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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE PUBLIC EDUCATION ABOUT CRIME CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Activities: The Charity is a Learned Society: its main aim is to advance public education about crime, criminal behaviour and the criminal justice system.

Classification

- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE UNITED KINGDOM
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£99,400	£72,167	-	-
2023-12-31	£103,065	£67,859	-	-
2022-12-31	£86,777	£66,882	-	-
2021-12-31	£78,170	£64,781	-	-
2020-12-31	£61,197	£64,748	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Professor Pamela Ann DAVIES	Chair	2014-03-24
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Dr Esmorie Jacqueline Miller		2021-09-07
Dr James Tangen		2024-06-24
Dr Jayne Price		2020-07-28
Dr Marian Duggan		2019-07-04
Dr Monish Bhatia		2022-04-12
Dr Rachel Emma Keighley		2025-02-06
Dr Rachel Vipond		2013-10-09
Dr Stephanie Fohring		2025-05-16
Dr Susan Elizabeth Watson		2024-08-19
Dr Tammy Ayres		2023-11-06
Dr Victoria Louise Heap		2019-05-01
Grace Ann Gallacher		2021-03-22
Greta Squire		2024-08-07
Jo Smith		2018-09-10
Manikandan Soundararajan		2024-10-10
PROFESSOR BARRY GOLDSON		
Professor Andrew Edward Millie		2020-06-24
Professor James Treadwell		2015-12-10
Professor Loraine Gelsthorpe		2024-07-11
Sarah Plimley		2024-04-22

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ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024



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Dr A Meenaghan	(Appointed 1 August 2024)
Ms G V M Squire	(Appointed 7 August 2024)
Dr S E Watson	(Appointed 19 August 2024)
Mr M Soundararajan	(Appointed 10 October 2024)
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' 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 Society's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "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 2015)".

Objectives and activities

The Society's objectives are to advance public education about crime, criminal behaviour and the criminal justice systems in the United Kingdom. This is important for the running of civil society, to provide an educational and scrutiny role to public policy makers and ensure sufficient research evidence and education for future generations.

In this report, we want to celebrate the events and activities that our volunteers have organised with the BSC this year while acknowledging the troubling backdrop in terms of the UK Higher Education workplace context of many of our members, the continuing turbulent times for academic publishing and the wider, global context within criminal justice and social justice more broadly.

Membership

At the end of 2024, the Society had 994 members. This is a decrease of 15 members on December 2023. Figures included UK members with a current direct debit, institutional members, overseas members, and honorary members receiving journal subscriptions. While there is a decrease overall in membership numbers in 2024, the Society has been encouraging any member cancellations to occur in December to reduce the numbers cancelling later in the following year and creating extra costs, so this decrease may be explained by members cancelling early for 2025. The Membership and Communications Coordinator is continuing to monitor the departure of members who cite financial pressures as the main reason for withdrawing from membership. The recruitment initiative for separate group and individual options for undergraduates that began in 2020 has continued and the Society now supports around 600 students on group schemes with another 500 students to be added from an agreed student group membership with Arden University.

Of our members, 92% are based in the UK and 8% are based overseas. The majority of members (94%) are in the university sector, approximately 30% of these are postgraduate or undergraduate students. The other 6% of members are practitioners working in the public and independent sectors.

The Society is managed by its Executive Committee, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Executive Secretary of the Society, together with the Regional Groups and Specialist Networks Coordinator, chairs of Specialist Networks, and chairs of the Publications, Prizes, Public Relations, Conference, Postgraduate and Professional Affairs & Ethics Committees. The Executive Committee can have up to four members 'without portfolio', one of these would usually be the previous President of the Society. Constitutionally, the Company Secretary can also be a member of the Executive Committee and with the President, Executive Secretary and Treasurer forms the Finance and General Purposes Committee. In 2015, the AGM created a new role of Vice President to take some of the pressure of workload from the President and ensure greater continuity. The Society is governed by its Constitution, which is amended periodically via member vote at its AGM.

The eight committees, working electronically, have spread the burden of Society work more equitably, and increased capacity significantly. During 2024, the whole Executive Committee continued to meet mainly via Zoom taking interim decisions occasionally via email correspondence. The EC met once in person in London for the first time since 2019 but online meetings are expected to remain a regular feature of the EC meeting structure.

We would like to thank the trustees who have served the BSC and retired from the Executive this year and extend grateful appreciation to Carina O'Reilly, who acted as Executive Secretary. Within the Networks, we lost Suzanne Young as Learning and Teaching Network chair and David Best as Prisons Research Network chair. We are very grateful again for all members' time and commitment recognising the increasing burden of their institutional workload expectations at this time.

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Achievements and performance

Professional Affairs & Ethics Committee

- The situation of criminologists working at a number of UK universities continued to cause concern in the face of a series of announcements of the need for cuts, severance packages and, in some cases, enforced redundancies impacting the Higher Education sector in general and thankfully more rarely specifically criminologists or their departments more widely. The Society continues to intervene as requested and has been asked to write to individual Vice Chancellors in support of members – publicized letters now being felt to exacerbate already tense situations.
- Following 'The Theft of Criminology' project addressing the disappearance of the discipline from drop down menu research interests, the BSC is continuing to work within HESA data to establish a disciplinary analysis of where criminology is taught, to whom and with what result in terms of degree category.
- The BSC continues to attempt to engage with the REF29 process responding to consultations and encouraging members to put themselves forward for eventual panel and sub panel roles. This has included registering to assist in selection procedures in relevant sub panels now that learned societies are no longer involved in the nomination process. An online information and question and answer session for those interested in applying for panel roles was also organized with former panel members Anitha Sundari, Loraine Gelsthorpe and Eamonn Carrabine as well as the Chair of Main Panel C Jane Falkingham.
- The BSC continued to work with the Academy of Social Sciences and the Society Publishers' Coalition (a grouping of not-for-profit academic journal owners across the disciplines) on common issues and policy areas across the social sciences and academic disciplines more generally including the practicalities and impact of open access publication, the role and continued financial viability of learned societies, hybrid conferencing and inclusion and diversity.
- Refreshed membership for the Professional Affairs and Ethics Committee was established in order to update the BSC Statement of Ethics in particular addressing research either undertaken remotely or researching online activity and issues raised by members such as student staff relationships and researchers with lived experience.

Conference Committee

The 2024 annual conference 'Criminology in Times of Transition' was hosted by the University of Strathclyde in July. While more than 600 delegates eventually attended the conference from all over the world to discuss the latest research and new developments in the field, registrations had to be limited mainly to presenters as the conference was oversubscribed. From postgraduate papers through to panels and plenaries, speakers explored contemporary debates. Streams and themes included border criminology; religion in prison; transitions from colonial to decolonial and counter colonial; shifting paradigms of policing; criminology, cars and climate; and policing in an era of digital justice. Plenaries explored the meaning of justice, unpacked the relationship between criminology and public problems, queried the 'who' of criminology, and examined criminology's relevance in times of transition. Keynote and plenary speakers included Sarah Armstrong on exploring the scales of justice; Reuben Biller on highlighting Black freedom and the possibility for a new world; Alistair Fraser on taking criminology public; Cara Jardine on neoliberal scholars; and Kieran McEvoy on apologies, violence and the criminology of transition.

Following the conference, the Conference Committee issued an invitation to tender for hosting the conference in the years 2026-2028 with new criteria relating to accessibility, inclusivity and flexibility of provision. One of the initiatives discussed was a new international bursary aimed at contributing to the costs of those from low and middle income countries to come to the conference to be piloted in 2025 with the introduction of reduced delegate fees from 2026 onwards. There has also been discussion on the need for all delegates to confirm that abstracts are based on work that has received ethical clearance.

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Postgraduate Committee

The BSC has a thriving postgraduate researcher community, which is important for sustaining the future of criminology as a discipline dedicated to the critical examination of past, present, and future issues. As usual, the postgraduate committee held a pre-event at the annual conference offering the postgraduate community the opportunity to network, present to their peers and take part in bespoke training and breakout sessions. Also as usual, the BSC offered a number of free places to postgraduate members to attend the full conference, sponsored by donations from individual BSC members as well as the bursary fund.

Regional Groups and Specialist Networks Committee

We are extremely fortunate in having dedicated teams working around the country hosting exceptional events which go to the heart of our main charitable aim. As our accounts show, the Networks particularly got back to hosting face-to-face events in 2024 but with many still offering a remote option accessible to a wider audience, not limited to the local area and providing legacy products for those not able to attend at the time of the event. Many event organisers also wrote blogs to summarise key talks and discussions for those unable to attend. The Society thanks all those who organize and speak at these events as well as those who attend and join in the discussions. Because of the larger number and activities of the groups and networks, the Society is reviewing its guidance to their steering groups with a renewed focus on accessibility, inclusivity and diversity but also administration and governance.

Regional events included two very different events in June:

- BSC South West Regional Group organised 'Crisis Reform Repeat? Evaluating change in Criminal Justice' at the University of Plymouth with plenary speaker Travis Linnemann (Kansas State University) talking about The Police at the End of the World - a world where nothing is ever solved drawing on Nietzsche's doctrine of eternal recurrence. This conference provided a forum for discussion on the nature of reform across all elements of the criminal justice system and beyond.
- The BSC Northern Ireland Regional Group sponsored the 15th Irish North-South Criminology Conference back in Belfast. This year's theme was 'Criminology in Times of Conflict: Rights, Harms and Responsibilities'. Presenters posed critical questions about the role of criminological research in an era marked by heightened global tensions and systemic injustices. The conference included a record number of panel sessions and roundtables, as well as networking events, plenaries and of course opportunities to socialise.

The BSC now has 15 specialist networks increasing its potential to reach out, influence and educate with the latest, the Probation and Community Justice Network, launched this year with James Tangen, University of Nottingham, as chair, due to host its first event in early 2025.

2024 Specialist Network events and activities included:

- The Crime and Justice Statistics Network (CJSN), established in 2009, and chaired by Machi Tseloni in 2024. In 2024, the network collaborated with ADR UK (Administrative Data Research UK) in disseminating information on justice administrative data opportunities and research at various events. It also contributed to the Crime theme at the UK Statistics and RSS Assembly and launched training for synthetic data.
- The Prison Research Network held a one-day conference 'Prison Transitions' in March hosted by the University of Central Lancashire. Following on from the success of the annual conference 2023, the Prisons and Probation strand of the UCLan Criminal Justice Partnership (CJP) hosted a follow-on event in collaboration with the BSC's Prison Research Network. This was the PRN's first face-to-face event since the pandemic and was a chance for researchers and practitioners across the UK to come together to connect, network and discuss their research and ideas. The theme was transitions into, within, and out of imprisonment. The conference aimed to encourage new ideas on the subject through vibrant discussion and the presentation of current research. Organisers welcomed broad interpretations of the conference theme and also submissions from practitioner researchers, early career researchers, postgraduate researchers and those engaged in participatory research with people with lived experience. Shadd Maruna joined with colleagues from User Voice to talk about peer and prison research.

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- The Critical Criminology Network - launched in 2015 - was chaired in 2023 by Tammy Ayres (University of Leicester) with a remit to 'breathe new life into critical criminology, encouraging critical criminologists to hatch new ideas that relate to the world as it is now'. The main activity of the network in 2024 was its collaboration with the International Conference on Global Criminology and Victimology (ICGCV) 'Global Alliances in Indian Criminology and Victimology: Towards Building a Resilient Framework for Crime and Justice' which took place in August at RV University, Bengaluru, India.

The ICGCV is a multidisciplinary event that unites scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and experts from across the globe to deliberate and exchange ideas on various facets of crime, victimisation, and justice systems globally. This particular conference was a significant milestone as the first event of its kind to take place in India showing commitment to building partnerships, collaborations and amplifying voices from the Global South and East. The conference sought to revitalise core principles by reflecting on the foundational pillars of Criminology and Victimology, ensuring their relevance and adaptability to contemporary Indian academic and law enforcement realms while also establishing international collaborations that influence and inspire students and research scholars worldwide. The conference provided a platform for researchers and practitioners to present their latest findings, share insights, and engage in meaningful discussions. The conference was attended by members of the Critical Criminology network and BSC EC members and was the subject of a blog on The BSC Blog.

- The Historical Criminology Network (chaired in 2024 by Esmorie Miller, Lancaster University Law School) was set up in 2018 by David Churchill. As of 2024, the network membership reached 120, global in character. The Network maintains an online seminar series 'Meet the Authors,' attracting presenters and audiences from across the UK, Continental Europe, North America, Australia, The African Continent, and South America.

The year 2024 marked the third iteration of the historical criminology conversation series, organizing thematic, cross-disciplinary discussions. Members reflected on what the historical criminological lens can reveal about the links between inequalities in knowledge development and continuities of marginalization. The series is part of Error in formula ->#HCNet<-s efforts to draw together leading scholastic and activist voices in criminology and beyond enriching research-led teaching and community engagement.

The infrastructure of the network continued to develop with Ciara Molloy (University of Sheffield) managing Network social media. The Network has a strong relationship with other historical criminology networks globally. Both the BSC Conference and ESC Conference (Bucharest 2024) saw an increased number of historical criminology panels. The next developmental aim is to expand the number of network events, with a look towards BSC cross network collaborations and a co-chair.

The 2024 seminar series alongside our historic conversations can now be found on the Network's YouTube Channel. 2024 speakers included:

- Tahaney Alghrani who works closely with Liverpool University and University of Central Lancashire looking at 'Imperial Criminology: The attempts to establish Juvenile institutions in parts of the Empire, highlighting decolonisation of Criminology.'
- Emma Watkins is a lecturer in criminology in the Department of Social Policy at the University of Birmingham. Emma's presentation looked at 'The criminalisation and control of the poor: A look at nineteenth-century Tasmanian Pauper-Emancipists.'
- Ciara Molloy is a Lecturer in Criminology in the School of Law at the University of Sheffield. Ciara's presentation looked at 'The Devil's in the Details: Teds, Mods and Irish 'Youth' Subcultures, 1945-2020.'
- Leah Cleghorn is a Lecturer in Criminology within the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, at Nottingham Trent University. Leah's presentation looked 'Exploring colonial penal system in the Anglophone Caribbean: Engaging in Archival Research.'
- Julian Molina is a lecturer in Public Policy, in the School for Policy Studies, at the University of Bristol. Julian's presentation looks at 'Tinker, Tailor, Statistician, Spycop: Infrastructures of British Criminology and Undercover Policing in 1981.'
- Roberto Catello is a Lecturer in Social Science at Liverpool Hope University, United Kingdom. Roberto's presentation looked at 'The Place of History in Critical Criminology—Lessons from the Berkeley School.'
- Alice Neikirk is a Lecturer in Criminology in the School of Law and Social Justice at The University of Newcastle, New South Wales. Alice's presentation looked at 'Matrons and Murderesses—Women Guarding Women in Gladstone Gaol'.

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Historical Criminology Network chair Esmorie Miller is also working with other network members on a major research project 'Lives of Crime: Oral Histories of UK Criminology since 1968', having submitted an application for funding to the Arts and Humanities Research Council with the BSC as project partner.

• Set up in 2018, the Hate Crime Network is chaired by Rachel Keighley (University of Leicester). The BSC Hate Crime Network is intended to provide a forum for those who are researching/working in the field of hate crime. In 2024, the Hate Crime Network organised a variety of activities including: Podcasts, PGR and ECR online events, webinars, an annual in-person conference, the second iteration of launch of the 'Sophie and Sylvia Lancaster Prize', online writing groups and a newsletter, which provides a bi-monthly update on the latest news and events regarding the Network, alongside a brand-new mailing list.

Podcasts included:

- 'A conversation with Sasie Rehka on Sex Trafficking in Indonesia' Sasie shared insights into this work, including a book series detailing the lives and post-trafficking experiences of sex trafficking victims and their families, a book chapter on forensic science in Indonesian human trafficking cases, and another chapter examining the human trafficking crisis in Myanmar. The latter focuses on the impact on indigenous communities, encompassing historical, cultural, economic, political, social, and environmental perspectives. This work underscores the need for a comprehensive and culturally sensitive approach to tackle human trafficking issues.
- 'A conversation with Mark Walters on Criminalising Hate: Law as Social Justice Liberalism'. This podcast explores insights from Mark's book, Criminalising Hate: Law as Social Justice Liberalism, which won the British Society of Criminology Hate Crime Network Sophie and Sylvia Lancaster Book Prize 2023. It sets out a new theory for understanding the harms of hate crime and provides the first global analysis of hate crime laws.

The Hate Crime Network also held a series of PGR and ECR online events including:

- 'Transphobia, Trans-Misogyny, TikTok and Twitter' - Sophie Geppert (Birmingham City University).
- '"It's just so hostile": Exploring disabled people's everyday encounters in accessible parking spaces' - Vera Kubenz (University of Birmingham).
- Researcher Workshop: Discussion, Ideas and Directions – Leah Burch, David Wilkin, Jon Garland (Hate Crime Network committee members).
- 'Critical Hate Studies - Jen Neller (Manchester Metropolitan University)
- 'Disablist hate crime: towards a new typology?' - Valerie Houghton (Edinburgh Napier University).
- 'How and Why Hate Crimes occur in Scotland' - Rania Hamad (University of Edinburgh).
- 'Exploring Men's Perspectives on Making Misogyny a Hate Crime' - Ellie Buxton (Loughborough University).

The Hate Crime Network also held a series of research webinars including:

- 'The experiences of Deaf prisoners, inside prison and after release' with Laura Kelly-Corless, University of Central Lancashire and Daniel McCulloch, Open University.
- 'Ethnicity, Care Experience and Criminalisation: Using Admin Data to Interrogate Youth (In)Justice in England' with Katie Hunter, Manchester Metropolitan University.
- 'Black Women in Prison and The Pains of Impression Management' with Angela Charles, Senior Lecturer in Criminology, Northampton University.
- Hate Crime Network Book Launch: Understanding and addressing anti-LGBTQI online hate. This book launch looked at the recent publications of Rachel Keighley and her book, Researching Hate as an Activist: Exploring LGBTQ+ Online Hate, Its Impacts, and Our Responsibility Towards Equality and Piotr Godzisz's book, Global Queer Politics.
- 'Exploring barriers to justice for people with learning disabilities/neurodiversity who have experienced sexual violence' with Alison Jobe, Associate Professor in Sociology and Criminology, Durham University and Dr Helen Williams, Senior Lecturer in Criminology, University of Sunderland.

The Hate Crime Network annual conference, co-hosted with the BSC Green Criminology Network, explored animal abuse as hate crime, hosted at the University of Southampton. The papers included:

- Elliot Doornbos – Human Wildlife Conflict and Hate: An exploratory study in motives of hippo violence relating to HWC.
- Jennifer Maher – Who pays the price for Luxury? Wildlife Trafficking and Cruelty to Animals through Luxury Products
- Pete Bungay & Mandy Johnson – Hostility: The harmful impacts on guide dog partnerships.

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- Rachel Dunn Animal Abuse Linked to Perceptions of Non- Sentience/Speciesism Based Hate Crime?

In 2024, the Hate Crime Network continued its monthly online writing groups for academics, PhD students, early career researchers and anyone with writing goals. The writing groups are held on Microsoft Teams every month. The events include dedicated time for writing, followed by a discussion, allowing attendees to talk about what they are writing, and receive support. The writing groups continue to draw international attendees, including from Denmark, Hong Kong and the USA.

- The Race Matters Network was launched in 2019 chaired by Coretta Phillips (LSE) and Pamela Ugwu-dike (University of Southampton). In 2024, it was chaired by Monish Bhatia (University of York). The aim of the Network is to foster greater attention to the dynamics of race and racism in criminological projects and practice, including in the wider work of the BSC; offer support, solidarity and academic development to Black and minority ethnic scholars in criminology, as well as those working within the subfield of race and criminology; engage with local communities, practitioners and policy makers to influence, listen and inform around questions of race and racism; and to foster wider recognition of the contribution of Black and minority ethnic scholars to criminology, historically, nationally and internationally.

In 2024, the Network held another substantial online seminar series including:

- 'On the peculiar absence of race from criminology' with speaker Ed Wright
- 'Status Enforcing Criminal Laws' with speaker Jamelia Morgan, Director of the Centre for Racial and Disability Justice, Northwestern University (Chicago).
- 'Bringing Order to Border': Liberal and Illiberal Racism, Technocracy, and Postcolonial Borders in the English Channel. Speaker(s): Lucy Mayblin, Thom Davies, Arshad Isakjee, Joe Turner, and Tesfalem Yemane.
- 'The Law of Racial Resentment' with speaker Yuvraj Joshi (Brooklyn Law School, New York) with discussant Aaron Winter (Lancaster University, Sociology Department).
- 'Spitting Truth(s) to Power: Rap Music as Evidence of Racial Injustice' with speaker Dr Lambros Fatsis (City, University of London). This was the first lunchtime seminar, the Network changed its timings to within traditional working hours to improve inclusively, and the move immediately increased the numbers of students attending.
- 'Destination UK: Asylum Destination Factors as Technologies of Subjectivisation' with speaker Tesfalem Yemane, University of Liverpool.
- 'Understanding the Coloniality of Justice at the Pre-trial Stage in Brazil' with speaker Omar Phoenix Khan, University of Bath.

- The Green Criminology Research Network, was also set up in 2019, by James Heydon, was chaired in 2024 by Angus Nurse of Anglia Ruskin University. The network has approximately 160 members on its mailing list and 38 followers on its Eventbrite page. Its primary activities are its webinars which run every other month on the last Wednesday of the month, its annual conference (this year co-hosted with the BSC Hate Crime Network as above) and its panels at the BSC annual conference and collaborative/co-sponsored panels at the European Society of Criminology conference.

The webinars run via Teams and consist of either one speaker presenting for 40 minutes with 20 minutes for questions and discussion or two speakers (one 'established', one early career) each presenting for 20 minutes with 10 minutes for questions.

Webinars for 2024 were as follows:

- 'Progressing Space Criminology in an Era of Technological Transition', Jack Lampkin, York St John University.
- 'Environmental crimes and the challenges of war: the Ukrainian perspective'. Anna Markovska, Anglia Ruskin University, Oleksii Serdiuk (Kharkiv National University of Internal Affairs) and Iryna Soldatenko (IPPPRI researcher and Karazin Kharkiv National University).
- 'The Barriers to Whale Shark Fin Enforcement', Elliot Doornbos, Nottingham Trent University.
- 'War crimes and crimes against humanity: A nonspeciesist understanding of the violence(s) of war and armed conflict', Stacy Banwell, University of Greenwich.

The network sponsored two panels at the BSC Annual Conference:

1. The Politics of Environmental Harm (Chaired by Network Chair Angus Nurse)
2. Criminology and Nonhuman Animals: New Perspectives on nonhuman animal harm (Chaired by Steering Group Member Melanie Flynn).

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• The BSC Vulnerability Research Network (VRN) was established in 2019 by Harriet Pierpoint, Roxanna Dehaghani, and Chris Bath from the National Appropriate Adults Network. In 2025, the network was co-chaired by Professor Pierpoint and Dr. Dehaghani, and its activities co-ordinated by a steering group.

The VRN is dedicated to:

1. Critical Exploration: Serving as a platform for both members and non-members of the BSC to critically examine and debate the use of the term 'vulnerability,' its meanings, and implications.
2. Research Sharing: Promoting opportunities to share diverse perspectives, research findings, and professional experiences from academic, policy, and practice fields.
3. Advancing Understanding: Stimulating discussions and enhancing comprehension of vulnerability within the realms of research, policymaking, and professional practice.
4. Teaching Inclusion: Advocating for the integration of vulnerability topics into criminological teaching and academic curricula, including benchmarks for educational programs.
5. Collaboration Opportunities: Facilitating knowledge exchange among stakeholders such as researchers, policymakers, civil society organizations, and the general public to foster innovative approaches.
6. Service User Engagement: Actively involving individuals with lived experience in discussions and research on vulnerability to ensure their perspectives are reflected in academic and professional discourse.
7. Scholarly Development: Creating avenues for researchers and students to collaborate on funding bids, form academic networks, and access studentship opportunities.

As of the most recent report, the VRN has grown to 175 members, comprising: 15% international members, representing diverse global perspectives. And 20% members from policy and practice roles, demonstrating strong engagement outside academia.

The network maintains an active social media presence managed by Jayne Price to share insights and updates and publishes newsletters on an ad hoc basis (edited by Sam Weston), keeping members informed of key developments and opportunities.

Key Activities in 2024 were:

- PhD Network Webinar - jointly organised with the Vulnerability & Policing Futures Research Centre PhD Network, the webinar 'Northern Ireland: Intermediaries, Vulnerability and the Criminal Justice System' focused on issues surrounding vulnerability and policing research. With speakers Jenny Humphreys and John Taggart.
- VRN Learning Lunch Series - co-ordinated by Lindsey Rice and Harriet Pierpoint and comprising Microsoft Teams presentations followed by interactive discussions. The 2024 event was 'Reproducing Vulnerability in Police Interviews: An Interactional Perspective' with speaker Emma Richardson and co-authors.
- Vulnerable Accused online Work-in-Progress Seminar series organised and chaired by John Taggart, Sam Fairclough and Roxanna Dehaghani showcases ongoing research projects on vulnerability as it relates to accused people.

2024 sessions included:

- Katie Maras and Ralph Bagnall (University of Bath) – 'Overview of survey/qual study on Special Measures and autism'
- Maria Gomez Bedoya (University of East Anglia) – 'Rapport in interpreted-mediated police interviews'
- Roseanna Peck (Law Commission of England and Wales) – 'Defences for victims of domestic abuse who kill their abusers'

A panel on vulnerability research arranged by Harriet Pierpoint at the BSC annual Conference featured diverse research topics including; 'Defining and Measuring Vulnerability'; (Presenter: Harriet Pierpoint); 'Barriers to Intermediary Appointments for Defendants with Mental Health Conditions or Learning Disabilities' (Presenter: Edmore Masendeke); 'Role of Literacy in Criminal Justice' (Presenter: Vickie Barritt) and 'Intellectual Disability in Ireland's Criminal Justice System' (Presenter: Bláithín O'Shea).

A Criminal Law Review Special Issue was published in 2024 from papers from the Vulnerable Accused Conference 2023 edited by Roxana Dehaghani, Samantha Fairclough and Harriet Pierpoint.

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The VRN has introduced an annual prize to honour the best journal article significantly contributing to vulnerability studies, co-ordinated by Dr Lindsey Rice and sponsored by SAGE with the first Prize Announcement: During the BSC Conference 2025 in Portsmouth.

The growth in specialist networks in the last few years has represented a considerable increase in Society activity, improving the discipline of criminology's research visibility and hence impact. Most of the networks have not just JISC mail lists of members – which are open to everybody not just BSC members – but also separate websites and blogs and X or other social media accounts to engage with the wider world. The BSC welcomes expressions of interest for new specialist networks.

Prizes Committee

In 2024, the Society awarded its Outstanding Achievement Award to Tim Newburn, Professor of Criminology and Social Policy at the London School of Economics and Political Science, for a four-decade career across practical and academic criminology.

Professor Newburn's research has spanned a wide range of areas including policing and security, restorative justice, youth offending, drugs and alcohol, comparative policy making and urban violence. He led on Reading the Riots, the prize-winning research with The Guardian on the 2011 disorder, and, with Professors David Downes and Paul Rock, is currently working on the immense Official History of Criminal Justice.

Professor Newburn is author, co-author or co-editor of 49 books, 56 articles, 18 official reports and 72 chapters in books introducing pioneering textbooks and handbooks including the popular 'Criminology' (3rd edition, Routledge, 2017) and Criminology: A Very Short Introduction (Oxford University Press, 2018).

Professor Newburn was the founding editor of the British Society of Criminology's journal Criminology & Criminal Justice and is General Editor of Routledge's Key Ideas in Criminology series, and a series editor of Key Thinkers in Criminology. He was President of the British Society of Criminology from 2005-2008.

The annual book prize, sponsored by Routledge, was awarded to Kate Herrity for her book 'Sound, Order and Survival in Prison'.

This book provides a powerful and persuasive application of interdisciplinary theory to articulate the importance of sound in the prison environment. The author draws on other disciplines to develop criminological theory of sound while also significantly developing the concepts of power and legitimacy, highlighting the ways in which sound pervades these concepts in the prison environment and our social worlds more broadly. Innovative methodologies included using creative writing in fieldnotes, and encouraging a senior manager in prison to be interviewed in the cell to first-hand experience the 'sound' of prison life and centralizing the importance of listening and reflection.

The National Award for Excellence in Teaching Criminology and Criminal Justice Team award sponsored by Sage Publishing is intended to highlight and celebrate outstanding practice and innovative teaching in Criminology by a team from a UK HEI. This year's winners are Jo Dawkins from the University of Leicester and Alex Hathway from Derbyshire Constabulary. The award recognises their innovative work on their Criminal Investigations module and application of problem-based learning to blend theory and practice.

The National Award for Excellence in Teaching Criminology and Criminal Justice Outstanding individual contribution award recognises an outstanding individual contribution to the scholarship of teaching and learning in criminology and criminal justice by a BSC member. This year's winner is Kelly Stockdale from Northumbria University. The award recognises the significant contribution Kelly has made to criminological scholarship in key areas such as co-creating teaching and decolonising the curriculum, and supporting the development of colleagues in learning and teaching.

The Hate Crime Network 'Sophie and Sylvia Lancaster Prize' 2024 was won by Neil Chakraborti and the Centre for Hate Studies at the University of Leicester for their film, Revisiting the Harms of Hate. A decade on from the original film, 'Revisiting the Harms of Hate' features the voices of people typically considered as members of 'hard-to-reach' groups, or perhaps more pertinently 'easy to ignore'. Four victims share their experiences of hate and harassment and explore how they have been affected by the events of a decade where hate crimes have escalated. The film is available to view on YouTube.

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We congratulate all of our 2024 prize winners.

Publications Committee

The editorial team from Southampton and Cambridge Universities Loraine Gelsthorpe, Anita Lavorgna and Pamela Ugwu-dike continued as editors-in-chief of the Society's journal *Criminology & Criminal Justice*. As always, we would like to thank the editorial team and also the reviewers for their prompt, rigorous and thoughtful reviews. The journal performed well across many metrics with a 2023 Impact Factor (the latest available at time of writing) of 1.6, 5-Year Impact Factor of 2.1 and Citescore 4.4.

The most downloaded article in 2024 was, as in 2023, 'Like mother, like child? Sex differences in the maternal transmission of offending among a Scottish cohort of pre-adolescent children' by Babak Jahanshahi, Susan McVie, Kath Murray which received 27,489 downloads in 2024, followed by 'The effectiveness of restorative justice programs: A meta-analysis of recidivism and other relevant outcomes' by Lindsay Fulham, Tanya Rugge, Julie Blais, Elizabeth A Schultheis which received 15,133 downloads in 2024.

The top Altmetric score was for the article 'Prohibition, privilege and the drug apartheid: The failure of drug policy reform to address the underlying fallacies of drug prohibition' by Stuart Taylor, Julian Buchanan and Tammy Ayres.

The BSC, together with our co-owners Sage, are monitoring the impact of Open Access policies on our potential journal subscriptions and publishing milieu while exploring how to extend the journal's reach in terms of readership and contributors. The costs of printing and posting printed copies of journals have been increasing dramatically in the last two to three years and the BSC is discussing how to address this in terms of online alternatives and differential subscriptions from 2026 with its publisher partners.

There were two BSC Newsletters in 2024 – the summer Newsletter was a tribute to former BSC President Maureen Cain with tributes from family, friends and colleagues compiled by Publications Committee chair Marian Duggan and Lystra Hagley-Dickinson from the Open University who counted Maureen as a mentor from PhD supervision onwards.

The winter newsletter brought together an incredibly diverse mix of articles on the theme of Imagining Brighter Futures including articles:

- 'International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women – it's been 43 years and yet...' Sofia Graca, Canterbury Christ Church University
- 'The Church of England (CofE) as a closed community: Complicity and child sexual abuse', Kirsty Teague, Centre for Criminology and Social Policy, University of Derby. Ian Mahoney, Centre for Crime, Offending, Prevention and Engagement, Nottingham Trent University.
- 'Applying a Criminological Imagination to the Problem of Techno-Solutionism in Policing', David Lydon, Canterbury Christ Church University.
- 'Zombies and penal reform: Unlearning and relearning future possibilities', Gemma Buckland, Do It Justice.

The online Papers from the British Criminology Conference was also published. This year's journal offered a selection of panel papers alongside one from a postgraduate member. Articles included a theoretical exploration of evolutionary criminology by Evelyn Svingen, who argues that criminology's rich multidisciplinary nature constitutes a strong foundation upon which to advance contemporary evolutionary ideas. This was followed by Dacia Leslie's literature-based observational analysis of developments in Caribbean penology and its positioning within mainstream criminology. Next, Maria Kaspersson addressed infanticide in Sweden, drawing from a collection of transcripts to illustrate the complexities of current legislative frameworks, arguing for the retention of the soon-to-be repealed child manslaughter section of the Swedish legislation. Finally, Nicola Coleman's paper presented findings from a project exploring the skills-based benefits of experiential learning for criminology students. Our postgraduate paper was provided by Amrik Singh, who explored disparities in apportioning guilt and sentencing practices in mock juror trials involving transgender victims.

The bi-monthly member bulletin was sent to 99.5% of all members and the average 'open rate' was 48% which is well above the industry standard for Membership Organisations (23%) and Education (23% open rate). The average open rate for all industries in 2024 was 21.7% (source: Mailchimp).

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The BSC blog: <https://thebscblog.wordpress.com/> continued to attract authors and readers, we received a number of very good quality submissions during 2024. During the year we published 1 article per month and there were around 14,000 visitors.

The BSC's Summer and Winter Newsletters and the Conference Proceedings (Online Journal) were sent to 99.5% of members via Mailchimp. The 'open rates' were:

Summer Newsletter – 54.9% (50% in 2023)

Winter Newsletter – 54.5% (54.3% in 2023)

Conference Proceedings – 68.1% (52.9% in 2023)

The 2024 editions of the Newsletter and Conference Proceedings were viewed approx. 600 times each within the BSC's website (however, each edition is also subdivided into multiple articles that can also be viewed separately so the number of views is likely to be much higher).

Public Relations Committee

As in previous years, in 2024 the Society gave advisory information to a number of journalists. We tend to average one media enquiry per month. If these enquiries cannot be addressed immediately by the office staff, they are referred to chairs of respective BSC Networks, members of the Executive Committee or individual members who are listed in the Society's 'Knowledge bank'.

The regular social media programme has continued in a bid to keep members and wider society informed of Society activity and criminological events and issues. Our X (formerly Twitter) following stood at 25,000 (December 2024), a slight decrease in followers compared to 2023. This was expected as some BSC members and other followers have been moving away from X to other platforms. The possibility of the BSC doing the same was discussed during a number of Executive Committee meetings in 2024 and a decision to explore developing the BSC's presence on another social media platform (such as Bluesky) was agreed.

Our website receives an average of 20,000 visits per month (majority UK but also in order of size, USA, Australia, China, Canada, India, Pakistan, and others). The BSC conference page continued to be the most visited page during the year.

We have also continued our monthly draw for free books in partnership with the main criminological publishers. This initiative, started in 2016, has proved popular with members (both early career and significantly more established).

Financial review

The Society's reported fund balances increased in 2024 from £209,251 as of December 31 2023 to £236,484 at the end of 2024, a level in keeping with the Society's regular expenditure plans and its reserves policy (see below). The increase is due to continued savings made in venue hire, travel and subsistence due to the ongoing influence of changes in working practices due to the pandemic, which has overset a reduction in income and increased costs relating to two of our income streams – membership and our journals.

We worked hard to maintain memberships achieving subscription revenue of £76,810 (compared to £81,055 in 2024, the highest ever recorded). Alongside long-term members we have a 25% flux and make continued efforts to attract and retain members in the face of increasing costs and financial uncertainty, introducing schemes to attract undergraduate and other groups. We also received £27,025 in profit share from our annual conference held at the University of Strathclyde.

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We should also report the ongoing financial success of our Journal Criminology & Criminal Justice which saw the Society receive £39,854 in royalty income – only a very slight decrease from 2023 in another very challenging year for academic publishing. Together with our publishing partner Sage, we continue to carefully monitor the impact on our finances as subscriptions pass from pay to read to pay to publish as a result of the government's open access publishing agenda. Of equal concern going forward are the increasing costs of printing and posting print issues. In 2024, it cost £30,120 (including the renegotiated reduced unit cost) to print member copies of the British Journal of Criminology (a form of support for this prestigious journal to which the Society has historical links) and £13,660 for Criminology & Criminal Justice, a figure which is projected to increase by a third going into 2026. This will likely necessitate a move to online or increased subscriptions from 2027. The Trustees will be assessing the short and midterm impacts of this on other spending plans.

In summary, the finances throughout 2024 have remained healthy. The Society continues to improve its educative, research and policy-related interests and, while ensuring the financial security of the Society, wishes to continue to develop a project-based long-term strategy to ensure that funds are spent wisely to ensure the health of the discipline of criminology, for the benefit of our members and wider society (see below).

As ever, we would like to thank our Executive Director Charlotte Harris and Membership and Communications Coordinator Steven Rawlings for their excellent work in continually improving the Society's infrastructure and administration while progressing policy and wider interests. Particular efforts this year have again centered on the conference experience and ensuring the future of our journal support and membership offer.

Policy for holding reserves

The BSC has set its reserves at a level at least equivalent to three months' operational expenditure and has done so having regards to its manner of operation and likely funding streams. The reserves level includes staff salary and pension costs and other general running costs on average based on median year-on-year increases, together with the potential for each of its regional groups and specialist networks to draw on the £1,000 annual budget agreed as policy, while acknowledging that many of them do not. The figure does not include the £5,144 designated funds which belong to the Youth Criminology/Youth Justice and Learning and Teaching Networks from sponsorship and profit from paid for events. The reserves amount also recognizes the imbalanced payment-due dates of some of its main payments – i.e. the printing costs of journals both fall due in the early months of the calendar year.

The Society's main income streams are variable in nature with fluctuation in membership subscriptions and particularly annual conference income demonstrated in accounting records from previous years (this is in part deliberate as while the Society wishes to host its conference in all parts of the UK it recognises that some geographical areas are more intrinsically attractive, especially to overseas delegates, than others). Conference income is even more unpredictable in the current climate, with considerable uncertainty as to delegates' ability to procure conference attendance off employers and the off-putting prospect of the major cost implication of almost all truly hybrid options. Royalty income is also unpredictable in the next few years as the effects of the Government's Open Access policy become apparent. The trustees will review the amount of reserves that are required to ensure that they are adequate to fulfil the charity's continuing obligations on a quarterly basis at their executive meetings.

Future of the Society

The Society relies on three main income streams – membership subscriptions, journal royalties and annual conference income – and each must be reviewed to ensure the continued financial health of the charity. This is said acknowledging that some of the current financial health of the society is linked to reduced expenditure in terms of Executive Committee meetings and events being more regularly online. These savings are likely to be offset in coming years by the hugely increasing costs of printing and posting journal issues, a member benefit for almost all membership types.

The Society has moved to a more proactive membership strategy. A membership recruitment drive was begun in 2016 reaching out to those who attend or speak at events and new groups such as undergraduates and practitioners. Increased numbers of members will both increase income but also make the Society more relevant and impactful in its dealings with policy and out-facing groups. We have negotiated with our partner publishers re online-only membership options thus reducing print costs to those who really want a print copy of either our journal Criminology & Criminal Justice, or the British Journal of Criminology. We have also further streamlined new joiner payments to avoid publication back copies expenditure.

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We are continuously striving to improve our annual conference experience and make the BSC attractive in the face of competition in this field. The Executive Committee is very aware of the costs of attending the Society's conference and has been pursuing new ways to reduce fees and thereby increase access particularly to those who are deterred from attending by cost alone while also addressing the needs and expectations of potential delegates in other respects to ensure the conference is intellectually stimulating with innovative sessions. While we may increase attendance and increase revenue in this way, while exploration is undertaken, this may have a negative impact on income levels.

Structure, governance and management

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Prof B Goldson	
Dr H L Pierpoint	
Dr R C Vipond	
Prof A Tseloni	
Prof P Davies	
Prof J Treadwell	
Prof S Walklate	
Dr J Smith	
Prof D Best	(Resigned 22 April 2024)
Dr V Heap	
Dr M C Duggan	
Prof A E Millie	
Dr J Price	
Mrs G Gallacher	
Dr H Bows	(Resigned 28 May 2025)
Dr S Young	(Resigned 1 August 2024)
Dr E Miller	
Dr I Zempi	(Resigned 24 January 2025)
Dr M Bhatia	
Dr G A Birkett	(Resigned 24 January 2025)
Dr C Barlow	
Dr C A O'Reilly	(Resigned 29 October 2024)
Dr A A Nurse	
Dr T Ayres	
Mrs S Plimley	(Appointed 22 April 2024)
Prof L Gelsthorpe	(Appointed 11 July 2024)
Dr J Tangen	(Appointed 24 June 2024)
Dr A Meenaghan	(Appointed 1 August 2024)
Ms G V M Squire	(Appointed 7 August 2024)
Dr S E Watson	(Appointed 19 August 2024)
Mr M Soundararajan	(Appointed 10 October 2024)
Dr R E Keighley	(Appointed 6 February 2025)
Dr S Fohring	(Appointed 16 May 2025)

The directors have conducted their own review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Significant external risks to funding have led to the development of a strategic plan, which will allow for the diversification of funding and activities. Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures of authorization of all transactions and projects and to ensure consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the Society. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the Society.

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Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report, including the strategic report, was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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Prof P Davies
Trustee

Dated: 29/07/2025.....

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRITISH SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of British Society of Criminology (the Society) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Society (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Society are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Society's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (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

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 Society as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.



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Dated: 04/08/2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	3	649	-	649	747
<u>Charitable activities</u>					
Conference income		27,025	-	27,025	23,678
Subscriptions		76,810	-	76,810	81,055
Journals income	4	(9,926)	-	(9,926)	(6,428)
Post-grad bursary scheme		-	-	-	1,500
Investment income	5	4,842	-	4,842	2,513
Total income		99,400	-	99,400	103,065
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
<u>Charitable activities</u>					
Regional groups' spending	6	1,859	-	1,859	870
Prizes and sponsorship	6	347	-	347	117
Support and governance costs	7	64,688	-	64,688	62,051
Network expenses	6	5,273	-	5,273	4,821
Total charitable expenditure		72,167	-	72,167	67,859
Total resources expended		72,167	-	72,167	67,859
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		27,233	-	27,233	35,206
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		209,251	5,144	214,395	179,189
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		236,484	5,144	241,628	214,395

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		174		-
Current assets					
Debtors	13	1,037		18,564	
Cash at bank and in hand		256,861		200,122	
		257,898		218,686	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(16,444)		(4,291)	
Net current assets			241,454		214,395
Total assets less current liabilities			241,628		214,395
Income funds					
Restricted funds	15		5,144		5,144
Unrestricted funds			236,484		209,251
			241,628		214,395

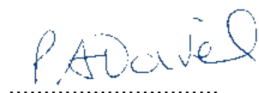
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 29/07/2025....



Prof P Davies
Trustee

Company Registration No. 03515512

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Company information

British Society of Criminology is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Suite 501, The Nexus Building, Broadway, Letchworth Garden City, Herts, SG6 9BL.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Society's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" 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)". The Society is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Society 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 Society. 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 Society 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.

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

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the Society 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 Society 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.

Conference income is recognised in the period in which the conference takes place.

Membership subscriptions are recognised in the period to which the subscription relates,

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1 Accounting policies

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1.5 Resources expended

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.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computers	Straight line over 3 years
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Society reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in income/ expenditure for the year, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

Recognised impairment losses are reversed if, and only if, the reasons for the impairment loss have ceased to apply.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments.

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1 Accounting policies

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1.9 Financial instruments

The Society 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 Society's balance sheet when the Society 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.

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through income and expenditure, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected.

If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the Society transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables, accruals, 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 receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Accounts 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 payables 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 Society's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.10 Taxation

The company is exempt from corporation tax, it being a company not carrying on a business for the purposes of making a profit.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Society is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Society'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 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Donations and gifts	649	747

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4 Charitable activities

	Journals income £	Total £	Total 2023 £
SAGE journal and other royalty receipts	39,854	39,854	40,765
Amounts payable to SAGE for printing	(13,660)	(13,660)	(12,148)
Amounts payable to OUP for printing	(30,120)	(30,120)	(29,045)
Amounts payable to CCJ editing team	(6,000)	(6,000)	(6,000)
	<u>(9,926)</u>	<u>(9,926)</u>	<u>(6,428)</u>
Analysis by fund			
Unrestricted funds	<u>(9,926)</u>	<u>(9,926)</u>	<u>(6,428)</u>

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	<u>4,842</u>	<u>2,513</u>

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6 Charitable activities	Regional groups' spending		Prizes and sponsorship		Member services		Network expenses		Total		Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Prizes and sponsorship	-	-	347	-	-	-	-	-	347	-	117
Travel and refreshments	1,859	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,859	-	870
Network expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,273	-	5,273	-	4,821
	1,859		347		-		5,273		7,479		5,808
Support costs (see note 7)	-	-	-	-	58,719	-	-	-	58,719	-	56,501
Governance costs (see note 7)	-	-	-	-	5,969	-	-	-	5,969	-	5,550
	1,859		347		64,688		5,273		72,167		67,859
Analysis by fund											
Unrestricted funds	1,859		347		64,688		5,273		72,167		
	1,859		347		64,688		5,273		72,167		
For the year ended 31 December 2023											
Unrestricted funds	870		117		62,051		4,821				67,859
	870		117		62,051		4,821				67,859

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7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Staff, training and office costs	54,110	-	54,110	54,513
Travel expenses	1,491	-	1,491	17
Insurance	510	-	510	503
Printing, postage and stationery	80	-	80	374
Meeting venue hire	811	-	811	-
Telephone and fax	411	-	411	357
Subscriptions	742	-	742	595
Sundry expenses	477	-	477	142
Depreciation	87	-	87	-
Accountancy	-	3,937	3,937	3,885
Legal and professional	-	1,587	1,587	1,164
Bank charges	-	445	445	501
	<u>58,719</u>	<u>5,969</u>	<u>64,688</u>	<u>62,051</u>

The vast majority of time and expenditure relates to the provision of services to the society's members. It is therefore reasonable to allocate all support costs and governance costs to that activity as shown in note 6.

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year.

9 Employees

The average monthly number employees and consultants during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Administration	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and the Executive Director. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £33,057 (2023: £31,949).

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

10 Taxation

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

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11 Tangible fixed assets

Computers

Cost	£
Additions	261
At 31 December 2024	261
Depreciation and impairment	
Depreciation charged in the year	87
At 31 December 2024	87
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2024	174

12 Financial instruments

2024

£

2023

£

Carrying amount of financial assets

Debt instruments measured at amortised cost

257,261

200,522

Carrying amount of financial liabilities

Measured at amortised cost

16,444

4,291

13 Debtors

2024

£

2023

£

Amounts falling due within one year:

Trade debtors

400

400

Prepayments and accrued income

637

18,164

1,037

18,564

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

2024

£

2023

£

Trade creditors

12,034

-

Accruals and deferred income

4,410

4,291

16,444

4,291

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15 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2024	At 31 December 2024
	£	£
	5,144	5,144
	<u>5,144</u>	<u>5,144</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2023	At 31 December 2023
	£	£
	5,144	5,144
	<u>5,144</u>	<u>5,144</u>

16 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. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	209,251	99,400	(72,167)	236,484
	<u>209,251</u>	<u>99,400</u>	<u>(72,167)</u>	<u>236,484</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	174,045	103,065	(67,859)	209,251
	<u>174,045</u>	<u>103,065</u>	<u>(67,859)</u>	<u>209,251</u>

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2024 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	174	-	174
Current assets/(liabilities)	236,310	5,144	241,454
	<u>236,310</u>	<u>5,144</u>	<u>241,454</u>
	236,484	5,144	241,628
	<u>236,484</u>	<u>5,144</u>	<u>241,628</u>

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18 Related party transactions

No guarantees have been given or received.

During the year the Trustees received expenses amounting to £1,084 (2023: £17). These expenses were reimbursed to cover travel and subsistence costs to attend Executive Committee meetings and run the committees and networks.

In addition, V Heap, R Vipond, G Gallacher and P Davies received free registration to the annual conference.

Accounts

Charity registration number 1073154

Company registration number 03515512 (England and Wales)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Society's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "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 2015)".

Objectives and activities

The Society's objectives are to advance public education about crime, criminal behaviour and the criminal justice systems in the United Kingdom. This is important for the running of civil society, to provide an educational and scrutiny role to public policy makers and ensure sufficient research evidence and education for future generations.

While we were pleased and relieved to see a definite post-COVID return to business-as-normal in 2023 with a mainly face-to-face annual conference and some in-person network and regional events, the pandemic years continue to have an impact. Some of these are positive in that many of our events now include at least some hybrid elements to them, meaning that geography and other commitments are no longer a bar to more members attending events. It is also undoubtedly greener for many of the Executive Committee meetings to continue to be via Zoom. But the continuing cost-of-living crisis and increasing catering and product costs have impacted our own finances and also those of many of our members. Some of our members working in British universities are facing cuts to their research and conference budgets in many cases but for others to their very livelihoods (see below).

Membership

At the end of 2023, the Society had 1009 members. This increase of 27 members on December 2022 figures included UK members with a current direct debit, overseas members, and honorary members receiving journal subscriptions. While there is an increase overall in membership numbers in 2023, the Society is continuing to monitor the departure of members who cite financial pressures as the main reason for withdrawing from membership.

The recruitment initiative for separate group and individual options for undergraduates that began in 2020 has continued and the Society now supports some 1200 students on group schemes (up by more than 400 student members on 2022).

Of our members, 92% are based in the UK and 8% are based overseas. The majority of members (94%) are in the university sector, approx. 30% of these are postgraduate/undergraduate students. The other 6% of members are practitioners working in the public and independent sectors.

The Society is managed by its Executive Committee, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Executive Secretary of the Society, together with the Regional Groups and Specialist Networks Coordinator, all chairs of Specialist Networks, and chairs of the Publications, Prizes, Public Relations, Conference, Postgraduate and Professional Affairs & Ethics Committees. The Executive Committee can have up to four members 'without portfolio', one of these would usually be the previous President of the Society. Constitutionally, the Company Secretary can also be a member of the Executive Committee and with the President, Executive Secretary and Treasurer forms the Finance and General Purposes Committee. In 2015, the AGM created a new role of Vice President to take some of the pressure of workload from the President and ensure greater continuity. The Society is governed by its Constitution, which is amended periodically via member vote at its AGM.

The eight committees, working electronically, have spread the burden of Society work more equitably, and increased capacity significantly. During 2023, the whole Executive Committee continued to meet via Zoom taking interim decisions occasionally via email correspondence. Online meetings are expected to remain a regular feature of the EC meeting structure into the future.

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We would like to thank the trustees who have served the BSC and retired from the Executive this year and extend grateful appreciation to Allan Brimicombe who has sat on the Executive Committee since 2010 latterly as Company Secretary and Azrini Wahidin, another long serving member of the Executive, as chair of the Professional Affairs Committee, Chair of the revamped Professional Affairs and Ethics Committee and latterly again as Company Secretary. Within the Networks, we lost James Heydon as Green Criminology Network co-chair, Oliver Smith as Critical Criminology Network co-chair and Tom Cockcroft as Policing Network co-chair. We are very grateful again for all members' time and commitment recognising the increasing burden of their institutional workload expectations at this time.

Achievements and performance

Professional Affairs & Ethics Committee

- The situation of criminologists working at the University of Brighton, where senior staff were facing compulsory redundancy after the announcement of stringent cuts, was a catalyst for discussions at the Executive Committee and the Annual General Meeting about the working conditions of academics working across the piste linked to a perceived wider move within some institutions to make education more technical and taught en masse by less experienced staff. There was discussion about how to support colleagues undergoing such actions in terms of writing letters or statements of support and organising petitions while recognising these might only be symbolic. In the case of Brighton, the Society agreed to promote union-led grey listing of the university by other academics – not supporting external examiner procedures, events or speaker invitations. It was suggested that universities could not cut staff in certain subjects which were accredited so subjects such as Criminology would have to subsidise them. Accreditation seems to be the only method that universities accept to keep healthy staff student ratios. The BSC is to follow up the research undertaken in 2019 about how criminology was researched and taught in the UK to look at wider conditions, experiences and context, with the community asked about potential roles for the Society.

- In 2022, former BSC President Peter Squires launched a new project – 'The Theft of Criminology' – after noticing the disappearance of the discipline from initially the ACSS's drop down menu of Fellows' research interests. While this particular issue has been resolved, during 2023 members have reported the absence of criminology on other drop-down menus including in some departments of the ESRC and within HESA statistics which are being followed up.

- In October, the BSC responded to the REF 2028 initial decisions consultation. The BSC welcomed the Future Research Assessment Programme's commitment to 'identify, through consultation and careful evaluation, those approaches to research assessment that: encourage and strengthen the emphasis on delivering excellent research and impact; support a positive, productive research culture; while simplifying and reducing the administrative burden on the HE sector'. We recognised that there is much positive in some of the proposed clarification such as portability criteria. Aware however that other learned societies and HEIs were commenting on these elements which impact on our shared social science and academic concerns more widely, we concentrated our response on the continued invisibility of criminology within the REF structure and formal reporting with only the Social Work and Social Policy sub Panel explicitly recognizing the discipline in its report with both the flagging experiment and the roving assessor mechanism not apparently working, despite the welcome endeavours of those criminologists involved.

- The BSC continued to work with the Academy of Social Sciences and the Society Publishers' Coalition (a grouping of not-for-profit academic journal owners across the disciplines) on common issues and policy areas across the social sciences and academic disciplines more generally including the practicalities and impact of open access publication, the role and continued financial viability of learned societies, hybrid conferencing and inclusion and diversity.

- The BSC continued to respond to queries from both individuals and outside bodies for ethical advice and review, receiving unanimously positive feedback for its input. A new Professional Affairs and Ethics Committee chair was sought with a view to updating the BSC Statement of Ethics in particular addressing issues of research either undertaken remotely or researching online activity.

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Conference Committee

The 2023 annual conference 'Sustaining Futures: Remaking Criminology in an age of Global Injustice' was hosted by the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) at the end of June.

The sustainability theme was embedded into every practical element of the gathering; from minimising plastic (reusable coffee cups for use in all breaks); going paperless (delegates used an app); and choosing locally sourced produce for meals. Some 400 delegates attended the conference from all over the world – some in person, some remotely - to discuss the latest research and new developments in the field, particularly through the theme lens of injustice.

From postgraduate papers through to panels and plenaries, speakers explored contemporary debates relating to justice, globalisation, and the future of criminology. Stream themes included: understanding transforming stop and search; desistance and compliance; crimes of the powerful; decoding racism and coloniality in contemporary penalty; criminological interpretations of public inquiries; and zemiology: law, justice and resistance. Keynote speakers included Paul Stretesky on green criminology and sustainability and Denise Wilson on women living under state violence. Two of the plenaries were panel-based, one exploring systems of oppression and abolitionist perspectives, and the other reflecting on the sustainability of criminology. Delegates were also treated to a moving theatre performance by Certain Curtain Company powerfully showcasing the realities of domestic abuse.

The conference also aimed to attract practitioners and encourage their involvement in the conference including in an exhibition table afternoon session. The AGM meeting was prefaced by a topical talk from UCLan historian Robert Poole about the trial of the Pendle witches, which happened locally, and the way in which the form and evidential basis of the trial of the Lancashire women had provided an unfortunate template for subsequent trials.

A special virtual edition of the British Journal of Criminology with articles exploring the themes of the conference was edited by the team at UCLan Virtual Special Issue of the British Journal of Criminology / The British Journal of Criminology / Oxford Academic (oup.com).

Postgraduate Committee

As usual, the postgraduate committee held a pre-event at the annual conference offering the postgraduate community the opportunity to network, present to their peers and take part in bespoke training and breakout sessions opening with keynotes focusing on inclusivity, accessibility and practice in academia and closing with one on publishing by BSC Publications Committee Chair Marian Duggan - which led to some publishing opportunities described below in the Publications section. As usual, the BSC offered a number of free places to postgraduate members to attend the full conference, sponsored by donations from individual BSC members, and Hart and Emerald Publishing, the latter also offering a student blog prize and opportunity to edit a special edition of an Emerald journal.

Regional Groups and Specialists Networks Committee

We are extremely fortunate in having dedicated teams working around the country hosting exceptional events which go to the heart of our main charitable aim. As our accounts show, the Networks particularly got back to hosting face-to-face events in 2023 but with many still offering a remote option accessible to a wider audience, not limited to the local area and providing legacy products for those not able to attend at the time of the event. Many event organisers also wrote blogs to summarise key talks and discussions for those unable to attend. The Society thanks all those who organise and speak at these events as well as those who attend and join in the discussions.

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Regional events included:

- BSC Midlands Regional Group with the University of Wolverhampton organised 'Reimagining Probation and the Rehabilitation of Offenders Conference' in January with academics and practitioners joining to discuss their experiences, examinations, or expectations of the renationalisation of the Probation Service in England and Wales and further appraise what path the new model imagines for probation and the rehabilitation of offenders. The conference also addressed other developments in the areas that may have accompanied renationalisation, such as OMic, IOM (Refresh) and others and their impact on the culture and practice of probation and associated services. Delegates also commented on the aftermath of part-privatisation of the probation service in relation to the state in which renationalisation has found probation services, and, crucially, the continuing impact of the Transforming Rehabilitation policy. Finally, the conference looked at comparative approaches and experience or research on probation and rehabilitation from other jurisdictions.
- In March, the BSC Yorkshire and Humberside Branch held a one-day workshop 'Social Justice Research: Making Change Happen?' focusing on social justice and criminal justice research and academic work with practitioners, external organisations and partners. The event hosted by Sheffield Hallam University demonstrated constructive collaboration as well as the challenges that researchers working with practitioners or external organisations face to make change happen, for example, putting theory into practice, conflicting ideologies and outcomes, or positionality or personal ethics.

The BSC now has fourteen specialist networks increasing its potential to reach out, influence and educate.

The networks are:

*The BSC Youth Criminology/Youth Justice Network (YC/YJN), established in 2008, is chaired by Professor Barry Goldson. The YC/YJN aims to facilitate critical reflection and exchange within and between the academic, policy and practice communities nationally and internationally, and to advance understanding of youth criminology and youth justice/juvenile justice studies. Such aims are achieved by: organising and hosting conferences, seminars and symposia; disseminating information through a dedicated YC/YJN JISCmail list; and responding to policy consultations and/or requests for information.

*The Crime and Justice Statistics Network (CJSN), established in 2009, and chaired by Machi Tseloni in 2023 is a virtual community defined by the JISCMail CRIME-JUSTICE-STATS which serves as a base for sending out relevant information and announcements, most notably calls for consultations on pending or under consideration changes in crime and justice data definitions, production and reporting by the Office for National Statistics, Home Office and Ministry of Justice. The Network provides an arena for debate about the production and publication of crime and justice statistics; works to improve perception and public trust in crime and justice statistics; and supports the proper interpretation of crime statistics and encourages greater analytic use of criminal justice statistics and surveys. Current membership stands at 165. During 2023, the Network was involved in a Datafirst Ministry of Justice event on linked datasets research.

*The Women, Crime and Criminal Justice Network, established in 2011, was chaired in 2023 by Gemma Birkett of City University. The network exists to support scholarship on women, crime and criminal justice, and to foster research of the highest standard. In addition to promoting scholarship on women, crime and criminal justice, the network also aims to support women as criminological scholars. The Network has 206 JISCmail subscribers; 172 Member Database Entries; and an X account with 2,067 followers.

The Network continued its regular newsletter to showcase WCCJ members' activities. Content included news on recent publications, research projects and events which members may be involved with. Each newsletter also featured a spotlight on a member of the network highlighting their research and background.

The group continued its online writing group for members which began in October 2021. The group meets via Zoom for 90 mins. There have been more than 30 different attendees so far, with around 4– 6 people attending per session. People have been working on a range of different writing projects.

The Network organised three WCCJN-themed panels at this year's BSC annual conference comprising of approximately two dozen members.

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The WCCJ Network held a joint conference with the BSC Policing Network in May 'Police Misconduct and Violence Against Women and Girls: Exploring Research and Practice' addressing the serious and systemic misogyny and violence against women and girls in policing, evidenced in a series of police reviews and inquiries in recent years. Both police culture, and police vetting, misconduct, and disciplinary practices have been identified as contributing to this situation. Despite the intense recent media attention on issues of police misconduct in England, the way these practices work and the opportunities, challenges and barriers to their improvement remain poorly understood. As the government launches a review of disciplinary procedures in policing and the College of Policing prepares to launch its new Code of Police Ethics, this event brought police researchers, stakeholders and practitioners together to explore these issues, share knowledge in the field, and shape a research agenda for the future.

*The Policing Network, also established in 2011 with the core aims of advancing understanding of policing studies and providing an arena for information exchange, critical analysis and debate across the research, policy and practice communities – nationally and internationally - was chaired during 2023 by Katerina Hadjimatheou (University of Essex). The Policing Network continues to be a significant source of information exchange and networking for police researchers and practitioners in the UK and abroad. It now has over 250 members. During 2023, the Network published a number of blogs including 'Victims of Domestic Abuse in a UK Police Force: Police first, victims second' by Nicola O'Leary, Leticia Couto and Iain Brennan setting out findings from qualitative data from a police workforce survey on experiences of domestic abuse; and 'Security technology and domestic abuse prevention: offering solutions or creating new problems?' by David Rowlands, Jana Kujundzic, Iain Brennan and Nicola O'Leary examining the strengths and limits of technological interventions in domestic abuse cases.

*The Learning and Teaching Network was established in 2012 as a vehicle bringing together colleagues across the discipline with a specific learning and teaching interest while looking for opportunities to embed good practice at module, course, and programme levels. The Network was chaired by Suzanne Young in 2023 and now has more than 100 national and international members. During 2023, the Network continued its Talking Teaching with Criminologists podcast with 7 episodes released during the year. The network had a panel at the annual BSC Annual Conference at UCLAN as well as a panel for the first time at the ESC Annual Conference discussing 'Learning and Teaching Criminology: Contemporary Developments in the UK'. They also held an online seminar on Creating Student Communities in Criminology in March 2023. The Network continues to publish blog posts on the Network website, and in 2023 published a blog by Ian Marder on 'Restorative Justice Pedagogy' and a blog by Christine Haddow on 'Authentic Belonging'.

*The Victims Network was set up by Pamela Davies of Northumbria University in 2014 bringing together those who have interests around victims of crime and social harm, survivors and resilience. In 2023, it was chaired by Hannah Bows (University of Durham). In 2023, the Victims Network held a successful writing retreat at the Gladstone's Library. The retreat involved two days of structured writing on individual projects, discussing Network futures and plans for an edited authored book on future directions in victimology. Network members attended and presented at the BSC Conference at UCLan in June.

*The Critical Criminology Network - launched in 2015 - was chaired in 2023 by Tammy Ayres (University of Leicester) with a remit to 'breathe new life into critical criminology, encouraging critical criminologists to hatch new ideas that relate to the world as it is now'. The main Network event in 2023 was a day conference 'Moving Critical Criminology Forward: Recent Developments' held in August at the University of Northumbria with papers on a variety of topics from the policing of anti-hunt protests to Ukraine's new nomads. Speakers included Justin Kotzé of Northumbria University 'On Special Liberty and the Motivation to Harm', Emma Armstrong of Teesside University 'British Army Veterans' Experiences of the Transition into Civilian Life: An Ultra-Realist Perspective', Mark Bushell and Anthony Lloyd Staffordshire University and Teesside University 'Post-Pandemic Reflections on Violence and Abuse against Workers in the Public Sphere' and keynotes Simon Winlow of Northumbria University 'Beyond Measure: On the Marketization of British Universities, and the Domestication of Academic Criminology' and Justin Kotzé of Northumbria University 'Con Air: exploring the trade in counterfeit'.

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*The Prison Research Network was set up in 2015 to be convened on a rotation basis, in 2023 by David Best to provide a forum for prison researchers to share information and experience about prisons with a view to developing critical analysis and debate across research, policy and practice communities. The Network had a busy 2023 with the membership doubling to 132 and 966 X followers, another increase after sustained efforts to use social media to promote prison research from members along with other interesting articles and events. The Network held the following events:

- Problem-solving Courts Event (April) with speakers Sarah Page, Faye Taxman, and Mike Wheatley. The event was attended by 28 members from the network followed by an online member meeting to update members on upcoming activities and reflect on the event.
- Transitions in Prison Education conference (June). The event was attended by 34 participants, including both existing BSC members and external BSC conference attendees. The meeting was productive, with lively discussions and networking opportunities, resulting in 11 new members joining the network.
- Christmas Network Meeting (December): The year-end meeting celebrated the accomplishments of its members throughout 2023. This event highlighted member achievements such as the completion of PhDs, and the publication of academic papers and book chapters. It also provided a forum for members to discuss their work, reflecting on a year of academic contribution and achievements.

*The Early Career Researchers Network was launched in 2016 under the chair of Anna Sergi (Essex University) and chaired from 2020 to 2023 by Jayne Price at Chester alongside a steering group. The network was established with an aim to support post-doctoral researchers as they enter criminological working life, thus concentrating on events and initiatives of interest to this specific group. This year, the group built upon established networks by hosting online 'writing retreats' to enable ECRs to meet with others and progress their writing. This has proved useful for those that have participated and allowed for network building also. There have been challenges in arranging in person events due to the small number of members interested being located across the country making it financially not viable.

*The Historical Criminology Network (chaired in 2023 by Esmorie Miller, Lancaster University) was set up in 2018, by David Churchill. The Network is keen to maintain the international audience they have attracted with the online 'Meet the Authors' seminar series. The year 2023 marked the second iteration of the online event: 'What is historical criminology? What does thinking historically about crime and justice entail? How is historical criminology currently practiced? What are the advantages and disadvantages of different approaches to historical criminology?' These questions underscore the @BSC Error in formula ->#HCNet<- series. The aim has been to provide a platform supporting rich discussion about historical criminology, amongst those with an interest in academia and beyond. Ultimately, the aim is to promote new ideas on historical criminology, continuing to widen awareness and to generate rich conversation.

The 2023 speakers included:

- Eleanor Bland, Oxford Brookes University, speaking about her Book – 'Policing Suspicion: Proactive Policing in London, 1780-1850'.
- Lynsey Black, Maynooth University, Ireland, speaking about her Book – 'Gender and Punishment in Ireland: Women, Murder and the Death Penalty, 1922-64'.
- Mary Fraser (FRHistS), University of Glasgow: British Policemen and their role in the food crisis during the Great War, 1917-1918. Police as Ploughmen, based on her forthcoming book.
- Geoff Ward, Washington University in St Louis, United States. 'An Historical Analysis of Youth Justice in the African American Experience: Some Methods and Benefits of a Long View'.

Many speakers for the seminar series consented to be recorded to populate the website. The Network is considering adding a YouTube channel. The infrastructure of the network continues to develop with Ciarra Malloy (University of Sheffield) managing the Network X account. The Network has a strong relationship with other historical criminology networks, globally.

Both the BSC Conference (Preston 2023) and ESC Conference (Florence 2023) saw high numbers of historical panels as well as high numbers of attendees. Discussions were lively. The members' list has increased (now 110).

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*Set up in 2018, the Hate Crime Network is chaired by Dr Irene Zempi (Nottingham Trent University). The BSC Hate Crime Network is intended to provide a forum for those who are researching/working in the field of hate crime. In 2023, the Hate Crime Network organised a vast variety of activities including: Podcasts, PGR and ECR online events, webinars, an annual in-person conference, the launch of the 'Sophie and Sylvia Lancaster Prize' 2023, online writing groups and a newsletter, which provides an update on the latest news and events regarding the Network published every 3 months).

Podcasts included:

- 'A conversation with Dr Neville Lawrence OBE' - Neville Lawrence is an advocate for the marginalised and voiceless communities who struggle to access and be heard by law enforcement agencies. Since the murder of his son Stephen, he has given more than 250 talks to schools, universities and prisons and received many awards for his work to combat Hate Crime and support young people. He has been awarded Honorary Doctorates in law, education and civil law in recognition of his work to receive justice for his son Stephen Lawrence.
- 'A Conversation with the National Holocaust Centre and Museum'. For this podcast, the guest was Karen Becher – Head of Onsite Education, National Holocaust Centre and Museum.
- 'A Conversation with Sophie Lancaster Foundation' For this podcast, guests were Alison Vincent and Mike Ainsworth from the Sophie Lancaster Foundation.
- 'Misogyny Online: Extending the boundaries of Hate Crime'. For this podcast, guests were Michael Rowe and Ruth Lewis who won the 2019 BSC Hate Crime Network Article Prize for their paper.
- 'The Permission to be Cruel: Street-Level Bureaucrats and Harms Against People Seeking Asylum'. For this podcast, the guest was Monish Bhatia who won the 2021 BSC Hate Crime Network Article Prize.

The Hate Crime Network also held a series of PGR and ECR online events including:

- 'Sexual Harassment in the Night-Time Economy: negotiating the right to space' – Michelle Cunliffe, Nottingham Trent University.
- 'Microaggression towards Asian students' – Ammeline Wang, University of Manchester.
- 'The Normalisation of Online Hate: Trolling, Diet Culture and Filtered Lifestyles' - Lauren Doyle, University of Sunderland.
- 'State responses to anti-LGBTI hate crime on Europe's peripheries' – Piotr Godzisz, University of Leicester.
- 'The role of the CPS in hate crime prosecution' – Teresa Hughes, CPS.

The Hate Crime Network also held webinars including:

'Investigating the role of social media abuse in gender-based violence' – Susan Watson, University of York.

And organised its 2023 annual conference "TRANSforming the Narrative: Challenging Transphobic Hate Crime" at Bournemouth University. Conference delegates considered the extent of transphobic hate crimes, the experiences of victims, and the responses by criminal justice and voluntary agencies. An important aim of the conference was to address prejudice towards Trans communities and demonstrate Allyship with Trans communities. The recording for this conference can be found here: <https://youtu.be/BjLD8Z43ReE>. The PowerPoint slides for this conference can be found here: <https://www.britsoccrim.org/networks/hate-crime-network/>.

In 2023, the Hate Crime Network also began online writing groups for academics, PhD students, early career researchers and anyone with writing goals. The writing groups are held on Microsoft Teams every two months. The events include dedicated time for writing, followed by a discussion, allowing attendees to talk about what they are writing, and receive support.

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*The Race Matters Network was launched in 2019 chaired by Coretta Phillips (LSE) and Pamela Ugwu-dike (University of Southampton). In 2023, it was chaired by Monish Bhatia (University of York). The aim of the Network is to foster greater attention to the dynamics of race and racism in criminological projects and practice, including in the wider work of the BSC; offer support, solidarity and academic development to Black and minority ethnic scholars in criminology, as well as those working within the subfield of race and criminology; engage with local communities, practitioners and policy makers to influence, listen and inform around questions of race and racism; and to foster wider recognition of the contribution of Black and minority ethnic scholars to criminology, historically, nationally and internationally.

In 2023, the Network held another substantial seminar series including:

- Esmorie Miller, Lancaster University, 'What's it all about, Jose? Inventing the black, racialized youth as intractably deviant outsiders, in interwar Britain'.
- 'To go to jail together: I have a dream' – Biko Agozino, Onwubiko Agozino, Virginia Tech, is a scholar-activist who values inclusive excellence and diversity with critical attention focused on people of African descent and other marginalized groups around the world.
- Panel: 'Gendered-Racist Regimes of Detention and Deportation'. With speakers Dorina Damsa, University of Oslo, 'Gender, Race and Deportation in the Nordic Welfare State'; and Francesca Esposito, University of Westminster, University of Lisbon and University of Oxford, 'Racist-Gendered Regimes of Detention Violence'.
- Sarah Turnbull, University of Waterloo 'Discover a world of cultures: Diversity work as gendered racial governance in British immigration detention'.
- Panel 'Migration and Sex Work' with speakers Niina Vuolajärvi, LSE; 'Looking for a different kind of abolitionism. Sex Work, Migration and the Feminist Politics of Care'; and Nick Mai from the University of Leicester. 'Queering Sexual Humanitarianism Through Collaborative Ethnographic Filmmaking'.

The turnout for the Race and Justice Seminars has grown steadily, and along with criminology, sociology, and law colleagues, also attracts audiences from other disciplines, and also non-governmental organisations, and members of the public.

*The Green Criminology Research Network, was also set up in 2019 and chaired by Angus Nurse of Nottingham Trent University during 2023 with the aims of providing an arena to share information, experience and perspectives on environmental crimes and harms, advancing understandings and stimulating debate on environmental issues across the spheres of research, policy and practice and promoting the inclusion of environmental issues into criminological teaching and learning strategies, curricula and/or benchmarks. They currently have a membership of 86 members and 760 X followers.

*In 2020, the BSC launched the Vulnerability Network chaired by Harriet Pierpoint (University of South Wales) and Roxanna Dehaghani (Cardiff University). This network provides a forum for discussion on the complexities inherent to researching vulnerability within the context of crime and justice. In 2023, the Network organised a major two-day event 'The Vulnerable Accused' conference, at Cardiff University. The conference began with a keynote by Penny Cooper reflecting on progress made, lessons learned, and future endeavours. This was followed by three parallel sessions on topics such as neurodivergence, intellectual disability, accused children, confessions, cross-examinations, and rights and safeguards. The first day of the conference was brought to a close with the launch of the edited collection on Vulnerability, the Accused, and the Criminal Justice System (<https://www.routledge.com/Vulnerability-the-Accused-and-the-Criminal-Justice-System-Multi-jurisdictional/Dehaghani-Fairclough-Mergaerts/p/book/9781032070568>). Day 2 began with parallel sessions on supporting and identifying vulnerability and vulnerable defendants, followed later by further parallel sessions on effective participation in police custody and policing, interviewing, and interrogation. Towards the end of the conference, the network held collaborative workshops to provide space to discuss themes emerging from the conference papers and to explore how to take collaborative work further. The Network are in the process of compiling a shared documents folder so that, subject to participants' consent, they can share slides, papers, and other useful documents with all delegates, with the aim of informing best practice and further stimulating connections and conversations.

The conference brought together discussion across a number of disciplines, namely law, criminology, sociology, psychology, and speech, language and communication, and involved those in academia, policy, and practice.

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There are a number of outputs planned and underway, including a special issue, and extended abstracts (provided to delegates in advance of the conference) to be published on the Defending Vulnerability blog (<https://defendingvulnerability.wordpress.com>). The VRN also moved to Mailchimp and issued a newsletter and appointed some new theme leads with a view to them developing events.

The growth in specialist networks in the last few years has represented a considerable increase in Society activity, improving the discipline of criminology's research visibility and hence impact. Most of the networks have not just JISC mail lists of members – which are open to everybody not just BSC members – but also separate websites (for example, the Learning and Teaching Network <https://bscltn.wordpress.com/> and the Women, Crime and Criminal Justice Network <https://wccjn.wordpress.com/>) and blogs and X accounts to engage with the wider world. The BSC welcomes expressions of interest for new specialist networks and is in the process of launching a Probation and Community Justice Research Network for 2024.

Prizes Committee

In 2023, the Society awarded its Outstanding Achievement Award to Loraine Gelsthorpe, Emerita Professor at the Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge for her extensive and wide-ranging research on criminological topics, enhancing the discipline's interests on the national and international stage.

A former social worker, Professor Gelsthorpe has wide interests in the links between criminal justice and social justice, looking at race, gender and social exclusion, women and sentencing, and women, crime and criminal justice more generally. Her research includes a focus on the effectiveness of youth and community penalties and on pre-sentence reports. She also has a strong interest in research methodologies and research ethics; human trafficking and the criminalisation of migrants; and self-inflicted deaths under community supervision.

During her career, Professor Gelsthorpe has worked at the University of Lancaster, UCNW (Bangor) and at the LSE, which involved work with the Metropolitan Police and London boroughs on diversion from prosecution; men's prisons in the Midlands; and race and gender issues in pre-sentence reports. She began working for the University of Cambridge in 1991 and was the first female Director of the Institute of Criminology at the University of Cambridge from 2017-2022.

Professor Gelsthorpe sits on various government advisory committees (including HM Chief Inspector of Probation's Advisory Committee) and was one of two Deputy Chairs of the 2021 REF exercise (Social Policy/Social Work sub-panel 20). She was President of the British Society of Criminology 2011 - 2015. With Professor Michele Burman (University of Glasgow), she chairs the European Society of Criminology's Gender, Crime and Criminal Justice Working Group and is co-Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Criminology & Criminal Justice*. She became Chair of the Probation Institute in April of 2023.

Professor Gelsthorpe is a psychoanalytical psychotherapist in her spare time, and a trustee of Pembroke House, a community centre in Walworth, South London.

The annual book prize, sponsored by Routledge, was awarded to Jasmina Arnež for her book 'Negotiating Class in Youth Justice: Professional Practice and Interactions'.

The book examines how class shapes interactions between professionals, parents, and young people in the youth justice system, utilising a mix of contemporary social theory and a wealth of empirical material. It suggests ways to neutralise the effects of class on youth justice interventions in structurally unequal societies and argues for reform based on conceptions of negotiated justice, relational agency, and autonomy in dependence.

The author develops a theoretical framework to explore how class is negotiated within youth justice, taking as its starting point the work of Bourdieu on habitus, Boltanski and Thévenot on the sociology of lay normativity, and Sayer's work on moral understandings of class. This is combined with a detailed reading of empirical material gathered through focus groups, interviews with practitioners, parents and children, and participant observation of parenting courses. The result is an innovative revisiting of the part that social class plays in determining who is diverted into and away from youth justice and a sustained theoretical and empirical argument for the continued importance of class in criminological research.

The judges felt the book offers an original contribution to the fields of criminology, youth justice, and crime and the family. It provides an important source of knowledge for academics and practitioners interested in discussions on social class and indirect discrimination.

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This year's Postgraduate research poster prize was awarded to Anda Solea from the University of Portsmouth for her poster on '(Main)streaming Misogyny: An Analysis of the Manosphere on TikTok'. The award team felt that her poster was well structured and utilised infographics imaginatively to present an excellent and interesting case study researching communities of Incels on mainstream social media platforms.

The National Award for Excellence in Teaching Criminology 2023 was awarded to Danielle McDermott, Sarah Waite, Emma Tymon, Claire Vilarrubi and Andi Brierley of the Prisons and Custody Team at Leeds Trinity University for their Unlocked prison officer programme. In 2023, the Network launched a new network prize for outstanding contribution to the scholarship of teaching criminology and criminal justice, with the inaugural winner Ian Marder.

The winner of the Hate Crime Network 'Sophie and Sylvia Lancaster Prize' 2023 was Mark Walters for his book 'Criminalising Hate: Law as Social Justice Liberalism'.

We congratulate all of our 2023 prize winners.

Publications Committee

The editorial team from Southampton and Cambridge Universities Loraine Gelsthorpe, Anita Lavorgna and Pamela Ugwu-dike continued as editors-in-chief of the Society's journal Criminology & Criminal Justice. As always, we would like to thank the editorial team and also the reviewers for their prompt, rigorous and thoughtful reviews. The journal performed well across many metrics with a 5-year Impact Factor of 2.2 and a CiteScore of 4.6.

The most downloaded article in 2023 was again 'Like mother, like child? Sex differences in the maternal transmission of offending among a Scottish cohort of pre-adolescent children' by Babak Jahanshahi, Susan McVie and Kath Murray with 24,822 downloads followed by; 'Student motivations for studying criminology: A narrative inquiry' by Annie Bunce and Karen Bullock with 19,345. CCJ's top Altmetric Score (mentions of journal articles across online platforms) for Content Published in 2023 was for the article 'Image-based sexual abuse: Legislative and policing responses' by Antoinette Raffaella Huber.

The BSC, together with our co-owners Sage, are monitoring the impact of Open Access policies on our potential journal subscriptions and publishing milieu while exploring how to extend the journal's reach in terms of readership and contributors. The most cited article published in the last 3 years, sourced from CrossRef, was an open access article first published in September 2021 'A wee kick up the arse': Mentoring, motivation and desistance from crime' by Steve Kirkwood.

There were two Newsletters in 2023 – the summer Newsletter was on the theme of Prison University Partnerships with articles including 'Collaborating across prison walls and borders: co-creating an all-island curriculum that builds empathy and mutual understanding between diverse communities of North and South of Ireland prison-university partnerships' by Gillian McNaul, Shadd Maruna, Katharina Swirak, James Cronin, Maggie O'Neill and Kathleen White; and 'Inside Out: The Start of a Journey Michael Akinfenwa. Co-authoring a book with a former Learning Criminology Inside student' by Rose Broad, Emily Turner and Caroline Miles.

The winter newsletter was a Special Edition which contained articles by and was put together by the BSC Postgraduate community including articles 'Have the Simpsons made another prediction? Codeine-containing cough syrups as the recipe for happiness' by Cosimo Sidoti, University of Kent and 'Why undertake research on Shamima Begum? Because women's stories matter' by Jeanne Duley, University of Glasgow.

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The online Papers from the British Criminology Conference was also published. The journal was divided into two parts this year: panel and postgraduate papers. The panel section contained three papers presented as part of the main conference. Susan Watson's timely paper explores the dynamics of gender-based violence in online spaces. She demonstrates that while there is support for regulation of social media platforms to protect women from technology-facilitated gendered violence at the grassroots, it remains unclear how legislation such as the recently enacted Online Safety Act 2023 will operate in practice to protect women from abuse. Rachel Stuart and colleagues explore the impact of COVID-19 on exacerbating harms against members of Gypsy, Traveller and Roma communities, while demonstrating the importance of social and familial bonds to ensure the most socially excluded community members were still able to access information and support. Finally, Jen Neller explores the concept of hate crime through a framework of dignity violation, arguing that hate crime laws should sit apart from punitive ideologies and instead work alongside strategies aimed at reducing and ameliorating hatred and prejudice more effectively.

The second set of papers are from members of our BSC postgraduate researcher (PGR) community, as a way of sustaining the future of criminology through investing in our PGRs. The early postgraduate part of the conference was well attended, with a full house for the 'Publishing' workshop session hosted by BSC Publications Committee Chair Marian Duggan. During this session, PGRs were invited to assist with the production of this year's Online Journal. Four excellent PGRs – Anda Solea, Natalie Quinn Walker, Lily Graham, and Chloe Butler – took this up and became part of the editorial team for this edition. Feedback from this new initiative was extremely positive with PGRs previously unfamiliar with the process of journal reviewing and editing reporting the experience educational and fun with the added benefit of the opportunity to engage with emerging research.

The second section began with Laura Polley's paper exploring the evolution of OnlyFans and its positioning in relation to wider pornography landscapes, suggesting that this new medium may not be the game-changer for the pornography industry that media discourses present it to be. Next is Sarah Watson and colleagues examining the phenomenon of mass shootings and the policy implications of variable determinations followed by Jessica Rose Elias who adopts a zemiological approach in addressing the range of harms inherent in the ultra-fast fashion industry. Manikandan Soundararajan and colleagues demonstrate the complex dynamics of travel agents' evolution to become involved in migrant smuggling in India, and finally Yasmine Ezzeddine and Petra Saskia Bayerl examine the impact of artificial intelligence on people's behaviours while online. All submissions to the online journal went through rigorous peer review, with those deemed suitable for publication included in this year's edition. Our thanks to the reviewers for their careful engagement with submissions and helpful suggestions for improvement, and to all who submitted pieces for consideration.

The bi-monthly bulletin was sent to 99.5% of all members and the average 'open rate' was just over 45% which is well above the industry standard for Membership Organisations (23%) and Education (23% open rate). The average open rate for all industries in 2023 was 21.3% (source: Mailchimp).

The BSC blog: <https://thebscblog.wordpress.com/> continued to attract authors and readers, we received a number of good quality submissions during 2023. During the year we published 1 article per month and there were around 12,000 visitors.

Public Relations Committee

As in previous years, in 2023 the Society gave advisory information to a number of journalists. We tend to average one media enquiry per month. If these enquiries cannot be addressed immediately by the office staff, they are referred to chairs of respective BSC Networks, members of the Executive Committee or individual members who are listed in the Society's 'Knowledge Bank'. This was developed from what was previously known as the media list in order to distinguish suggested topic specialists from BSC spokespeople.

The regular social media programme has continued in a bid to keep members and wider society informed of Society activity and criminological events and issues. Our X (formerly Twitter) following stood at 25,100 (December 2023), another year-on-year increase. We are monitoring our continued use of X and reviewing LinkedIn as a potential alternative going forward.

Our website receives an average of 20,000 visits per month (majority UK but also, in order of size, USA, Australia, China, Canada, India, Pakistan, and others). The BSC conference page continued to be the most visited page during the year.

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We have also continued our monthly draw for free books in partnership with the main criminological publishers. This initiative, started in 2016, has proved popular with members (both early career and significantly more established).

Financial review

This year we have continued our policy of 'clarity in finance', to ensure that the Society's finances are presented in a transparent fashion so that the membership can easily ascertain the current financial position of the Society. To this end we have included detail on the nature of the expenditure and income streams of the Society, in particular the costs associated with the two membership journals. We have also included information in this section to further explain some of the figures in the financial report.

The Society's reported fund balances increased in 2023 from £179,189 at the end of 2022 to £214,395 as of December 31 2023, a level in keeping with the Society's regular expenditure plans and its reserves policy (see below). The increase is due to both savings made in venue hire, travel and subsistence due to the ongoing influence of changes in working practices during the pandemic and also noticeable increases in all three income streams.

We worked hard to increase memberships achieving a growth in subscription revenue to £81,055. Alongside long-term members we have a 25% flux and make continued efforts to attract and retain members in the face of increasing costs and financial uncertainty, introducing schemes to attract undergraduate and other groups. We also received £23,678 in profit share from our annual conference held at the University of Central Lancashire.

We should also report the ongoing financial success of our Journal Criminology & Criminal Justice which saw the Society receive a robust £40,765 in royalty income – an increase from 2022 in another very challenging year for academic publishing. Together with our publishing partner Sage, we continue to carefully monitor the impact on our finances as subscriptions pass from pay to read to pay to publish as a result of the government's open access publishing agenda. In 2023, it cost £29,045 (including the renegotiated reduced unit cost) to print member copies of the British Journal of Criminology (a form of support for this prestigious journal to which the Society has historical links) and an inflationary £12,148 for Criminology & Criminal Justice.

Mindful of the continuing unpredictable financial climate, the Society has sought to review ongoing service commitments and through an increasingly streamlined record-keeping structure and administration sought to cut costs. The Trustees will be assessing the short and midterm impacts of the ongoing cost-of-living crisis as part of their wider strategic planning and will adjust spending plans accordingly.

In summary, the finances throughout 2023 have remained healthy. The Society continues to improve its educative, research and policy-related interests and, while ensuring the financial security of the Society, wishes to continue to develop a project-based long-term strategy to ensure that funds are spent wisely to ensure the health of the discipline of criminology, for the benefit of our members and wider society (see below).

As ever, we would like to thank our Executive Director Charlotte Harris and Membership and Communications Coordinator Steven Rawlings for their excellent work in continually improving the Society's infrastructure and administration while progressing policy and wider interests. Particular efforts this year have centred on the conference experience and widening the membership offer to institutions and practitioners.

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Policy for holding reserves

The BSC has set its reserves at a level at least equivalent to three months' operational expenditure and has done so having regards to its manner of operation and likely funding streams. The reserves level includes staff salary and pension costs and other general running costs on average based on median year-on-year increases, together with the potential for each of its regional groups and specialist networks to draw on the £1,000 annual budget agreed as policy, while acknowledging that many of them do not. The figure does not include the £5,144 designated funds which belong to the Youth Criminology/Youth Justice and Learning and Teaching Networks from sponsorship and profit from paid for events. The reserves amount also recognizes the imbalanced payment-due dates of some of its main payments – i.e. the printing costs of journals both fall due in the early months of the calendar year.

The Society's main income streams are variable in nature with fluctuation in membership subscriptions and particularly annual conference income demonstrated in accounting records from previous years (this is in part deliberate as while the Society wishes to host its conference in all parts of the UK it recognises that some geographical areas are more intrinsically attractive, especially to overseas delegates, than others). Conference income is even more unpredictable in the current climate, with considerable uncertainty as to delegates' ability to procure conference attendance off employers and the off-putting prospect of the major cost implication of almost all truly hybrid options. Royalty income is also unpredictable in the next few years as the effects of the Government's Open Access policy become apparent. The trustees will review the amount of reserves that are required to ensure that they are adequate to fulfil the charity's continuing obligations on a quarterly basis at their executive meetings.

Future of the Society

The Society relies on three main income streams – membership subscriptions, journal royalties and annual conference income – and each must be reviewed to ensure the continued financial health of the charity. This is said acknowledging that some of the current financial health of the society is linked to reduced expenditure in terms of Executive Committee meetings and events being predominantly online.

The Society has moved to a more proactive membership strategy. A membership recruitment drive was begun in 2016 starting with former members and reaching out to new groups such as undergraduates and practitioners. Increased numbers of members will both increase income but also make the Society more relevant and impactful in its dealings with policy and out-facing groups. We have negotiating with our partner publishers re online-only membership options thus reducing print costs to those who really want a print copy of either our journal *Criminology & Criminal Justice*, or the *British Journal of Criminology*. We are also seeking to further streamline new joiner payments with publication back copies expenditure.

We are continuously striving to improve our annual conference experience and make the BSC attractive in the face of increasing competition in this field. The Executive Committee is very aware of the costs of attending the Society's conference and has been pursuing new ways to reduce fees and thereby increase access particularly to those who are deterred from attending by cost alone while also addressing the needs of potential delegates in other respects, including in the post pandemic period. While we may increase attendance and increase revenue in this way, while exploration is undertaken, this may have a negative impact on income levels.

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Structure, governance and management

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Prof B Goldson	
Dr H L Pierpoint	
Prof A J Brimicombe	(Resigned 11 May 2023)
Prof A Wahidin	(Resigned 20 September 2023)
Dr R C Vipond	
Prof A Tseloni	
Prof P Davies	
Dr O Smith	(Resigned 6 March 2023)
Prof J Treadwell	
Prof S Walklate	
Dr J Smith	
Prof D Best	(Resigned 22 April 2024)
Dr J W Heydon	(Resigned 7 August 2023)
Dr V Heap	
Dr M C Duggan	
Prof A E Millie	
Dr J Price	
Mrs G Gallacher	
Dr H Bows	
Dr S Young	
Dr E Miller	
Dr I Zempi	
Dr M Bhatia	
Dr T W Cockcroft	(Resigned 20 September 2023)
Dr G A Birkett	
Dr C Barlow	
Dr C A O'Reilly	
Dr A A Nurse	(Appointed 7 August 2023)
Dr T Ayres	(Appointed 6 November 2023)
Mrs S Plimley	(Appointed 22 April 2024)

The directors have conducted their own review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Significant external risks to funding have led to the development of a strategic plan, which will allow for the diversification of funding and activities. Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures of authorization of all transactions and projects and to ensure consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the Society. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the Society.

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report, including the strategic report, was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Prof P Davies

Trustee

Dated: 19/7/2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRITISH SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of British Society of Criminology (the Society) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Society (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Society are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Society's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (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

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 Society as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for 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).

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.



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Dated: 22 July 2024

BRITISH SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	3	747	-	747	806
<u>Charitable activities</u>					
Conference income		23,678	-	23,678	19,371
Subscriptions		81,055	-	81,055	76,966
Journals income	4	(6,428)	-	(6,428)	(10,853)
Post-grad bursary scheme		1,500	-	1,500	-
Investment income	5	2,513	-	2,513	487
Total income		103,065	-	103,065	86,777
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
<u>Charitable activities</u>					
Regional groups' spending	6	870	-	870	1,450
Prizes and sponsorship	6	117	-	117	407
Support and governance costs	7	62,051	-	62,051	59,444
Network expenses	6	4,821	-	4,821	3,979
Post-grad committee	6	-	-	-	458
Innovation fund	6	-	-	-	1,144
Total charitable expenditure		67,859	-	67,859	66,882
Total resources expended		67,859	-	67,859	66,882
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		35,206	-	35,206	19,895
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		174,045	5,144	179,189	159,294
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		209,251	5,144	214,395	179,189

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	12	18,564		890	
Cash at bank and in hand		200,122		182,409	
		<u>218,686</u>		<u>183,299</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(4,291)		(4,110)	
Net current assets			214,395		179,189
Income funds					
Restricted funds	14		5,144		5,144
Unrestricted funds			209,251		174,045
			<u>214,395</u>		<u>179,189</u>

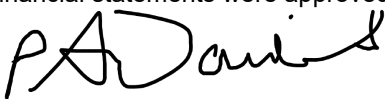
For the year ending 31 December 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 19/7/2024



Prof P Davies
Trustee

Company Registration No. 03515512

BRITISH SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

Company information

British Society of Criminology is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Suite 501, The Nexus Building, Broadway, Letchworth Garden City, Herts, SG6 9BL.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Society's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006, 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 Society is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Society 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 Society. 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 Society 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.

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

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the Society 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 Society 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.

Conference income is recognised in the period which the conference takes place.

Membership subscriptions are recognised in the period to which the subscription relates,

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Resources expended

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.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

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.

1.7 Financial instruments

The Society 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 Society's balance sheet when the Society 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.

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through income and expenditure, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected.

If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the Society transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables, accruals, 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 receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Accounts 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 payables 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 Society's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.8 Taxation

The company is exempt from corporation tax, it being a company not carrying on a business for the purposes of making a profit.

1.9 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Society is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.10 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Society'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.

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Donations and gifts	747	806

4 Charitable activities

	Journals income £	Total £	Total 2022 £
SAGE journal and other royalty receipts	40,765	40,765	32,226
Amounts payable to SAGE for printing	(12,148)	(12,148)	(9,048)
Amounts payable to OUP for printing	(29,045)	(29,045)	(28,031)
Amounts payable to CCJ editing team	(6,000)	(6,000)	(6,000)
	(6,428)	(6,428)	(10,853)
Analysis by fund			
Unrestricted funds	(6,428)	(6,428)	(10,853)

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Interest receivable	2,513	487

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

6 Charitable activities

	Regional groups' spending	Prizes and sponsorship	Member services	Network expenses	Post-grad committee	Innovation fund	Total	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Prizes and sponsorship	-	117	-	-	-	-	117	311
Travel and refreshments	870	-	-	4,821	-	-	5,691	-
	<u>870</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,821</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,808</u>	<u>311</u>
Support costs (see note 7)	-	-	56,501	-	-	-	56,501	56,066
Governance costs (see note 7)	-	-	5,550	-	-	-	5,550	8,404
	<u>870</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>62,051</u>	<u>4,821</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,859</u>	<u>64,781</u>
Analysis by fund								
Unrestricted funds	<u>870</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>62,051</u>	<u>4,821</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,859</u>	
	<u>870</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>62,051</u>	<u>4,821</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,859</u>	
For the year ended 31 December 2022								
Unrestricted funds	<u>1,450</u>	<u>407</u>	<u>59,444</u>	<u>3,979</u>	<u>458</u>	<u>1,144</u>		<u>66,882</u>
	<u>1,450</u>	<u>407</u>	<u>59,444</u>	<u>3,979</u>	<u>458</u>	<u>1,144</u>		<u>66,882</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Staff, training and office costs	54,513	-	54,513	52,215
Travel expenses	17	-	17	10
Insurance	503	-	503	493
Printing, postage and stationery	374	-	374	337
Telephone and fax	357	-	357	162
Subscriptions	595	-	595	540
Sundry expenses	142	-	142	150
Accountancy	-	3,885	3,885	3,600
Legal and professional	-	1,164	1,164	1,429
Bank charges	-	501	501	508
	<u>56,501</u>	<u>5,550</u>	<u>62,051</u>	<u>59,444</u>

The vast majority of time and expenditure relates to the provision of services to the society's members. It is therefore reasonable to allocate all support costs and governance costs to that activity as shown in note 6.

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year.

9 Employees

The average monthly number employees and consultants during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Administration	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and the Executive Director. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £31,949 (2021: £31,158).

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

10 Taxation

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

11 Financial instruments

	2023 £	2022 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	<u>200,522</u>	<u>182,409</u>
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Measured at amortised cost	<u>4,291</u>	<u>4,110</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

12 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	400	-
Prepayments and accrued income	18,164	890
	<u>18,564</u>	<u>890</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals and deferred income	4,291	4,110
	<u>4,291</u>	<u>4,110</u>

14 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2023 £	At 31 December 2023 £
	5,144	5,144
	<u>5,144</u>	<u>5,144</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2022 £	At 31 December 2022 £
	5,144	5,144
	<u>5,144</u>	<u>5,144</u>

15 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. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 December 2023 £
General funds	174,045	103,065	(67,859)	209,251
	<u>174,045</u>	<u>103,065</u>	<u>(67,859)</u>	<u>209,251</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

15 Unrestricted funds (Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£
General funds	154,150	86,777	(66,882)	174,045

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:			
Current assets/(liabilities)	209,251	5,144	214,395
	209,251	5,144	214,395

17 Related party transactions

No guarantees have been given or received.

During the year the Trustees received expenses amounting to £17 (2022: £10). These expenses were reimbursed to cover travel and subsistence costs to attend Executive Committee meetings and run the committees and networks.

In addition, G Gallacher received free registration to the annual conference.

Accounts

Charity registration number 1073154

Company registration number 03515512 (England and Wales)

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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	Prof A Tseloni	
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	Dr J Smith	
	Prof D Best	
	Dr J W Heydon	
	Dr V Heap	
	Dr M C Duggan	
	Prof A E Millie	
	Dr J Price	
	Mrs G Gallacher	
	Dr H Bows	
	Dr S Young	
	Dr E Miller	
	Dr I Zempi	(Appointed 14 February 2022)
	Dr M Bhatia	(Appointed 12 April 2022)
	Dr T W Cockcroft	(Appointed 28 June 2022)
	Dr G A Birkett	(Appointed 15 July 2022)
	Dr C Barlow	(Appointed 25 July 2022)
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Secretary	Prof A Wahidin	
Charity number	1073154	
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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BRITISH SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Society's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "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 2015)".

Objectives and activities

The Society's objectives are to advance public education about crime, criminal behaviour and the criminal justice systems in the United Kingdom. This is important for the running of civil society, to provide an educational and scrutiny role to public policy makers and ensure sufficient research evidence and education for future generations.

While we were pleased and relieved to see some return to business-as-normal in 2022 with a mainly face-to-face annual conference and some in-person network and regional events, the pandemic years continue to have an impact. Some of these are positive in that many of our events now include at least some hybrid elements to them, meaning that geography and other commitments are no longer a bar to more members attending events. It is also undoubtedly greener for many of the Executive Committee meetings to continue to be via Zoom. But the longer-term damage caused by Covid-19 has continued to be felt by many members and colleagues around the world. In addition, the current cost-of-living crisis and increasing energy and catering costs have impacted our own finances and also those of many of our members.

Membership

At the end of 2022, the Society had 982 members. This increase on 2021 figures included UK members with a current direct debit, overseas members, and honorary members receiving journal subscriptions. While there is an increase overall in membership numbers, the Society is monitoring the departure of a significant number of colleagues who cite financial pressures as the main reason for withdrawing from membership. One of the factors impacting our member number increase is the move to institutional payment. The recruitment initiative for separate group and individual options for undergraduates that began in 2020 has continued and the Society now supports some 777 students on such schemes.

Of our members, 82% are based in the UK and 18% are based overseas. The majority of members (85%) are in the university sector, approximately 7% are practitioners working in the public and independent sectors and 8% are postgraduate/undergraduate students: these represent fairly consistent proportions of members compared to the year before.

The Society is managed by its Executive Committee, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Executive Secretary of the Society, together with the Regional Groups and Specialist Networks Coordinator, all chairs of Specialist Networks, and chairs of the Publications, Prizes, Public Relations, Conference, Postgraduate and Professional Affairs & Ethics Committees. The Executive Committee can have up to four members 'without portfolio', one of these would usually be the previous President of the Society. Constitutionally, the Company Secretary is also a member of the Executive Committee and with the President, Executive Secretary and Treasurer forms the Finance and General Purposes Committee. In 2015, the AGM created a new role of Vice President to take some of the pressure of workload from the President and ensure greater continuity. The Society is governed by its Constitution, which is amended periodically via member vote at its AGM.

The eight committees, working electronically, have spread the burden of Society work more equitably, and increased capacity significantly. During 2022, the whole Executive Committee continued to meet via Zoom taking interim decisions occasionally via email correspondence. Online meetings are expected to continue into 2023 and to remain a regular feature of the EC meeting structure into the future.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

We would like to thank the trustees who have served the BSC and retired from the Executive this year and extend a particularly grateful appreciation to Professor Allan Brimicombe who has sat on the Executive Committee since 2010 twice as Crime and Statistics Network chair and since 2014 as Company Secretary where he has done a sterling job modernising our Constitution as necessary and monitoring legal ramifications as well as chairing AGMs. We also lost Nic Groombridge, another very long standing BSC EC member in his last role as Public Relations Committee chair – previously he had been Prizes Committee chair for many years. We are very grateful again for his time and commitment over the decades. Within the Networks, we lost Marian Duggan as Women Crime and Criminal Justice Network chair (though she had already taken on Publications); Bankole Cole as Race Matters Network chair and Matthew Jones as Policing Network chair.

Elections were held for the next President of the BSC to take on the role from summer 2023 resulting in Professor Pamela Davies of Northumbria University becoming President Elect in 2022.

Achievements and performance

Professional Affairs & Ethics Committee

- During 2019, the BSC began a process of strategic review to explore the role of the Society and plan for the future. This was overtaken by the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, the response to which has shaped discussions into the future of the annual conference in particular. The nature of what should be funded for regional and network events in the light of cutbacks to the annual conference delegate offer has been reviewed from a financial and principled perspective.

- The results from the REF21 were published in 2022 and, in the light of the spread of criminology submissions across multiple subpanels across Main Panel C but also elsewhere, the BSC has pressed for the promised bespoke report on how criminology as a discipline performed, in terms of quantity and quality, to be published. While it appears that the flagging system did not work consistently meaning exact figures are not available yet, the feedback so far is that criminology performed well in terms of quality of research.

- Former BSC President Peter Squires launched a new project – ‘The Theft of Criminology’ – after noticing the disappearance of the discipline from initially the ACSS’s drop down menu of Fellows’ research interests. While this has been resolved, members have reported the absence of criminology on other drop-down menus including in some departments of the ESRC.

- The BSC awarded two Innovation Fund grants to events and projects showing innovation in approach. These were the fifth Annual Ethnographies of Crime and Control Symposium held at King’s College, University of Cambridge, and a series of seminars at Sheffield University exploring how art, sights and sounds can be used to explore criminology.

- The BSC report from a specially commissioned survey on sexual misconduct in the higher education setting Challenging Behaviour was published in 2022. The survey, undertaken in 2021, emanated from some of the free text commentary in our previous teaching and researching criminology survey (see 2019 conference papers). During 2021, the BSC invited members to take part in a follow-up survey exploring issues related to sexual misconduct in higher education environments. The questions explored whether participants had experience of student disclosures, whether they felt equipped to deal with these incidents, the extent to which they felt supported by their institutions on these matters, and whether they had personally experienced sexual misconduct in the workplace. This scoping survey formed part of wider, ongoing efforts to better recognise, respond to, and reduce sexual misconduct at higher education settings. Despite only a small proportion of the total BSC member base taking part (n=50), and some respondents choosing not to answer certain questions, the insights obtained contribute to a growing body of information and awareness about sexual misconduct in UK HEIs. The results were analysed by WCCJN chair Marian Duggan and recommendations made as to what HEIs and organisations such as the BSC can do to reduce sexual misconduct including at conferences.

- The BSC continued its more discussion-based AGM format begun in 2021 (with its former Presidents discussion to mark the Society’s 60th anniversary) with a discussion around how, if and why the BSC should speak out on issues relating to the criminological community, such as redundancies and strikes and criminal justice issues more widely. The event was well attended and contributed to with the discussions summarized in a later blog. An online link was provided so that members could again access the AGM remotely.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

- A change to the constitution in relation to allowing leave from the EC for reasons of pregnancy, parental leave and long-term sickness was approved at the AGM.
- The BSC had worked with the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) to review the Criminology benchmark statement for teaching criminology at HEIs which was published in March 2023. Criminology was one of 13 subjects reviewed in 2021 and a diverse group of criminologists including BSC trustees Bankole Cole, Rachel Vipond, Grace Gallacher, Azrini Wahidin, Andrew Millie and James Treadwell and Executive Director Charlotte Harris together with regional group chairs were formed to review the 2019 statement with new criteria of inclusivity and sustainability. The subsequent draft report was put out for consultation in December 2021 and the consultation responses considered in early 2022.
- The BSC continued to work with the Academy of Social Sciences and the Society Publishers' Coalition (a grouping of not-for-profit academic journal owners across the disciplines) on common issues and policy areas across the social sciences and academic disciplines more generally including the practicalities and impact of open access publication, the role and continued financial viability of learned societies, hybrid conferencing and inclusion and diversity.
- The BSC continued to respond to queries from both individuals and outside bodies for ethical advice and review, receiving unanimously positive feedback for its input.

Conference Committee

The postponed face-to-face conference at the University of Surrey, 'Reimagining Criminological Futures: New Criminologies in a Changing World', took place in June 2022. Plenary speakers included Neil Chakraborti, Amanda Haynes, Paul Giannasi, Jennifer Schweppe, Shane Johnson, Pamela Ugwu-dike, Martin Innes, Manuel Eisner and Nigel South on themes of Identity, empowerment and division; understanding crime futures; transformations in power, legitimacy and compliance; developments in science and technology; justice policy and practice and their outcomes and criminological perspectives on global crises.

In response to feedback from potential delegates, the conference was predominantly face-to-face though plenary sessions were available remotely as were certain elements of break-out sessions and speaker contributions on request.

The BSC and the University of Surrey were committed to reducing the environmental footprint of the 2022 annual conference by keeping waste and carbon emissions to a minimum. University of Surrey catering outlets cut down on packaging and where possible utilised compostable materials. We did not print conference programmes - conference details were available on the website. We encouraged participants to bring a reusable water bottle and cup to reduce the use of single use plastics. Food served at the conference dinner was vegan/vegetarian, as were the breakfasts served to those in university accommodation. Delegates were encouraged to travel to the conference in as sustainable a way as possible, using public transport and where possible avoiding flying.

A special virtual edition of the British Journal of Criminology with articles exploring the themes of the conference was edited by Francesca Menichelli and Giulia Berlusconi from the university host team.

The conference was very well received by delegates who welcomed the opportunity to network face-to-face once more. We would like to thank the team at the University of Surrey for rising to the challenge of hosting the conference in the face of the shifting scenarios presented throughout the planning months due to changing pandemic regulations.

Postgraduate Committee

The BSC postgraduate social media presence has a blog and 3,400 members in the Facebook group, all of which creates a vibrant online community that not only shares news and insights on criminological issues, but also represents a platform to share event details, research methods and best practices and in general inform and disseminate the values and principles of the Society. The Committee has also identified the need to strengthen and consolidate the steering group with people at the start of their PhD in order to manage continuity through the committee's activities – currently too many committee members become so very near the end of their studies.

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The Committee organised a day-long hybrid event online and in person at the University of Staffordshire and in conjunction with the BSC Critical Criminology Network focusing on Critical Criminology reflections on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and including student masterclasses and a keynote from Professor Daniel Briggs from the University of Europea.

As usual, the postgraduate committee held a pre-event at the annual conference offering the postgraduate community the opportunity to network, present to their peers and take part in bespoke training and breakout sessions, this year centering on emotions and wellbeing in research, networking and building a strong CV, moving from PGR to employment and the perils of publishing. Keynote Eamonn Carrabine, editor-in-chief of the British Journal of Criminology, spoke about Developing an Academic Identity and a Research Agenda. The BSC offered a number of free places to postgraduate members to attend the full conference, sponsored by donations from individual BSC members as well as the Society.

Public Relations Committee

As in previous years, in 2022 the Society gave advisory information to a number of journalists. We tend to average one media enquiry per month. If these enquiries cannot be addressed immediately by the office staff, they are referred to chairs of respective BSC Networks, members of the Executive Committee or individual members who are listed in the Society's 'Knowledge bank'. This was developed from what was previously known as the media list in order to distinguish suggested topic specialists from BSC spokespeople.

The regular Tweeting programme has continued in a bid to keep members and wider society informed of Society activity and criminological events and issues. Our Twitter following (at December 2022) stood at 24,600 – another large year-on-year increase.

Our website receives an average of 20,000 visits per month (majority UK but also, in order of size, USA, Australia, China, Canada, India, Pakistan, and others). The BSC conference page was the most visited page during the year. The BSC Website/Members' area was redesigned in 2022 taking into consideration members' responses to a survey conducted in January 2022. The new website has been favourably received and there has been an increase in visitors to the new Members' area which includes a popular Criminologist Cornered feature where members answer a series of criminological and more personal questions.

We have also continued our monthly draw for free books in partnership with the main criminological publishers. This initiative, started in 2016, has proved popular with members (both early career and significantly more established).

Regional Groups and Specialists Networks Committee

We are extremely fortunate in having dedicated teams working around the country hosting exceptional events which go to the heart of our main charitable aim. As our accounts show, the Networks particularly got back to hosting face-to-face events in 2022 but with many still offering a remote option accessible to a wider audience, not limited to the local area and providing legacy products for those not able to attend at the time of the event. Many event organisers also wrote blogs to summarise key talks and discussions for those unable to attend. The Society thanks all those who organize and speak at these events as well as those who attend and join in the discussions.

Regional events included:

- Yorkshire and Humberside branch organised an event exploring 'Emotionally Challenging Research' at the Leeds Trinity University campus in Horsforth on November with Keynote speaker Sharon Grace (University of York) on 'Hearing the voices of women involved in drugs and crime'.
- 'COVID and Imprisonment' was the theme of the BSC Midlands regional group event held at the University of Nottingham in February. Speakers included Lynn Saunders OBE 'Prison leadership during COVID'. Olga Suhomlinova 'Transgender and non-binary prisoners and COVID', Steve Bravery 'COVID prison risk assessment, risk reduction, and remote reviews during COVID', Paula Harriott & PPN 'COVID-19 Action Prisons Project: Tracking Innovation, Valuing Experience' and Oscar O'Mara 'A prison ethnography PhD during COVID'.

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• The Midlands group also organised an Author Meets Critic event 'Complex Inequalities and Innovative Solutions' at the University of Derby in July. The speakers and critics for this event were: Valeria Abreu, University of Derby – 'Changing Patterns of Domestic Homicide in light of COVID-19 in England and Wales'. Thomas Guiney, University of Nottingham – 'Parole, Parole Boards and the institutional Dilemmas of Contemporary Prison Release', Andrew Henley, University of Nottingham – 'When 'Ideal Victim' meets 'Criminalised Other': Criminal Records and the Denial of the Victim', and David Patton, University of Derby – 'Motivations for Change in Drug Recovery: Turning Points as the Antidotes to the Pains of Recovery'.

The BSC now has fourteen specialist network groups increasing its potential to reach out, influence and educate. The networks are:

*The Youth Criminology/Youth Justice Network (YC/YJN), established in 2008 'to open communication and facilitate critical reflection and exchange within and between the academic, policy and practice communities nationally and internationally', and chaired by Barry Goldson (Liverpool University).

*The Crime and Justice Statistics Network (CJSN), established in 2009, and chaired by Machi Tseloni in 2022 is a virtual community defined by the JISCMail CRIME-JUSTICE-STATS which serves as a base for sending out relevant information and announcements, most notably calls for consultations on pending or under consideration changes in crime and justice data definitions, production and reporting by the Office for National Statistics, Home Office and Ministry of Justice. The Network provides an arena for debate about the production and publication of crime and justice statistics; works to improve perception and public trust in crime and justice statistics and supports the proper interpretation of crime statistics and encourages greater analytic use of criminal justice statistics and surveys. Current membership stands at 165.

*The Women, Crime and Criminal Justice Network, established in 2011, was chaired in 2022 by Marian Duggan of Kent University, then Gemma Birkett of City University. The network exists to support scholarship on women, crime and criminal justice, and to foster research of the highest standard. In addition to promoting scholarship on women, crime and criminal justice, the network also aims to support women as criminological scholars. The Network has 206 JISCMail subscribers; 172 Member Database Entries; and a Twitter account with 2,067 followers.

The Network organised a wealth of events and initiatives in 2022:

• The Network held a one-day conference in conjunction with the BSC Victims Network at City University addressing perpetrators of violence against women by exploring the evidence gap in this area acknowledged by the UK Government who have commissioned research and pilot projects on perpetrators of domestic violence to inform the wider Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy and forthcoming Domestic Abuse Act (2021). Keynote speakers were Michael Flood (Queensland University of Technology) on the research side and Jo Todd, CEO Respect, practice.

• It published more videos in its Connecting Criminologists series, aiming to pair early career academics with later career academics having a critical conversation accessible enough to be widely shared beyond academia, a project started in 2020. In 2022, interviews included Emma Milne interviewing Pamela Davies, Sarah Waite interviewing Gemma Aherne. Arta Jalili-Idrissi interviewing Patricia Gray Jenny Korkodeilou interviewing Sandra Walklate and Hannah Marshall interviewing Emma Wincup.

• The Network continued its termly newsletter to showcase WCCJ members' activities. Content included news on recent publications, research projects and events which members may be involved with. Each newsletter also featured a spotlight on a member of the network highlighting their research and background.

• The group continued its online writing group for members which began in October 2021. The group meets via Zoom once a week for 90 mins. There have been more than 30 different attendees so far, with around 4– 6 people attending per session. People have been working on a range of different writing projects.

• The Network organised four WCCJN-themed panels at this year's BSC annual conference comprising of approximately two dozen members. The Network also organized a 'buddy up' scheme linking PGRs, ECRs, or those new to conferences.

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*The Policing Network, also established in 2011 with the core aims of advancing understanding of policing studies and providing an arena for information exchange, critical analysis and debate across the research, policy and practice communities – nationally and internationally - was chaired during 2022 by Matt Jones (Open University) and Katerina Hadjimatheou (University of Essex). The Policing Network continues to be a significant source of information exchange and networking for police researchers and practitioners in the UK and abroad. It now has over 250 members. During 2022, the Network published a number of blogs including 'What did we learn from the evidence given by Special Branch managers to the Undercover Policing Inquiry?' by Raphael Schlembach and 'A solution to pitch invasions at football matches: social crime prevention, not "more policing"' by Richard Hester, and 'Lived Experience Advisor Scheme – Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall' by Davina Cull.

*The Learning and Teaching Network was established in 2012 as a vehicle bringing together colleagues across the discipline with a specific learning and teaching interest while looking for opportunities to embed good practice at module, course and programme levels. The Network was chaired by Suzanne Young in 2022 and the Network now has 100 members.

During 2022, the Network launched its Talking Teaching with Criminologists podcast (<https://anchor.fm/talkteachcrim>) with 6 episodes of the podcast published and a further 7 recorded ready to be released.

The Network also took part in a British Academy festival of ideas that celebrates research from the humanities and social sciences. Each year they host a school's day that invites students in years 12 and 13 from local schools to attend talks and workshops led by researchers and learned societies. The LTN experience of the festival was recorded in a blog on the BSC website.

The Network held an online seminar series covering Authentic Assessments in criminology, Restorative Approaches to Learning and Teaching and What Does Employability Look Like in Criminology. The last event Managing Difficult Conversations in the Classroom took place in December. This 90-minute seminar comprised two 30-minute presentations – 'Cultivating trauma-informed pedagogies in criminology: Insights from student victim-survivors' by Julia Downes (The Open University) and 'An inclusive learning design approach to individual and socially sensitive topics in the classroom' by Rachael Burns and Cynthia Meersohn Schmidt (University of York) - followed by 30 minutes for questions and networking.

The Network has published three new blog posts on the LTN website - Sean Butcher: 'Taking stock of employability in criminology: how much do we really know about our students?', Gary Saunders: 'Why Students as Producer?' and Julia Downes: 'How Can We Better Support Student Learning of Sensitive Topics in Distance Education?'

*The Victims Network was set up by Pamela Davies of Northumbria University in 2014 bringing together those who have interests around victims of crime and social harm, survivors and resilience. In 2022 it was chaired by Hannah Bows (University of Durham). Its key activity during 2022 was the joint event with the Women Crime and Criminal Justice Network on perpetrators of violence against women described above.

*The Critical Criminology Network - launched in 2015 - was chaired in 2022 by Oliver Smith (Plymouth University) and Tammy Ayres (University of Leicester) with a remit to 'breathe new life into critical criminology, encouraging critical criminologists to hatch new ideas that relate to the world as it is now'. The Critical Criminology Network worked in partnership with the BSC Postgraduate Committee to organise the day of masterclasses and mindful critical criminological reflections of the impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic described above.

*The Prison Research Network (PRN) was set up in 2015 and is currently chaired by David Best from Leeds Trinity University with Sarah Plimley from Staffordshire University as the vice-chair. It provides a forum for prison researchers to share information and experience about prisons. Sub-groups within the network include a post-graduate and ECR group and an education in prisons group. The membership currently stands at 92 and the Network has a vibrant online presence, particularly on Twitter. In addition to a recent seminar about User Voice research in prison from Shadd Maruna from Queens University in Belfast, the Network organised presentations from Faye Taxman from George Mason University about drugs research in prisons and from Mike Wheatley from the Ministry of Justice about building recovery models in UK Prisons.

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*The Early Career Researchers Network was launched in 2016 under the chair of Anna Sergi (Essex University) and chaired in 2022 by Adam Lynes of Birmingham City University and Jayne Price at Chester, with an aim to support post-doctoral researchers as they enter criminological working life, thus concentrating on events and initiatives of interest to this specific group. Following a survey at the end of 2020, the Network established a Zoom informal catch-up space to give Early Career criminologists the opportunity to meet other ECs and have discussions about research, surviving online teaching, juggling PhD, managing workload, uncertainty and anything else! Badged Meet Up!, later events included talks followed by informal catch ups at a time well suited to work and homelife commitments. Talks in 2022 included BSC LTN chair Suzanne Young on delivering Learning and teaching as an Early Career Researcher. This interactive session offered guidance on planning and delivering lectures and seminars, and offered tips on the most effective ways to engage students.

*The Historical Criminology Network (chaired in 2022 by Esmorie Miller, London South Bank University, now Lancaster University) was set up in 2018. In February 2022 the Network held its inaugural Meet the Authors event. Dave Churchill, Iain Channing, and Henry Yeomans discussed their new book Historical Criminology. Held online, the event - the first of a planned series - attracted a global audience with attendees from Ghana, Chile, Ireland, the United States, Canada, Kenya, Peru and Malta with a lively and wide-ranging Q&A. The Network are keen to maintain the international audience by offering hybrid events. Their events have included 'Decolonization and Counter-Colonial Criminology' with speaker Biko Agozino – Professor of Sociology, Virginia Tech University, Virginia, USA. 'Anti-Gender Politics in the Populist Moment' with speaker Elzbieta Korolczuk – Associate professor in sociology, Sodertorn University, Stockholm Sweden, and 'Racist-Gendered State Violence: Punishing Migrant Women and Separating Families' with speaker Monish Bhatia – Lecturer in Criminology, Birkbeck University and BSC Race Matters Network chair. The Network's biggest event was a two-day conference at University College Dublin 'War Makes Monsters: crime & criminality in times of conflict' held in June 2022 – the adage 'war makes monsters' - war makes criminals of some, while exonerating others - created a context for the renegotiation of what constitutes 'crime' in an historical and global context from medieval times to the present day.

*The Hate Crime Network also launched in 2018 originally chaired by Jo Smith (Brighton University) but during 2022 chaired by Irene Zempi (Nottingham Trent University) held podcasts, a series of PGR and ECR online events and a major hybrid conference; and launched a newsletter.

The Hate Crime Network podcast series included the following guests: Jack López – 'Trans Rights are Human Rights'; Stephen MacDonald, Catherine Donovan and John Clayton, who won the 2022 Hate Crime Network Article Prize Award for their paper "I may be left with no choice but to end my torment" disability and intersectionalities of hate crime'; Monish Bhatia, who won the 2021 Hate Crime Network Article Prize Award for the paper: 'The Permission to be Cruel: Street-Level Bureaucrats and Harms Against People Seeking Asylum'; and Michael Rowe and Ruth Lewis, who won the 2019 Hate Crime Network Article Prize Award for their paper 'Misogyny Online: Extending the boundaries of Hate Crime'.

The Hate Crime Network continued to run regular online events to create a supportive space for PGRs and ECRs who are researching within the area of hate studies. These included an interactive workshop with Chris Allen about policy, public engagement and impact; a presentation by Daisy Matthews discussing how religious and spiritual sex workers negotiate their identities for safety and stigma management; and a presentation from Amrik Singh exploring the impact of neutral, pro-defendant and pro-victim LGBT & non-LGBT-co-mock-jurors on mock-juror decisions in transphobic hate crime.

The key event organised by the Hate Crime Network was a one-day Disability Hate Crime conference 'Known harms and future directions' held in June 2022 at the University of Leicester with total hybrid access. The purpose of the conference was to bring together victims, academics, support organisations and elements of the criminal justice system to discuss the impacts of disability hate crime (DHC). 102 people attended in person and 178 online. The event was recorded, and the slides and recording are available on the Network webpage. The Network also developed accessibility measures to ensure inclusivity including an accessible venue, free parking on site, reserved seats for those who needed front row seating/space, a lectern with adjustable height and seating at the front for speakers who might not be able to stand for long, three quiet rooms, agendas printed on coloured paper for easy reading, slides sent out before the event and volunteers to help on the day.

In December 2022, the Hate Crime Network launched its first online newsletter, which provides an update on the latest news and events regarding the Network (published every 3 months).

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*The Race Matters Network was launched in 2019 chaired by Coretta Phillips (LSE) and Pamela Ugwuodike (University of Southampton). In 2022, it was chaired by Monish Bhatia (Birkbeck) and Bankole Cole (Sheffield Hallam). The aim of the Network is to foster greater attention to the dynamics of race and racism in criminological projects and practice, including in the wider work of the BSC; offer support, solidarity and academic development to Black and minority ethnic scholars in criminology, as well as those working within the subfield of race and criminology; engage with local communities, practitioners and policy makers to influence, listen and inform around questions of race and racism; and to foster wider recognition of the contribution of Black and minority ethnic scholars to criminology, historically, nationally and internationally.

In 2022, the Network held an extensive seminar series including:

'Counterterrorism in the UK: The Policing of Muslims in the name of fighting armed Muslim Groups'. Rizwaan Sabir (Liverpool John Moores University).

'The Muslim, State and Mind: The Psychologisation of Counter-Extremism'. Tarek Younis, (Middlesex University), with discussant Arun Kundnani, author of 'The Muslims are Coming! Islamophobia, extremism, and the domestic War on Terror' (Verso, 2014) and 'The End of Tolerance: racism in 21st century Britain' (Pluto, 2007), which was selected as a New Statesman book of the year.

'Crisis Ordinarity and Racial Justice' by Nasar Meer, Director of RACE.ED at the University of Edinburgh.

'Policing the Borders Within: Globalisation, State Power and Magic' by Ana Aliverti, University of Warwick.

'Blackscapes: Urban Precarity, State Violence and Insurgent Politics in a Zone of Nonbeing' by Dr Jamie Amparo Alves.

Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian: 'Racialized Swarming, Sacralized Politics, and Criminal Penetrabilities: Occupied Jerusalem, and Settler Colonial Israel'

Ather Zia: 'Decolonizing Postcolonialism And The Case Of Kashmir'

Gemma Lousley: 'Racialised Constructions Of Punishability in Sentencing Hearings For 'Unwanted' Migrants'

Jon Burnett (and Professor Avery Gordon as discussant) 'Rethinking Work and the Carceral State'

Coretta Phillips: 'Race Against the Machine: Febrile Politics and Stasis Criminology'

Aaron Winter: 'White Terror: On the Far Right, Counterterrorism and the Racialisation of Violence'

*The Green Criminology Research Network, was also set up in 2019 and chaired by James Heydon of Nottingham University and Angus Nurse of Nottingham Trent University during 2022 with the aims of providing an arena to share information, experience and perspectives on environmental crimes and harms, advancing understandings and stimulating debate on environmental issues across the spheres of research, policy and practice and promoting the inclusion of environmental issues into criminological teaching and learning strategies, curricula and/or benchmarks. They currently have a membership of 86 members and 760 Twitter followers.

*In 2020 the BSC launched the Vulnerability Network chaired by Harriet Pierpoint (University of South Wales) and Roxanna Dehaghani (Cardiff University). This network provides a forum for discussion on the complexities inherent to researching vulnerability within the context of crime and justice. In 2022, the Network launched its own website and hosted a podcast 'Mental Health & Policing' by Samantha Weston (Otherwise Silent) exploring the ways in which the police come into contact with people suffering from mental health conditions with the backdrop of austerity and cuts to services.

The growth in specialist networks in the last few years has represented a considerable increase in Society activity, improving the discipline of criminology's research visibility and hence impact. Most of the networks have not just JISC mail lists of members – which are open to everybody not just BSC members – but also separate websites (for example, the Learning and Teaching Network <https://bscltn.wordpress.com/> and the Women, Crime and Criminal Justice Network <https://wccjn.wordpress.com/>) and blogs and Twitter accounts to engage with the wider world. The BSC welcomes expressions of interest for new specialist networks.

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Prizes Committee

In 2022, the Society awarded its Outstanding Achievement Award to Professor Nigel South, Emeritus Professor at Essex University, in recognition of half a century of work in academic and real-world criminology.

The ground-breaking academic was one of the first criminologists to highlight the privatisation of policing and criminal justice in the UK. He worked with MPs and pressure groups to campaign for regulation of private security companies, door security, and private investigators.

Professor South also worked at the Institute for the Study of Drug Dependence throughout the 1980s, acting as a leading commentator on drugs issues and policy. He was one of the early champions of the 'harm reduction' approach and was a member of the founding editorial board of the International Journal of Drug Policy which helped shape worldwide drug policy reform.

Recent work has focused on the area of 'green' criminology and he was one of a small number of founding figures in this new field. This partly reflected an intellectual interest in the question of why criminology and public health fail to engage effectively given the dynamics of exclusion and poverty that drive many shared problems related to pollution, drugs, alcohol, housing, and social injustice. These connections have been even more relevant in the pandemic. Professor South is a member of the Essex Sustainability Institute.

Professor South has published more than 28 books and journal special issues as author, co-author, editor or co-editor, and more than 170 articles and book chapters. He is currently European Editor of Critical Criminology, an Associate Editor of Deviant Behavior, and a member of the international editorial board of International Journal for Crime, Justice and Social Democracy. He has previously served on the editorial boards of Sociology, The International Journal of Drug Policy and The Howard Journal of Criminal Justice. From January 2015 to August 2021, he was Director of the Centre for Criminology at Essex.

Professor South has provided mentoring and support to others via community activities, PhD supervision and employment of early career researchers on funded projects. In management roles he brought the strengths of a sociological and criminological perspective to various projects and partnerships, including work with the NHS, developments at new university campuses in HE 'cold spots' in Southend and Ipswich, widening participation initiatives, and support for schools in areas of multiple deprivation, as well as coordinating a knowledge-exchange partnership with an NHS 'social enterprise' promoting community-based service provision. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Open Road, the drug and alcohol services charity.

The annual book prize, sponsored by Routledge, was awarded to Raven Bowen for her book 'Work, Money and Duality: Trading Sex as a Side Hustle'. Raven Bowen is Chief Executive Officer at National Ugly Mugs, a pioneering, national organisation that provides greater access to justice and protection for sex workers who are often targeted by dangerous individuals and face obstacles to reporting, access to service and police protection. Based on extensive empirical work, her book illustrates contemporary accounts of individuals taking extraordinary risks to hold jobs in both sex industries and non-sex work employment. It also opens a dialogue about how sex industries are stratified in the UK in terms of race and culture against the backdrop of Brexit. Debunking stereotypes of sex workers and challenging our stigmatisation of them, this book makes an invaluable contribution to discourses about work, society and future policy.

Rachel Vipond, Chair of the BSC Prizes committee and judging panel, said: 'The skills shown by Raven in bringing together such a vast range of knowledge about and knowledge sources on the subject of sex work is a huge contribution to make as a criminologist and for other criminologists to bear witness to. One of the main attributes of the book is its ability to make a wider contribution to the discipline of criminology – beyond a criminology that is primarily concerned about sex work – a criminology that concerns itself with preventable harms, precarity, inequality and quasi-criminal and social justice (surely core criminological and victimological concerns) will find this book has a contribution to make to their own criminological imagination should they wonder about picking it up as a monograph ostensibly about trading sex. It was a worthy winner in a very high-quality field.'

This year's Postgraduate research poster prize was awarded to Jana Macfarlane Horn from the Open University. The award team felt that her poster was interesting aesthetically whilst presenting excellent case studies to highlight the main themes of corporate crime and accountability.

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The Women, Crime and Criminal Justice Network awarded their 2022 Paper Prize to Gemma Ahearne for her article 'Criminologist or criminal? Liminal spaces as the site for auto/biography' in which she speaks candidly about her own involvement in the sex industry, her connections to organised crime, and her experience of victimisation, trauma and criminalisation. Reviewers felt that Ahearne's valuable 'insider researcher' contribution 'stands in contrast to a field which remains androcentric and often romanticises violent masculine subjects', and that Ahearne is 'disrupt[ing] the status quo and challen[ging] the structural inequalities of the discipline by voicing her truth'. Ahearne shows that women's auto/biographies matter and should be central to the discipline of criminology.

The 2022 Hate Crime Network Article Prize was awarded to Professor Stephen MacDonald, Professor Catherine Donovan and Dr John Clayton for their paper "I may be left with no choice but to end my torment": disability and intersectionalities of hate crime".

The National Award for Excellence in Teaching Criminology 2022 LTN Prize was awarded to Christopher Kay and Jenny Ardley from Loughborough University. They received the award for their Rehabilitation and Recovery module. Their module utilises technology enhanced learning to provide 'lived experience' insight through an innovative video diary approach, and offers students the opportunity to supervise this fictional 'client' serving a community order. There were clear links to graduate skills and a strong embedding of student support evidenced in the application, and the judging panel were very impressed with the demonstration of innovative practice.

We congratulate all of our 2022 prize winners.

Publications Committee

The new editorial team from Southampton and Cambridge Universities Loraine Gelsthorpe, Anita Lavoragna and Pamela Ugwuodike continued as editors-in-chief of the Society's journal Criminology & Criminal Justice. As always, we would like to thank the editorial team and also the reviewers for their prompt, rigorous and thoughtful reviews. The journal performed well across many metrics with a 5-year Impact Factor of 2.687 and a CiteScore of 4.9.

The most downloaded article in 2022 was 'Like mother, like child? Sex differences in the maternal transmission of offending among a Scottish cohort of pre-adolescent children' by Babak Jahanshahi, Susan McVie, Kath Murray with a remarkable 28.830 downloads. CCJ's top Altmetric Score (mentions of journal articles across online platforms) for Content Published in 2022 was for the article 'Technology-facilitated violence: A conceptual review' by Matthew Mitchell, Jackson Wood, Tully O'Neill and Mark A. Wood.

The BSC together with our co-owners Sage are monitoring the impact of Open Access policies on our potential journal subscriptions and publishing milieu while exploring how to extend the journal's reach. in terms of readership and contributors. Open Access Agreements continued to grow in 2022, enabling Sage to offer more routes to open access for our authors. New policy initiatives on Open Access were expected in 2023.

There were two Newsletters in 2022 – the summer Newsletter was on the theme of 'Sexual Violence, Safety, and Space' and the winter one contained articles on the subject of 'Drug Market Developments'. The 'open rate' for both newsletters was 50%.

The online Papers from the British Criminology Conference was also published including an article from OAA winner Nigel South 'Arguing with Stan and Revisiting Rosa: Some Thoughts on New Criminologies in a Changing World', 'Architecture for Disappearance: Performing Repression and Memory in a Former Torture Site in Buenos Aires' by Michael Wellch, 'The Failure to Label: The Role of Discourse in Resistance to Recognising 'Misogyny' as a Hate Crime' by Kim McGuire, and ' British Victims of Modern Slavery: Journeys into Criminal Exploitation and Alternative Interventions' by Craig Barlow.

The bi-monthly bulletin was sent to 99.5% of all members and the average 'open rate' was just over 41% which is well above the industry standard for Membership Organisations (23%) and Education (29% open rate). The average open rate for all industries in 2022 was 21.3% (source: Mailchimp).

The BSC blog: <https://thebscblog.wordpress.com/> continued to attract authors and readers, although we received fewer good quality submissions during 2022. As a response to this, the chair of the Publications Committee Marian Duggan hosted a Blog writing workshop which was well attended and received.

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During the year we published 12 articles and there were around 14,000 visitors.

Financial review

This year we have continued our policy of 'clarity in finance', to ensure that the Society's finances are presented in a transparent fashion so that the membership can easily ascertain the current financial position of the Society. To this end we have included detail on the nature of the expenditure and income streams of the Society, in particular the costs associated with the two membership journals. We have also included information in this section to further explain some of the figures in the financial report.

The Society's reported fund balances increased in 2022 from £159,294 at the end of 2021 to £179,189 as of 31 December 2022, a level in keeping with the Society's regular expenditure plans and its reserves policy (see below). The increase is majorly due to savings made in venue hire, travel and subsistence due to the ongoing impact of the lockdown.

We worked hard to increase memberships with a noticeable increase in subscription revenue to £76,966. Alongside long-term members we have a 25% flux and make continued efforts to attract and retain members in the face of increasing costs and financial uncertainty introducing schemes to attract undergraduate and other groups. We also received £19,371 in profit share from our annual conference held at the University of Surrey.

The Society continued to receive 23 standing order payments varying in amounts from a few pounds to an outdated membership subscription. The Society has made a number of efforts to reach out to those making standing order payments through a process of identifying and contacting them (by email and letter). These payments sometimes come from members who have transferred to direct debit but failed to cancel their standing orders but in many of the extant cases the originator is unidentifiable and the amounts very small. These standing order payments cannot be stopped by the Society, only the account holder, and they no longer attract membership benefits. They remain an administrative burden to the Society in terms of accounting for them in audit and the continued efforts we make to contact the originator. At the 2016 AGM, it was agreed that we would treat such monies as donations to be used to support the charitable activities of the BSC and therefore the monies involved have been transferred from creditors to income in the following accounts where they appear as donations.

We should also report the ongoing financial success of our Journal Criminology & Criminal Justice which saw the Society receive £32,226 in royalty income – an increase from 2021 in a very challenging year for academic publishing. We continue to carefully monitor the impact on our finances as subscriptions pass from pay to read to pay to publish as a result of the government's open access publishing agenda. In 2022, it cost £28,031 to print member copies of the British Journal of Criminology (a form of support for this prestigious journal to which the Society has historical links) and a stable £9,048 for Criminology & Criminal Justice. The print cost of BJC saw a decrease on that for the previous year due to a renegotiation of unit cost.

Mindful of the current unpredictable financial climate, the Society has sought to review ongoing service commitments and through an increasingly streamlined record-keeping structure and administration sought to cut costs. The Trustees will be assessing the short and midterm impacts of the cost-of-living crisis as part of their wider strategic planning and will adjust spending plans accordingly.

In summary, the finances throughout 2022 have remained reasonably healthy. The Society continues to improve its educative, research and policy-related interests and while ensuring the financial security of the Society wishes to continue to develop a project-based long-term strategy to ensure that funds are spent wisely to ensure the health of the discipline of criminology, for the benefit of our members and wider society (see below).

As ever, we would like to thank our Executive Director Charlotte Harris and Membership Coordinator Steven Rawlings for their excellent work in continually improving the Society's infrastructure and administration while progressing policy and wider interests. Particular efforts this year have centred on the improvement of the member database and improved data communication with other service providers.

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Policy for holding reserves

The BSC has set its reserves at a level at least equivalent to three months' operational expenditure and has done so having regards to its manner of operation and likely funding streams. The reserves level includes staff salary and pension costs and other general running costs on average based on median year-on-year increases, together with the potential for each of its regional groups and specialist networks to draw on the £1,000 annual budget agreed as policy, while acknowledging that many of them do not. The figure does not include the £5,144 designated funds which belong to the Youth Criminology/Youth Justice and Learning and Teaching Networks from sponsorship and profit from paid for events. The reserves amount also recognizes the imbalanced payment-due dates of some of its main payments – i.e. the printing costs of journals both fall due in the early months of the calendar year. The Society's main income streams are variable in nature with fluctuation in membership subscriptions and particularly annual conference income demonstrated in accounting records from previous years (this is in part deliberate as while the Society wishes to host its conference in all parts of the UK it recognises that some geographical areas are more intrinsically attractive, especially to overseas delegates, than others). Conference income is even more unpredictable in the current climate, with considerable uncertainty as to delegates' ability to procure conference attendance off employers and the off-putting prospect of the major cost implication of almost all truly hybrid options. Royalty income is also unpredictable in the next few years as the effects of the Government's open access policy become apparent. The trustees will review the amount of reserves that are required to ensure that they are adequate to fulfil the charity's continuing obligations on a quarterly basis at their executive meetings.

Future of the Society

The Society relies on three main income streams – membership subscriptions, journal royalties and annual conference income – and each must be reviewed to ensure the continued financial health of the charity. This is said acknowledging that some of the current financial health of the society is linked to reduced expenditure in terms of Executive Committee meetings and events being predominantly online.

The Society has moved to a more proactive membership strategy. A membership recruitment drive was begun in 2016 starting with former members and reaching out to new groups such as undergraduates and practitioners. Increased numbers of members will both increase income but also make the Society more relevant and impactful in its dealings with policy and out-facing groups. We have negotiating with our partner publishers re online-only membership options thus reducing print costs to those who really want a print copy of either our journal *Criminology & Criminal Justice*, or the *British Journal of Criminology*.

We are continuously striving to improve our annual conference experience and make the BSC attractive in the face of increasing competition in this field. The Executive Committee is very aware of the costs of attending the Society's conference and will be pursuing new ways to reduce fees and thereby increase access particularly to those who are deterred from attending by cost alone while also addressing the needs of potential delegates in other respects, including in the post pandemic period. While this may increase attendance and increase revenue in this way, while some exploration is undertaken, this may have a negative impact on income levels.

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Structure, governance and management

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Prof B Goldson	
Dr H L Pierpoint	
Prof A J Brimicombe	(Resigned 11 May 2023)
Prof A Wahidin	
Dr R C Vipond	
Prof A Tseloni	
Prof P Davies	
Dr O Smith	(Resigned 6 March 2023)
Prof J Treadwell	
Dr N B A Groombridge	(Resigned 9 March 2022)
Prof S Walklate	
Dr J Smith	
Prof D Best	
Dr J W Heydon	
Dr V Heap	
Dr M C Duggan	
Dr M Jones	(Resigned 27 June 2022)
Prof A E Millie	
Dr J Price	
Dr B Cole	(Resigned 12 April 2022)
Mrs G Gallacher	
Dr H Bows	
Dr S Young	
Dr E Miller	
Dr I Zempi	(Appointed 14 February 2022)
Dr M Bhatia	(Appointed 12 April 2022)
Dr T W Cockcroft	(Appointed 28 June 2022)
Dr G A Birkett	(Appointed 15 July 2022)
Dr C Barlow	(Appointed 25 July 2022)
Dr C A O'Reilly	(Appointed 1 September 2022)

The directors have conducted their own review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Significant external risks to funding have led to the development of a strategic plan, which will allow for the diversification of funding and activities. Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures of authorization of all transactions and projects and to ensure consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the Society. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the Society.

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report, including the strategic report, was approved by the Board of Trustees.

S. L. Walklate

Prof S Walklate

Trustee

Dated: 1 August 2023

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRITISH SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of British Society of Criminology (the Society) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Society (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Society are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Society's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (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

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 Society as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for 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).

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.



3 August 2023

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Dated:

BRITISH SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

		Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	3	806	-	806	5,072
<u>Charitable activities</u>					
Conference income		19,371	-	19,371	15,000
Subscriptions		76,966	-	76,966	72,537
Journals income	4	(10,853)	-	(10,853)	(15,830)
Post-grad bursary scheme		-	-	-	722
Investment income	5	487	-	487	669
Total income		86,777	-	86,777	78,170
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
<u>Charitable activities</u>					
Regional groups' spending	6	1,450	-	1,450	-
Prizes and sponsorship	6	407	-	407	94
Support and governance costs	7	59,444	-	59,444	64,470
Network expenses	6	3,979	-	3,979	217
Post-grad committee	6	458	-	458	-
Innovation fund	6	1,144	-	1,144	-
Total charitable expenditure		66,882	-	66,882	64,781
Total resources expended		66,882	-	66,882	64,781
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		19,895	-	19,895	13,389
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		154,150	5,144	159,294	145,905
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		174,045	5,144	179,189	159,294

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	11	890		310	
Cash at bank and in hand		182,409		163,011	
		<u>183,299</u>		<u>163,321</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(4,110)</u>		<u>(4,027)</u>	
Net current assets			179,189		159,294
Income funds					
Restricted funds			5,144		5,144
Unrestricted funds			174,045		154,150
			<u>179,189</u>		<u>159,294</u>

For the year ending 31 December 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 1 August 2023

S.L. Walklate

Prof S Walklate
Trustee

Company Registration No. 03515512

BRITISH SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

Company information

British Society of Criminology is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is PO Box 501, The Nexus Building, Broadway, Letchworth Garden City, Herts, SG6 9BL.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Society's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006, 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 Society is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Society 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 Society. 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 Society 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.

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

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the Society 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 Society 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.

Conference income is recognised in the period which the conference takes place.

Membership subscriptions are recognised in the period to which the subscription relates,

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1 Accounting policies

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1.5 Resources expended

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.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

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.

1.7 Financial instruments

The Society 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 Society's balance sheet when the Society 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.

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through income and expenditure, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected.

If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the Society transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables, accruals, 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 receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Accounts 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 payables 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 Society's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.8 Taxation

The company is exempt from corporation tax, it being a company not carrying on a business for the purposes of making a profit.

1.9 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Society is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.10 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Society'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.

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3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations and gifts	806	885
Job retention scheme grants	-	4,187
	<u>806</u>	<u>5,072</u>

4 Charitable activities

	Journals income	Total	Total 2021
	£	£	£
SAGE journal and other royalty receipts	32,226	32,226	30,985
Amounts payable to SAGE for printing	(9,048)	(9,048)	(9,048)
Amounts payable to OUP for printing	(28,031)	(28,031)	(31,767)
Amounts payable to CCJ editing team	(6,000)	(6,000)	(6,000)
	<u>(10,853)</u>	<u>(10,853)</u>	<u>(15,830)</u>
Analysis by fund			
Unrestricted funds	<u>(10,853)</u>	<u>(10,853)</u>	<u>(15,830)</u>

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Interest receivable	<u>487</u>	<u>669</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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6 Charitable activities

	Regional groups' spending	Prizes and sponsorship	Member services	Network expenses	Post-grad committee	Innovation fund	Total	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Prizes and sponsorship	-	407	-	-	-	-	407	311
Travel and refreshments	1,450	-	-	3,979	458	-	5,887	-
Innovation fund	-	-	-	-	-	1,144	1,144	-
	<u>1,450</u>	<u>407</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,979</u>	<u>458</u>	<u>1,144</u>	<u>7,438</u>	<u>311</u>
Support costs (see note 7)	-	-	53,907	-	-	-	53,907	56,066
Governance costs (see note 7)	-	-	5,537	-	-	-	5,537	8,404
	<u>1,450</u>	<u>407</u>	<u>59,444</u>	<u>3,979</u>	<u>458</u>	<u>1,144</u>	<u>66,882</u>	<u>64,781</u>
Analysis by fund								
Unrestricted funds	<u>1,450</u>	<u>407</u>	<u>59,444</u>	<u>3,979</u>	<u>458</u>	<u>1,144</u>	<u>66,882</u>	
	<u>1,450</u>	<u>407</u>	<u>59,444</u>	<u>3,979</u>	<u>458</u>	<u>1,144</u>	<u>66,882</u>	
For the year ended 31 December 2021								
Unrestricted funds	-	94	64,470	217	-	-		64,781
	<u>-</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>64,470</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>64,781</u>

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7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Staff, training and office costs	52,215	-	52,215	53,317
Travel expenses	10	-	10	-
Insurance	493	-	493	684
Printing, postage and stationery	337	-	337	401
Telephone and fax	162	-	162	335
Subscriptions	540	-	540	1,316
Sundry expenses	150	-	150	13
Accountancy	-	3,600	3,600	7,200
Legal and professional	-	1,429	1,429	840
Bank charges	-	508	508	364
	<u>53,907</u>	<u>5,537</u>	<u>59,444</u>	<u>64,470</u>

The vast majority of time and expenditure relates to the provision of services to the society's members. It is therefore reasonable to allocate all support costs and governance costs to that activity as shown in note 6.

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year.

9 Employees

The average monthly number employees and consultants during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Administration	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and the Executive Director. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £31,949 (2021: £31,158).

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

10 Financial instruments

	2022 £	2021 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	<u>182,409</u>	<u>163,011</u>
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Measured at amortised cost	<u>4,110</u>	<u>4,027</u>

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11 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	890	310

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Accruals and deferred income	4,110	4,027

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:			
Current assets/(liabilities)	174,045	5,144	179,189
	174,045	5,144	179,189

14 Related party transactions

No guarantees have been given or received.

During the year the Trustees received expenses amounting to £10 (2021: £nil). These expenses were reimbursed to cover travel and subsistence costs to attend Executive Committee meetings and run the committees and networks.

In addition, G Gallacher received free registration to the annual conference.

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1073154

Company Registration No. 03515512 (England and Wales)

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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	Dr M Jones	
	Prof A E Millie	
	Dr J Price	
Secretary	Mrs G Gallacher	(Appointed 22 March 2021)
	Dr H Bows	(Appointed 7 June 2021)
	Dr S Young	(Appointed 16 August 2021)
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	Dr I Zempi	(Appointed 14 February 2022)
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BRITISH SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The trustees present their report and financial statements 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 Society's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "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 2015)".

Objectives and activities

The Society's objectives are to advance public education about crime, criminal behaviour and the criminal justice systems in the United Kingdom. This is important for the running of civil society, to provide an educational and scrutiny role to public policy makers and ensure sufficient research evidence and education for future generations.

2021 continued to be a strange and troubling time for everyone globally and, in common with many organisations, the Society was impacted in both the provision of its usual activities and its income streams. While BSC members were very successful in devising innovative online events bringing our communities together, other colleagues reported wellbeing issues within their organisations and many practitioner members were overwhelmed with the practicalities of their jobs. Friends and colleagues suffered serious illness and a number lost their lives.

Membership

At the end of 2021, the Society had 935 members. This increase on 2020 included UK members with a current direct debit, overseas members and honorary members. The recruitment initiative for separate group and individual options for undergraduates that began in 2020 has continued and the Society now supports some 500 students on such schemes.

Of our members, 70% are based in the university sector, 8% are practitioners working in the public and independent sectors, 14% are postgraduate students, and 8% are based overseas – while these represent fairly consistent proportions of members compared to the year before there has been a slight increase in academic over practitioner members. A new drive to attract more practitioner members is intended in 2022 alongside the development of the Society's website and members' area (more below).

The Society is managed by its Executive Committee, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Executive Secretary of the Society, together with the Regional Groups and Specialist Networks Coordinator, all chairs of Specialist Networks, and chairs of the Publications, Prizes, Public Relations, Conference, Postgraduate and Professional Affairs & Ethics Committees. The Executive Committee can have up to two members 'without portfolio', one of these would usually be the previous President of the Society. Constitutionally, the Company Secretary is also a member of the Executive Committee and with the President, Executive Secretary and Treasurer forms the Finance and General Purposes Committee. In 2015, the AGM created a new role of Vice President to take some of the pressure of workload from the President and ensure greater continuity. The Society is governed by its Constitution, which is amended periodically via member vote at its AGM.

The eight committees, working electronically, have spread the burden of Society work more equitably, and increased capacity significantly. During 2021, the whole Executive Committee continued to meet via Zoom taking interim decisions occasionally via email correspondence. Online meetings are expected to continue into 2022 and to remain a periodic feature of the EC meeting structure into the future.

We would like to thank the trustees who have served the BSC and retired from the Executive this year – Lizzie Seal as Publications sub-Committee chair, Nic Groombridge as Public Relations sub-Committee chair and, within the Networks, Kate Strudwick as Learning and Teaching Network chair and David Churchill as founding Historical Network chair. We also temporarily lost Carina O'Reilly who resigned as Postgraduate Committee chair but will re-join the executive committee in 2022 as Executive Secretary.

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Achievements and performance

Professional Affairs & Ethics Committee

During 2019, the BSC began a process of strategic review to explore the role of the Society and plan for the future. This was overtaken by the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, the response to which has shaped discussions into the future of the annual conference in particular. The nature and number of BSC prizes have been the subject of review this year with the prizes committee discussing existing prizes and potential new ones, issues of transparency and inclusivity of process and links between main society prizes and network prizes and their sponsors.

Following from some of the free text commentary in our previous teaching and researching criminology survey (see 2019 conference papers), in 2021, the BSC invited members to take part in a follow-up survey exploring issues related to sexual misconduct in higher education environments. The questions explored whether participants had experience of student disclosures, whether they felt equipped to deal with these incidents, the extent to which they felt supported by their institutions on these matters, and whether they had personally experienced sexual misconduct in the workplace. This scoping survey formed part of wider, ongoing efforts to better recognise, respond to, and reduce sexual misconduct at higher education settings. Despite only a small proportion of the total BSC member base taking part (n=50), and some respondents choosing not to answer certain questions, the insights obtained contribute to a growing body of information and awareness about sexual misconduct in UK HEIs. The survey was due to be analysed and a full report '*Challenging Behaviour? The 2021 BSC sexual misconduct member survey*' published in 2022.

The BSC held its first online AGM through Zoom. To mark the Society's 60th year, the BSC also invited Past Presidents Philip Bean, Tim Newburn, Mike Hough, Loraine Gelsthorpe and Peter Squires to the AGM to reflect on the history and future of the discipline of criminology and the role of the BSC. This successful event also acted as a pilot event to a more discussion-based AGM format to be continued in 2022 with a planned debate around how, if and why the BSC should speak out on issues relating to the criminological community, such as redundancies and strikes and criminal justice issues more widely.

The BSC worked with the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) to review the Criminology benchmark statement for teaching criminology at HEIs. Criminology was one of 13 subjects reviewed in 2021 and a diverse group of criminologists including BSC trustees Bankole Cole, Rachel Vipond, Grace Gallacher, Azrini Wahidin, Andrew Millie and James Treadwell and Executive Director Charlotte Harris together with regional group chairs were formed to review the 2019 statement with new criteria of inclusivity and sustainability. The subsequent draft report was put out for consultation in December and was due to be published after the consultation responses had been considered in Spring 2022.

The BSC continued to work with the Academy of Social Sciences and the Society Publishers' Coalition (a grouping of not-for-profit academic journal owners across the disciplines) on common issues and policy areas across the social sciences and academic disciplines more generally including the practicalities and impact of open access publication, the role of learned societies, hybrid conferencing and inclusion and diversity.

The BSC continued to respond to queries from both individuals and outside bodies for ethical advice and review, receiving unanimously positive feedback for its input.

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Conference Committee

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the scheduled face-to-face conference at Surrey University had to be postponed. Recognising that this meant that delegates were again missing the chance to present their research and network with their peers, the BSC worked in tandem with Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences colleagues at the Open University to present a 'place marker' online conference 'Crime and Harm: Challenges of social and global justice?'

Over 200 presenters from a wide array of countries presented in real-time, plus there was a range of Network events and a full social programme throughout both evenings. Plenary speakers from around the world including Lois Presser (University of Tennessee), Tanya Wyatt (Northumbria University), Molly Dragiewicz (Griffith University), Kate Fitz-Gibbon (Monash University), Prabha Unnithan (Colorado State University), Katheryn Russell-Brown (Levin College of Law), Leon Moosavi (University of Liverpool) and Kerry Carrington (QUT) debated green criminology, gendered harms, the impact of Black Lives Matter and decolonizing the discipline of criminology.

A special virtual edition of Criminology & Criminal Justice was curated by The Open University team led by Steve Conway with articles resonating with the plenary panels and theme of this year's conference.

Postgraduate Committee

The BSC postgraduate social media presence has a blog and 3,400 in the Facebook group, all of which creates a vibrant online community that not only shares news and insights on criminological issues, but also represents a platform to share event details, research methods and best practices and in general inform and disseminate the values and principles of the Society. The Committee has also identified the need to strengthen and consolidate the steering group with people at the start of their PhD in order to manage continuity through the committee's activities – currently too many committee members become so very near the end of their studies. The Committee is also looking at ways of revitalising their blog; with plans to follow a new PhD student's journey into PhD. The postgraduate committee continued their long-standing Thinking Differently seminar series with a virtual event in October 2021 'Thinking differently about methods: challenging research in challenging times'. Recognising that these are challenging times for new criminological research, the aim of the event was to explore the innovative and interdisciplinary ways in which we are using, or could use, new and established methods to address a wide range of research challenges in contemporary criminology, criminal justice and beyond. Postgraduate and early career researchers have important contributions to make in pioneering inventive methods and approaches. This event is a space to discuss the challenges we face in research and the role methods play in helping us address those challenges.

Replicating our usual face-to-face practice, the postgraduate committee held a pre-event at the online annual conference offering the postgraduate community the opportunity to network in a permanently open virtual meeting room and also take part in bespoke training and breakout sessions with plenary speakers BSC President Sandra Walklate and City University's Jonathan Ilan ('Decoding Drill: The Criminalisation of UK Rap Music and the potential for Harm-producing Policing').

Public Relations Committee

As in previous years, in 2021 the Society gave advisory information to a number of journalists. We tend to average two media enquiries per month. If these enquiries cannot be addressed immediately by the office staff, they are referred to members of the Executive Committee or individual members who are listed in the Society's 'Knowledge bank'. This was developed from what was previously known as the media list in order to distinguish suggested topic specialists from BSC spokespeople.

The regular Tweeting programme has continued in a bid to keep members and wider society informed of Society activity and criminological events and issues. Our Twitter following (at December 2021) stood at 23,650 – another large year-on-year increase.

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Our website receives an average of 18,000 visits per month (majority UK but also USA, China, India, Pakistan, Canada, Australia). The most downloaded documents on our site this year included our 2021 Winter Newsletter. The BSC Website/Members' area is being redesigned in 2022 taking into consideration members' responses to a survey conducted in January 2022. The new members' area is intended to offer more dynamic content and the ability for members to network and should be more attractive for student members and practitioners. It is also proposed that the completion of the re-design be coordinated with a marketing campaign to increase membership. Possible areas for increasing membership have been identified as marketing individual membership to criminal justice practitioners (possibly through institutions with practitioner-based academic programmes e.g. Policing degrees) and through marketing of Group membership to institutions offering Criminal Justice and Criminology related degree programmes.

We have also continued our monthly draw for free books in partnership with the main criminological publishers. This initiative, started in 2016, has proved popular with members (both early career and significantly more established).

Regional Groups and Specialists Networks Committee

We are extremely fortunate in having dedicated teams working around the country hosting exceptional events which go to the heart of our main charitable aim. The Society is proud of their efforts to adapt to new conditions for research exchange and engagement while coping with the varying teaching demands of their institutions. One benefit of the new regime was that many events were more accessible to a wider audience, not limited to the local area and resulted in legacy products for those not able to attend at the time of the event. The Society thanks all those who organize and speak at these events as well as those who attend and join in the discussions.

Regional events included:

Wales Branch together with the Teaching and Teaching Network hosted 'Public Criminology Through Public Education' in March 'at' Swansea University's Hillary Rodham Clinton School of Law. This was recorded and is available via YouTube. This interdisciplinary event brought together academics from Criminology, Arts & Humanities, Education, and practitioners from the criminal justice system to share innovation in learning and teaching. Presentations included Conversations: Community, Higher Education & Desistance, Making Change Through Research and Impact, The Myopia of Public Criminology & the need for a Critical Education 'Impact', Learning Together: What role for partnerships and a dialogic pedagogy?, and Lessons from Prison Teaching for the University Classroom: Strategies and Risks

Southern branch in conjunction with the Mannheim Centre at the London School of Economics and Political Science hosted their usual series of Wednesday evening talks including Katja Franko (University of Oslo) 'The neglected role of citizenship status and 'illegality' in intersectional analysis', Manuel Iturralde (Universidad de los Andes) 'The comparative political economy of punishment in Latin America' and Insa Koch (LSE) 'From criminals to slaves: 'Modern' slavery, county lines, and the cultural politics of victimhood in post-colonial Britain'.

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The BSC now has fourteen specialist network groups increasing its potential to reach out, influence and educate.

The networks are:

The Youth Criminology/Youth Justice Network (YC/YJN), established in 2008 'to open communication and facilitate critical reflection and exchange within and between the academic, policy and practice communities nationally and internationally', and chaired by Barry Goldson (Liverpool University). The Network spent some time in 2021 reconstituting its steering group and reforming links with their counterparts in other learned societies especially beyond the UK. They held an innovative book launch event in conjunction with the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology Children, Young People and the Criminal Justice System Thematic Group. 'Youth Justice and Penalty in Comparative Context' co-authored by Professor Barry Goldson, Professor Chris Cunneen (Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research, University of Technology), Professor Eileen Baldry, Professor David Brown, Melanie Schwartz, Sophie Russell (UNSW) and Dr Damon Briggs (Frontline, UK), is the culmination of a major multi-jurisdictional research project, the Comparative Youth Penalty Project, which analysed policy and practice developments over a 40-year period and comprised the first international comparative study of youth justice and penalty in Australia and in England and Wales. The event took place within the two time zones 6.00pm - 7:30pm Sydney, Australia 9.00am - 10:30am UK and involved discussants from across the academic, practitioner and user spectrum - with discussants Professor Loraine Gelsthorpe (University of Cambridge), Dr Faith Gordon (Australian National University), Taylor Price (a Peer Mentor at Youth Ink in London. He is 21 years old and has lived experience of police stations, youth offending services, probation and prison). and Val Weldon (a 16-year-old Wiradjuri and Gamilaraay woman, living in Waterloo, Sydney. Val has spent the last 4 years on bail conditions and on the 9 June 2021 she will be graduating from the Youth Koori Court after 7 months).

The Crime and Justice Statistics Network (CJSN), established in 2009, and chaired again by Allan Brimicombe in 2021 is a virtual community defined by the JISCMail CRIME-JUSTICE-STATS which serves as a base for sending out relevant information and announcements, most notably calls for consultations on pending or under consideration changes in crime and justice data definitions, production and reporting by the Office for National Statistics, Home Office and Ministry of Justice. The Network provides an arena for debate about the production and publication of crime and justice statistics; works to improve perception and public trust in crime and justice statistics and supports the proper interpretation of crime statistics and encourages greater analytic use of criminal justice statistics and surveys. Current membership stands at 165.

The Women, Crime and Criminal Justice Network, established in 2011, was chaired in 2021 by Marian Duggan of Kent University. The network exists to support scholarship on women, crime and criminal justice, and to foster research of the highest standard. In addition to promoting scholarship on women, crime and criminal justice, the network also aims to support women as criminological scholars. The Network has 201 JISCMail subscribers; 63 Member Database Entries; and a Twitter account with 1,918 followers.

The Network organised a wealth of events and initiatives in 2021.

It published 7 more videos in its Connecting Criminologists series, aiming to pair early career academics with later career academics having a critical conversation accessible enough to be widely shared beyond academia, which was started in 2020. Dr Louise Wattis interviewed Dr Tanya Serisier, Hannah Marshall Dr Emma Wincup, Dr Jenny Korkodeilou Professor Sandra Walklate, Dr Louise Wattis Dr Magali Peyrefitte, Dr Arta Jalili-Idrissi Dr Patricia Gray, Dr Marian Duggan Dr Rebecca Barnes, and Dr Emma Milne Professor Pam Davies.

The Network also launched a termly newsletter to showcase WCCJ members' activities. Content included news on recent publications, research projects and events which members may be involved with. Each newsletter also featured a spotlight on a member of the network highlighting their research and background.

In October, the Network piloted an online writing group for members which will be continued in 2022. The group met via Zoom once a week for 90 mins. There have been more than 20 different attendees so far, with around 5 – 8 people attending per session. People have been working on a range of different writing projects.

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In December, the Network held its fifth Critical Conversations in Gender and Criminology event - Criminological Identities / Identity Criminologies online. The aim was to allow for wider discussion about a range of issues related to our identities as criminologists, and how being criminologists might impact other aspects of our identities. The theme emerged from disciplinary discussions which have interrogated and explored identity in criminology and criminal justice scholarship. These discussions have previously yielded a great depth of insight and understanding across analyses of identity (re)formation among (ex)offenders, identity-based victimisation, and biased or variable policing practices and this event sought to make space for further discussions. The event comprised two sections - an 'in-conversation' style discussion with plenary speakers, Dr Valli Rajah (John Jay College, CUNY) and Dr Jane Palmer (American University) and then themed breakout rooms. Highlights of the event were the subject of a detailed blog by WCCJ chair Marian Duggan after the event. The event was attended by more than 60 delegates.

The Network organised 5 WCCJN panels, comprising of 17 papers from members, along with a reflective session from past and present Chairs during the Network meeting, at the annual conference.

The Policing Network, also established in 2011 with the core aims of advancing understanding of policing studies and providing an arena for information exchange, critical analysis and debate across the research, policy and practice communities – nationally and internationally - was chaired during 2021 by Matt Jones (Open University). The Policing Network continues to be a significant source of information exchange and networking for police researchers and practitioners in the UK and abroad. It now has over 250 members. During 2021, the Network published a number of blogs including 'Lived Experience Advisor Scheme – Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall' by Dr Davina Cull and 'Doorstep Crime: The policing 'scripts' that decriminalise' by Dr Rachael Aplin.

The Learning and Teaching Network was established in 2012 as a vehicle bringing together colleagues across the discipline with a specific learning and teaching interest while looking for opportunities to embed good practice at module, course and programme levels. The Network was chaired by Katie Strudwick at Lincoln followed by Suzanne Young in 2021 and the Network now has 40 members. It joined with the BSC Welsh branch in 2021 to hold the 'Public Criminology Through Public Education' event described above.

The Victims Network was set up by Pamela Davies of Northumbria University in 2014 bringing together those who have interests around victims of crime and social harm, survivors and resilience. In 2021 it was chaired by Hannah Bows (University of Durham).

The Critical Criminology Network - launched in 2015 - was chaired in 2021 by Oliver Smith (Plymouth University) and Tammy Ayres (University of Leicester) with a remit to 'breathe new life into critical criminology, encouraging critical criminologists to hatch new ideas that relate to the world as it is now'.

The Prison Research Network was set up in 2015 to be convened on a rotation basis, in 2021 by David Best (Derby University) to provide a forum for prison researchers to share information and experience about prisons with a view to developing critical analysis and debate across research, policy and practice communities. The membership currently stands at 55. In 2021, the Network organised an event for postgraduate students with the National Research Council on the process of applying for Ethical Approval for Prison Research and the current strategy for research for HMPPS.

The Early Career Researchers Network was launched in 2016 under the chair of Anna Sergi (Essex University) and chaired in 2021 by Adam Lynes of Birmingham City University and Jayne Price at Chester, with an aim to support post-doctoral researchers as they enter criminological working life, thus concentrating on events and initiatives of interest to this specific group. Following a survey at the end of 2020, the Network established a Zoom informal catch-up space to give Early Career criminologists the opportunity to meet other ECs and have discussions about research, surviving online teaching, juggling PhD, managing workload, uncertainty and anything else! Badged Meet Up!, later events included talks followed by informal catch ups at a time well suited to work and homelife commitments. Talks included one from Dr Sarah Charman from the University of Portsmouth providing a personal perspective of her experience as Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Law, Crime and Justice and also giving some tips, from her own personal experience, on submitting to a journal. and another from BSC Treasurer Machi Tseloni on the Data First programme and opportunities for quantitative criminological and criminal justice research and Professor Barry Godfrey on applying for grants. This popular talk attracted over 50 registrations.

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The Historical Criminology Network, chaired by David Churchill (Leeds University) then Esmorie Miller (London South Bank) in 2021, was set up in 2018. The Network held a 'Historical Criminology International Networking Event' in July hosted jointly (on Zoom) with the Australian and New Zealand Historical Criminology Network. Over two short meetings on 14 and 15 July, the Networks brought together scholars for an opportunity to meet others with similar research interests in historical criminology to discuss how we might think and work differently, to discuss research in progress or in the pipeline, and to connect with colleagues from the UK, Australia, New Zealand and beyond. Sessions included PhD and ECR support, Digital data methods and historical criminology, Researching recent histories, Decolonisation and indigenisation, Criminalisation and policing of women and Vulnerabilities of victims in the criminal justice system.

The Network also began exploring the possibility of a collaborative PhD studentship on the history of the BSC/ British criminology through an application for an ESRC collaborative studentship, through the Doctoral Training Partnership. The proposed studentship would focus on the role of the BSC in the formation of contemporary British criminology. It would examine the BSC's role in the emergence of criminology as an autonomous field of study, encompassing and incorporating various scholarly movements and distinct interests, and in sponsoring public education about crime and criminal justice. The studentship is envisaged primarily as an oral history project, based on interviews across the 'three generations' of contemporary British criminology, supplemented by selective archival and documentary research.

The Hate Crime Network also launched in 2018 chaired by Jo Smith (Brighton University) held a series of online events including:

Hate Crime in Football. Incidents of hate crime connected to 287 football matches in England and Wales were reported in 2019-20, according to Home Office figures. Of those incidents, 75% related to race (214 matches), while 27% related to sexual orientation (78 matches). Compared to the previous season, arrests for racist or indecent chanting more than doubled from 14 to 35, despite hundreds of matches being cancelled or played without fans because of the covid-19 pandemic. The aim of this conference was to discuss the scale of the problem and to identify best strategies to tackle hate crime in football. The keynote Speaker was Di Cunningham, Founder of Proud Canaries with two Panel Sessions on Racism and Islamophobia in football (Professor Imran Awan, BCU; Dr Irene Zempi, NTU; Tajeen Hutton, Grassroots Manager, Kick It Out; Arran Williams, Manager Diversity and Inclusion, FA) and Homophobia and transphobia in football (Dr Ben Colliver, BCU; Naomi Reid, Communications Lead and Player, Charlton Invicta F.C. and Dr Michael Seeraj, Head of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion for Charlton Athletic FC & Trust/Chair, English Football League (EFL) Regional EDI Forum).

A talk by Emily Wertans on 'The forgotten victims of hate crime: How can hate scholars engage with homeless victims?'. As a group that stands outside of the formal protected characteristics of hate crime, homeless people are scarcely recognised as victims of prejudice within the UK. However, there are numerous accounts of targeted hostility directed towards people on the basis of their perceived homeless status. Nonetheless, hate scholars, victimisation researchers and politicians have not attempted to meaningfully engage with this group to better understand their experiences and needs. This presentation and the research that underpins it aimed to address what we know about targeted hostility against the homeless, why there is so little attention on it and how can research be conducted to bridge this gap.

'Researching within hate studies: A discussion group for PGRs and ECRs' with Canadian mother and daughter Lauren and Jeanette Manning who shared their story of how white supremacy ideology had changed both of their lives, and how they had been able to come together to walk away from this. We discussed issues relating to online recruitment, misogyny within the movement itself, and some of the difficulties and risks of escaping from extremism.

Dr David Wilkin spoke about 'From Town to Gown: Are we purely academics?' examining why researchers want to be researchers - for personal kudos, for money, perhaps to achieve social change? In this session, David discussed researchers' positions of privilege and what we can give back to society.

Professor Neil Chakraborti and Professor Jon Garland Q and A session reflected upon their own research within hate studies, their successes and challenges.

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The Race Matters Network was launched in 2019 chaired by Coretta Phillips (LSE) and Pamela Ugwu-dike (University of Southampton). In 2021, it was chaired by Monish Bhatia (Birkbeck) and Bankole Cole (Sheffield Hallam). The aim of the Network is to foster greater attention to the dynamics of race and racism in criminological projects and practice, including in the wider work of the BSC; offer support, solidarity and academic development to Black and minority ethnic scholars in criminology, as well as those working within the subfield of race and criminology; engage with local communities, practitioners and policy makers to influence, listen and inform around questions of race and racism; and to foster wider recognition of the contribution of Black and minority ethnic scholars to criminology, historically, nationally and internationally.

The Green Criminology Research Network, was also set up in 2019 and chaired by James Heydon of Nottingham University with the aims of providing an arena to share information, experience and perspectives on environmental crimes and harms, advancing understandings and stimulating debate on environmental issues across the spheres of research, policy and practice and promoting the inclusion of environmental issues into criminological teaching and learning strategies, curricula and/or benchmarks. They currently have a membership of 86 members and 760 Twitter followers.

The Green Criminology Network held the first BSC event of the year with the Society's first Twitter conference "Green Criminology in a Changing World" In this inclusive event, scholars from across the world presented research on a variety of topics gathered under the Green Criminology banner with a general theme of how environmental harms were influenced by the events of 2020. Everyone who presented their work included #Greencrime2021 in their tweets. Keynotes Jenny Maher 'The Dog Delusion: fallacies and false beliefs that perpetuate harms to non-human animals' and Angus Nurse on 'Green Criminology and the Right to a Healthy Environment' began each day.

In 2020, the BSC launched the Vulnerability Network chaired by Harriet Pierpoint (University of South Wales) and Roxanna Dehaghani (Cardiff University). This network provides a forum for discussion on the complexities inherent to researching vulnerability within the context of crime and justice. In 2021, the Network held a series of Vulnerability Flash Talks for people interested in sharing their interests/ideas and keen to collaborate. Members/followers gave a 3-minute lightning talk and took part in discussions.

The growth in specialist networks in the last few years has represented a considerable increase in Society activity, improving the discipline of criminology's research visibility and hence impact. Most of the networks have not just JISC mail lists of members – which are open to everybody not just BSC members – but also separate websites (for example, the Learning and Teaching Network <https://bscltn.wordpress.com/> and the Women, Crime and Criminal Justice Network <https://wccjn.wordpress.com/>) and blogs and Twitter accounts to engage with the wider world. The BSC welcomes expressions of interest for new specialist networks.

Prizes Committee

In 2021, the Society awarded its Outstanding Achievement Award to Mike Hough, Emeritus Professor of Criminal Policy, Birkbeck, University of London, in recognition of his long contribution to bringing academic and policy research together.

Professor Hough founded one of the major UK centres for academic policy research on criminal justice - the Institute for Crime & Justice Policy Research - and directed it for more than 20 years. Before moving to academia in 1994, he was a senior researcher in the Home Office for twenty years, co-designing the British Crime Survey in 1981. He was President of the British Society of Criminology from 2008 until 2011. Professor Hough's research interests have been many and varied, from policing and public perceptions of crime and punishment, crime measurement and crime trends, and drug-related crime; to sentencing, the rehabilitation of offenders, desistance theory, restorative justice and procedural justice theory. He has around 300 publications.

Professor Hough worked with the Prison Reform Trust on the growth of imprisonment, on sentencing and sentencing guidelines, on children in custody and on the unfairness of the indeterminate sentence of Imprisonment for Public Protection.

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Among his many achievements is fostering collaboration between British and other European criminologists. He has worked on a series of large-scale international projects: two EU partnerships on trust in justice and legitimacy (Euro-Justis and Fiducia); testing a new variant of procedural justice theory using the European Social Survey; and codesigning the third sweep of the International Self-Report Delinquency Study.

The annual book prize, sponsored by Routledge, was awarded to, David Maguire for 'Male, Failed, Jailed: Masculinities and "Revolving-Door" Imprisonment in the UK'.

David Maguire is Director for the Prison Reform Trust's Building Futures Programme, a five-year programme for those that have served 10 or more years in prison. 'Male, Failed, Jailed' charts the cyclical interrelations between cultural representations of masculinity, place, schooling, (un)employment, crime, and imprisonment.

The result is a book that the prizes committee felt were in the absolute best traditions of quality empirical scholarship but produced and directed in a manner that will engage with academics, policy makers, practitioners and further the interests and knowledge about imprisonment in a manner that can inform debates and policy. The book's author took part in a Q and A session with Prizes Committee chair James Treadwell at this year's conference.

This year's Postgraduate research poster prize was awarded to Alison Hutchinson, a PhD student at Northumbria University, for her poster 'A Fishy business: Space for species justice in global wildlife economies?'. With the dependence on fisheries for nutrition and employment increasing globally, marine species are under increasing pressure from over-exploitation. That they remain primarily defined as food and commodities, rather than as wildlife is testament to their position within global governance structures. Drawing from a green criminological, non-speciesist framework, Alison questioned how issues of species justice can be elevated within both conservation and trade discussions using the cases of the minke whale, the queen conch, and the Atlantic bluefin tuna. By focusing on the value systems that support the variable conservation and commodification of marine species, it is possible to better understand how attitudes surrounding harm and victimhood can act to perpetuate global inequalities and the marginalisation of both non-human animals and people. This year as part of the online annual conference event, poster creators also took part in two special Q and A sessions to explain their work directly to audiences.

The Women, Crime and Criminal Justice Network awarded their 2021 Paper Prize to Jennifer Fleetwood, Judith Aldridge and Caroline Chatwin for their article 'Gendering research on online illegal drug markets' in *Addiction Research & Theory*, 28:6, 457-46. In the view of the judges, the article offered an excellent insight into the role of gender in relation to illegal online drug markets. The article critically discusses the omission of women from previous research on illegal online markets, firstly in relation to ongoing gendered assumptions about women's involvement in the drug trade (and in technology more generally), but also down to methodological challenges. The authors' discussion of the challenges of 'doing' research online (in relation to anonymity), particularly in relation to large-scale data sets, is also a fascinating exploration which sets out challenges for future research in this area.

The National Award for Excellence in Teaching Criminology 2021 LTN Prize was awarded to the Department of Criminology at Swansea University for their sustained focus on embedding employability into the criminology curriculum at all undergraduate levels, with evidence from specific modules and curriculum re-design. The judges were particularly impressed by the longevity in the development of this hybrid approach, shown through an integrated model design. The attention to assessment development towards a more authentic form was part of a skills audit/curriculum-mapping exercise embedding employability across the student lifecycle through an integrated model approach with personal transferable skills and summer internship scheme work placements/research internships, all enhancing curriculum impact for student cohorts.

We congratulate all of our 2021 prize winners.

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Publications Committee

A new editorial team from Southampton and Cambridge Universities Loraine Gelsthorpe, Anita Lavorgna and Pamela Ugwuodike became the editors-in-chief of the Society's journal Criminology & Criminal Justice from January 2021. We thank the previous team from a consortium of Scottish universities, led by Michele Burman at Glasgow University, Laura Piacentini of Strathclyde and Margaret Malloch at Stirling for their work over the previous five years together with Sarah Armstrong (also Glasgow). As well as the editorial team, we would like to extend our thanks to the reviewers for their prompt, rigorous and thoughtful reviews. The journal performed well across many metrics. Its 2020 Impact Factor (the latest available) was 2.672, ranked 31/69 in the 'Criminology and Penology' category.

The most downloaded article in 2021 was 'Rape, inequality and the criminal justice response in England: The importance of age and gender' by Demi Patsios, Lis Bates, Duncan McPhee, Marianne Hester, Sarah-Jane Lilley Walker, Anneleise Williams and Phil Rumney, with 10,354 downloads. CCJ's top Altmetric Score for Content Published in 2020-2021 is 86 for the article "Street gangs and coercive control: The gendered exploitation of young women and girls in county lines" by Tirion Elizabeth Havard, James A Densley, Andrew Whittaker and Jane Wills. This was in the top 5% of all research outputs scored by Altmetric.

The BSC together with our co-owners Sage are monitoring the impact of Open Access on our potential journal subscriptions while exploring how to extend the journal's reach in terms of readership and contributors. The BSC is currently exploring how the sending out of our journals could be greener by using in compostable bags.

There were two Newsletters – one with articles on the subject of Decolonizing Criminology and the other on the general theme of historical criminology - published during the year and one set of Conference Papers. The 'open rate' for both newsletters was 52%.

The bi-monthly bulletin was sent to 99.5% of all members and the 'open rate' was just over 46% (approx 75% are UK based). Just over half of all readers of the bulletin (50.2%) opened it on a mobile device (49.2% via Desktop PC).

The BSC blog: <https://thebscblog.wordpress.com/> continued to attract authors and readers. During the year we published 29 articles and there were around 15,250 visitors – an increase of 2,250 visitors compared to 2020.

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Financial review

This year we have continued our policy of 'clarity in finance', to ensure that the Society's finances are presented in a transparent fashion so that the membership can easily ascertain the current financial position of the Society. To this end we have included detail on the nature of the expenditure and income streams of the Society, in particular the costs associated with the two membership journals. We have also included information in this section to further explain some of the figures in the financial report.

The Society's reported fund balances increased from £145,905 at the end of 2020, to £159,294 at the end of 2021, a level in keeping with the Society's regular expenditure plans and its reserves policy (see below). The increase is majorly attributable to the generosity of our collaborators in putting the online annual conference together. The Open University donated all profits to the Society. Savings were also made in venue hire, travel and subsistence due to the lockdown and the BSC was also able to take advantage of the government's Job Retention Scheme once it was extended to cover flexible and part-time furlough.

We worked hard to ensure that membership subscriptions remained solid at £72,537. Alongside long-term members we have a 25% flux and make continued efforts to attract and retain members in the face of increasing costs and financial uncertainty introducing schemes to attract undergraduate and other groups.

The Society continued to receive 26 standing order payments varying in amounts from a few pounds to an outdated membership subscription. The Society has made a number of efforts to reach out to those making standing order payments through a process of identifying and contacting them (by email and letter). These payments sometimes come from members who have transferred to direct debit but failed to cancel their standing orders but in many of the extant cases the originator is unidentifiable and the amounts very small. These standing order payments cannot be stopped by the Society, only the account holder, and they no longer attract membership benefits. They remain an administrative burden to the Society in terms of accounting for them in audit and the continued efforts we make to contact the originator. At the 2016 AGM, it was agreed that we would treat such monies as donations to be used to support the charitable activities of the BSC and therefore the monies involved have been transferred from creditors to income in the following accounts.

We should also report the ongoing financial success of our Journal Criminology & Criminal Justice which saw the Society receive £30,985 in royalty income. This is a decrease on the previous year and we continue to carefully monitor the impact on our finances as subscriptions pass from pay to read to pay to publish as a result of the government's open access publishing agenda. In 2021, it cost £31,767 to print member copies of the British Journal of Criminology (a form of support for this prestigious journal to which the Society has historical links) and £9,048 for Criminology & Criminal Justice.

Mindful of the current unpredictable financial climate, the Society has sought to review ongoing service commitments and through an increasingly streamlined record-keeping structure and administration sought to cut costs. The Trustees will be assessing the short, mid and long-term impacts of Covid-19 as part of their wider strategic planning and will adjust spending plans accordingly.

In summary, the finances throughout 2021 have remained reasonably healthy. The Society continues to improve its educative, research and policy-related interests and while ensuring the financial security of the Society wishes to continue to develop a project-based long-term strategy to ensure that funds are spent wisely to ensure the health of the discipline of criminology, for the benefit of our members and wider society (see below).

As ever, we would like to thank our Executive Director Dr Charlotte Harris for her excellent work in maintaining and finessing the Society's infrastructure and administration while progressing policy and wider interests. We would like to say thank you to Communications and Membership Coordinator Dr Helen Jones, who resigned from the BSC this year after six years with us and welcome Steven Rawlings who took over this role in November.

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Policy for holding reserves

The BSC has set its reserves at a level at least equivalent to three months' operational expenditure and has done so having regards to its manner of operation and likely funding streams. The reserves level includes staff salary and pension costs and other general running costs on average based on median year-on-year increases, together with the potential for each of its regional groups and specialist networks to draw on the £1,000 annual budget agreed as policy, while acknowledging that many of them do not. The figure does not include the £5,144 designated funds which belong to the Youth Criminology/Youth Justice and Learning and Teaching Networks from sponsorship and profit from paid for events. The reserves amount also recognizes the imbalanced payment-due dates of some of its main payments – i.e. the printing costs of journals both fall due in the early months of the calendar year. The Society's main income streams are variable in nature with fluctuation in membership subscriptions and particularly annual conference income demonstrated in accounting records from previous years (this is in part deliberate as while the Society wishes to host its conference in all parts of the UK it recognises that some geographical areas are more intrinsically attractive, especially to overseas delegates, than others). Conference income is even more unpredictable in the current climate, with considerable uncertainty as to delegates' desire to return to face-to-face and the off-putting prospect of the major cost implication of almost all truly hybrid options. Royalty income is also unpredictable in the next few years as the effects of the Government's open access policy become apparent. The trustees will review the amount of reserves that are required to ensure that they are adequate to fulfil the charity's continuing obligations on a quarterly basis at their executive meetings.

Future of the Society

The Society relies on three main income streams – membership subscriptions, journal royalties and annual conference income – and each must be reviewed to ensure the continued financial health of the charity.

The Society has moved to a more proactive membership strategy. A membership recruitment drive was begun in 2016 starting with former members and reaching out to new groups such as undergraduates and practitioners. Increased numbers of members will both increase income but also make the Society more relevant and impactful in its dealings with policy and out-facing groups. We are negotiating with our partner publishers re online-only membership options thus reducing print costs to those who really want a print copy of either our journal *Criminology & Criminal Justice*, or the *British Journal of Criminology*.

We are continuously striving to improve our annual conference experience and make the BSC attractive in the face of increasing competition in this field. The Executive Committee is very aware of the costs of attending the Society's conference and will be pursuing new ways to reduce fees and thereby increase access particularly to those who are deterred from attending by cost alone while also addressing the needs of potential delegates in other respects, including in the post pandemic period.

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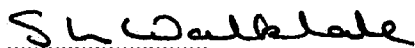
Structure, governance and management

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Prof B Goldson	
Dr H L Pierpoint	
Prof A J Brimicombe	
Prof A Wahidin	
Dr R C Vipond	
Prof A Tseloni	
Prof P Davies	
Dr E C Seal	(Resigned 31 December 2021)
Dr O Smith	
Prof J Treadwell	
Dr N B A Groombridge	(Resigned 9 March 2022)
Prof S Walklate	
Dr J Smith	
Dr D C Churchill	(Resigned 7 September 2021)
Dr K Strudwick	(Resigned 16 August 2021)
Prof D Best	
Dr J W Heydon	
Miss C A O'Reilly	(Resigned 22 March 2021)
Dr V Heap	
Dr M C Duggan	
Dr M Jones	
Prof A E Millie	
Dr J Price	
Dr B Cole	(Appointed 3 February 2021 and resigned 12 April 2022)
Mrs G Gallacher	(Appointed 22 March 2021)
Dr H Bows	(Appointed 7 June 2021)
Dr S Young	(Appointed 16 August 2021)
Dr E Miller	(Appointed 7 September 2021)
Dr I Zempi	(Appointed 14 February 2022)
Dr M Bhatia	(Appointed 12 April 2022)

The directors have conducted their own review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Significant external risks to funding have led to the development of a strategic plan, which will allow for the diversification of funding and activities. Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures of authorization of all transactions and projects and to ensure consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the Society. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the Society. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our income and subsequent spending will be reviewed regularly.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Prof S Walklate

Trustee

Dated: 14/07/22

BRITISH SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRITISH SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of British Society of Criminology (the Society) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Society (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Society are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Society's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (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

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 Society as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for 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).

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.



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UHY Hacker Young

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Dated: 19/07/22

BRITISH SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

		Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	3	5,072	-	5,072	9,563
<u>Charitable activities</u>					
Conference income		15,000	-	15,000	-
Subscriptions		72,537	-	72,537	69,404
Journals income	4	(15,830)	-	(15,830)	(18,645)
Post-grad bursary scheme		722	-	722	-
Investment income	5	669	-	669	875
Total income		<u>78,170</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,170</u>	<u>61,197</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
<u>Charitable activities</u>					
Regional groups' spending	6	-	-	-	581
Prizes and sponsorship	6	94	-	94	344
Support and governance costs	7	64,470	-	64,470	61,719
Network expenses	6	217	-	217	1,441
Post-grad committee	6	-	-	-	663
Total charitable expenditure		<u>64,781</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,781</u>	<u>64,748</u>
Total resources expended		<u>64,781</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,781</u>	<u>64,748</u>
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		<u>13,389</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,389</u>	<u>(3,551)</u>
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		<u>140,761</u>	<u>5,144</u>	<u>145,905</u>	<u>149,456</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2021		<u><u>154,150</u></u>	<u><u>5,144</u></u>	<u><u>159,294</u></u>	<u><u>145,905</u></u>

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	11	310		503	
Cash at bank and in hand		163,011		146,047	
		<u>163,321</u>		<u>146,550</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(4,027)		(645)	
Net current assets			<u>159,294</u>		<u>145,905</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds			5,144		5,144
Unrestricted funds			154,150		140,761
			<u>159,294</u>		<u>145,905</u>

For the year ending 31 December 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 14/07/22



Prof S Walklate
Trustee

Company Registration No. 03515512

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

Company information

British Society of Criminology is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is PO Box 501, The Nexus Building, Broadway, Letchworth Garden City, Herts, SG6 9BL.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Society's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006 and "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 Society is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

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 Society. 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 Society 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.

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

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the Society 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 Society 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.

Conference income is recognised in the period which the conference takes place.

Membership subscriptions are recognised in the period to which the subscription relates,

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

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Resources expended

Income and expenses are included in the financial statements as they become receivable or due.

Expenses include VAT where applicable as the company cannot reclaim it.

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

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.

1.7 Financial instruments

The Society 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 Society's balance sheet when the Society 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.

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through income and expenditure, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected.

If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the Society transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables, accruals, 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 receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Accounts 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 payables 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 Society's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.8 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Society is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.9 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Society'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	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations and gifts	885	836
Job retention scheme grants	4,187	8,727
	<u>5,072</u>	<u>9,563</u>

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4 Charitable activities

	Journals income £	Total £	Total 2020 £
SAGE journal and other royalty receipts	30,985	30,985	33,114
Amounts payable to SAGE for printing	(9,048)	(9,048)	(11,472)
Amounts payable to OUP for printing	(31,767)	(31,767)	(30,287)
Amounts payable to CCJ editing team	(6,000)	(6,000)	(10,000)
	<u>(15,830)</u>	<u>(15,830)</u>	<u>(18,645)</u>
Analysis by fund			
Unrestricted funds	<u>(15,830)</u>	<u>(15,830)</u>	<u>(18,645)</u>

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £
Interest receivable	<u>669</u>	<u>875</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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6 Charitable activities	Regional groups' spending	Prizes and sponsorship	Member services	Network expenses	Post-grad committee	Total	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Prizes and sponsorship	-	94	-	217	-	311	883
Travel and refreshments	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,884
Meals	-	-	-	-	-	-	262
	-	94	-	217	-	311	3,029
Support costs (see note 7)	-	-	56,066	-	-	56,066	54,941
Governance costs (see note 7)	-	-	8,404	-	-	8,404	6,778
	-	94	64,470	217	-	64,781	64,748
	-	94	64,470	217	-	64,781	
	-	94	64,470	217	-	64,781	
	581	344	61,719	1,441	663		64,748
	581	344	61,719	1,441	663		64,748

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Unrestricted funds

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7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Staff, training and office costs	53,317	-	53,317	51,528
Travel expenses	-	-	-	593
Insurance	684	-	684	870
Printing, postage and stationery	401	-	401	686
Telephone and fax	335	-	335	168
Subscriptions	1,316	-	1,316	1,048
Sundry expenses	13	-	13	48
Accountancy	-	7,200	7,200	4,380
Legal and professional	-	840	840	2,112
Bank charges	-	364	364	286
	<u>56,066</u>	<u>8,404</u>	<u>64,470</u>	<u>61,719</u>

The vast majority of time and expenditure relates to the provision of services to the society's members. It is therefore reasonable to allocate all support costs and governance costs to that activity as shown in note 6.

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year.

9 Employees

The average monthly number employees and consultants during the year was:

	2021	2020
	Number	Number
Administration	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and the Executive Director. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £31,158 (2020: £31,751).

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

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10	Financial instruments	2021 £	2020 £	
	Carrying amount of financial assets			
	Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	163,011	146,047	
	Carrying amount of financial liabilities			
	Measured at amortised cost	4,027	645	
11	Debtors	2021 £	2020 £	
	Amounts falling due within one year:			
	Prepayments and accrued income	310	503	
12	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2021 £	2020 £	
	Accruals and deferred income	4,027	645	
13	Analysis of net assets between funds			
		Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total £
	Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:			
	Current assets/(liabilities)	154,150	5,144	159,294
		154,150	5,144	159,294

14 Related party transactions

No guarantees have been given or received.

During the year the Trustees received expenses amounting to £nil (2020: £570). These expenses were reimbursed to cover travel and subsistence costs to attend Executive Committee meetings and run the committees and networks.

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1073154

Company Registration No. 03515512 (England and Wales)

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The trustees present their report and financial statements 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 Society's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "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 2015)".

Objectives and activities

The Society's objectives are to advance public education about crime, criminal behaviour and the criminal justice systems in the United Kingdom. This is important for the running of civil society, to provide an educational and scrutiny role to public policy makers, and ensure sufficient research evidence and education for future generations.

2020 was of course a strange and troubling year for everyone globally and, in common with many organisations, the Society was impacted heavily in both the provision of many of its activities and its income streams. The Society had to cancel many events in particular its annual conference which had been due to be held at the University of Liverpool and for which plans were advanced. While BSC members adapted quickly and well to the new online world and a number of very popular events and networking opportunities were adapted and developed, many of our colleagues in other learned societies and in academic institutions reported financial and wellbeing problems within their organisations and many practitioner members were overwhelmed with the new practicalities of their jobs. Friends and colleagues suffered serious illness and a number lost their lives.

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

Membership

At the end of 2020 the Society had 907 members. This increase on 2019 included UK members with a current direct debit, overseas members and honorary members. A recruitment initiative was continued in 2020 with separate group and individual options for undergraduates (through their institutions and individually) and the Society now supports some 410 students on such schemes. Through these efforts, the Society has not seen the membership drop of many learned societies through 2020.

The Society continued to receive 26 standing order payments varying in amounts from a few pounds to an outdated membership subscription. The Society has made a number of efforts to reach out to those making standing order payments through a process of identifying and contacting them (by email and letter). These payments sometimes come from members who have transferred to direct debit but failed to cancel their standing orders but in many of the extant cases the originator is unidentifiable and the amounts very small. These standing order payments cannot be stopped by the Society, only the account holder, and they no longer attract membership benefits. They remain an administrative burden to the Society in terms of accounting for them in audit and the continued efforts we make to contact the originator. At the 2016 AGM, it was agreed that we would treat such monies as donations to be used to support the charitable activities of the BSC and therefore the monies involved have been transferred from creditors to income in the following accounts.

Of our members, 69.2% are based in the university sector, 8.2% are practitioners working in the public and independent sectors, 14.9% are postgraduate students, and 7.6% are based overseas – while these represent fairly consistent proportions of members compared to the year before there has been a slight increase in academic over practitioner members. A new drive to attract more practitioner members will begin in 2021 targeting those working in research and data-gathering within crime and justice public and third sector organisations.

The Society is managed by its Executive Committee, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Executive Secretary of the Society, together with the Regional Groups and Specialist Networks Coordinator, all chairs of Specialist Networks, and chairs of the Publications, Prizes, Public Relations, Conference, Postgraduate and Professional Affairs & Ethics Committees.

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The Executive Committee can have up to four members 'without portfolio', one of these would usually be the previous President of the Society. Constitutionally, the Company Secretary is also a member of the Executive Committee and with the President, Executive Secretary and Treasurer forms the Finance and General Purposes Committee. In 2015, the AGM created a new role of Vice President to take some of the pressure of workload from the President and ensure greater continuity. The Society is governed by its Constitution, which is amended periodically via member vote at its AGM.

The eight committees, working largely electronically, have spread the burden of Society work more equitably, and increased capacity significantly. During 2020, the whole Executive Committee began to meet via Zoom from March taking interim decisions occasionally via email correspondence. Online meetings are expected to continue into 2021 and to remain a periodic feature of the EC meeting structure into the future.

We would like to thank all the trustees who have served the BSC and retired from the Executive this year – Peter Squires, Coretta Phillips and Alpa Parmar.

Achievements and performance

Professional Affairs & Ethics Committee

- During 2019, the BSC began a process of strategic review to explore the role of the Society and plan for the future. This was overtaken by the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, the response to which has shaped discussions into the future of the annual conference in particular. The nature and number of BSC prizes have also been the subject of review this year.

- The BSC made further nominations to the REF Law, Social Work and Social Policy (SWSP) and Sociology subpanels, together with History, in response to the call issued in 2020 to address gaps within the current provision. As well as confirming existing candidates from the previous nominations round in 2017, the BSC issued an open call for interested criminologists and a small group of the Executive Committee with REF experience reviewed the nominations in the light of the criteria specified by the REF team including for the role of joint assessor to co-ordinate criminology outputs across the sub panels Law, SWSP and Sociology, which was later incorporated into existing structures.

- As an academic publisher, the BSC responded to the UKRI consultation on open access. This is an issue of importance to the BSC as a publisher of a hybrid journal (accepting both pay-to-read and open access articles) deemed noncompliant under current plans and to our members as contributors as authors, reviewers and readers.

As a charity whose charitable aim is to increase public education about criminology, we support the principles of open access for publicly-funded research, particularly to the wider public and to those researchers without the institutional backing which funds access to the literature, including discipline practitioners, who form some of our membership. We welcome therefore the commitment to ensure funders encourage open access by funding that access.

However, we also stated that we believed that government plans were under developed in terms of exploring the mechanisms by which the funders intend to replicate the quality of existing publications in its open access models if they are not to include hybrid. The BSC involvement in journal publishing cannot be reduced to finance; its investment is to shape and encourage our discipline, to ensure a diversity and quality of avenues in which criminologists can publish. The BSC partly owns one journal with a publisher (Criminology & Criminal Justice) and invests all of its royalty income into supporting a second well-regarded criminology journal (British Journal of Criminology). The academic publishing endeavour is built on the free goodwill of much of the workforce from the reviewers, editorial board and editors who give up their time in the interests of their research communities ensuring quality articles are published, but also invisibly encouraging and improving the work of those new to the field in the form of feedback and reviewer comments.

If UKRI is to swap the money flow from the reader to the author, are they also to recompense this army of workers? In the current model, this work is pro bono – many hours of unpaid work, completed at weekends and in the evenings – that a financialised model is failing to address. Academics welcome the plurality and plethora of current publication methods giving researchers, both publicly-funded and not publicly-funded, academic freedom to choose where to disseminate research findings.

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Some of our members feel that dividing research into that well-funded by the state and that reliant on the remaining subscription will adversely skew the publishing and citation of research in that the power to accept/reject will be concentrated to the few to the detriment of opposing/radical views.

These financial imperatives lead to the rather narrow accessibility aim of ensuring academic articles are available free of charge to those who might want to read them. We do not believe that many practitioners and members of the public have the time or necessary academic training to want to access the material in a format intended for fellow academics. Therefore, we believe that the UK government should commit to ensuring that funding is also committed to make the material not just physically accessible but accessible in the wider sense of being in a format likely to be read and promulgated by the public at large. This could additionally mean jointly funding a publicly-usable information management system and database with a sophisticated search engine mechanism for interested parties to locate topic areas rather than specific articles in specific journals – in other words improve discoverability.

In addition, it was not clear to us as criminologists how compliance can be monitored comprehensively in the suggested open access systems and therefore enforcement would be ad hoc and potentially unfair, or perceived to be, if directed disproportionately at one group of researchers. Unless a financial sanction is imposed at first breach, there is no incentive for funded researchers to comply initially as they stand a good chance in a risk assessment of not getting caught and, if caught, would be warned before sanctions would apply.

Finally, the coronavirus lockdown has impacted heavily on all parties concerned with this new policy from the universities to the publishers to the readers and researchers. Specifically, it has impacted on the finances of many learned societies, one of whose main income streams is large events such as conferences, the majority of which have been cancelled or transferred to free online alternatives. To have the uncertainties of the newly-shaped journals on top of this is likely to mean that some will cease activity. We feel this initiative should be delayed until at least 2023 when the government itself has said the economy might be in recovery.

The BSC has joined the 'Society Publishers' Coalition' (a grouping of not-for-profit academic journal owners with common ground across the disciplines) in order to stay in the forefront of new developments.

- The BSC continued to respond to queries from both individuals and outside bodies for ethical advice and review, receiving unanimously positive feedback for its input.

Conference Committee

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we made an early decision to cancel our 2020 conference – Criminology in an Age of Global Injustice(s) - which would have been hosted by The University of Liverpool. This decision meant delegates missed the chance to network with their peers and present their research. In recognition of these lost opportunities, we wanted to offer some alternative ways of engaging and the Society hosted a free online event 'Global Injustice – Beyond the Conference 2020' - a series of seminars, podcasts and video with publishers offering virtual bookstands and advice sessions and postgraduates web posters designed to give the flavour of the conference from the comfort of their own homes. As a positive of the new platform, many of the events were recorded and left legacy products for those unable to attend.

Among the events were:

- Jayne Price, co-chair of the BSC Early Career Researchers Network, and Carina O'Reilly, chair of the BSC Postgraduate Committee, led a 'Public Engagement and Your Audiences' workshop focussing specifically on Early Career Researchers and Postgraduates. This event was interactive, asking delegates to think about their work and its possible audiences, and also included some guidance on non-academic press outlets.
- In the 'Writing for Journals' workshop, Michele Burman, Co Editor of Criminology & Criminal Justice, and Eamonn Carrabine, Editor-in-Chief of The British Journal of Criminology, discussed writing for journals, and included a Q&A session.

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- Emerald Publishing and the British Society of Criminology joined together to host a panel discussion on how feminist perspectives have changed the discipline with speakers Sandra Walklate, President of the BSC, Walter S. DeKeseredy, Anna Deane Carlson, Endowed Chair of Social Sciences, Director of the Research Center on Violence, and Professor of Sociology, West Virginia University, USA, Stacy Banwell, Principal lecturer in Criminology, University of Greenwich, and Marian Duggan, Chair of the BSC Women Crime and Criminal Justice Network. This popular event attracted 160 delegates from around the world.
- A celebration of the publication of "Marketisation and Privatisation in Criminal Justice", edited by Kevin Albertson, Mary Corcoran and Jake Phillips and aimed at academics, policy makers, practitioners and criminal justice stakeholders interested in the interactions between the public, private and third sector agencies around criminal justice.
- A number of Podcasts including Tanya Wyatt and Rob White talking about what Green Criminology actually is, David Best being interviewed by Omar Khan about the BSC Prisons Research Network, Marian Duggan interviewed by Helen Jones about the BSC Women Crime and Criminal Justice Network, BSC International Ambassador Richard Hough again talking to Helen Jones, Shadd Maruna and Deborah Jones discussing her book 'Boxing Violence and Desistance' and an interview with BSC Blog winner Lambros Fatsis.

Postgraduate Committee

The BSC postgraduate social media presence has a blog and 3,400 in the Facebook group together with a similar number of Twitter followers, all of which creates a vibrant online community that not only shares news and insights on criminological issues, but also represents a platform to share event details, research methods and best practices and in general inform and disseminate the values and principles of the Society. The 2020 blog includes some useful advice about online interviewing. The committee has also identified the need to strengthen and consolidate with people at the start of their PhD in order to manage continuity through the committee's activities – currently too many committee members become so very near the end of their studies. In common with many of our Networks and committees, the postgraduate committee had to cancel a planned f2f event – part of its Thinking Differently series - due to take place at Staffordshire University in April.

Public Relations Committee

As in previous years, in 2020 the Society gave advisory information to a number of journalists. We tend to average two media enquiries per week. If these enquiries cannot be addressed immediately by the office staff, they are referred to the Chair of the Public Relations Committee. The Society has developed a 'knowledge bank' from what was previously known as the media list in order to distance suggested topic specialists from BSC spokespeople.

A regular Tweeting programme has been established in a bid to keep members and wider society informed of Society activity and criminological events and issues. Our Twitter following (at December 2020) stood at 22,455 – another large year-on-year increase due to the work that has been put into this.

Our website receives an average of 7,000 visits per month from around the world (majority UK but also USA, China, India, Pakistan, Canada, Australia). The most downloaded documents on our site this year included our 2020 Newsletter and 'British serial killing: towards a structural explanation' by Chris Grover and Keith Soothill. This latter document was first published in our Conference Proceedings publication in 1997 which demonstrates the longevity of interest in publications.

The BSC blog: <https://thebscblog.wordpress.com/> continues to attract authors and readers. During the year we published 24 articles and there were just over 13,000 visitors – tripling the numbers from 2018, the blog's first full year of operation. The article judged as 'Blog of the Year 2020' 'Violence in our Cities' (published in August 2020) was a collaborative blog written by Luke Billingham, Elizabeth Cook, Anthony Ellis and Keir Irwin-Rogers.

We have also built on our monthly draw for free books in partnership with the main criminological publishers. This initiative, started in 2016, has proved popular with members (both early career and significantly more established).

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Regional Groups and Specialists Networks Committee

We are extremely fortunate in having dedicated teams working in the regions hosting exceptional events which go to the heart of our main charitable aim. Only a few events were able to go ahead before the first lockdown and many planned events had to be cancelled, though some were repackaged later in the year online. The Society is proud of the efforts subsequently made by our Regional Groups to adapt to new conditions for research exchange and engagement while coping with the varying teaching demands of their institutions. One benefit of the new regime was that many regional events were more accessible to a wider audience, not limited to the local area and resulted in legacy products for those not able to attend at the time of the event. The Society thanks all those who organize and speak at these events as well as those who attend and join in the discussions.

Events included:

- The British Society of Criminology North East branch in conjunction with the BSC Green Criminology Network held one of the few face-to-face events before restrictions in January at Northumbria University – 'Green Criminology in the Anthropocene'. In the context of widespread, human-induced environmental harm criminology – as the discipline primarily concerned with questions of deviance and social control – finds itself particularly relevant. As such, this one-day symposium aimed to spark debate in criminology about how best to respond to contemporary and emerging environmental crimes and harms at a time when existing responses appear ineffective.
- The BSC Midlands branch launched two online events, the first in October 'The Development of Transnational Policing' with papers 'The origins of transnational policing: the continental activities of the Bow Street 'Runners', 1749-1839' by David J. Cox; 'Transnational policing of online sex trafficking' by Karl E. Stonard (and Ana M. Fuentes Cano) and 'Enhancing the accountability and transparency of transnational police cooperation within the European Union' by John L.M. McDaniel (and Anita Lavorgna); and the second hosted by Derby University in December 'Desistance and Rehabilitation: International Perspectives' with contributions by Stephen Farrell (University of Derby), 'Agency and Structure in Processes of Desistance and Persistence'; Marie-Pierre Villeneuve, (Université de Sherbrooke), 'Assisting Processes of Desistance in Criminal Justice System Settings'; David Best (University of Derby), 'Measuring pathways to change: Recovery capital to institutional justice capital'; Wouter Vanderplasschen, (Ghent University, Department of Special Needs Education), 'Presentation on a recovery study with offenders not deemed criminally responsible'; and Isabelle F. Dufour (Laval University), 'Transcendence and Desistance'.
- The BSC South Coastal branch in association with the Women's Academic Network and Bournemouth University's Centre for Seldom Heard Voices heard 'When Women Return to Prison: Exploring the Dynamics of Female Recidivism in Jamaica' by Dacia Leslie (University of the West Indies) in November via Zoom.
- The BSC South West Branch hosted a Research Seminar in conjunction with the University of Plymouth on Zoom in December - "Dangerous Drugs' in the Contemporary Era' - to mark and reflect on the centenary of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1920 and its legacy on drug prohibition. With Tammy Ayres (University of Leicester) and Stuart Taylor (Liverpool John Moores University) The Legacy of the Dangerous Drugs Act: 'The dichotomies of the drug apartheid' and Steve Wakeman (Liverpool John Moores University): 'Moral Economies of Heroin Addiction: Implications for 'Progressive' Drug Policy Reform'.
- The BSC Welsh Branch and the Cardiff Centre for Crime, Law and Justice invited speaker Layla Skinnis in November to discuss her ESRC-funded research on material conditions in police custody. Layla started by referring to a recent Trip Advisor review of a police custody block in South Yorkshire, the reviewer gave it only half a star and complained that "it was nothing but four walls and a mattress". This illustrates how material conditions matter to those arrested and detained by the police whilst an investigation is conducted and a decision is taken about what to do next with the case. The purpose of the paper was to examine the 'representational' quality of these material conditions of police custody. Whether detainees have access to natural light and are detained in facilities which appear well maintained conveys to detainees something about how they are perceived by police authorities, by the state and by wider society, meaning that if a custody facility appears well looked after it suggests to detainees that their treatment is likely to follow suit.

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These ideas are examined using findings from a five-year ESRC-funded mixed-methods study of 'good' police custody which showed that detainee experiences of different types of dignity – linked to feelings of equal worth, autonomy and public decency – were significantly informed by their experiences of the material conditions of police custody.

The BSC now has fourteen specialist network groups including a new Vulnerability Network launched in 2020, increasing its potential to reach out, influence and educate.

The networks are:

*The Youth Criminology/Youth Justice Network (YC/YJN), established in 2008 'to open communication and facilitate critical reflection and exchange within and between the academic, policy and practice communities nationally and internationally', and chaired by Barry Goldson (Liverpool University).

*The Crime and Justice Statistics Network (CJSN), established in 2009, and chaired again by Allan Brimicombe in 2020 is a virtual community defined by the JISMAIL CRIME-JUSTICE-STATS which serves as a base for sending out relevant information and announcements, most notably calls for consultations on pending or under consideration changes in crime and justice data definitions, production and reporting by the Office for National Statistics, Home Office and Ministry of Justice. The Network provides an arena for debate about the production and publication of crime and justice statistics; works to improve perception and public trust in crime and justice statistics and supports the proper interpretation of crime statistics and encourages greater analytic use of criminal justice statistics and surveys. Current membership stands at 165. The Network's May event in conjunction with RSS was sadly cancelled.

*The Women, Crime and Criminal Justice Network, established in 2011, was chaired in 2020 by Marian Duggan of Kent University. The network exists to support scholarship on women, crime and criminal justice, and to foster research of the highest standard. In addition to promoting scholarship on women, crime and criminal justice, the network also aims to support women as criminological scholars. The Network has 85 members all now registered on a members' directory and a Twitter account with 1,700 followers. The Network published its first video in its new mentoring series aiming to pair early career academics with later career academics having a critical conversation accessible enough to be widely shared beyond academia. The first 'Connecting Criminologists: Jennifer and Hannah' brought together Hannah Marshall and Jennifer Fleetwood talking about gender, crime (particularly the drugs trade) and narrative criminology. Also featured in their discussion was their experiences of doing ethnography, race and criminal justice, globalisation and decolonising criminology. Jennifer is a criminologist and sociologist based at Goldsmiths University, Hannah is a PhD candidate in the Centre for Community, Gender and Social Justice at the Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge.

A joint event co-hosted by the British Society of Criminology Women Crime and Criminal Justice Network and the Green Criminology Research Network originally planned face-to-face in April was repackaged online later in the year. The event 'Gendering Green Criminology' Twitter hashtag addressed how feminism can engage meaningfully with environmental harm. Why should those concerned about environmental harm also be concerned with issues of gender? This one-day conference joined feminism, gender studies, and green criminology, to explore the intersections between gender, environmental, non-human animal, and wildlife crimes and harms. Speakers included: Stephen Burrell (Durham University) — The climate crisis and men's violence: Exploring the connections between masculinities and environmental harm; Ana Leite (Durham University) — Conspiracy theories, feelings of threat, and attitudes towards animals and the environment; Francis Masse (Northumbria University) — Gendered dimensions of wildlife crime; Kay Peggs (Kingston University) — Veganism, crime and consuming animals; Corey Wrenn (University of Kent) — Vegan feminist activism then and now; and Tanya Wyatt (Northumbria University) — Gender and environmental harm.

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*The Policing Network, also established in 2011 with the core aims of advancing understanding of policing studies and providing an arena for information exchange, critical analysis and debate across the research, policy and practice communities – nationally and internationally - was chaired during 2020 by Matt Jones (Open University). The Policing Network continues to be a significant source of information exchange and networking for police researchers and practitioners in the UK and abroad. It now has over 250 members. During 2020, the Network published a series of blogs themed around the policing of the Covid crisis including Jonas Grutzpalk (University of Applied Sciences for Policing and Public Administration in North Rhine-Westphalia) What are police learning during the pandemic?; Megan O'Neill (University of Dundee): What the Coronavirus has taught us about community policing; Helen Wells (Keele University), Liz Aston (Edinburgh Napier), Megan O'Neill (University of Dundee) and Ben Bradford (UCL): The rise of technologically-mediated police contact: the potential consequences of 'socially-distanced policing'; Liz Turner and Mike Rowe (University of Liverpool): Police discretion and the coronavirus pandemic; and Sara Grace (University of Salford): Policing the coronavirus lockdown: The limits of on-the-spot fines. A planned face-to-face seminar 'Critical Reflections on Evidence-Based Policing' for the first week of lockdown March 25 had to be cancelled.

*The Learning and Teaching Network was established in 2012 as a vehicle bringing together colleagues across the discipline with a specific learning and teaching interest while looking for opportunities to embed good practice at module, course and programme levels. The Network was chaired by Katie Strudwick at Lincoln in 2020 and the Network now has 40 members.

*The Victims Network was set up by Pamela Davies of Northumbria University in 2014 bringing together those who have interests around victims of crime and social harm, survivors and resilience. In 2020 it was chaired by Hannah Bows (University of Durham) but had to postpone its planned Planning and Writing Event.

*The Critical Criminology Network - launched in 2015 - was chaired in 2020 by Oliver Smith (Plymouth University) and Tammy Ayres (University of Leicester) with a remit to 'breathe new life into critical criminology, encouraging critical criminologists to hatch new ideas that relate to the world as it is now'.

*The Prison Research Network was set up in 2015 to be convened on a rotation basis, in 2020 by David Best (Derby University) to provide a forum for prison researchers to share information and experience about prisons with a view to developing critical analysis and debate across research, policy and practice communities. The membership currently stands at 55. In November 2020, the network's post-graduate and early career group held a reflections seminar: "Challenges and opportunities: conducting research in prisons for post-grads, post-docs, and their supervisors". The aim was to provide some insight and guidance on the challenges, pitfalls and opportunities involved in conducting PhDs in prisons – both for students entering prisons and for students who are prisoners, as well as offering a means of supporting academics without a background in penology who are supervising prison-focused PhDs. A second online seminar focused on Insider Ethnography and included a presentation from Jamie Bennett, a deputy director in HM Prisons and Probation Service in England and Wales, currently Head of Operational Security. His presentation explored the experience of conducting an ethnographic study of prison managers by a prison manager. The theoretical underpinnings discussed included the differences between insider and outsider research in locating a reflexive position that is both sufficiently intimate in order to capture the rich experience of those being studied whilst also having enough distance in order to be able to situate this within a wider social context. The presentation discussed insider ethnography as turbulent process with its emotional complexity and implications for identity and power.

*The Early Career Researchers Network was launched in 2016 under the chair of Anna Sergi (Essex University) and chaired in 2020 by Adam Lynes of Birmingham City University and Jayne Price at Chester, with an aim to support post-doctoral researchers as they enter criminological working life, thus concentrating on events and initiatives of interest to this specific group. The ECR has 798 members on its Facebook page, has recruited an engaged steering group and have plans to continue with events in 2021.

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*The Historical Criminology Network, chaired by David Churchill (Leeds University) was set up in 2018. The Network hosted the first large BSC virtual event repackaging a planned Historical Criminology Workshop online. The workshop was designed to bring together small groups of scholars to initiate conversations around common interests or new directions for research in historical criminology. Seven groups were formed on the following themes: mobile methods; police corruption; history and interdisciplinarity; atonement; dark tourism; path dependence and criminal justice institutions; and protection. More than 50 people joined the event from 7 countries. Most were academics, with a strong PGR/ECR contingent, though there were some practitioners (e.g. senior police officers, museum professionals). The structure of each group was left in the hands of the convenor. Most opted for a fairly loose format of introductions followed by a free-flowing discussion. Others were more structured – sharing biographies of research interests in advance, giving each participant 5 minutes to outline their thoughts on the topic, or having a formal paper presentation to open the discussion. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive – all participants thought the event worthwhile and almost all said they would attend a similar event in future. Individuals described it as the best ‘physical-to-virtual’ transition they had attended, or the most fulfilling event in a long time. The ability to facilitate international dialogue cheaply and conveniently was noted by several. Some groups are planning further meetings to take their discussions forward, or exploring potential for a special issue/edited collection. The event was ‘lived scribed’ by an artist who attended the sessions and drew what she heard. The artwork made a worthwhile contribution - it gave an injection of cheer at the end of each session, was widely picked up and shared on Twitter, and useful for convenors going forward in sharing the fruits of their work.

*The Hate Crime Network also launched in 2018, chaired by Jo Smith (Brighton University). This network is intended to provide a forum for those within the criminology community who have an interest in researching hate crime. This may include, although not be limited to, the following issues: perpetration; victimisation; legislation and policy; policing; rehabilitation and punishment of offenders; theoretical approaches; intersections of hate crime victimisation; and technology and hate crime. This network seeks to facilitate the exchange of ideas and work amongst scholars in the hate crime community, to promote and support excellence in this field for those at all stages of their career, and to provide the opportunity for greater engagement with policy makers, criminal justice practitioners and the wider general public. In 2019, their first event was held at Nottingham Trent University, on ‘Misogyny as Hate Crime’. A book from this event is due to be published in August 2021.

*The Race Matters Network was launched in 2019 chaired by Coretta Phillips (LSE) and Pamela Ugwu-dike (University of Southampton). In 2020, it was chaired by Alpa Parmar (Oxford University) and then Monish Bhatia (Birkbeck) and Bankole Cole (Sheffield Hallam). The aim of the Network is to foster greater attention to the dynamics of race and racism in criminological projects and practice, including in the wider work of the BSC; offer support, solidarity and academic development to Black and minority ethnic scholars in criminology, as well as those working within the subfield of race and criminology; engage with local communities, practitioners and policy makers to influence, listen and inform around questions of race and racism; and to foster wider recognition of the contribution of Black and minority ethnic scholars to criminology, historically, nationally and internationally. Their planned event ‘Race Matters: theorizing democracy, state power, and citizenship in policed communities’ by Vesla Weaver (Bloomberg Distinguished Associate Professor of Political Science and Sociology, Johns Hopkins University), on 19 March at the LSE was one of the first to be cancelled. The Network published a statement relating to the murder of George Floyd in America in 2020 ‘Race, policing and criminal justice: Statement from BSC Race Matters Network on events in the USA’ and has set out a programme of activity including collecting EDI data and working within the QAA benchmarking structure to embed decolonising the criminology curriculum in university teaching programs.

*The Green Criminology Research Network, was also set up in 2019 and chaired by James Heydon of Nottingham University with the aims of providing an arena to share information, experience and perspectives on environmental crimes and harms, advancing understandings and stimulating debate on environmental issues across the spheres of research, policy and practice and promoting the inclusion of environmental issues into criminological teaching and learning strategies, curricula and/or benchmarks. They currently have a membership of 86 members and 709 Twitter followers. Alongside its joint events with the North East branch and the BSC WCCN, the Green Criminology Network worked towards its first Twitter conference ‘Green Criminology in a Changing World’ at the beginning of 2021.

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*In 2020, the BSC launched the Vulnerability Network chaired by Harriet Pierpoint (University of South Wales) and Roxanna Dehaghani (Cardiff University). The use of the term 'vulnerability' is increasing in public, political and academic discourse and has become a key concern of criminologists and criminal justice practitioners internationally. This network provides a forum for discussion on the complexities inherent to researching vulnerability within the context of crime and justice. To this end, it intends to bring academics, practitioners, and policy makers together to establish a 'state of the art' criminal justice vulnerabilities research agenda, paying particular attention to identifying needs and gaps in the research capacity of academics, practitioners, and policymakers; the range and adequacy of theoretical and methodological tools used in criminal vulnerabilities research, and the ethics of such research, the relationships between statutory and non-statutory agencies in responding to vulnerabilities, crime and the factors that shape these criminal justice responses to vulnerabilities crimes. The Network hosted a launch event held online with a keynote speech by Professor Emeritus Gisli Gudjonsson CBE entitled, 'What does it mean to be vulnerable and what are the challenges?' and has published a webinar and podcasts on its YouTube channel. It is planning a series of Flash talks for 2021 as well as the launch of its own website. The VRN has 92 members and 372 Twitter followers.

The growth in specialist networks in the last few years has represented a considerable increase in Society activity, improving the discipline of criminology's research visibility and hence impact. Most of the networks have not just JISC mail lists of members – which are open to everybody not just BSC members – but also separate websites (for example, the Learning and Teaching Network <https://bscltn.wordpress.com/> and the Policing Network <https://bscpolicingnetwork.com/>), blogs and Twitter accounts to engage with the wider world. The BSC welcomes expressions of interest for new specialist networks.

Prizes Committee

In 2020, the Society awarded its Outstanding Achievement Award to Mike Maguire, Professor of Criminology at the University of South Wales, in recognition of his life's work of criminological research and teaching, taking his expertise widely into the policy and practice world.

Mike has published widely on many crime and justice related topics, including policing, prisons, resettlement of offenders, crime victims, burglary, criminal statistics, and the role of the third sector. He is a former member of the Parole Board and Wales Probation Trust and currently a member of the Correctional Services Accreditation Panel of England and Wales; a board member of Integrated Offender Management, Cymru; and a Trustee of Safer Wales.

During his career, Mike has produced more than 100 wide-ranging publications, including five editions of the prestigious Oxford Handbook of Criminology. His nominators said: "Mike is a remarkable and generous mentor. He has supervised and examined over 30 PhD students, supported countless research staff and colleagues and generated positive impacts for policy-makers, practitioners, offenders, their families and victims".

Mike was presented with his award at a Zoom ceremony by Sandra Walklate after an introduction by nominators Fiona Brookman and Harriet Pierpoint: <https://www.britisoccrim.org/oaa/> Fiona also subsequently interviewed him and the recording is on the BSC website.

The annual book prize, sponsored by Routledge, was awarded to Brendan Marsh's book 'The Logic of Violence: An Ethnography of Dublin's Illegal Drug Trade' (Part of the Routledge 'Advances in Ethnography' Series). The text is the result of the first ethnographic study of an illegal drug market in Dublin. Brendan's book examines violence in an illegal drug market from the perspectives of those who had participated in it, that is, formerly-addicted people as well as former profit-oriented drug dealers.

In moving away from the more regular features of young experimental users and social supply, Marsh shines a light into the dark corners and the voices so often unheard, but so often at the centre of that which people understand conventionally as crime. James Treadwell, Chair of the prize committee and the judging panel said: "Brendan is an ethnographer that can clearly penetrate the surface, and as importantly, challenge the surface suggestions and sentiments, thereby uncovering even more. It is wonderfully crafted in a manner that presents the stories and the data in an accessible and engaging manner. It is quite simply, an amazing book that I hope everyone interested in criminology reads".

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The BSC book prize is awarded to first-time book authors whose work shows evidence of particular distinction and/or innovation in methodology or theorising in the general field of criminology, or in the application of criminological theory or research to crime policy or penal practice particularly welcoming nominations from authors in the early years of their academic/research careers.

This year's Postgraduate research poster prize was awarded to: 'Intimate Partner Violence: Barriers to help-seeking experienced by women in the UK' by Amrana Latif (PhD Student – University of Huddersfield) Supervisors: Dr Graham R Gibbs, Dr Nadia Wager. The poster prize is judged on research strength as well as visual impact.

The 2020 Brian Williams Journal Article Prize was awarded to Louise Brangan for her article: 'Civilizing Imprisonment: The Limits of Scottish Penal Exceptionalism' published in The British Journal of Criminology. Louise Brangan is a Lecturer in Criminology in the Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research (SCCJR) in the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Stirling. She completed her PhD in Criminology at the University of Edinburgh in 2017. The Brian Williams Prize was established to honour the memory of Dr Brian Williams, Professor of Community Justice and Victimology at De Montfort University, who was a member of the BSC Executive Committee at the time of his death in 2007. The prize reflects the desire of the British Society of Criminology to encourage and recognise the achievements of new members of the criminology profession, and is awarded to the author of a criminological article, who is a "new" scholar, published in a refereed academic journal.

The Women, Crime and Criminal Justice Network awarded their 2020 Paper Prize to Dr Alexandra Fanghanel for her article 'Asking for it: BDSM sexual practice and the trouble of consent' in Sexualities, 23(3), 269–286. The judges said: "This is a really interesting article on a significantly under-researched area, which ably synthesises a range of literature in providing the broader context for the investigation. Fanghanel evaluates the concepts of consent, trust and risk – and the critical grey area in between – in relation to BDSM practices through her case study of 40 kinkers. Drawing on interviews conducted with a diverse sample of participants, the paper does a really good job of adding complexity to an otherwise well-established body of work on 'consent'. Her findings, written with a detailed level of analysis and commentary, reveal the tensions between negotiating 'consent violators' and nurturing an important sense of community ethic. Ultimately, Fanghanel asks us to consider the concept of consent using a more nuanced lens. It is a really well written piece of work'. The WCCJ Network prize was introduced to celebrate excellence in research and scholarship from members of the Network.

Because of the crisis and the additional responsibilities faced by many of our members and committees, a number of the prizes were not awarded for 2020 included the National Award for Excellence in Teaching Criminology and the Hate Crime and Policing Network prizes.

We congratulate all of our 2020 prize winners.

Publications Committee

The Society's journal Criminology & Criminal Justice continued to be ably edited by the team from a consortia of Scottish universities, led by Michele Burman at Glasgow University, Laura Piacentini of Strathclyde and Margaret Malloch at Stirling. 2020 was the last year of the team's very successful tenure and the BSC Publications Committee spent some time in the early part of lockdown reviewing the large number of very high-quality submissions we received from teams across the UK to succeed them. After a rather lengthier process than anticipated, a new consortium from Southampton and Cambridge Universities were chosen with Loraine Gelsthorpe, Anita Lavorgna and Pamela Ugwu-dike as editors-in-chief from January 2021. As well as the editorial team, we would like to extend our thanks to the reviewers for their prompt, rigorous and thoughtful reviews. The journal performed well across many metrics. Its 2019 Impact Factor (the latest available) was 1.809 ranking 20/69 in Criminology & Penology another increase and a significant one over the previous year.

The most downloaded article in 2020 was again "Just' punishment? Offenders' views on the meaning and severity of punishment' by David Hayes and Esther FJC van Ginneken with 6,739 downloads.

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CCJ's top Altmetric Score for Content Published in 2019-2020 is 97 for the article 'Women's behavior as implied consent: Male 'reasonableness' in Australian rape law' by Rachel Burgin and Asher Flynn. This was in the top 5% of all research outputs scored by Altmetric (all-time).

The BSC is currently exploring how the sending out of our journals could be greener by using compostable bags.

Two member newsletters were published in 2020, the first 'Times of Crises' themed on the 2020 crises, the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on various aspects of crime and justice together with the specific issues around race and policing in the light of the murder of George Floyd with articles 'COVID-19: A Positive Result for Online Recruitment to Extremist Organizations' by Chantelle A. Cummings; 'Domestic Violence and Access to Justice during COVID 19 in Trinidad and Tobago: Responses to domestic violence during crisis by the courts and its implications for access' by Leah Cleghorn; 'Crises Colliding: COVID-19 and domestic abuse' by Jo Roberts; 'De-funding the Police in the UK' by Jennifer Fleetwood and John Lea; and 'Moving Beyond Crime and Punishment Narratives and Analyses: Critical Race Theory and Racial Specificity in Youth Justice' by Esmorie Miller. The second focussed on what the new administration would bring for Crime and Justice in the USA and included articles 'What the Future Holds for Crime and Justice in the U.S. under President Biden' by Joanne Belknap and Alejandra Benita Portillos; 'Between the End and the Beginning: Three Questions for American Criminal Justice After Trump and Before Biden' by N. Prabha Unnithan; 'Administrative Evil and the Use of Deadly Force in Law Enforcement' by Richard Hough; 'But What Did We Learn? Searching for Meaning in the Age of Trumpism' by Alex Tepperman; and 'A cough, a call, and 'butterfly effects' of 2020: Reflection at the genesis of adulthood' by Shawn Isaiah Mendez, with Kwan-Lamar Blount-Hill.

The bi-monthly bulletin was sent to 99.5% of all members and the 'open rate' was just over 50% (60% of whom are located in the UK). Just over half of all readers of the bulletin opened it on a mobile device (one reason why we use a third-party – MailChimp – for sending out the bulletin because their platform is optimised for mobile viewing).

Due to the cancellation of the conference, 'Papers from the British Criminology Conference' was not published in 2020.

Financial review

This year we have continued our policy of 'clarity in finance', to ensure that the Society's finances are presented in a transparent fashion so that the membership can easily ascertain the current financial position of the Society. To this end we have included detail on the nature of the expenditure and income streams of the Society, in particular the costs associated with the two membership journals. We have also included information in this section to further explain some of the figures in the financial report.

The Society's reported fund balances decreased slightly in 2020 from £149,456 at the end of 2019 to £145,905 at the end of 2020, a level still in keeping with the Society's regular expenditure plans and its reserves policy (see below). The decrease is much less than had originally been anticipated because of the substantial loss of income due to the cancellation of the conference, fears of a decrease in membership subscriptions at a time of financial crisis, and the impact of the open access agenda. Savings in venue hire, travel and subsistence due to the lockdown went some way to limit the damage but the BSC was also able to take advantage of the government's Job Retention Scheme once it was extended to cover flexible and part-time furlough. It was not however possible to recover all expenditure already committed for cancelled events.

We worked hard to ensure that membership subscriptions remained solid at £69,000. Although the accounts suggest that membership is static, the stable income hides 25% flux and continued efforts to retain and attract members in the face of increasing competition introducing schemes to attract undergraduate and other groups.

We should also report the ongoing financial success of our journal *Criminology & Criminal Justice* which saw the Society receive £33,000 in royalty income. In 2020, it cost around £30,000 to print member copies of the *British Journal of Criminology* (a form of support for this prestigious journal to which the Society has historical links) and £11,000 for *Criminology & Criminal Justice*.

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Mindful of the current unpredictable financial climate, the Society has sought to review ongoing service commitments and through an increasingly streamlined record-keeping structure and administration sought to cut costs. The Trustees will be assessing the short, mid and long-term impacts of Covid-19 as part of their wider strategic planning and will adjust spending plans accordingly. This will be reviewed on a monthly basis for the duration of the crisis.

In summary, the finances throughout 2020 have remained reasonably healthy. The Society continues to improve its educative, research and policy-related interests and while ensuring the financial security of the Society wishes to continue to develop a project-based long-term strategy to ensure that funds are spent wisely to ensure the health of the discipline of criminology, for the benefit of our members and wider society (see below).

As ever, we would like to thank our Executive Director Dr Charlotte Harris for her excellent work assisted by Communications and Membership Coordinator Dr Helen Jones, in maintaining and finessing the Society's infrastructure and administration while progressing policy and wider interests.

Policy for holding reserves

The BSC has set its reserves at a level at least equivalent to three months' operational expenditure and has done so having regards to its manner of operation and likely funding streams. The reserves level includes staff salary and pension costs and other general running costs on average based on median year-on-year increases, together with the potential for each of its regional groups and specialist networks to draw on the £1,000 annual budget agreed as policy, while acknowledging that many of them do not. The figure does not include the £5,144 designated funds which belong to the Youth Criminology/Youth Justice and Learning and Teaching Networks from sponsorship and profit from paid for events. The reserves amount also recognizes the imbalanced payment-due dates of some of its main payments – i.e. the printing costs of journals both fall due in the early months of the calendar year. The Society's main income streams are variable in nature with fluctuation in membership subscriptions and particularly annual conference income demonstrated in accounting records from previous years (this is in part deliberate as while the Society wishes to host its conference in all parts of the UK it recognises that some geographical areas are more intrinsically attractive, especially to overseas delegates, than others). Obviously, this year has seen a zero income from the conference and the 2021 conference will also be online and non-profit making. Royalty income is again unpredictable in the next few years as the effects of the Government's open access policy become apparent. The trustees will review the amount of reserves that are required to ensure that they are adequate to fulfil the charity's continuing obligations on a quarterly basis at their executive meetings. The government has allowed some flexibility in the keeping of reserves in the light of the coronavirus pandemic and charities have been allowed to spend reserves in order to continue operating during the lockdown.

Future of the Society

The Society relies on three main income streams – membership subscriptions, journal royalties and annual conference income – and each must be reviewed to ensure the continued financial health of the charity.

The Society has moved to a more proactive membership strategy. A membership recruitment drive was begun in 2016 starting with former members and reaching out to new groups such as undergraduates and practitioners. Increased numbers of members will both increase income but also make the Society more relevant and impactful in its dealings with policy and out-facing groups. We are negotiating with our partner publisher SAGE online access to five or six other SAGE criminology titles as part of a package with a view to offering an online-only membership option thus reducing print costs to those who really want a print copy of either our journal *Criminology & Criminal Justice*, or the *British Journal of Criminology*. The Society is working with other learned societies in monitoring and projecting the likely effects of the current global drive towards pushing academic publishing into completely open access models including the effect of this on royalty and other income. As a result of the 2020 pandemic and its financial impact across the board, we are currently pushing for the Open Access deadlines, to be pushed back further.

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We are continuously striving to improve our annual conference experience and make the BSC attractive in the face of increasing competition in this field. The Executive Committee is very aware of the costs of attending the Society's conference and will be pursuing new ways to reduce fees and thereby increase access particularly to those who are deterred from attending by cost alone, while also addressing the needs of potential delegates in other respects. As we write this report on 2020 finances, we are looking forward to an online event in 2021 and we face a substantial loss in revenue. There is still an uncertain environment for 2022.

Structure, governance and management

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Prof B Goldson	
Dr H L Pierpoint	
Prof P A Squires	(Resigned 31 July 2020)
Prof A J Brimicombe	
Prof A Wahidin	
Dr R C Vipond	
Prof A Tseloni	
Prof P Davies	
Dr E C Seal	
Dr O Smith	
Prof J Treadwell	
Dr N B A Groombridge	
Prof S Walklate	
Dr J Smith	
Dr D C Churchill	
Dr K Strudwick	
Prof D Best	
Dr J W Heydon	
Miss C A O'Reilly	(Resigned 22 March 2021)
Dr C Phillips	(Resigned 3 March 2020)
Dr V Heap	
Dr M C Duggan	
Dr M Jones	
Dr A Parmar	(Appointed 1 June 2020 and resigned 10 November 2020)
Prof A E Millie	(Appointed 24 June 2020)
Dr J Price	(Appointed 28 July 2020)
Dr B Cole	(Appointed 3 February 2021)
Mrs G Gallacher	(Appointed 22 March 2021)

The directors have conducted their own review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Significant external risks to funding have led to the development of a strategic plan, which will allow for the diversification of funding and activities. Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures of authorization of all transactions and projects and to ensure consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the Society. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the Society. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our income and subsequent spending will be reviewed regularly.

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The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Prof S Walklate

Trustee

Dated: 14 July 2021

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRITISH SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of British Society of Criminology (the Society) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Society (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Society are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Society's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (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

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 Society as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for 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).

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.

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Dated: 27 August 2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

		Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	3	9,563	-	9,563	-
<u>Charitable activities</u>					
Conference income		-	-	-	27,232
Subscriptions		69,404	-	69,404	69,937
Journals income	4	(18,645)	-	(18,645)	(16,691)
Investment income	5	875	-	875	1,180
Total income		61,197	-	61,197	81,658
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
<u>Charitable activities</u>					
Regional groups' spending	6	581		581	2,811
Prizes and sponsorship	6	344	-	344	185
Support and governance costs	7	61,719	-	61,719	70,166
Network expenses	6	1,441	-	1,441	4,860
Post-grad committee	6	663	-	663	213
Innovation fund	6	-	-	-	1,463
Total charitable expenditure		64,748	-	64,748	79,698
Total resources expended		64,748	-	64,748	79,698
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(3,551)	-	(3,551)	1,960
Fund balances at 1 January 2020		144,312	5,144	149,456	147,496
Fund balances at 31 December 2020		140,761	5,144	145,905	149,456

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	11	503		568	
Cash at bank and in hand		146,047		149,590	
		<u>146,550</u>		<u>150,158</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(645)		(702)	
Net current assets			145,905		149,456
			<u>145,905</u>		<u>149,456</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds			5,144		5,144
Unrestricted funds			140,761		144,312
			<u>145,905</u>		<u>149,456</u>

For the year ending 31 December 2020 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 14 July 2021

Prof S Walklate
Trustee

Company Registration No. 03515512

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	16		(4,418)		10,031
Investing activities					
Interest received		875		1,180	
Net cash generated from investing activities			875		1,180
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(3,543)		11,211
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			149,590		138,379
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			146,047		149,590

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

Company information

British Society of Criminology is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 10 Queen Street Place, London, EC4R 1BE.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Society's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006 and "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 Society is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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 Society. 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 Society 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.

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

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the Society 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 Society 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.

Conference income is recognised in the period which the conference takes place.

Membership subscriptions are recognised in the period to which the subscription relates,

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

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1.5 Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

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.

1.7 Financial instruments

The Society 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 Society's balance sheet when the Society 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.

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through income and expenditure, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected.

If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the Society transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables, accruals, 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 receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Accounts 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 payables 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 Society's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.8 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Society is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.9 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Society'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	Total
	2020 £	2019 £
Donations and gifts	836	-
Job retention scheme grants	8,727	-
	<u>9,563</u>	<u>-</u>

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4 Charitable activities	Journals income £	Total £	Total 2019 £
SAGE journal and other royalty receipts	33,114	33,114	31,208
Amounts payable to SAGE for printing	(11,472)	(11,472)	(9,935)
Amounts payable to OUP for printing	(30,287)	(30,287)	(27,964)
Amounts payable to CCJ editing team	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)
	=====	=====	=====
	(18,645)	(18,645)	(16,691)
	=====	=====	=====
Analysis by fund	=====	=====	=====
Unrestricted funds	(18,645)	(18,645)	(16,691)
	=====	=====	=====

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5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2020 £	2019 £
Interest receivable	875	1,180

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6 Charitable activities	Regional groups' spending £	Prizes and sponsorship £	Member services £	Network expenses £	Post-grad committee £	Innovation fund £	Total £	Total 2019 £
Prizes and sponsorship	-	344	-	539	-	-	883	185
Travel and refreshments	319	-	-	902	663	-	1,884	6,758
Meals	262	-	-	-	-	-	262	745
Subsistence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55
Refreshments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	128
Innovation fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,463
Venue hire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	198
	581	344	-	1,441	663	-	3,029	9,532
Support costs (see note 7)	-	-	54,941	-	-	-	54,941	62,544
Governance costs (see note 7)	-	-	6,778	-	-	-	6,778	7,622
	581	344	61,719	1,441	663	-	64,748	79,698
Analysis by fund								
Unrestricted funds	581	344	61,719	1,441	663	-	64,748	
	581	344	61,719	1,441	663	-	64,748	
For the year ended 31 December 2019								
Unrestricted funds	2,811	185	70,166	4,860	213	1,463		79,698
	2,811	185	70,166	4,860	213	1,463		79,698

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7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Staff, training and office costs	51,528	-	51,528	51,231
Travel expenses	593	-	593	3,848
Insurance	870	-	870	895
Printing, postage and stationery	686	-	686	1,249
Meeting venue hire	-	-	-	1,496
Bursaries	-	-	-	1,927
Telephone and fax	168	-	168	119
Subscriptions	1,048	-	1,048	1,731
Sundry expenses	48	-	48	48
Accountancy	-	4,380	4,380	4,320
Legal and professional	-	2,112	2,112	2,937
Bank charges	-	286	286	365
	<u>54,941</u>	<u>6,778</u>	<u>61,719</u>	<u>70,166</u>

The vast majority of time and expenditure relates to the provision of services to the society's members. It is therefore reasonable to allocate all support costs and governance costs to that activity as shown in note 6.

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year.

9 Employees

The average monthly number employees and consultants during the year was:

	2020 Number	2019 Number
Administration	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and the Executive Director. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £31,751 (2019: £30,475).

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

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10	Financial instruments	2020	2019
		£	£
	Carrying amount of financial assets		
	Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	146,562	151,331
		<u></u>	<u></u>
	Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
	Measured at amortised cost	645	702
		<u></u>	<u></u>
11	Debtors	2020	2019
		£	£
	Amounts falling due within one year:		
	Other debtors	-	41
	Prepayments and accrued income	503	527
		<u></u>	<u></u>
		503	568
		<u></u>	<u></u>
12	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2020	2019
		£	£
	Accruals and deferred income	645	702
		<u></u>	<u></u>
13	Analysis of net assets between funds		
		Unrestricted funds	Designated funds
		£	£
	Fund balances at 31 December 2020 are represented by:		
	Current assets/(liabilities)	140,761	5,144
		<u></u>	<u></u>
		140,761	5,144
		<u></u>	<u></u>
14	Events after the reporting date		
	The Trustees have assessed the impact of Covid-19 which is not considered either to be an adjusting event in respect of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020, nor of such significance to the Charity's operations that there are any material matters to disclose in relation to it at this time. Naturally, the Trustees will be assessing the short, mid and long term impacts of Covid-19 as part of their wider strategic planning.		
15	Related party transactions		
	No guarantees have been given or received.		
	During the year the Trustees received expenses amounting to £570 (2019: £2,885). These expenses were reimbursed to cover travel and subsistence costs to attend Executive Committee meetings and run the committees and networks.		

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16	Cash generated from operations	2020 £	2019 £
	(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(3,551)	1,960
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(875)	(1,180)
	Movements in working capital:		
	Decrease in debtors	65	19,209
	(Decrease) in creditors	(57)	(9,958)
	Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	(4,418)	10,031
