Expenditure 2023 £
Direct costs		
R&D: Student/conference support	13,234	12,292
R&D: Study groups	6,142	3,558
Prizes	280	842
Newsletters	1,050	1,400
Data protection registration	35	35
Website communications	223	149
Executive committee expenses	1,575	1,525
Affiliated associate membership	1,758	705
Hardship fund - Ukraine	-	8,000
Event promotion	344	438
Independent examiner's fees	744	744
Postage	91	-
Bank charges	560	834
	<u>26,036</u>	<u>30,522</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>26,036</u>	<u>30,522</u>

7 Net movement in funds

2024 £	2023 £
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The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):

Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements

744	744
<u>744</u>	<u>744</u>

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, but 4 were reimbursed a total of £1,575 for expenses incurred (2023- 3 were reimbursed £1,525).

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £
Book royalties	298	336
Membership fees	20,703	20,822
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The Association has no restrictions against any of its income and is available to be used for the furtherance of the Society's normal activities.

4 Charitable activities

	Charitable Income Conference 2024 £	Charitable Income Conference 2023 £
Surplus on annual conference	9,019	13,314
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	377	308
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Each member of the Association shall pay an annual subscription, the amount of which shall be determined from time to time at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. The subscription for associate members shall be less than the full subscription. Membership may be terminated by a decision of the committee for non-payment of the annual subscription or other good cause.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

British Association of Slavonic and East European Studies is a registered Charity. The charity's objective is to advance the education, for the public benefit in the United Kingdom, in the humanities and social sciences as they relate to the Soviet Union and the countries of Eastern Europe.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	11	13,674		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		68,836		78,149	
		<u>82,510</u>		<u>78,149</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(744)		(744)	
Net current assets			<u>81,766</u>		<u>77,405</u>
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds	13		81,766		77,405
			<u>81,766</u>		<u>77,405</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 27/10/25

K.M. Hodgson.

Prof Katharine Hodgson
Trustee

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	3	21,001	21,158
Charitable activities	4	9,019	13,314
Investments	5	377	308
Total income		<u>30,397</u>	<u>34,780</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	6	26,036	30,522
Total expenditure		<u>26,036</u>	<u>30,522</u>
Net income and movement in funds		4,361	4,258
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		77,405	73,147
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		<u>81,766</u>	<u>77,405</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of British Association of Slavonic and East European Studies (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Lewis & Co

Law & Co

Pool House, Arran Close

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Date:

29/10/25

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REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Major risks

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The charity was established on 27 November 1991.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Prof. Matthias Neumann

Dr Zoe Knox

Dr Jan Gryta

Dr Olena Palko

Dr Victoria Hudson

Prof Katharine Hodgson

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

As the leading Learned Society in the UK concerned with the study of Russia and Eastern Europe, BASEES has a high profile which enables it to attract leading figures to serve as trustees. The Society also makes a deliberate attempt to recruit younger scholars in order to help them develop their careers and ensure that BASEES trustees have a wide range of experiences and perspectives. The Society advertises vacancies in its Newsletter and Bulletin. Existing members of the Committee also approach possible trustees directly where they are believed to have particular aptitudes or expertise. New trustees are provided with a briefing about their responsibilities.

Organisational structure

Trustees meet as a Committee twice a year at the Annual Conference (in April) and at a meeting in London. They review reports from office holders (President, Treasurer, etc). The BASEES Secretary asks in advance for any agenda items deemed of particular importance by trustees. Both the April and November meetings typically consider both operational and policy issues (in the latter case regarding such issues as international cooperation and liaison work with government agencies and similar bodies). A smaller group meets regularly (usually virtually) to discuss application for research support (the results are then communicated to the Treasurer who authorised payment when the relevant activity has taken place). Smaller groups of trustees also meet from time to time to deal with particular issues ranging from Conference organisation through to financial planning (any conclusions or developments being outlined in the reports noted earlier). The BASEES AGM is held at the April Conference. Members attending the Conference are asked to approve the accounts and the appointment of auditors as well as being given an opportunity to comment on the reports of office-holders. They are also encouraged to raise any issues of interest and concern. Both the Bulletin and the Newsletter are used to 'cascade out' information to the wider membership of BASEES.

The report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

K. M. Hodgson.

Prof Katharine Hodgson

Trustee

Date: 27/10/25

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REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

The charity's activities increased markedly in 2024, owing to sustained interest in the countries of the former Soviet Union, an increase in membership, and a return to research activities in most parts of the region after the hiatus enforced by the pandemic, among other factors. The Trustees were delighted at the volume of research activities and range of scholarly pursuits that the charity was able to support. An increase in the number of members enabled BASEES to allocate additional funds to support research. The Executive Committee made the decision to particularly support projects by the postgraduate research (PGR) students and early career researchers (ECRs) among its membership. This was reflected in the Research and Development Committee's awards in 2024.

The principal activities of the association during 2024 included the following:

- Holding the annual conference, which took place at Robinson College at the University of Cambridge from 5 to 7 April 2024. It was a huge success as researchers and students from across the UK and around the world gathered together. The option of presenting remotely allowed scholars abroad without funds to travel or faced with complications caused by visas to present their research.
- Continuing to condemn in the strongest possible terms the war of aggression launched by Russia against Ukraine, and offering support for Ukrainian colleagues and others in the region targeted for opposing the war.
- Supporting PGRs and ECRs especially by holding events to guide them with research projects. This became a particular emphasis in 2022 and continues into 2024.
- Rewarding and encouraging scholarship in the area through a range of prizes, including the Alexander Nove Prize, George Blazyca Prize, Women's Forum prizes, and the Postgraduate Prizes.
- Supporting the BASEES Women's Forum in its efforts to recognise and reward scholarship on women and gender and encourage and support women in the field.
- Continuing support for a wide range of research projects through Research and Development funding. This included funding or part-funding research events (such as attendance at international conferences) and activities (such as fieldwork and archival trips).
- Maintaining input into and membership of a number of learned societies, among them the International Council for Central and East European Studies and the Academy of Social Sciences. Members of the Executive Committee represented BASEES at meetings, conferences, and congresses throughout the year.
- Facilitating scholarly exchange through the support of the BASEES Study Groups. A wide range of Study Groups advance research on dedicated areas. These aim to serve the broader academic community in the UK and beyond and have proved particularly successful in generating international scholarly collaboration, expanding the charity's membership and increasing attendance at its annual conference.
- Producing a quarterly newsletter and frequent Bulletins designed to keep members informed of important developments in scholarship on the region in the UK and continental Europe, as well as providing feedback from the various policy and other forums with which the Association was engaged during the year.
- Continuing engagement with research councils, the British Academy and other organisations that represent and support the humanities and social sciences in the UK.
- Supporting the XI International Congress of the International Council for Central and East European Studies (ICCEES), held in London in July 2025. BASEES did not have its usual Spring conference in 2025 as the charity played a key role in facilitating the delivery of this ambitious congress, which takes place once every five years and attracts delegates from around the world.

Financial review

BASEES holds a cash reserve in order to allow it to take advantage of strategic opportunities as they arise (e.g. co-hosting conferences, under-writing certain activities where the return is uncertain, etc). The reserve also allows the organisation to be confident that it could fund an unexpected deficit on any of its activities (for example a deficit on the annual conference). The uneven pattern of expenditure makes it difficult to identify a proper level of cash reserves, but at the moment the organisation seeks to hold a reserve of between £50,000 and £75,000 at the end of each financial year, although this figure is reviewed annually

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", (FRS102) effective 1 January 2019.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to advance education for the public benefit in the United Kingdom in the humanities and in the social sciences as they relate to the former Soviet Union and the countries of Eastern Europe.

The executive committee devotes much of its time to overseeing the regular activities of BASEES. These include organising the annual conference; supporting the BASEES study groups; providing small grants through our Research & Development Committee to support the research of postgraduate members, and to help others organise small conferences; and providing news and information to members through our website, the newsletter and our new BASEES e-mail list.

Members of the BASEES committee attend meetings organised by the Research Councils, by the Academy of Social Sciences, the British Academy, and by other national professional and governmental organisations at which they represent the views of their members, lobby on behalf of them and report back to them on developments taking place at a national level. We also take up particular issues that our members raise with us and pursue them with their institutions, or with the relevant government or national body as appropriate. We are an officially recognised nominating organisation for the Academy of Social Sciences and for the HEFCE Research Excellence Framework and carry out our duties in this capacity as and when required. We are sometimes called upon to represent the interests of British scholars when they encounter problems or issues relating to their research within the countries which our organisation considers as being within its remit. This will involve making representations to the consulate, the embassy or other national government offices of the country concerned.

BASEES trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

BASEES activities in 2023 gained momentum across the year to eventually surpass pre-pandemic levels. The Trustees are delighted at the increase in the volume of research activities and scholarly pursuits that the charity supports. An increase in the number of members has enabled BASEES to allocate additional funds to support its objectives.

The principal activities of the association during 2023 included the following:

- Holding the annual conference, which took place at the University of Glasgow from 31 March to 2 April 2023. It was a huge success as researchers and students from across the UK and around the world gathered together. The option of presenting remotely allowed scholars abroad without funds to travel to present their research to new audiences.
- Continuing to condemn Russian aggression and offering support for Ukrainian colleagues and others in the region targeted for opposing the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine.
- Introducing a number of initiatives to support Ukrainian researchers, most notably a non-residential fellowship scheme for scholars in the humanities and social sciences based in Ukraine. Eight fellowships were awarded to support their intellectual activities. In addition to receiving stipends, the recipients were given BASEES membership and invited to showcase their research in various forums, including a dedicated seminar series.
- Supporting PhD students and Early Career Researchers (ECRs) by holding online events to guide them with research projects. This remains particularly important given the challenges of conducting research on the region and the need to rethink established approaches.
- Rewarding and encouraging scholarship in the area through a range of prizes, including the Alexander Nove Prize, George Blazyca Prize, Women's Forum prizes, and the Postgraduate Prizes.
- Supporting the BASEES Women's Forum in its efforts to recognise and reward scholarship on women and gender and encourage and support women in the field.
- Continuing support for a wide range of research projects through Research and Development funding. This included funding or part-funding research events (such as conference attendance) and activities (such as fieldwork and archival trips) and was particularly focused on supporting postgraduate research.
- Maintaining input into and membership of a number of learned societies, among them the International Council for Central and East European Studies and the Academy of Social Sciences. Members of the Executive Committee represented BASEES at meetings, conferences, and congresses.
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BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Major risks

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The charity was established on 27 November 1991.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Prof. Matthias Neumann

Dr Zoe Knox

Dr Ben Phillips (Resigned 1 April 2023)

Dr Jan Gryta

Dr Olena Palko

Dr Victoria Hudson (Appointed 1 April 2023)

Prof Katharine Hodgson (Appointed 1 April 2023)

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BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

K.M. Hodgson

Prof Katharine Hodgson
Trustee

Date: *24/10/24*

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of British Association of Slavonic and East European Studies (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

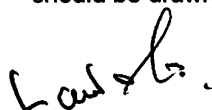
Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.


Law & Co

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Dated: 25/10/24

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	3	21,158	18,408
Charitable activities	4	13,314	10,018
Investments	5	308	52
Total income		<u>34,780</u>	<u>28,478</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	6	30,522	26,384
Total expenditure		<u>30,522</u>	<u>26,384</u>
Net income and movement in funds		<u>4,258</u>	<u>2,094</u>
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		<u>73,147</u>	<u>71,053</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		<u><u>77,405</u></u>	<u><u>73,147</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	11	-		4,391	
Cash at bank and in hand		78,149		69,500	
		<u>78,149</u>		<u>73,891</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(744)		(744)	
Net current assets			77,405		73,147
Net assets excluding pension liability			77,405		73,147
			<u><u>77,405</u></u>		<u><u>73,147</u></u>
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds			77,405		73,147
			<u>77,405</u>		<u>73,147</u>
			<u><u>77,405</u></u>		<u><u>73,147</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 24/10/24

K. M. Hodgson
Prof Katharine Hodgson
Trustee

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

British Association of Slavonic and East European Studies is a registered Charity. The charity's objective is to advance the education, for the public benefit in the United Kingdom, in the humanities and social sciences as they relate to the Soviet Union and the countries of Eastern Europe.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Each member of the Association shall pay an annual subscription, the amount of which shall be determined from time to time at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. The subscription for associate members shall be less than the full subscription. Membership may be terminated by a decision of the committee for non-payment of the annual subscription or other good cause.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £
Book royalties	336	388
Membership fees	20,822	18,020
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The Association has no restrictions against any of its income and is available to be used for the furtherance of the Society's normal activities.

4 Charitable activities

	Charitable Income Conference 2023 £	Charitable Income Conference 2022 £
Surplus on annual conference	13,314	10,018
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Interest receivable	308	52
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2023 £	Charitable Expenditure 2022 £
Direct costs		
R&D: Student/conference support	12,292	1,966
Executive committee costs	-	162
R&D: Study groups	3,558	4,353
Prizes	842	1,555
Newsletter	1,400	995
Data protection registration	35	35
Website communications	149	1,488
Executive committee expenses	1,525	2,525
Affiliated associate membership	705	489
Hardship fund - Ukraine	8,000	10,400
Event promotion	438	268
Independent examiner's fees	744	1,488
Postage	-	81
Bank charges	834	513
Sundry expenses	-	66
	<u>30,522</u>	<u>26,384</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>30,522</u>	<u>26,384</u>

7 Net movement in funds

	2023 £	2022 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	<u>744</u>	<u>744</u>

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, but 3 were reimbursed a total of £1,525 for expenses incurred (2022- 2 were reimbursed £2,525).

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

11 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	-	4,391
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	744	744
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

13 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	73,147	34,780	(30,522)	77,405
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£
General funds	71,053	28,478	(26,384)	73,147
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

14 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SOVIET, SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

England & Wales - Charity number 1006263

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1006263

**BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN
STUDIES**

REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Prof Judith Pallot
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Dr Zoe Knox
Dr Ben Phillips
Dr George Gilbert
Dr Jan Gryta

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BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

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BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", (FRS102) effective 1 January 2019.

Structure, governance and management

The charity was established on 27 November 1991.

The trustees who served during the year were:

Prof Judith Pallot

Prof Peter Waldron

Dr Matthias Neumann

Dr Zoe Knox

Dr Ben Phillips

Dr George Gilbert

Dr Peter Whitewood

(Resigned 22 January 2021)

Dr Jan Gryta

(Appointed 22 January 2021)

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The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to advance education for the public benefit in the United Kingdom in the humanities and in the social sciences as they relate to the former Soviet Union and the countries of Eastern Europe.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The executive committee devotes much of its time to overseeing the regular activities of BASEES. These include organising the annual conference; supporting the BASEES study groups; providing small grants through our Research & Development Committee to support the research of postgraduate members, and to help others organise small conferences; and providing news and information to members through our website, the newsletter and our new BASEES e-mail list.

Members of the BASEES committee attend meetings organised by the Research Councils, by the Academy of Social Sciences, the British Academy, and by other national professional and governmental organisations at which they represent the views of their members, lobby on behalf of them and report back to them on developments taking place at a national level. We also take up particular issues that our members raise with us and pursue them with their institutions, or with the relevant government or national body as appropriate. We are an officially recognised nominating organisation for the Academy of Social Sciences and for the HEFCE Research Excellence Framework and carry out our duties in this capacity as and when required. We are sometimes called upon to represent the interests of British scholars when they encounter problems or issues relating to their research within the countries which our organisation considers as being within its remit. This will involve making representations to the consulate, the embassy or other national government offices of the country concerned.

BASEES trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Achievements and performance

As in 2020, the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic severely curtailed the activities of BASEES this year. Many events could not take place, most notably the annual conference which is usually held in March or April. The principal activities of the association during 2021 included the following:

- Managing the financial consequences of the cancellation of the BASEES annual conference in 2021. The event usually increases the membership and generates interest in the Association and its activities.
- Determining how the charity should navigate and mitigate the adverse effects on its activities imposed by the pandemic. The Executive Committee remained in regular contact in order to discuss how best to deal with these challenges.
- Supporting PhD students and Early Career Researchers (ECRs) by holding online events to guide them with research projects which have been affected by the ongoing restrictions on travel.
- Rewarding and encouraging scholarship in the area through a range of prizes, including the Alexander Nove Prize, George Blazycza Prize, and the Postgraduate Prizes.
- Adjusting the scope of our Research and Development support. The restrictions on travel and fieldwork made it difficult for researchers to conduct fieldwork, although some projects did resume towards the end of 2021. We were able to offer support to a limited number of our postgraduate members, mostly to pay research assistants in the region.
- Maintaining input into and membership of a number of learned societies, among them the International Council for Central and East European Studies and the Academy of Social Sciences. Members of the Executive Committee represented BASEES at virtual meetings, conferences, and congresses.
- Facilitating scholarly exchange through the support of BASEES Study Groups. A number of Study Groups held online activities which the Association supported through advertising and IT provision.
- Producing a quarterly newsletter and frequent Bulletins designed to keep members informed of important developments in Russian and East European studies in the UK and continental Europe, as well as providing feedback from the various policy and other forums with which the Association was engaged during the year.
- Participating in the organisation of the BASEES Regional Conference held in Leipzig, Germany.
- Continuing engagement with research councils, the British Academy and other organisations that represent and support the humanities and social sciences in the UK.
- Undertaking a strategic review of BASEES activities, organisational structures, and governance, to feed into the BASEES 2030 Strategy. We consulted BASEES members and our broader constituency. The results have already fed into discussions about the future strategic direction of the organisation; this will continue in 2022.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

- Advocating for research and researchers in the field in the UK, raising concerns about issues like funding cuts in British universities which threaten the study of the region and jobs.
- Planning the annual conferences for 2022 (in Cambridge in April) and the 2023 conference in Glasgow.

Financial review

BASEES holds a cash reserve in order to allow it to take advantage of strategic opportunities as they arise (e.g. co-hosting conferences, under-writing certain activities where the return is uncertain, etc). The reserve also allows the organisation to be confident that it could fund an unexpected deficit on any of its activities (for example a deficit on the annual conference). The uneven pattern of expenditure makes it difficult to identify a proper level of cash reserves, but at the moment the organisation seeks to hold a reserve of between £45,000 and £60,000 at the end of each financial year, although this figure is reviewed annually

On behalf of the board of trustees



.....
Dr Matthias Neumann

President

Dated: 5/5/2022

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Dated: *9/5/2022*

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
<u>Incoming resources from generated funds</u>			
Donations and legacies	2	15,473	(642)
Investment income	3	1	5
Total incoming resources		15,474	(637)
<u>Resources expended</u>			
Governance costs	4	6,920	12,418
Total resources expended		6,920	12,418
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		8,554	(13,055)
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		62,499	75,554
Fund balances at 31 December 2021		71,053	62,499

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	7	3,080		3,080	
Cash at bank and in hand		67,973		59,419	
Total assets less current liabilities			71,053		62,499
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds					
Brought forward		62,499		75,554	
Movement for the year		8,554		(13,055)	
			71,053		62,499
			71,053		62,499

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on09/04/22



Dr Matthias Neumann
President

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of certain fixed assets.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", 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 2019) and the Charities Act 2011.

2 Donations and legacies

	2021 £	2020 £
Donations and gifts	14,930	16,752
Book royalties	543	742
Grants receivable for core activities	-	(18,136)
	<u>15,473</u>	<u>(642)</u>

The Association has no restrictions against any of its income and is available to be used for the furtherance of the Society's normal activities.

3 Investment income

	2021 £	2020 £
Interest receivable	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>

4 Total resources expended

	2021 £	2020 £
Governance costs	<u>6,920</u>	<u>12,418</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiner of £744 (2020: £744) for fees.

5 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, but 2 were reimbursed a total of £1,399 for expenses incurred (2020: 6 were reimbursed £1,208).

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

6 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

7 Debtors	2021	2020
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>3,080</u>	<u>3,080</u>

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SOVIET, SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES


England & Wales - Charity number 1006263

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1006263

**BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN
STUDIES**

**REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**


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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Prof Judith Pallot
Prof Peter Waldron
Dr Matthias Neumann
Dr Zoe Knox
Dr Ben Phillips
Dr George Gilbert
Dr Peter Whitewood

Charity number


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BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005.

Structure, governance and management

The charity was established on 27 November 1991.

The trustees who served during the year were:

Prof Judith Pallot
Prof Peter Waldron
Dr Matthias Neumann
Dr Zoe Knox
Dr Ben Phillips
Dr George Gilbert
Dr Peter Whitewood


As the leading Learned Society in the UK concerned with the study of Russia and Eastern Europe, BASEES has a high profile which enables it to attract leading figures to serve as trustees. The Society also makes a deliberate attempt to recruit younger scholars in order to help them develop their careers and ensure that BASEES trustees have a wide range of experiences and perspectives. The Society advertises vacancies in its Newsletter and Bulletin. Existing members of the Committee also approach possible trustees directly where they are believed to have particular aptitudes or expertise. New trustees are provided with a briefing about their responsibilities.

Trustees meet as a Committee twice a year at the Annual Conference (in April) and at a meeting in London. They review reports from office holders (President, Treasurer, etc). The BASEES Secretary asks in advance for any agenda items deemed of particular importance by trustees. Both the April and November meetings typically consider both operational and policy issues (in the latter case regarding such issues as international cooperation and liaison work with government agencies and similar bodies). A smaller group meets regularly (usually virtually) to discuss application for research support (the results are then communicated to the Treasurer who authorised payment when the relevant activity has taken place). Smaller groups of trustees also meet from time to time to deal with particular issues ranging from Conference organisation through to financial planning (any conclusions or developments being outlined in the reports noted earlier). The BASEES AGM is held at the April Conference. Members attending the Conference are asked to approve the accounts and the appointment of auditors as well as being given an opportunity to comment on the reports of office-holders. They are also encouraged to raise any issues of interest and concern. Both the Bulletin and the Newsletter are used to 'cascade out' information to the wider membership of BASEES.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to advance education for the public benefit in the United Kingdom in the humanities and in the social sciences as they relate to the former Soviet Union and the countries of Eastern Europe.


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REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The executive committee devotes much of its time to overseeing the regular activities of BASEES. These include organising the annual conference; supporting the BASEES study groups; providing small grants through our Research & Development Committee to support the research of postgraduate members, and to help others organise small conferences; and providing news and information to members through our website, the newsletter and our new BASEES e-mail list.

Members of the BASEES committee attend meetings organised by the Research Councils, by the Academy of Social Sciences, the British Academy, and by other national professional and governmental organisations at which they represent the views of their members, lobby on behalf of them and report back to them on developments taking place at a national level. We also take up particular issues that our members raise with us and pursue them with their institutions, or with the relevant government or national body as appropriate. We are an officially recognised nominating organisation for the Academy of Social Sciences and for the HEFCE Research Excellence Framework and carry out our duties in this capacity as and when required. We are sometimes called upon to represent the interests of British scholars when they encounter problems or issues relating to their research within the countries which our organisation considers as being within its remit. This will involve making representations to the consulate, the embassy or other national government offices of the country concerned.

BASEES trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.



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REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Achievements and performance

The Covid-19 pandemic severely curtailed BASEES' activities. Most events were cancelled, most notably the annual conference. The principal activities of the association during 2020 included the following:

- Managing the financial and administrative aspects of the cancellation of the BASEES annual conferences in 2020 and 2021.
- Determining how the charity should navigate and mitigate the adverse affects on its activities imposed by the pandemic. The Executive Committee remained in regular contact in order to discuss how best to deal with these challenges.
- Adjusting our Research & Development activities after considering how best to support postgraduate students conducting doctoral research in light of the restrictions on travel and fieldwork. Usually, BASEES provides postgraduate students with financial support both for research trips and for trips to present papers at conferences. This year, several students were able to use BASEES funding to employ research assistants, for example.
- Rewarding and encouraging scholarship in the area through a range of monetary prizes. The prizes include the Alexander Nove Prize, George Blazyca Prize, the Postgraduate Prizes and the BASEES Women's Forum Prizes.
- Maintaining input into and membership of a number of learned societies, among them ICCEES and the Academy of Social Sciences. Members of the Executive Committee represented BASEES at their (from March, virtual) meetings, conferences, and congresses. This role was particularly important given the discussions around pivoting to online activities.
- Facilitating scholarly exchange through the support of BASEES Study Groups. Two new groups were established in 2020, the BASEES Study Group for Minority History (SGMH) and the Eurasian Regions Study Group (ERSG).
- Producing a quarterly newsletter and frequent Bulletins designed to keep members informed of important developments in Russian and East European studies in the UK and Europe, as well as providing feedback from the various policy and other forums with which the Association was engaged during the year.
- Participating in the organisation of the BASEES Regional Conference held in Leipzig, Germany, originally scheduled for September 2020 but postponed to April 2021.
- Continuing engagement with research councils, the British Academy and other organisations that represent and support the humanities and social sciences in the UK.
- Launching a strategic review of BASEES activities, organisational structures, and governance, to feed into the BASEES 2030 Strategy. The objective of the review is to put the organisation on a sustainable footing and prepare it for the challenges ahead. A crucial aspect of this review is a consultation of our members and broader constituency, planned for 2021.

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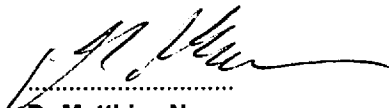
- Advocating for research and researchers in the field in the UK, raising concerns about issues like funding cuts in British universities which threaten the study of the region and jobs.
- Protesting against illegitimate and regressive regimes in the region, such as an October 2020 statement condemning developments in Belarus following the presidential election.

Financial review

BASEES holds a cash reserve in order to allow it to take advantage of strategic opportunities as they arise (e.g. co-hosting conferences, under-writing certain activities where the return is uncertain, etc). The reserve also allows the organisation to be confident that it could fund an unexpected deficit on any of its activities (for example a deficit on the annual conference). The uneven pattern of expenditure makes it difficult to identify a proper level of cash reserves, but at the moment the organisation seeks to hold a reserve of between £45,000 and £60,000 at the end of each financial year, although this figure is reviewed annually

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

On behalf of the board of trustees



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Dr Matthias Neumann

President

Dated:30.06/21

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Dated: *6/7/21*

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<u>Incoming resources from generated funds</u>			
Donations and legacies	2	(642)	34,855
Investment income	3	5	6
Total incoming resources		(637)	34,861
<u>Resources expended</u>	4		
Governance costs		12,418	16,794
Total resources expended		12,418	16,794
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(13,055)	18,067
Fund balances at 1 January 2020		75,554	57,487
Fund balances at 31 December 2020		62,499	75,554


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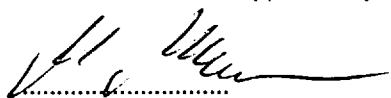
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	7	3,080		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		59,419		75,554	
Total assets less current liabilities			62,499		75,554
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds					
Brought forward		44,432		57,487	
Movement for the year		18,067		18,067	
			62,499		75,554
			62,499		75,554

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on11/06/21.....



Dr Matthias Neumann
President

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

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2 Donations and legacies

	2020 £	2019 £
Donations and gifts	16,752	17,726
Book royalties	742	715
Grants receivable for core activities	(18,136)	16,414
	<u>(642)</u>	<u>34,855</u>

The Association has no restrictions against any of its income and is available to be used for the furtherance of the Society's normal activities.

3 Investment income

	2020 £	2019 £
Interest receivable	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>

4 Total resources expended

	2020 £	2019 £
Governance costs	<u>12,418</u>	<u>16,794</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiner of £744 (2019: £744) for fees.

5 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, but 6 were reimbursed a total of £1,208 travelling expenses (2019: 6 were reimbursed £2,577).

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

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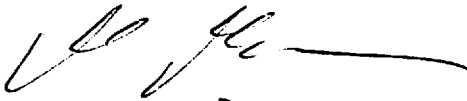
6 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

7 Debtors

Prepayments and accrued income

2020	2019
£	£
3,080	-


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