

THE NATIONAL VEGETABLE SOCIETY

Registered Charity No. 1088979

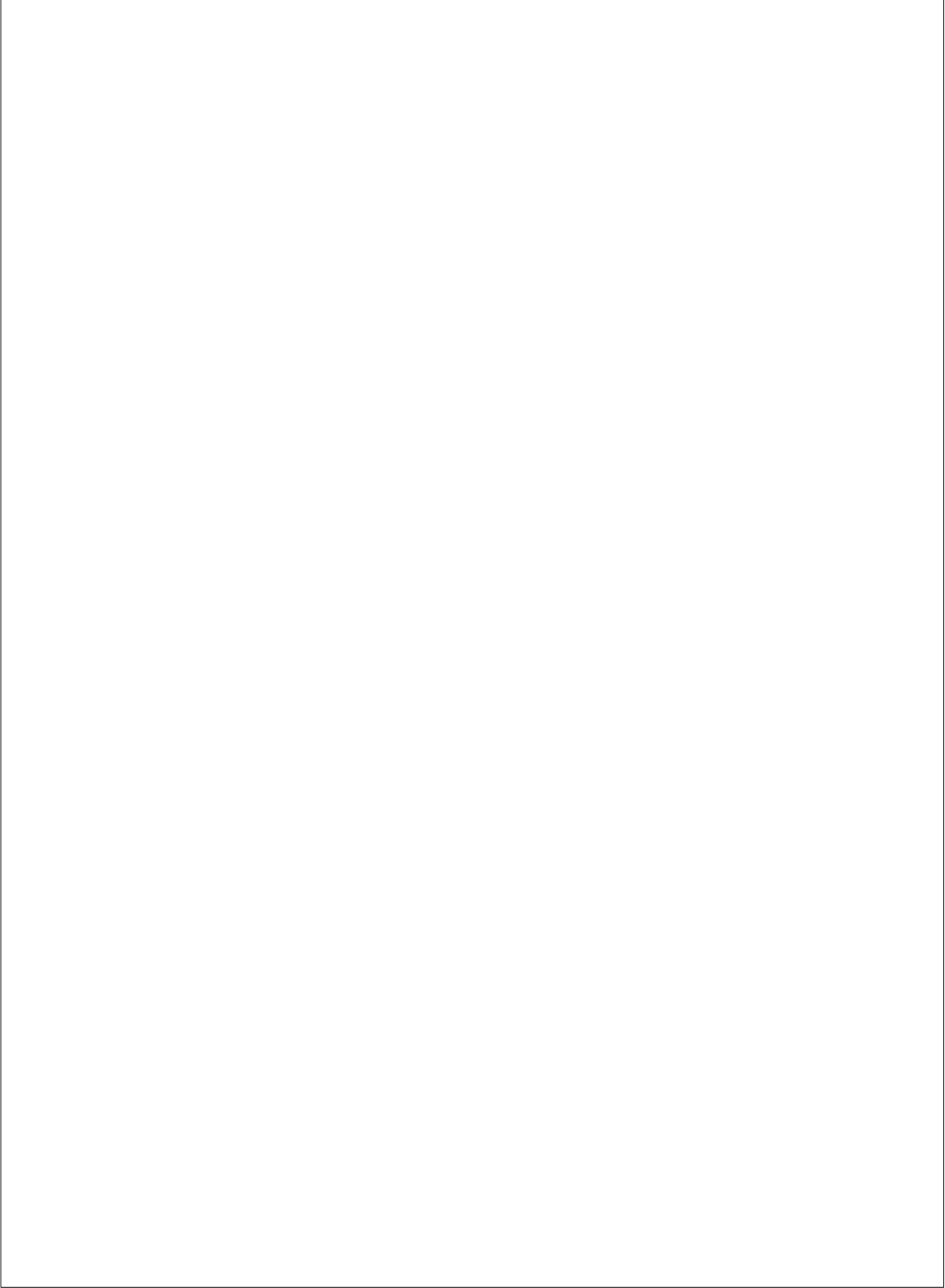
Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended 31st December 2021

*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*





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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021

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.
- 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

	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.

Whilst 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.