

THE NATIONAL VEGETABLE SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1088979

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2001-10-22

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: A) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE CULTIVATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF VEGETABLES B) TO ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE OF AN FURTHER PUBLIC INTEREST IN VEGETABLES BY THE PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION, BY EXHIBITION, BY STIMULATING RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENT AND BY AWARDING PRIZES OPEN TO PUBLIC COMPETITION.

Activities: NVS activities include the promotion of vegetable growing by home kitchen gardeners using the internet, regional and local lectures and by means of vegetable exhibitions and competitions. We put on demonstrations at various exhibitions and events held throughout the UK, some in conjunction with the RHS and Royal Agricultural Society of England.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NO DEFINED
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£109,243	£119,732	-	-
2023-12-31	£116,313	£111,430	-	-
2022-12-31	£85,010	£83,450	-	-
2021-12-31	£78,446	£59,082	-	-
2020-12-31	£69,729	£62,766	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Raymond Higgins	Chair	2021-09-11
Adrian Read		2019-03-02
Andrew Jones		2024-04-23
Betty Garbutt		2024-07-09
CECILIA JEAN FORRESTER		2019-07-30
Fiona Clare Shenfield		2016-09-10
Frank Taylor		2022-06-28
Ian Simpson		2016-09-10
Kelvin Victor Mason		2018-01-07
Michael Shipley		2024-04-23
Norman Dickinson		2019-03-24
Owain Roberts		2023-01-17
SANDRA HALL		2018-09-14

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Fixed assets				
Sound equipment		1		1
Trophies		211		211
		212		212
Current Assets				
Stocks of books and merchandise etc.	8,186		12,212	
Bank balances board of trustees and branches:				
- Current accounts	72,335		91,657	
- Deposit accounts	65,784		56,221	
Cash in hand			180	
Bank balances in district associations	95,885		92,807	
	242,190		253,077	
Current liabilities				
Subscriptions and fundraising in advance	0		(398)	
Creditors falling due within one year	(1,500)		(1,500)	
	(1,500)		(1,898)	
Net Current Assets		240,690		251,179
Net assets		240,902		251,391
Reserves				
General		140,017		153,584
Designated - National Championships		5,000		5,000
<u>Restricted</u>				
District Associations		95,885		92,807
Total reserves		240,902		251,391

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5. Governance

	2024	2023
Postage	628	-
Printing, stationery and publicity	271	204
National & AGM	1,133	915
Insurance	1,024	969
Examiners fee	1,500	1,500
Sundry Expenses	81	-
	<u>4,637</u>	<u>3,588</u>

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2024

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	2023
Incoming Resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income	79,997	1,646	81,643	87,362
Activities for generating funds	7,320	18,078	25,398	27,208
Bank Interest	1,288	914	2,202	1,743
Total incoming resources	88,605	20,638	109,243	116,313
Cost of generating funds				
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs	17,625	2,689	20,314	13,771
Charitable Activities	78,159	16,622	94,781	94,071
Governance	4,637	-	4,637	3,588
Total resources expended	100,421	19,311	119,732	111,430
Net incoming resources	(11,816)	1,327	- 10,489	4,883
Total funds brought forward				
Nat Exec and Branches	153,042	-	153,042	145,217
Holderness	542	-	542	542
District Associations	-	92,807	92,807	95,749
Championship Reserve	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
Totals	158,584	92,807	251,391	246,508
Net incoming resources	(11,816)	1,327	(10,489)	- 242,920
Transfer between funds	- 1,750	1,750	-	-
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National championships

In 2022, the National Championships were held at Malvern and we were happy to see the entries increasing following our initial post covid year. We would also like to thank all those who supported last year's show, from Stewards to Sponsors, Judges to Table shifters and exhibitors to organisers.

Governance

Since the previous AGM in 2022 at Malvern, The Trustees and Branch representatives of the Society have held all meetings via Zoom.

Changes since the 2022 AGM 2022/23

In September 2022, our membership Registrar (& Southern Branch Chair), Norman Dickinson suffered a heart attack and we are so thankful that Norman has since recovered well and he is getting back into the way of things one year on. *(I am especially thankful, after stepping in to assist with the membership role whilst Norman recuperated).*

In October 2022, we were delighted to co-opt Chris Spree as our new Sponsorship Manager and Michelle Nixon as our new Assistant Secretary and we would like to thank them for having volunteered and taken on their roles like a duck to water.

In November 2022, The Welsh Branch fulfilled their quota of Trustee Reps with Owain Roberts joining the Trustee Team.

In March '23, The Midlands Branch saw numerous changes in their Office bearers (which included Bernard Brown and Sam Forrester standing down as Trustee Reps). Thankyou to both gents for their time and input to the Trustees team.

June Davies, the new Midlands Branch Chair has since joined the Trustee Team in April 2023 and we currently still require one further Midlands Branch Trustee Rep.

Management

As you know, a major change in how we manage our memberships has been in place since go live in Nov 2020. During this time, we have improved certain processes and highlighted others that require further work and development both internally and with our Service Provider, White Fuse.

There were a spate of duplicate payments earlier this year, mainly due to members errors/forgetfulness plus a misunderstanding of the credit card payment by members which is a “recurring card payment “ , not a one off payment.

An expenses policy has been created to provide a guide for DA's, Branches and at National level regarding expenses. This is now available via the Web Site resources section.

Communication

With the technology available through our **membership software system**, we continue utilise more email broadcasts and have further used the ability to manage events with bookings , for example, talks and garden visits. (This helps when managing and planning numbers). If any Branch or DA would like me to provide them with a demonstration on the various tools within the system that could benefit them, then please let me know.

It is vital that we maintain up to date data for each and every member and I would like to re-iterate the importance of advising us when you change your email adress, phone numbers and/or home address. Or alternatively , you can update this information yourself via your user acccout if you have set one up.

Thankyou to everyone who provided feedback via the on line mini survey on the free seeds ;

- Winter Density Lettuce from DT Brown in 2021,
- Red Onion Seed from Medwyn's of Anglesey (now named “red Rover”) in Autumn '22,
- Onion de Paris Spring Onion seed from DT Brown – Spring '22.

Your feedback was both positive and interesting and the results were published in the Summer edition of your SVMagazine.

Our **quarterly Simply Vegetables magazine** has continued to be one of our key communication and information sources for all our members and we have been working hard to improve the content and range of articles for our members, using feedback from the on-line members survey. We would still like to encourage more members to submit articles for the magazine.

In addition to the SV magazine and NVS web site, the activity on our **Facebook members site** has increased by a further 30% with currently 327 members. This is providing an additional avenue for sharing progress, asking questions and sharing information quickly whilst our main NVS facebook page has over two and a half thousand followers.

We continue to use **Zoom** for Trustee meetings and also to deliver our Winter Zoom talks to benefit our members.

The “Winter Zoom talks” continued to be a success and we plan to continue with these after the clocks go back. We do now record the talks and these can be found within the NVS web site’s Library. Many thanks to all who volunteer to give talks and share their knowledge, and to Raymond for getting them added to the web site, it is most appreciated.

External Partners

As reported earlier, Chris Spree joined the team in October 2022 and has been working hard with our external partners, old and new. Chris is working well with our partners and introduced two new ones this year, namely The Garden Superstore and Franchi -Seeds of Italy. Thanks go to all our partners who support us in many ways, from discount codes, giving talks, providing generous raffle prizes, supporting championship Prize money at Branch and National Level as well as providing free seed and sharing information through our SV Magazine.

This year we received “Falco Turnip” seed from DT Brown and we have seen a wide array of exhibits here today, as well as in Ireland at their inaugural show.

Finance

Our Gift Aid Claim for 2022 was submitted at the beginning of September resulting in an overall claim of £16,856 with £4306.71 now received. This is an increase from last year’s, so thank you to all who have ticked the Gift Aid box. Gift Aid money is divided out to each branch based on their branch members who supported Gift Aid.

Society Awards 2023

In 2023, we awarded 8 Fellowship awards, 11 Silver medals and 2 Gold medals, I'm delighted to say that some recipients are here today and these awards will be presented later.

NVS Fellowships –

Branch	Name	Presentation location
Northern	Cath Holmes	local
Northern	James Park	AGM hopefully
Northern	Judith Park	AGM hopefully
Midlands	Robert Heigham	local
Midlands	David Lownds	local
Scottish	Ian Archibald	AGM
Scottish	Jim Veitch	local
Welsh	Cecil Townsend	local

NVS Silver Medallists -

Branch	Name	Presentation
Northern	Jim Robinson	AGM
Northern	John Goodall	AGM
Northern	Mick Shipley	AGM
Midlands	Martyn Strange	local
Scottish	Neil Muirhead	local
Scottish	Ian Simpson	AGM
Scottish	Jean Thomson	AGM
Welsh	Andrew Jones	local
Welsh	Sue McCall	local
Welsh	Raymond Higgins	AGM
Welsh	Harold Lawlor	local

NVS Gold Medallist –

Branch	Name	Presentation
Scottish	Frank Taylor	AGM
Welsh	Gwenda Williams	AGM

NVS Judges 2022

In 2022, the Welsh Branch and our **Irish District Association** both held Judges exams in October 2022.

This is the first time we have held a judges exam in Ireland which is another great step forward.

This resulted in the following 8 members becoming newly qualified NVS judges.

Congratulations to;

Gareth Davies , Gerry Lewis , John Edwards from Wales

Sean Egan, John Harford, Margaret Prendergast, Martin Lawlor & Reggie Mitchel from Ireland

During 2022, a review of the judges exam process was conducted and we have since introduced some key changes to assist in the exams being held which include;

- The practical judges exam, may now be held annually, but at a date to suit each individual branch. This provides a greater flexibility based on availability of vegetables and volunteers.
- Secondly, we now hold the theory exam twice per year. 1st Sat in October and also the 1st Sat in March.

Publications & Documentation

This year we completed the planned x20 general growing leaflets which can be found in the NVS Web site library for all members to access, read and/or print out.

A further 400 Judges & Exhibitor guides have been printed and we see a steady flow of orders for this excellent document.

We have further updated the membership application form to keep it current and have created **A6 fliers** to further advertise the NVS at events.

Going forward we have started to review the needs of DA's and branches with regards to additional advertising requirements, from Banners, to posters, NVS tablecloths, fliers and giveaways. DA's and Branches will hear from us soon to glean what would be beneficial.

In closing, I would like to thank all our officers, committee members, Judges speakers and helpers at D.A., Branch and National level who are all volunteers doing their best with the NVS at heart..... and a reminder that we still have two very important positions to fill in NVS WebMaster and NVS Social Media Officer and we ideally need to commence with succession planning for the role of National Treasurer. If more people can volunteer to do their bit to help, it helps make a big difference to your Society.

This concludes the Trustee report.

Fiona Shenfield FNVS, National Secretary, Sept. 2023.

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Sound equipment		1		1
Trophies		211		211
		212		212
 Current Assets				
Stocks of books and merchandise etc.	12,212		16,298	
Bank balances board of trustees and branches:				
- Current accounts	91,657		95,264	
- Deposit accounts	56,221		40,485	
Cash in hand	180		-	
Bank balances in district associations	92,807		95,750	
		253,077		247,467
 Current liabilities				
Subscriptions and fundraising in advance	(398)		-	
Creditors falling due within one year	(1,500)		(1,500)	
		(1,898)		(2,730)
 Net Current Assets		251,179		244,737
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 Reserves				
General		153,584		145,759
Designated - National Championships		5,000		5,000
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	2023	2022
Postage	-	347
Printing, stationery and publicity	204	271
National & AGM	915	1,180
Insurance	969	901
Examiners fee	1,500	1,500
Bank charges	-	81
	<u>3,588</u>	<u>4,280</u>

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	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	2022
Incoming Resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income	86,477	885	87,362	57,372
Activities for generating funds	9,298	17,910	27,208	27,337
Bank Interest	1,299	444	1,743	301
Total incoming resources	97,074	19,239	116,313	85,010
Cost of generating funds				
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs	12,636	1,135	13,771	5,502
Charitable Activities	73,025	21,046	94,071	73,668
Governance	3,588	-	3,588	4,280
Total resources expended	89,249	22,181	111,430	83,450
Net incoming resources	7,825	(2,942)	4,883	1,560
Total funds brought forward				
Nat Exec and Branches	145,217	-	145,217	146,261
Holderness	542	-	542	542
District Associations	-	95,749	95,749	93,146
Championship Reserve	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
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	2023	2022
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Printing, stationery and publicity	204	271
National & AGM	915	1,180
Insurance	969	901
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Incoming Resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income	86,477	885	87,362	57,372
Activities for generating funds	9,298	17,910	27,208	27,337
Bank Interest	1,299	444	1,743	301
Total incoming resources	97,074	19,239	116,313	85,010
Cost of generating funds				
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs	12,636	1,135	13,771	5,502
Charitable Activities	73,025	21,046	94,071	73,668
Governance	3,588	-	3,588	4,280
Total resources expended	89,249	22,181	111,430	83,450
Net incoming resources	7,825	(2,942)	4,883	1,560
Total funds brought forward				
Nat Exec and Branches	145,217	-	145,217	146,261
Holderness	542	-	542	542
District Associations	-	95,749	95,749	93,146
Championship Reserve	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
Totals	150,759	95,749	246,508	244,949
Total funds carried forward	158,584	92,807	251,391	246,509

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National championships

In 2022, the National Championships were held at Malvern and we were happy to see the entries increasing following our initial post covid year. We would also like to thank all those who supported last year's show, from Stewards to Sponsors, Judges to Table shifters and exhibitors to organisers.

Governance

Since the previous AGM in 2022 at Malvern, The Trustees and Branch representatives of the Society have held all meetings via Zoom.

Changes since the 2022 AGM 2022/23

In September 2022, our membership Registrar (& Southern Branch Chair), Norman Dickinson suffered a heart attack and we are so thankful that Norman has since recovered well and he is getting back into the way of things one year on. (*I am especially thankful, after stepping in to assist with the membership role whilst Norman recuperated*).

In October 2022, we were delighted to co-opt Chris Spree as our new Sponsorship Manager and Michelle Nixon as our new Assistant Secretary and we would like to thank them for having volunteered and taken on their roles like a duck to water.

In November 2022, The Welsh Branch fulfilled their quota of Trustee Reps with Owain Roberts joining the Trustee Team.

In March '23, The Midlands Branch saw numerous changes in their Office bearers (which included Bernard Brown and Sam Forrester standing down as Trustee Reps). Thankyou to both gents for their time and input to the Trustees team.

June Davies, the new Midlands Branch Chair has since joined the Trustee Team in April 2023 and we currently still require one further Midlands Branch Trustee Rep.

Management

As you know, a major change in how we manage our memberships has been in place since go live in Nov 2020. During this time, we have improved certain processes and highlighted others that require further work and development both internally and with our Service Provider, White Fuse.

There were a spate of duplicate payments earlier this year, mainly due to members errors/forgetfulness plus a misunderstanding of the credit card payment by members which is a “recurring card payment “ , not a one off payment.

An expenses policy has been created to provide a guide for DA’s, Branches and at National level regarding expenses. This is now available via the Web Site resources section.

Communication

With the technology available through our **membership software system**, we continue utilise more email broadcasts and have further used the ability to manage events with bookings , for example, talks and garden visits. (This helps when managing and planning numbers). If any Branch or DA would like me to provide them with a demonstration on the various tools within the system that could benefit them, then please let me know.

It is vital that we maintain up to date data for each and every member and I would like to re-iterate the importance of advising us when you change your email adress, phone numbers and/or home address. Or alternatively , you can update this information yourself via your user accout if you have set one up.

Thankyou to everyone who provided feedback via the on line mini survey on the free seeds ;

- Winter Density Lettuce from DT Brown in 2021,
- Red Onion Seed from Medwyn’s of Anglesey (now named “red Rover”) in Autumn ‘22,
- Onion de Paris Spring Onion seed from DT Brown – Spring ’22.

Your feedback was both positive and interesting and the results were published in the Summer edition of your SVMagazine.

Our **quarterly Simply Vegetables magazine** has continued to be one of our key communication and information sources for all our members and we have been working hard to improve the content and range of articles for our members, using feedback from the on-line members survey. We would still like to encourage more members to submit articles for the magazine.

In addition to the SV magazine and NVS web site, the activity on our **Facebook members site** has increased by a further 30% with currently 327 members. This is providing an additional avenue for sharing progress, asking questions and sharing information quickly whilst our main NVS facebook page has over two and a half thousand followers.

We continue to use **Zoom** for Trustee meetings and also to deliver our Winter Zoom talks to benefit our members.

The “Winter Zoom talks” continued to be a success and we plan to continue with these after the clocks go back. We do now record the talks and these can be found within the NVS web site’s Library. Many thanks to all who volunteer to give talks and share their knowledge, and to Raymond for getting them added to the web site, it is most appreciated.

External Partners

As reported earlier, Chris Spree joined the team in October 2022 and has been working hard with our external partners, old and new. Chris is working well with our partners and introduced two new ones this year, namely The Garden Superstore and Franchi - Seeds of Italy. Thanks go to all our partners who support us in many ways, from discount codes, giving talks, providing generous raffle prizes, supporting championship Prize money at Branch and National Level as well as providing free seed and sharing information through our SV Magazine.

This year we received “Falco Turnip” seed from DT Brown and we have seen a wide array of exhibits here today, as well as in Ireland at their inaugural show.

Finance

Our Gift Aid Claim for 2022 was submitted at the beginning of September resulting in an overall claim of £16,856 with £4306.71 now received. This is an increase from last year’s, so thank you to all who have ticked the Gift Aid box. Gift Aid money is divided out to each branch based on their branch members who supported Gift Aid.

Society Awards 2023

In 2023, we awarded 8 Fellowship awards, 11 Silver medals and 2 Gold medals, I'm delighted to say that some recipients are here today and these awards will be presented later.

NVS Fellowships -

Branch	Name	Presentation location
Northern	Cath Holmes	local
Northern	James Park	AGM hopefully
Northern	Judith Park	AGM hopefully
Midlands	Robert Heigham	local
Midlands	David Lownds	local
Scottish	Ian Archibald	AGM
Scottish	Jim Veitch	local
Welsh	Cecil Townsend	local

NVS Silver Medallists -

Branch	Name	Presentation
Northern	Jim Robinson	AGM
Northern	John Goodall	AGM
Northern	Mick Shipley	AGM
Midlands	Martyn Strange	local
Scottish	Neil Muirhead	local
Scottish	Ian Simpson	AGM
Scottish	Jean Thomson	AGM
Welsh	Andrew Jones	local
Welsh	Sue McCall	local
Welsh	Raymond Higgins	AGM
Welsh	Harold Lawlor	local

NVS Gold Medallist -

Branch	Name	Presentation
Scottish	Frank Taylor	AGM
Welsh	Gwenda Williams	AGM

NVS Judges 2022

In 2022, the Welsh Branch and our **Irish District Association** both held Judges exams in October 2022.

This is the first time we have held a judges exam in Ireland which is another great step forward.

This resulted in the following 8 members becoming newly qualified NVS judges.

Congratulations to;

Gareth Davies , Gerry Lewis , John Edwards from Wales

Sean Egan, John Harford, Margaret Prendergast, Martin Lawlor & Reggie Mitchel from Ireland

During 2022, a review of the judges exam process was conducted and we have since introduced some key changes to assist in the exams being held which include;

- The practical judges exam, may now be held annually, but at a date to suit each individual branch. This provides a greater flexibility based on availability of volunteers and volunteers.
- Secondly, we now hold the theory exam twice per year. 1st Sat in October and also the 1st Sat in March.

Publications & Documentation

This year we completed the planned x20 general growing leaflets which can be found in the NVS Web site library for all members to access, read and/or print out.

A further 400 Judges & Exhibitor guides have been printed and we see a steady flow of orders for this excellent document.

We have further updated the membership application form to keep it current and have created **A6 fliers** to further advertise the NVS at events.

Going forward we have started to review the needs of DA's and branches with regards to additional advertising requirements, from Banners, to posters, NVS tablecloths, fliers and giveaways. DA's and Branches will hear from us soon to glean what would be beneficial.

In closing, I would like to thank all our officers, committee members, Judges speakers and helpers at D.A., Branch and National level who are all volunteers doing their best with the NVS at heart..... and a reminder that we still have two very important positions to fill in NVS WebMaster and NVS Social Media Officer and we ideally need to commence with succession planning for the role of National Treasurer.

If more people can volunteer to do their bit to help, it helps make a big difference to your Society.

This concludes the Trustee report.

Fiona Shenfield FNVS, National Secretary, Sept. 2023.

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	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Sound equipment		1		1
Trophies		211		211
		212		212
Current Assets				
Stocks of books and merchandise etc.	16,298		18,421	
Prepayment	-		-	
Bank balances board of trustees and branches:				
- Current accounts	95,264		95,472	
- Deposit accounts	40,485		40,427	
Cash in hand	-		-	
Bank balances in district associations	95,750		93,147	
		247,797		247,467
Current liabilities				
Subscriptions and fundraising in advance	-		(1,230)	
Creditors falling due within one year	(1,500)		(1,500)	
		(1,500)		(2,730)
Net Current Assets		246,297		244,737
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Reserves				
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Designated - National Championships		5,000		5,000
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Holderness		-		-
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Voluntary income	54,901	2,471	57,372	65,000
Activities for generating funds	6,533	20,804	27,337	13,285
Bank Interest	218	83	301	161
Incoming Resources from charitable activities				
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Total incoming resources	61,652	23,358	85,010	78,446
Cost of generating funds				
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs	3,399	2,103	5,502	4,036
Charitable Activities	55,016	18,652	73,668	50,315
Governance	4,280	-	4,280	4,731
Total resources expended	62,695	20,755	83,450	59,082
Net incoming resources	(1,043)	2,603	1,560	19,364
Total funds brought forward				
Nat Exec and Branches	146,261	-	146,261	129,965
Holderness	542	-	542	542
District Associations	-	93,146	93,146	90,078
Championship Reserve	5,000		5,000	5,000
Totals	151,803	93,146	244,949	225,585
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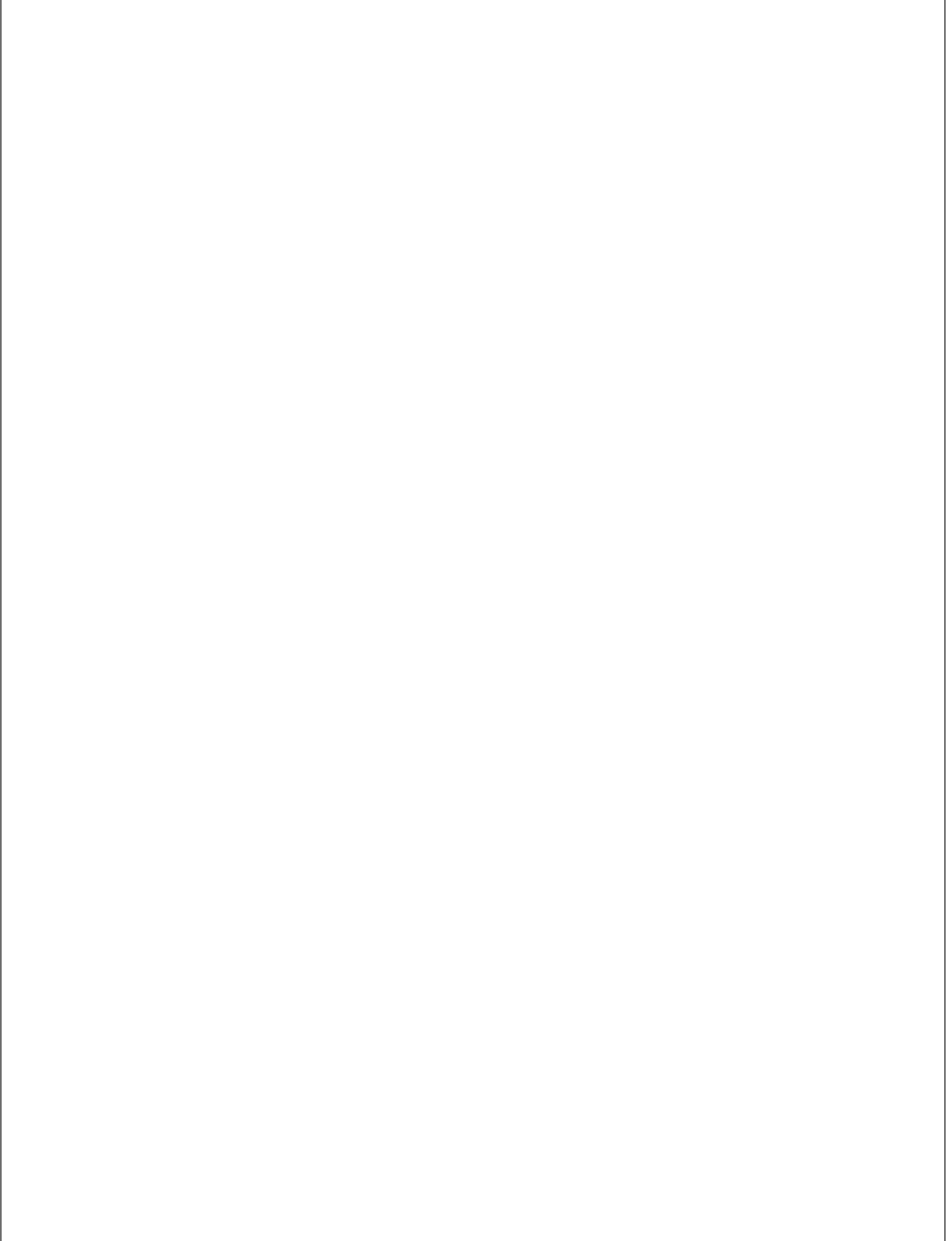
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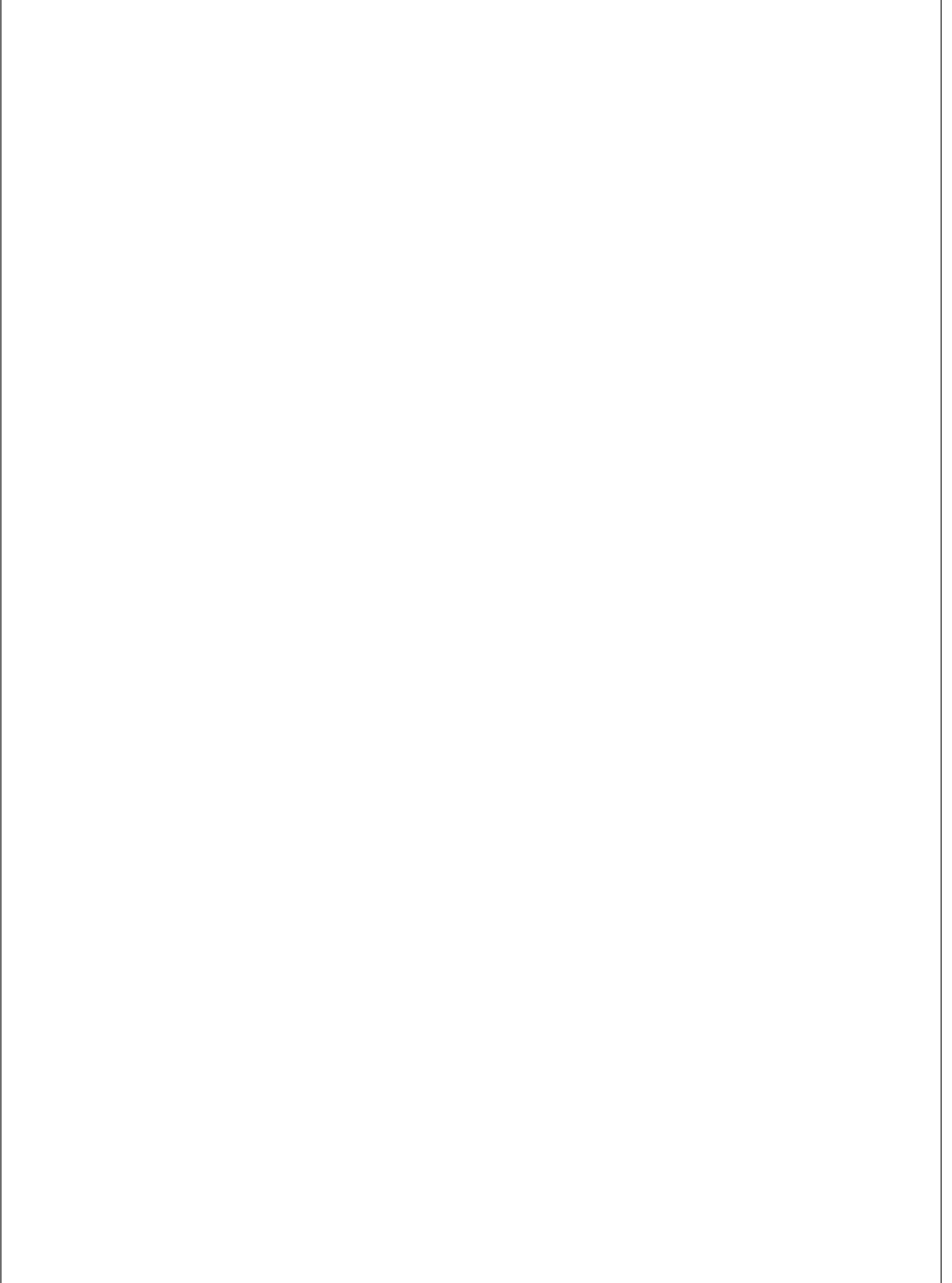
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5. Governance

	2021	2020
Postage	483	299
Printing, stationery and publicity	1,021	224
National & AGM	859	123
Room Hire	-	220
Travel	-	870
Insurance	868	852
Examiners fee	1,500	1,500
Bank charges	-	55
	<u>4,731</u>	<u>4,143</u>

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2021

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	2020
Incoming Resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income	64,538	462	65,000	48,324
Activities for generating funds	663	12,622	13,285	7,726
Bank Interest	144	17	161	328
Incoming Resources from charitable activities				
			-	-
Total incoming resources	65,345	13,101	78,446	56,378
Cost of generating funds				
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs	1,201	2,835	4,036	3,137
Charitable Activities	43,117	7,198	50,315	42,134
Governance	4,731		4,731	4,143
Total resources expended	49,049	10,033	59,082	49,414
Net incoming resources	16,296	3,068	19,364	6,964
Total funds brought forward				
Nat Exec and Branches	129,965	-	129,965	117,747
Holderness	542	-	542	542
District Associations	-	90,078	90,078	95,332
Championship Reserve	5,000		5,000	5,000
Totals	135,507	90,078	225,585	218,621
Total funds carried forward	151,803	93,146	244,949	225,585

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National championships

In 2021, the National Championships were held at Atcham and were very successful despite our initial concerns due to the Covid Pandemic. We would also like to thank all those who volunteered to support last year's show.

Governance

Since the previous AGM in 2021 at Atcham, The Trustees and Branch representatives of the Society have held all meetings via Zoom.

Changes in 2021/22

The officers for the Society remained as is, however, recently, our Vice Chair , Ian Stocks has stood down due to his health, Gareth Cameron, stood down as Sponsorship Manager and we formally thank Ian and Gareth for their years of hard work.

During 2022, we have welcomed a new Welsh Branch Trustee, Lesley Stone who replaced Rob Holmes (thanks Rob for your input over the past two years) and a new Scottish Branch Trustee in Frank Taylor who replaced Gareth Cameron.

I would like to also mention our Hard working Membership Registrar, Norman Dickinson, who recently suffered a heart attack, but is thankfully on the mend.

Whist this has been a particularly difficult year for some within the Trustee Team, myself included, we have continued to work on the NVS development plan albeit at a slower pace in some areas. With Covid restrictions reduced, and the ability to do more, this also reduced the time available for projects, unlike the previous two years.

Management

As you know, a major change in how we manage our memberships has been in place since go live in Nov 2020. During this time, we have improved certain processes and highlighted others that require further work and development both internally and with our Service Provider, White Fuse.

Communication

With the technology available through our **membership software system**, we have utilised more email broadcasts and further used the ability to manage events with bookings , for example, talks and garden visits. (This helps when managing and planning numbers). If any Branch or DA would like me to provide them with a demonstration on the various tools within the system that could benefit them, then please let me know.

Communication is vital to so many areas of our society, and so the further development of a **communications strategy** is underway and is in the process of being aligned and included within the Development plan.

Our **quarterly Simply Vegetables magazine** has continued to be one of our key communication and information sources for all our members.

In addition to the magazine and web site, the activity on our Facebook members site has increased to approx. 250 members this is providing an additional avenue for sharing progress, asking questions and sharing information, whilst our main facebook page has over two and a half thousand followers.

The continuation of “Winter Zoom talks” has proved to be a success and we plan to continue with these after the clocks go back. With covid restrictions reduced, it has been encouraging to see the hard work done by our District Associations and the many members who have been giving local talks throughout the country. Thankyou.

External Partners

Gareth Cameron again worked hard with our partners this year and we are grateful for the free seeds received which were provided for all our members from DT Brown and Medwny's of Anglesey. This year, we also commenced conducting seed trials with 60 volunteer members across the country in conjunction with Marshalls and DT Brown. This is currently ongoing with our members noting their results and taking photos to help provide valuable feedback. The NVS also supported Marshalls this year at their Garden display at Gardeners World in Birmingham. It is vital that we continue to work to develop our relationships with external partners, both existing and new.

Finance

Our Gift Aid Claim for 2021 has recently been submitted resulting in an overall claim of £12,421 with £3,105 expected to be received soon. This is an increase from 2021, so thank you to all who have ticked the gift Aid box. Gift Aid money is given out to each branch based on their local members who supported Gift Aid.

Society Awards 2022

In 2022, we awarded 8 Fellowship awards, 2 Silver medals and 3 Gold medals, I'm delighted to say that some recipients are here today and the awards will be presented later.

NVS Fellowships -

Branch	Name	Presentation location
Midlands	David (Sam) Forrester	AGM
Midlands	Albert Walker	AGM
Southern	Norman Dickinson	Locally
Southern	Chris Passey	AGM
Welsh	Gareth Morris	Locally
Welsh	Tom Maher	Locally
Northern	Dave Peel	AGM
Northern	Olive Peel	AGM

NVS Silver Medallists -

Branch	Name	Presentation
Midlands	Jean Forrester	AGM
Welsh	Eirian Jones	Locally

NVS Gold Medallist -

Branch	Name	Presentation
Scottish	Gareth Cameron	AGM
Scottish	Fiona Shenfield	AGM
Scottish	Ian Stocks	AGM

NVS Judges 2021

In 2021, the Scottish branch held a Judges exam on October 2nd which resulted in the following members becoming newly qualified NVS judges. Congratulations to;

Peter Fitch, (Moray Nr Inverness)

Veronica Smith (Livingston, Nr Edinburgh)

Ian MacPhee (Alloa Nr Falkirk)

Chris Spree (Stockbury in Kent)

This year, we are delighted that our **Irish District Association is holding a Judges exam in Ireland for the first time** along with the Welsh Branch and we wish all candidates the best of luck in October.

Publications & Documentation

This year we have increased the quantity of general growing leaflets which can be found in the NVS Web site library. We have further updated the membership application form to keep it current with the new website and also created A6 fliers to further advertise the NVS at events.

In closing, I would like to thank all our officers and committee members at D.A., Branch and National level who are all volunteers doing their best with the NVS at heart.

This concludes the Trustee report.

Fiona Shenfield FNVS, National Secretary, Sept. 2022.

THE NATIONAL VEGETABLE SOCIETY

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For the year ended 31st December 2020

The National Vegetable Society was founded in 1960 and became a registered charity on 22nd October 2001

Its charitable objects include to advance the culture, study and improvement of vegetables, to advance knowledge and to further public interest in vegetables

THE NATIONAL VEGETABLE SOCIETY

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the National Vegetable Society

- Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner** The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.
It is my responsibility to:
- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
 - to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
 - to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.
- Basis of independent examiner's statement** My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.
- Independent examiner's statement** In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention
1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
 2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Signed: A Cutler FCCA

Date:

Cutler & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
Brook House
Church Lane
Garforth
Leeds
LS25 1HB

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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2020

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Sound equipment		1		1
Trophies		211		211
		212		212
Current Assets				
Stocks of books and merchandise etc.	19,253		20,083	
Prepayment	-		-	
Bank balances board of trustees and branches:				
- Current accounts	88,017		86,359	
- Deposit accounts	40,387		32,603	
Cash in hand	-		126	
Bank balances in district associations	90,078		95,332	
		237,735		234,503
Current liabilities				
Subscriptions and fundraising in advance	(10,862)		(14,594)	
Creditors falling due within one year	(1,500)		(1,500)	
		(12,362)		(16,094)
Net Current Assets		225,373		218,409
Net assets		225,585		218,621
Reserves				
General		130,507		117,747
Designated - National Championships		5,000		5,000
<u>Restricted</u>				
Holderness		-		542
District Associations		90,078		95,332
		225,585		218,621
Total reserves		225,585		218,621

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on
and signed on their behalf by:

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Sandra Hall - Chairperson
Date:

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Jean Forrester - Hon Treasurer
Date:

THE NATIONAL VEGETABLE SOCIETY
Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

- a) **Basis of preparation:** The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 (effective January 2015) and the Companies Act 2006. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).
- b) **Income and expenditure:** Income is brought into the financial statements when received. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the society's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the society.
- c) **Subscriptions:** Subscriptions are recognized when received. The membership year runs from 1st January. Subscriptions received late in the year are deemed to include the subsequent full year.
- d) **Fixed assets:** This comprises only an item of sound equipment and trophies.
- e) **Stock:** Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised on receipt at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

2. Transactions with Members of the National Executive

No trustee or person defined by accounting standards as "related to them" received any remuneration for services as a trustee or in a management capacity during the year, or for any reimbursement of expenses other than for expenditure incurred as an agent of the society. Travel to the National Executive meetings was reimbursed to those trustees who claimed it.

3. Shows and Events

These comprise the National Championships of the NVS, the Regional Branch Championships, local championships by District Association, and other events with lectures, members' information and social evenings and exhibitions. Incidental fundraising activities at these events (eg. Raffles) are treated as events revenues.

4. Members Magazines etc

Each member receives a quarterly magazine with information and advice on the cultivation of vegetables, together with news of the events involving vegetable cultivation and exhibition in their Regional Branch and District Association.

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5. Governance

	2020	2019
Postage	299	213
Printing, stationery and publicity	224	233
National & AGM	123	2,373
Room Hire	220	880
Travel	870	2,890
Insurance	852	773
Examiners fee	1,500	1,500
Bank charges	55	150
	<u>4,143</u>	<u>9,012</u>

THE NATIONAL VEGETABLE SOCIETY
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2020

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	2019
Incoming Resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income	61,427	248	61,675	79,219
Activities for generating funds	2,117	5,609	7,726	42,367
Bank Interest	286	42	328	317
Incoming Resources from charitable activities				
			-	-
Total incoming resources	63,830	5,899	69,729	121,903
Cost of generating funds				
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs	14,794	1,695	16,489	10,048
Charitable Activities	35,582	6,552	42,134	87,028
Governance	4,143		4,143	9,012
Total resources expended	54,519	8,247	62,766	106,088
Net incoming resources	9,311	(2,348)	6,963	15,815
Total funds brought forward				
Nat Exec and Branches	117,747		117,747	106,866
Holderness		542	542	542
Transfer Hlderness balance	542 -	542		
District Associations		95,333	95,333	90,398
Transfer Dormant DA balances	2,907 -	2,907		
Championship Reserve	5,000		5,000	5,000
Totals	126,196	92,426	218,622	202,806
Total funds carried forward	135,507	90,078	225,585	218,621