



**The British Dam Society**

**THE BRITISH DAM SOCIETY  
CHARITY NUMBER 1113476**

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

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### THE BRITISH DAM SOCIETY

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2020

### LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The British Dam Society was formed in 1967 as an unincorporated association. It became a registered charity by statutes adopted March 2006. The charity number is 1113476.

The charity trustees who served during the year were:

Mr Alan Warren - Chair  
Mr David Littlemore – Vice Chair  
Mrs Tracey Williamson – past-Chair, until 15 March 2020

Mr Andrew Thompson - Technical Secretary (Honorary Officer)  
Mr Rhys Coombs – Webmaster  
Mrs Anthea Peters - Editor, Dams & Reservoirs  
Ms Sarah Loughrey – YP Chair  
Mrs Rachel Davies  
Mr Paul Farnell  
Mr Brett Marshall  
Dr Catherine O'Sullivan until 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
Ms Rachel Pether  
Mr Duncan Scott  
Mr Roger Lewis  
Mr Tom Wanner  
Mr Newman Booth  
Mr Rafael Monroy until 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
Mr Billy Sheehy  
Mr Darren Shaw  
Mr Werner Delpont until 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
Mr Craig Goff  
Mr Barry Dooley from 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
Mr Stephen Lockett from 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
Mr Dougie Scott from 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
Mrs Natalie Bennett from 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Charity trustees who stepped down in 2020:

Mrs Tracey Williamson  
Dr Catherine O'Sullivan  
Mr Rafael Monroy  
Mr Werner Delpont

The Trustees of the British Dam Society are the members of its committee.



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During 2020 the committee comprised:

Chair

Vice Chair

Past Chair

Four Honorary Officers to assist in the administration of BDS (Technical Secretary, Editor of Dams and Reservoirs, Chair of the Young Professionals and Webmaster)

Twelve Elected Members

Three Members nominated by the Chair

Only members of the Society shall be members of the Committee. This requirement may be waived if the Committee agree.

The Chair and Vice Chair of the Society are elected by members of the committee.

Members of the Committee to be elected by ballot shall be nominated by not less than two members of the Society.



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### **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

The principal office of the charity is:

One Great George Street  
Westminster  
London SW1P 3AA

Names and addresses of other relevant organisations are as follows.

#### **Bankers**

Santander UK plc  
Bridle Road  
Bootle  
L30 4GB

CCLA Investment Management Ltd  
80 Cheapside  
London EC2V 6DZ

#### **Solicitors**

Solicitors are appointed from time to time as the need arises.

#### **Independent examiner**

Jonathan Healey FCA  
Lindeyer Francis Ferguson Limited  
North House  
198 High Street  
Tonbridge  
Kent TN9 1BE

### **OBJECTIVES, POLICIES AND ORGANISATION**

#### **Charity objectives**

The objects of the Association are the advancement of public education in the subjects relating to planning, design, construction, civil engineering works and more particularly the society may in furtherance of these objectives:

- a) Stimulate interest and encourage improvements in the planning, design, construction, maintenance, operation and safety of dams and reservoirs
- b) Form the UK section of the International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD)
- c) Co-operate with ICOLD, for the distribution and interchange of information concerning dams and maintenance of the register of large dams in respect of the United Kingdom
- d) Participate in meetings of any nature held by ICOLD and generally promote the declared objects of ICOLD in the United Kingdom



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### **Association Organisation - Committee**

The affairs of the Society are managed by the Committee.

### **Membership**

Membership shall be open to any person over the age of 18 years or any organisation engaged or otherwise interested in the conception, promotion, planning, study, research, design, construction, management and operation of dams, reservoirs and the associated environment. Applications for membership shall be made on prescribed forms addressed to the Secretary.

Boards, corporations, statutory authorities, associations, federations, scientific bodies and the like may be invited to support financially the work and aims of BDS by becoming Corporate Subscribers. Corporate Subscribers shall each be entitled to nominate 3 persons as members to represent their interests in BDS who shall receive copies of all notices, reports, and other publications relating to the work of BDS.

Subscriptions may only be modified with the approval of the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting.

### **Reserves Policy**

The trustees consider it prudent to keep unrestricted reserves at levels which ensure that there are sufficient funds to meet the needs of current and future activities. The minimum level to be maintained is £50,000. The activities of the Society are largely regular and predictable in the medium to long term. Reserves can therefore be relied on to act as contingency in the event of income flows being disrupted.

### **Risk Assessment**

A risk assessment with respect to the finances of the BDS has been carried out by the Executive Committee. A register of risks has been established and is reviewed at least annually. Where appropriate, measures have been identified to mitigate the risks the charity faces.





### BRITISH DAM SOCIETY CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2020

#### 1. General

This year, the activities and events of the British Dam Society (BDS) Committee were greatly impacted by the restrictions imposed by the global pandemic. Most notably, the biennial BDS Conference had to be postponed and the AGM was held in October rather than in April. Although the BDS continued to deliver activities against our five BDS strategic objectives, our normal programme of meetings and events was affected. Working Groups updated their action plans with refreshed initiatives, which were approved by the Main Committee at the beginning of the year. The work that each of the five Working Groups achieved in the year is covered in the following sections of this report.

#### 2. Membership

The Membership Working Group was led by Andrew Thompson and supported by Alan Warren, Sarah Loughrey, Rhys Coombs and Keith MacDonald. The objective is to increase and diversify membership of the BDS, Supervising Engineers (SEs) Panel and the All Reservoirs Panel Engineers (ARPE) Panel. The Group's action plan included four initiatives. A summary of progress for each is given below:

##### *Increase engagement with Young Professionals and student members*

The aim is to raise the profile and awareness of the BDS. It is proposed to coordinate with other SOWG initiatives (Education, YP and Knowledge groups) so that we can directly target interested parties with the use of flyers and other social media. This year a programme of events was successfully arranged and delivered and a general survey on the activities of the BDS was circulated to gain feedback and inform future activities.

*Encourage involvement, contribution and recognition of other disciplines involved in reservoir works* Dam engineering relies on many disciplines. By creating and promoting links with other disciplines through associated learned societies and organisations, we hope to increase membership numbers and to broaden the knowledge base for our members. This year we engaged in a survey of water industry organisations as a first step in strengthening cross-industry cooperation and coordination in research and learning.

##### *Increase the number of corporate memberships*

There has been some progress with this initiative over the year despite the postponement of the conference. Specific questions were posed to corporate members in our 2020 survey and the results will help us to plan future actions to bring benefits to our existing corporate members in the future.

Our corporate membership is currently at 36 companies, an increase from 35 at the start of the year.

##### *Improve links with the ICE Reservoirs Committee*

We continued to have formal representative of the Main Committee on the ICE Reservoirs Committee and have continued to strive to encourage young engineers into dam engineering and to aid those experienced engineers seeking mentoring or advice in progressing onto the panels. Most of our hub sessions held before our evening meetings were cancelled on account of the pandemic which prevented us hosting Q&A sessions with a member of the Reservoirs Committee. However, one of our YP presentations was on the subject of the application process for prospective panel engineers.

The BDS membership towards the end of 2020 comprised 678 individual members comprising 471 full members, 95 members of 35 years of age or under, 55 retired members, 44 students and 5 honorary members. There are 95 representatives named within the 36 corporate members, so this resulted in an overall membership of 773 persons, an increase of 4% in our membership in 2019 (742).



### 3. Knowledge

The Knowledge Working Group was established to improve the quality and relevance of our knowledge database. The Group was led by Rachel Pether and supported by Tom Wanner, Anthea Peters and Barry Dooley. They progressed the following initiatives this year:

#### *Update and extend the list of guidance documents referenced on the BDS website*

Further updates were made to the knowledge database on the BDS website to include recent guidance and to remove references which had become outdated. Superseded documents were separated and added to a list of historical guidance documents. A new section on the website was added for useful international documents.

#### *Maintain content for four Dams & Reservoirs Journal issues per year*

Four issues were published in 2020 and it is anticipated that there will be sufficient content to continue with four issues per year going forward. Anthea Peters continued in the role of Editor of 'Dams & Reservoirs' supported by Rachel Pether as the Editorial Panel Chair. Together, they have done an excellent job in continuing to collate and publish good quality, interesting papers and we owe them a great deal of thanks.

#### *Research documents*

We developed a new set of technical resources this year, aligned to the eight themes adopted by Defra's Reservoir Safety Research Advisory Group (ReSRAG). Against each technical theme, we prepared a summary of relevant guidance documents, BDS presentations, ICOLD bulletins and a summary of on-going and future research. This work is still in progress. I would like to thank the ReSRAG theme leaders and our UK members of the ICOLD Technical Committees in supporting this initiative which should allow our members greater insight on national and international research and guidance. BDS will aim to update these web pages at least once annually.

### 4. Professionalism

The Professionalism Working Group is tasked with improving knowledge dissemination and communications to our membership. The Group was led by Rachel Davies, supported by Brett Marshall, Duncan Scott, Billy Sheehy, David Littlemore, Darren Shaw and Ryan McHugh.

#### *BDS meetings and events*

The programme of events was disrupted by restrictions imposed by the global pandemic. BDS held one technical evening meeting in London and two on-line meetings; the International Lecture and the Binnie Lecture.

We hosted a major seminar covering the 2019 Toddbrook Reservoir incident, comprising 16 presentations on the emergency response, the interim remedial measures and the investigations. The Toddbrook Seminar was attended on-line by over 500 participants and the ICE's survey results indicated that it was a great success.

To mitigate the loss of the Conference, we arranged a series of four lunch-time seminars through September to provide the membership, free of charge, with a selection of the material that would have been presented at the Conference. Our Conference will now be at the University of Nottingham in September 2022.

Our thanks go to the speakers for their time in preparing excellent presentations and to Darren Shaw for organising these events.





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We were unable to routinely make use of our hubs in 2020 but aim to revive these when restrictions allow. Similarly, we aim to restart technical site visits when possible. Hubs normally operate in the offices of corporate members in Cardiff (Welsh Water), Glasgow (Mott MacDonald), Leeds (Mott MacDonald), Warrington (United Utilities) and Shipston on Stour (Storm Geomatics).

### 5. Education

The Education Working Group continued to lead initiatives to enthuse the next generation of dam professionals, engineers and technicians. The Group was led by Paul Farnell and supported by Dougie Scott, Newman Booth and Oliver White. Several initiatives were undertaken throughout the year: a summary of progress is provided below.

#### *Increase the use of BDS teaching resources in schools*

We gathered data on the access to the education materials on our website and found that many of our files had a marked increase in use through 2020.

#### *Increase engagement with Arkwright Scholarship students and schools*

Two students completed their scholarships in July 2020 and have both started at universities studying civil engineering related degrees.

It was agreed that as the BDS had significantly reduced income in 2020 due to the cancellation of the conference, we would sponsor one Arkwright scholarship rather than two. A student was accepted for a new scholarship which commenced in September 2020. The student is based in Perth and SSE have offered an engineer to mentor and support. Thank you to SSE for their support to the programme.

#### *Increase the awareness of dam engineering in universities and colleges*

Opportunities to present to universities were limited in 2020. Darren Shaw presented online to a group of approximately 80 third year students at Bath University. A set of slides was developed by Sarah Loughrey for use in presentations to universities. Sarah has presented online to the North-West ICE Graduates and Students. This is available to 'watch again' via the ICE website.

#### *Competitions*

The Bateman Prize for the best paper over the last two years was awarded in October to John Chesterton, Duncan Boorman and Mutlu Ucuncu's excellent paper entitled "CFD modelling for dams and reservoirs – best practice workflows, specification and review".

The Photography Competition was completed and the winners announced during the AGM. First Prize went to Jack Gower.

### 6. Informing Opinion

The Informing Opinion Working Group works to promote the BDS as an authority on dam and reservoir related issues and to influence the wider community on all matters relating to dam engineering. The Group was led by Roger Lewis, supported by Craig Goff, Stephen Lockett and Natalie Bennett.

The Group had five initiatives in 2020, as follows:

#### *Improve and increase the use of Social Media*

There was a continuing increase in the use of social media to promote the BDS and its activities, with steady increases in the use of Twitter and LinkedIn as well as continued interest in the BDS Movie on YouTube. At the end of 2020 the BDS had over 300 members on LinkedIn, 900 followers on Twitter and 100 followers on Instagram.





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We established a playlist of videos on the BDS YouTube channel and made it available through our website, linking to 32 videos that we have assessed as being of appropriate quality and potential interest to the membership.

We have a champion for each social media platform, a planned schedule of ideas for posts and a set of rules for posting on social media on behalf of the BDS. We would encourage our members to continue to engage and share useful and helpful content across all social media platforms.

### *Improve our links with Government organisations*

The BDS Chair chaired the Defra-sponsored Reservoir Safety Research Advisory Group (ReSRAG). With support from the Environment Agency and representation from all UK devolved government departments, ReSRAG works to identify, scope and promote relevant research in reservoir safety, operation and maintenance.

In the aftermath of 2019 Toddbrook Reservoir incident, we have continued to work with Defra regarding the independent government review and the dissemination and implementation of its recommendations. In addition to the Seminar in July, we arranged a special edition of *Dams and Reservoirs* on the subject of the incident.

Through our newsletters and website, we have provided guidance and information, and encouraged participation in relevant government consultations. This included government guidance on the coronavirus pandemic and a consultation on the planned introduction of the legal requirement for on-site emergency plans for reservoirs in England.

### *Improve engagement with other professional institutions, expert panels and learned societies*

The BDS has representation on 20 of ICOLD's 25 Technical Committees. We are very grateful to our representatives for their involvement on these Committees and for sharing their work with BDS members through publishing updates and articles on our website and journal. In 2020 we provided guidance on the role of the Technical Committee representatives and introduced new protocols on the election and tenure of our representatives on these committees.

We have engaged with other professional groups that may be of interest to BDS members. We will continue to monitor the events of these groups and look for potential opportunities to advertise them and share learning as appropriate.

### *Engage with the media*

Following a very busy year in 2019, media interest in the BDS was substantially less in 2020. We have continued to monitor and respond to media requests via our [media@britishdams.org](mailto:media@britishdams.org) email account.

### *Improve the education of the public on dam safety with positive messages*

In addition to our social media and other communication activities, we have provided a £300 contribution to Dolgarrog Community Council, for maintenance of the memorial site of the 1925 dam failure disaster. We aim to maintain this engagement, particularly in the runup to the centenary of the Skelmorlie and Dolgarrog incidents in 2025.

## **7. Young Professionals (YPs)**

Sarah Loughrey chaired the YP group and was supported by Keith MacDonald, Oliver White and Ryan McHugh.

The Group's seven main aims are to:

- 1) Increase the BDS membership base of under 35s;
- 2) Increase networking opportunities for young professionals within the BDS;
- 3) Provide workshops for professional development;



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- 4) Provide a mentoring scheme and professional development advice;
- 5) Assist BDS initiatives in schools, colleges, and universities;
- 6) Organise social evenings and events; and
- 7) Liaise with other Young Engineers Forums in the ICOLD community to share ideas.

The group activities are summarised below, some of which support the actions of other working groups. Many of the planned activities including physical presentations, social events and mentoring meetings were cancelled due to the pandemic restrictions.

### **Collaborative working groups and events**

- A slide pack was prepared with can be rolled out for further BDS events.
- A workshop was delivered to Environment Agency summer placement students.
- An article was written for The Environment Magazine (CIWEM).

### **Optimise use of social media**

- A list of 'social media rules' was produced and circulated to the wider BDS.
- A social media plan for Instagram and Twitter was prepared.

### **Smart mentoring**

- The BDS mentoring scheme was set up with 42 mentees along with 22 mentors (13 ARPEs and 9 Supervising Engineers) signing up. Groups were assigned based on the geographic locations of the applicants and LinkedIn groups were created to allow communication between mentees and mentors.
- Physical meetings were planned to allow the mentors and mentees to meet at the relevant regional hub however due to the pandemic the hub meetings did not take place. Despite this, some mentors used the groups to advertise upcoming visits and some mentees arranged to meet mentors at site visits.
- Online CPD events were set up and rolled out biweekly throughout the second half of 2020. In total 11 CPD presentations were delivered with further presentations arranged for 2021. The presentations included a range of technical topics and the Supervising Engineer development and application process. The events were very well received with around 40-50 attendees at each meeting. A survey was sent out requesting feedback and the results were overwhelmingly positive.

### **Engagement with other ICOLD YP groups**

This was a new initiative for 2020, the aim of which is to build relationships and promote collaboration with other ICOLD YP groups. Due to the cancellation of the 2020 ICOLD conference in India, no physical activities took place, but the YP group established communication with several international YP groups in readiness for future planning.

*I would like to thank Sarah for leading these initiatives and for maintaining the momentum of the YP group under difficult circumstances.*

## **8. Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee was chaired by David Littlemore and supported by the Technical Secretary, Andrew Thompson and myself as the BDS Chair.

A review was carried out to assess the financial risks to the BDS, particularly in light of the postponement of the Conference to 2022 and uncertainties regarding income from future events. Although our income over the year was significantly reduced, some of our budgeted expenses were not realised. The committee decided not to raise subscriptions in 2021 as the available funds are adequate to cover the risks.



However, this will be kept under close review over the next two years. Our survey indicated that most members consider the current subscription rate to be good value and the rates have been unchanged for many years.

We continue to meet the conditions put on us by the Charities Commission to maintain our charitable status.

### **9. Acknowledgements**

I would like to thank David Littlemore for his support as Vice Chair and Treasurer, Andrew Thompson for his work as our Honorary Technical Secretary and Rhys Coombs in his role as our Webmaster. I would also like to especially thank Rachel Pether in supporting Anthea Peters with our journal and Sarah Loughrey for her work with the YP group. Finally, I would also like to thank the ICE Support staff: our secretary Moira Doherty and Sean Cross of the ICE Finance Department for their help with the administration and finances.

Despite the restrictions placed on us through 2020, I hope you enjoyed the events that we were able to organise and that you find the newsletters, website and resources of value to you. The survey results in December will be helpful to us in shaping our future activities to meet the needs of the membership. As always, we are open to your suggestions on how we can do more towards our vision of being “a growing, inclusive and vibrant society; sharing knowledge and improving reservoir safety”.

Alan Warren

BDS Chair





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### **Importance of the efforts of unpaid volunteers and provision of free facilities and services**

The success of the Society continues to depend entirely on the work of very many people, those who have served on its committees and working groups, those who have spoken and taken part in its meetings, and those who have helped in many other ways. The British Dam Society would like to take this opportunity to register its appreciation of the efforts of all those who so willingly helped during the year.

### **Review of the transactions and financial position of the charity**

#### **Unrestricted Funds**

The Committee considers the reserves to be adequate to meet its on-going activities.

Surplus funds are placed on short term deposit.

A surplus of £1,654 on income over expenditure for the year has been added to the unrestricted fund. This compares deficit in 2019 of £19,146. The unrestricted total amounts to £96,706 at the year end. This includes a sum of £6,313 that is held in the Geoffrey Binnie Lecture Fund (see below).

#### **Geoffrey Binnie Lecture Fund (designated)**

These are the unrestricted funds to support the promotion of the Geoffrey Binnie Lecture which is the keynote lecture that is given by a chosen, prominent dam engineer at the biennial conference of BDS.

The total unrestricted funds within the Geoffrey Binnie Fund (as detailed above) at the end of 2020 remained at £6,313.

#### **Restricted Fund - Bateman Fund**

In 2000, the BDS instituted an award to the authors of a paper which had a significant contribution to dam engineering or reservoir development. The award is named after the illustrious Victorian dam engineer, John Frederick La Trobe Bateman.

The purpose of the award is to reward excellence and bring the paper to wider attention. The award is given to all authors of a paper where at least one of the authors is a member of the BDS.

It was originally intended to make the award annually but the majority of BDS papers are written for the biennial conference with the fewer papers in non-conference years. The award is therefore made on a biennial basis to cover the preceding two years.

The fund balance at the year-end amounts to £3,436 after interest received in 2020.

#### **Degree of financial dependency**

As discussed above the Society is dependent on the voluntary efforts of its members.





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### **Review of Transactions and Financial Position of the Society**

The financial position of the Society remains strong.

The postponement of the BDS Conference in September 2020 meant that the surplus funds usually generated by this major event were not realised. Despite the postponement of the conference the accounts showed a small surplus within 2020 largely due to some reduced expenditure on normal charitable activities below the 2020 budget.

The Annual Report on pages 2 to 13 was approved by the Committee on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and was signed on its behalf:

Alan Warren

BDS Chair



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### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the British Dam Society

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 15 to 19.

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity trustees of the Society, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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**Lindeyer Francis Ferguson Limited**  
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15 July 2021



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## THE BRITISH DAM SOCIETY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020 Unrestricted funds £	2020 Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
<b>INCOME FROM</b>				
Charitable activities:				
Subscriptions	32,132	-	32,132	31,011
Book sales & Royalties	1,441	-	1,441	-
Meeting Income	-	-	-	20,760
Student Grant Contributions	-	-	-	3,000
Investments:				
Interest	-	20	20	42
<b>Total income</b>	<b>33,573</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>33,593</b>	<b>54,813</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>				
Charitable activities				
Subscription to ICOLD	9,055	-	9,055	11,720
Postage	25	-	25	19
Printing, stationery and photocopying	774	-	774	3,617
Admin Charges re: ICE	4,023	-	4,023	5,802
Event Expenses	-	-	-	20,980
Bank Charges	-	-	-	166
Training	2,294	-	2,294	-
Overseas Meeting Expenses	2,896	-	2,896	9,939
Catering	957	-	957	4,690
Newsletter (Dams & Reservoirs)	6,334	-	6,334	6,521
Website	574	-	574	2,292
Award & Prizes	350	-	350	1,691
Contribution to ICOLD papers	-	-	-	300
Publicity / Promotion	-	-	-	300
University	3,100	-	3,100	2,500
SWOG	300	-	300	-
School Initiatives	-	-	-	2,238
Independent Examination	1,138	-	1,138	1,100
Sundry Expenses	99	-	99	42
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>31,919</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,919</b>	<b>73,917</b>
<b>Net income and net movement in funds</b>	<b>1,654</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1,674</b>	<b>(19,104)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>				
Fund balances brought forward 1 January 2020	95,052	3,416	98,468	117,572
<b>Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2020</b>	<b>96,706</b>	<b>3,436</b>	<b>100,142</b>	<b>98,468</b>

The statement of financial activity includes all gains and losses in the period.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.



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BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors:	1	31,343	27,725
General Cash at Bank		75,334	79,181
Bateman Fund Cash		7,479	7,459
		114,156	114,365
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	2	14,014	15,897
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<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		100,142	98,468
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>			
General Fund	3	90,393	88,739
Geoffrey Binnie Fund	3	6,313	6,313
Bateman Fund	4	3,436	3,416
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		100,142	98,468

The notes on page 17 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the committee on 26/4/21 and signed on its behalf by:

Alan Warren - Chair

David Littlemore - Vice Chair





### THE BRITISH DAM SOCIETY NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### **Accounting Policies**

##### **Accounting Convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102), the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 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) (Charities SORP FRS 102).

The British Dam Society meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Since the end of the financial year, the global pandemic Covid-19 has inevitably impacted the operation of the charity. However, charity has not been seen a significant impact on its activities as a result of the pandemic. The Trustees believe that the charity therefore has not been adversely impacted in such a way that would cast doubt over the going concern status, so the going concern basis of accounting therefore continues to be adopted.

##### **Income**

Conference income, together with all subscriptions and investment income is accounted for when received, except in the case of subscriptions which are specifically stated to be in respect of an ensuing accounting period. No credit is taken for subscriptions unpaid at the balance sheet date.

##### **Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer resources to a third party, settlement is probable and the amount can be measured reliably. Expenditure is included within the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

##### **Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives of the Society, at the discretion of the Trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for the particular restricted purposes within the objectives of the Society.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activity.



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

**1 DEBTORS**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Prepayments	23,787	27,725
Debtors	4,286	0
Institution of Civil Engineers	3,270	0
Balance per accounts	31,343	27,725

**2 CREDITORS**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Purchase Ledger Control	6,333	3,938
Institution of Civil Engineers	0	1,274
Subs in advance	6,559	9,569
Accruals	1,122	1,116
Balance per accounts	14,014	15,897



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## THE BRITISH DAM SOCIETY NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

### 3 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	General Fund	Geoffrey Binnie Lecture Fund	Total
	£	£	£
Balance brought forward at 1 January 2020	88,739	6,313	95,052
Net movement in funds	1,654	0	1,654
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2020	<u>90,393</u>	<u>6,313</u>	<u>96,706</u>

### 4 RESTRICTED FUND

	Bateman Fund
	£
Balance brought forward at 1 January 2020	3,416
Net movement in funds	20
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2020	<u>3,436</u>

### 5 TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

	2020	2019
	£	£
Travel and meeting expenses reimbursed to committee members (n.b.5 trustees reimbursed in 2019, 6 in 2019)	3,494	9,407
TOTAL	<u>3,494</u>	<u>9,407</u>