

BOURNEMOUTH NATURAL SCIENCE SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1165951

Details

Other names BNSS

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Company number [CE00683](#)

Registered 2016-03-09

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PROMOTION OF THE STUDY OF SCIENCE IN ALL ITS BRANCHES AND OF PUBLIC EDUCATION BY MEANS OF OPERATING A MUSEUM, LECTURES, FIELD MEETINGS, THE READING AND DISCUSSION OF PAPERS, AND IN ANY WAY THAT THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNCIL, SHALL DEEM ADVISABLE.

Activities: Bournemouth Natural Science Society, through its extraordinary Natural History, Egyptology & Earth Science collection & exhibits, together with numerous learning opportunities, promotes & stimulate an interest for lifelong learning & care for our natural world. BNSS hosts a thriving Young Explorers group. The Museum is accredited by Arts Council England. For further information: www.bnss.org.uk

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bournemouth
- Dorset
- Hampshire
- Poole

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£62,302	£79,289	-	-
2024-09-30	£59,757	£61,860	-	-
2023-09-30	£55,268	£50,500	-	-
2022-09-30	£40,357	£47,062	-	-
2021-09-30	£53,563	£78,795	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Grenham William Ireland	Chair	2016-12-10
ANNE JOLLIFFE		2012-12-10
Christopher Nicholas Cake		2025-12-13
Colin Jeffrey Lord		2021-01-16
Gerard Martin Duggan		2010-12-10
Jacqueline Margaret Bainbridge		2021-01-16
Malcolm Robert Gould		2021-12-11
Nicholas John Atkinson		2025-12-13
Pamela Irene Field		2019-12-16

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BOURNEMOUTH NATURAL SCIENCE SOCIETY & MUSEUM

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025 OF TRUSTEES FOR BOURNEMOUTH NATURAL SCIENCE SOCIETY

1. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS

- The charity's name: Bournemouth Natural Science Society.
- The Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered number: CE006863. The registered charity number: 1165951.
- The address of the principal office of the charity: 39 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH1 3NS. Tel. 01202 553525.
- The charity's trustees for the year were: Mr Grenham Ireland (Chair), Mr Gerry Duggan (Treasurer), Mrs Jacqueline Bainbridge (Honorary Secretary), Miss Pam Field, Mr Malcolm Gould, Mrs Anne Jolliffe and Mr Colin Lord.

2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Society was formed in 1903. A new Constitution and Rules for the CIO were agreed at the AGM held on 5 December 2015. The Charitable Incorporated Organisation was registered on 9th March 2016. Financial and related matters are overseen by the trustees who this year have met in person monthly. The trustees are also responsible for the appointment of those officers of the Society who have responsibility for substantial assets of the Society. The trustee body is elected annually by secret ballot by members present at the Annual General Meeting. Up to nine trustees may be elected. Of these two are ex officio, the treasurer and secretary. A chairman is elected at the first meeting of the new trustee body each year.

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The activities of the Society are run by a small number of committees. An ad hoc Programme Committee (consisting of those Section Chairs who can attend meetings by Zoom) continues to be responsible for the lecture programme. A number of field trips were organised in autumn 2024 and late spring 2025.

3. FINANCE

3.1 BNSS Financial Report 2024-25

In 2024-25 BNSS continued to maintain financial stability whilst undertaking some much-needed capital projects to secure the collections – e.g. electrical upgrades, exterior maintenance, new heating & control systems and new lighting systems, ensuring the building remains a safe and welcoming environment for members and visitors. Membership engagement remained strong, and income from events, donations, and sales reflected steady growth.

Our total revenue was slightly more than last year but there was a greater increase in expenditure so the overall shortfall rose to £17k.

Financial Review

<u>Category</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2023-24</u>
Total revenue	£62.3k	£59.8k
Including: Membership contributions	£11.4 k	£12.1k
Donations	£17.6 k	£12.7k
Sales	£7.5k	£6.2k
Lettings	£7.4k	£9.9k
Young Explorers	£1.8k	£1.4k
Total expenses	-£79.3k	-£61.8k
Including: Admin and legal costs	-£5.6k	-£3.9k
Lecture costs	-£1.0k	-£1.2k
Facility maintenance, insurance & utilities	-£67.7k	-£47.0k
Salary (caretaker)	-£0.0k	-£4.5k
Garden expense	-£0.2k	-£1.7k
Net total for FY 2024–25	-£17.0k	-£2.1k

Next year's budget includes planned or continuing capital projects:

- Completion of EICR electrical safety upgrades – est £20k
- Basement flat refurbishment – est £15k
- Exterior restoration and roof works – est £10k
- Internal fire Doors – est £20k
- In cabinet display lighting – est £2k

3.2 Reserves

BNSS's reserves policy remains designed to manage unforeseen financial events. The target level of unrestricted reserves continues to be based on a scenario of zero income for two years, currently estimated at around £120k.

As of September 2025, accessible cash reserves stood at £133.7k, with a further £57.8k held in long-term Charity Investment Funds. Given the expected cost pressures for 2025-26, the Society's reserves continue to meet the policy requirements and provide an appropriate safety margin.

3.3 Conclusion

The Society's progress in 2024-25 reflects the dedication of our volunteers and the generosity of members and supporters. Their time, enthusiasm, and financial contributions remain the cornerstone of the Society's continued success.

We extend special thanks to: Louise Tonkin of Fisherton Consulting for reviewing the accounts as required by the Charity Commission; to Mary Tiller, Assistant Treasurer, for managing cash and Gift Aid; and to Sally Grant, Membership Secretary, for maintaining HMRC records and Gift Aid compliance.

And many thanks to Trustees, Volunteers and Members who have kindly assisted over the last 15 years and have been a joy to work with and made my time as BNSS Treasurer something I will look back on with great pleasure.

4. MEMBERSHIP

Membership was 243 on 1st October 2024 and 253 on 30th September 2025. During the year, there were 42 new members, 29 resignations and 3 deaths. The new members include ten joint memberships and 3 Young Person (under 17) memberships. The latter highlighted how little we offer to those aged 12-17 years.

5. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The museum has been open to the public on Tuesdays throughout the year and additionally on some Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays (as detailed in section 6.4). Throughout the year weekly lectures in house or via Zoom were made available to the public (Zoom links were given to those who requested them). Lectures were advertised on the BNSS Facebook page as well as the BNSS website. All activities were free to enter but were also supported by members explaining the importance of donations to keep our activities going and to support maintenance of the old Victorian building. BNSS once again hosted the Arts University Bournemouth Spring display by second-year students (see 6.4). The Young Explorers programme for 7–12-year-olds continues and has had a successful year with attendance at most meetings being 20. We hosted 43 visits from local organisations including 35 local schools, language schools and scout groups. Two external visits were made to schools, during which demonstration materials were presented. In total our Education Officer organised activities and engaged with 839 children and young adults. The museum is often visited by parents with home-educated children and also support workers with special needs children and young adults to provide a learning and entertaining experience. A group from the Netherlands and Belgium visited for two days to work on our archaeocete whale specimens and a paper explaining their research has been submitted for publication. A member of the British Antarctic Survey examined some of our rare plesiosaur bones. Many visitors brought in items to be identified.

6. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

6.1 Programme

A total of 63 lectures were given in the year 1st October 2024 to 30th September 25. 33 were Zoom only, 23 were hybrid and 7 in house only. Holding lectures in a hybrid fashion is useful for members who cannot attend in person but requires more volunteers willing to host the AV in house. Three quizzes were held during the year. The four special museum open days, with extra displays, that were held over weekends in October 2024 and April 2025 attracted a total of 991 visitors. Another special opening was held during Dorset Architectural Heritage Week and 67 visitors participated in the building tours. A joint meeting with the Quekett Microscopical Club was held on 31st May with displays and good attendance from members of the public and the mayor. A photographic competition was held over the winter months and drew in many entries. Five botany and two mycology trips were held. A coach trip to RHS Wisley gardens attracted 39

members. A members' garden party in the summer was attended by the deputy mayor of Bournemouth and 60 people.

6.2 Forward Plan

The Forward Plan 2025-2028, including a detailed action plan, was finalised by the trustees and submitted with other documents to apply for renewal of our accredited museum status in March 2025.

6.3 Museum Curation

A replacement Curator has not yet been identified. Members of the Museum Committee have taken on extra responsibilities, and this report represents their collective view. The general curation of the collections has continued with low levels of pest infestation and pyrite decay. No serious damage has been observed thus far. The building in general has remained in reasonable condition with no current problems. New LED lighting has been fitted to some of the Archaeology cabinets which improves the visibility and appearance of the specimens. Since no tenant has yet been found for the top floor rooms, these are currently being used for microscopy demonstrations, sorting and scanning of lantern slides and storage purposes. Storage in general is a problem, and a basement room has been used for storage mainly of bird taxidermy specimens whilst 29 birds donated by the Russell-Cotes Museum have been incorporated into our ornithology collection. It is still necessary to address the problems associated with the general environment of the building, together with the electrical power requirements.

6.4 Museum Public Openings and Exhibitions

As is normal the museum was open to the public on Tuesdays throughout the year. In addition, we opened a total of 16 extra days, including three days between Christmas and New Year and for two extra days each week (Saturdays and Wednesdays) during August 2025. Our usual twice-a-year open weekends were also arranged in October 2024 and April 2025 with a total of 991 visitors. We were fortunate that sufficient volunteers were available to cover those additional days particularly those in December. Tours of the building were arranged in Architectural Heritage Week in September 2025.

6.5 Publicity

We have again increased our number of "followers" on Facebook and one of our young volunteers was instrumental in more than doubling our number of Instagram followers between April and September 2025. We continue to improve the appearance and appeal of our content on social media. Apart from ongoing updates to content, it has not yet been possible to take steps to update our website.

7. PREMISES

Simon Turner our maintenance man has been cleaning, opening and closing the building and looking after those renting the rooms. The good news is that the whole building is leak-free and dry apart from a lantern leak which is being investigated. We are on our second year of a three-year agreement of an insurance package for the building. Contracts have been set up with the electricity and gas suppliers to get the best price, and we are monitoring the supply and price. Low energy lighting has been installed in the Museum Room. A new central heating boiler was installed in the house and flat in November 2024. We hope that will improve conditions in the winter months. Numerous maintenance jobs from refreshing paint and high-level cleaning continue to be done while Simon is on site. A room has been cleared in the basement for storage of acquired taxidermy birds. We are in the process of getting quotes for supply and installation of a kitchen in the caretaker's flat.

8. LIBRARY

The library has two sections: a lending library where members can borrow two books for up to three weeks, and a reference section containing older and fragile books that may not be removed from the library. We also have many oversize volumes on separate shelves, covering all the subjects from Archaeology to Zoology. All books are arranged according to the Dewey decimal system, on shelves for easy access, and numbering over 1000 volumes. Please ask the Librarian or volunteers if you have a problem finding books.

Several donations have been received from members, most of which have been included in the library list.

A few stalwart members borrow library books, but please do not forget, if you do not use it, we could lose this great store of knowledge.

9. HEALTH & SAFETY

We continue to monitor and ensure the house meets the statutory requirements for health & safety.

We have had a full fire audit and all issues arising from this have been dealt with. Emergency lighting, PAT testing and fire extinguishers testing continue to be completed and monitored.

Moss has been removed from the car park, paths and the steps as the build-up was becoming a hazard to visitors. This is an ongoing project.

A new Emergency Plan has been prepared for the house including a new emergency incident kit to cover flood, fire etc. From September 2026 we will be looking for new volunteer first aiders as we have to re-train every three years. We will arrange the training, and volunteers would be appreciated.

10. VOLUNTEERS

The trustees are extremely grateful to those members of the Society who have acted as volunteers and also to members of the public who have given their services as volunteers. Without them, we would have been unable to open the museum as often as we did. As stated in previous reports, our aim to open the museum more frequently remains in place but it is dependent on having sufficient volunteer stewards. Once again, we would ask that any member who does not currently volunteer but is interested in doing so should either get in touch via contact@bnss.org.uk or call into the museum on a Tuesday.

11. COLLABORATIONS

We had a joint meeting with the Quekett Microscopical Club with whom we hold an affiliate membership.

Our patron Dr Jane Goodall DBE continued to use our premises to hold recordings of her interviews with a number of organisations, for which we were grateful. Unfortunately we have to report that Dr. Goodall died on 1 October 2025.

The trustees were pleased to open the building during Dorset Architectural Heritage week, and Colin Lord showed a record number of visitors the renovated lantern roof and talked about the architecture and history of the building. We continued our association with the Arts University Bournemouth with a major display of artworks in the Wallace Room and in other parts of the museum. BNSS also collaborated with Upton Country Park at their Summer Wildlife Discovery Day until an untimely thunderstorm!

12. THANKS

As in previous years we are indebted to our members for keeping us running through their subscriptions. From the other sections of the report, you will be aware of the many contributions from trustees, officers, members and volunteers without which the Society would cease to function. We would particularly like to thank Gerry Duggan for his many years of service as Treasurer and his sage advice as a trustee. We are also grateful for Mary Thornton's contribution as Programme Chair providing a diverse and stimulating programme of talks. Our website and social media continue to be important for communication with members and the public. We are grateful for another year of free 'charity hosting' for the BNSS website from 34SP.

The Trustees, November 2025



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

01/10/2024

To

30/09/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions & Donations	28957.11	0.00	0.00	28957.11	25361.53
Lantern Roof Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lantern Grants (HLF & Canford Env)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Legacies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	330.00
Lettings	7390.00	0.00	0.00	7390.00	9868.00
Activities inc Teas	3756.67	0.00	0.00	3756.67	3907.55
Income from Investments	8193.12	0.00	0.00	8193.12	9245.25
Sales Receipts	7553.28	0.00	0.00	7553.28	6177.90
Young Explorers	1819.09	0.00	0.00	1819.09	1382.00
Gift Aid (Tax Rebate)	4632.88	0.00	0.00	4632.88	3484.91
Museum income (inc Open Days)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
External Grants (RHLGF)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	62302.15	0.00	0.00	62302.15	59757.14
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total receipts	62302.15	0.00	0.00	62302.15	59757.14
A3 Payments					
Accommodation & Services	67714.65	0.00	0.00	67714.65	46972.93
Salaries & Tax	-11.82	0.00	0.00	-11.82	4539.85
Administration inc legal, web, mkt	5624.11	0.00	0.00	5624.11	3878.74
Activities inc Coach	1422.72	0.00	0.00	1422.72	1573.20
Museum	1022.50	0.00	0.00	1022.50	1434.43
Lectures	969.00	0.00	0.00	969.00	1171.98
Garden	234.48	0.00	0.00	234.48	1680.25
Young Explorers	524.88	0.00	0.00	524.88	329.65
Sales Expenses	1788.83	0.00	0.00	1788.83	279.44
Lantern Roof Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	79289.35	0.00	0.00	79289.35	61860.47
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Equipment and Fittings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total payments	79289.35	0.00	0.00	79289.35	61860.47
Net of receipts/(payments)	-16987.20	0.00	0.00	-16987.20	-2103.33
A5 Transfers between funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
A6 Cash funds last year end	150720.37	0.00	0.00	150720.37	152823.70
Cash funds this year end	133733.17	0.00	0.00	133733.17	150720.37

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Santander Current (*27330)	23733.17	0.00	0.00
	COIF Deposit A/C General (*68709)	110000.00	0.00	0.00
				0.00
	Total cash funds	133733.17	0.00	0.00

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	M&G Charifund Income Units (*04717)		0.00	38934.00
	COIF Investment Fund Units (*68710)		0.00	18884.92
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Land Property & Contents, 39 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth. (revalued)		0.00	750000.00
	Equipment and fittings (paid for 2021)		23284.52	0.00
			0.00	0.00

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Improved in-cabinet display lighting		£2,000	2026
	Building external maintenance		£10,000	2026
	Lighting EICR electrical safety upgrades, rewiring where required. Replacement of expired flourescent fittings		£20,000	2026-27
	Internal Fire Doors		£20,000	2026-27
	Upgrade Basement Flat		£15,000	2026

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	GRENHAM IRELAND	18/11/25
	JARQUETTE BANSCIDDE	18/11/25

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the Management Committee (trustees) of Bournemouth Natural Science Society on the accounts for the year ended 31st. March 2025.

Respective responsibilities of the Management Committee and Independent Examiner

The management committee, as the charity's trustees, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Management Committee consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

As the Independent Examiner, it is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the Act);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met;
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



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Date: 10/11/2025

Relevant Professional Qualification: MAAT

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The activities of the Society are run by a small number of committees. An ad hoc Programme Committee (consisting of those Section Chairs who can attend meetings by Zoom) continues to be responsible for the lecture programme. A number of field trips were organised from spring to autumn 2024. The Museum Committee has met twice and the Library Committee once.

3. FINANCE

3.1 BNSS Financial Report 2023-24

In 2023-24, BNSS maintained financial stability while delivering on its wider mission to educate members, the local community and general public in sciences & natural history. Membership revenues, donations and sales have all shown healthy increases, assisted by the contributions from the Spring & Autumn open weekends and the increased visitor engagement throughout the year. The trustees invested in upgrading the men's washroom facilities and wash basin heaters and general maintenance and repairs to ensure the building is a safe home for the collections. In addition, comprehensive electrical safety work was undertaken in line with statutory requirements for a public building. Utility costs have contributed to increased outgoings.

Financial Review	2023-24	2022-23
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Total Expenses	£61.8k	£50.6k
Including: Admin and legal costs	£3.9k	£2.4k
Lecture costs	£1.2k	£0.7k
Facility maintenance, insurance and utilities	£47.0k	£27.5k
Salary (caretaker)	£4.5k	£10.6k
Garden expense	£1.7k	£1.5k
Net Total for FY 2023-24	-£2.1k	

Next year's budget includes some capital expenditure items:

Electrical upgrade light fittings	Est £30k
Improved in-cabinet display lighting	Est £3k
Suitable high quality display case for the recently restored orrery.	Est £5k
House exterior maintenance	Est £10k
Basement flat refurbishment	Est £15k
Re-locate new commercial boiler, reroute gas pipes, apply zone control	Est £10k

3.2 Reserves

BNSS's reserves policy is set to manage unforeseen financial events. The level of unrestricted reserves required is set by reference to a situation in which the Society has zero income for 2 years, i.e. without access to the building, an inability to generate revenue and zero grants being available. This currently equates to around £110k. Accessible cash reserves remain at approx. £150k with long-term Charity Investment Funds £55k. Given the planned capital expenditure levels for 2025, the decrease in lettings income, the outlook for energy costs and the increase in the living wage, the current level of reserves conforms with Reserves Policy.

3.3 Conclusion

Our continued progress this year would not have been possible without the dedication of our volunteers and the generous support of our members. As a volunteer-based organization, we rely heavily on these contributions to keep our doors open and provide meaningful programmes for all who wish to access them. In particular thanks to the Independent Examiner, Louise Tonkin of Fisherton Consulting, who reviews the accounts as required by the Charity Commission, Mary Tiller, the Assistant Treasurer, who manages all cash including Gift Aid and to the Membership Secretary, Sally Grant, who keeps the records required by HMRC for Gift Aid eligibility.

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5. PUBLIC BENEFIT

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6. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

6.1 Programme

A total of 66 lectures were held. Of these 34 were on Zoom only, 21 were a hybrid talk on Zoom and in-house, and 11 were in-house only. Average attendance was 25. The programme committee no longer has an astronomy chair but has gained a zoology chair. The programme committee has filled every Tuesday evening with a Zoom or hybrid talk, and a fortnightly Saturday afternoon in-house or hybrid talk. Three quizzes were held in the year.

Six botany field trips were held during the spring and summer months and one mycology field trip. A photographic competition was held and prizes awarded. Subsequently the winning photos were displayed upstairs in the Wallace room and a book of entries printed and sold. There was a coach trip to the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew attended by 35 people. A joint meeting with the Quekett Microscopical Club was

held on 15 June 2024, with displays and good attendance, with the rest of the museum open. A well-attended Garden Party was held in late June, with refreshments, plant sales and a garden tour led by Mark Spencer. BNSS members participated in the Family Nature Day at Upton Country Park. On the same day there was also a BNSS entomology and reptile display at Avon Heath.

6.2 Forward Plan

A draft Forward Plan was circulated for discussion by members in 2023 and has had some revisions. A detailed action plan was produced but costings are still required before a Forward Plan for 2025-2028 can be approved by the trustees and used when the Society applies to renew its accredited museum status.

6.3 Museum Curation

Sadly Ray Chapman, the Society's Curator since 2011, died early in 2024 and a replacement has not yet been found. Members of the Museum Committee have taken on extra responsibilities and this report represents their collective view. The general curation of the collections has continued with low levels of pest infestation and pyrite decay. New pest prevention products for the entomology specimens have been used. No serious damage has been observed thus far. The building in general has remained in reasonable condition with no current problems. New lighting has been fitted to the conchology cabinet in the Inner Hall which improves the visibility and appearance of the specimens. Since no tenant has yet been found for the top floor rooms these are currently being used for display and storage purposes. Storage in general is a problem and serious consideration has been given as to how improve the situation. A basement room has been marked for storage. It is still necessary to address the problems associated with the general environment of the building together with the electrical power requirements.

6.4 Museum Public Openings and Exhibitions

As is normal the museum was open to the public on Tuesdays throughout the year. In addition, we opened for three days between Christmas and New Year and for two extra days each week (Saturdays and Wednesdays) during August 2024. Our usual twice-a-year open weekends were also arranged in October 2023 and April 2024. We were fortunate that sufficient volunteers were available to cover those additional days particularly those in December. Tours of the building were arranged in Architectural Heritage Week in September 2024.

6.5 Publicity

Work continues on updating the content of the BNSS website, with a view to re-designing the site over the coming year. Volunteers have been successful in improving the visibility of BNSS on social media, with a steady increase in "followers" over the last year. Content of online tourist-based websites have been updated and improved, and the Museum has also been included in two guidebooks.

7. PREMISES

Our caretaker Steven Moulton retired at the end of Feb 2024. Since then, our maintenance man has been cleaning, opening/closing the building and looking after those renting the rooms. The good news is that the whole building including the Lantern is now watertight and no further leaks have been found so we are now completely dry! The Lantern has been repainted. Much work was done to rectify the damp walls in the men's toilets and install new urinals. The women's toilets have been refurbished and new hot water supplies installed in the toilets and kitchen. We are on our third year of an insurance package for the building, the insurers have agreed to another 3-year package starting in late 2024. Contracts have been set up with the electricity and gas suppliers to get the best price and we are monitoring the supply and price. A new heating boiler has been tendered and will be installed early November 2024; we hope this will improve the building in the winter months. Numerous maintenance jobs have been completed from refreshing paint and high-level cleaning and this will continue to be done. The Caretaker's flat will need extensive renovation before it can be re-occupied.

8. LIBRARY

The library was busier this year with numerous donations of which 51 were brought into our own stock, 24 of these were books on Palaeontology and Archaeology from Robert Schdeuke. We purchased two new books: *Ants - a guide to Britain and Europe* and *Grasshoppers of Europe*, both Bloomsbury wildlife guides. All reference books have now been moved into the library where they can be studied by members but not removed from the room. We have a volunteer working in the library cataloguing the Society's archive.

9. HEALTH & SAFETY

We continue to monitor and ensure the house meets the statutory requirements for health & safety. We have updated the fire panel and intruder alarm so that they are remotely monitored when the building is not in use. Emergency lighting, PAT Testing, fire extinguishers and water testing continue to be completed and monitored. A new consumer unit was installed for the house. Moss has been removed from the car park and paths as the buildup was becoming a hazard to visitors to the building.

10. VOLUNTEERS

The trustees are extremely grateful to those members of the Society who act as volunteers and also to members of the public who have given their services as volunteers. Without them, we would have been unable to open the museum as often as we did in 2023-24. As stated in previous reports, our aim to open the museum more frequently remains in place but at present, with our current volunteer numbers, that is not a practical proposition. Once again, we would ask that any member who does not currently volunteer but is interested in doing so should either get in touch via contact@bnss.org.uk or call into the museum on a Tuesday.

11. COLLABORATIONS

We had a joint meeting with the Quekett Microscopical Club with whom we hold an affiliate membership. Our patron Jane Goodall has continued to use our premises to hold recordings of her interviews with a number of organisations for which we are grateful. The trustees were pleased to open the building during Dorset Architectural Heritage week to show visitors the renovated lantern roof and the architecture and history of the building. We continued our association with the Arts University Bournemouth with artworks on display in the museum and garden. BNSS has also collaborated with Upton Country Park at their Family Nature Day events, at the Bournemouth Bug Show and the Avon Valley Heath Country Park, where insects raised by members and volunteers, were offered in exchange for donations.

12. THANKS

As in previous years we are indebted to our members for keeping us running through their subscriptions. From the other sections of the report, you will be aware of the many contributions from trustees, officers, members and volunteers without which the Society would cease to function. Our website and social media continue to be important for communication with members and the public. We are grateful for another year of free 'charity hosting' for the website from 34SP.

The Trustees, November 2024



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/10/2023	To	30/09/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions & Donations	25361.53	0.00	0.00	25361.53	19015.96
Lantern Roof Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lantern Grants (HLF & Canford Env)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7000.00
Legacies	330.00	0.00	0.00	330.00	0.00
Lettings	9868.00	0.00	0.00	9868.00	10735.28
Activities inc Teas	3907.55	0.00	0.00	3907.55	3322.50
Income from Investments	9245.25	0.00	0.00	9245.25	7155.94
Sales Receipts	6177.90	0.00	0.00	6177.90	4780.24
Young Explorers	1382.00	0.00	0.00	1382.00	683.00
Gift Aid (Tax Rebate)	3484.91	0.00	0.00	3484.91	2275.35
Museum income (inc Open Days)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
External Grants (RHLGF)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	59757.14	0.00	0.00	59757.14	55268.27
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total receipts	59757.14	0.00	0.00	59757.14	55268.27
A3 Payments					
Accommodation & Services	46972.93	0.00	0.00	46972.93	27335.54
Salaries & Tax	4539.85	0.00	0.00	4539.85	10558.45
Administration inc legal, web, mkt	3878.74	0.00	0.00	3878.74	2396.21
Activities inc Coach	1573.20	0.00	0.00	1573.20	1892.00
Museum	1434.43	0.00	0.00	1434.43	3775.97
Lectures	1171.98	0.00	0.00	1171.98	668.50
Garden	1680.25	0.00	0.00	1680.25	1531.97
Young Explorers	329.65	0.00	0.00	329.65	391.08
Sales Expenses	279.44	0.00	0.00	279.44	1949.98
Lantern Roof Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	61860.47	0.00	0.00	61860.47	50499.70
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Equipment and Fittings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total payments	61860.47	0.00	0.00	61860.47	50499.70
Net of receipts/(payments)	-2103.33	0.00	0.00	-2103.33	4768.57
A5 Transfers between funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
A6 Cash funds last year end	152823.70	0.00	0.00	152823.70	138366.07
Cash funds this year end	150720.37	0.00	0.00	150720.37	143134.64

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Santander Current (*7330)	20720.37	0.00	0.00
	COIF Deposit A/C General	130000.00	0.00	0.00
				0.00
	Total cash funds	150720.37	0.00	0.00

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

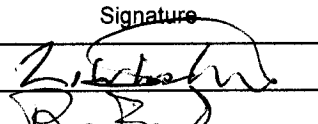
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	M&G Charifund Income Units		0.00	36450.00
	COIF Investment Fund Units		0.00	19736.00
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Land Property & Contents, 39 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth. (revalued)		0.00	750000.00
	Equipment and fittings (paid for 2021)		23284.52	0.00
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Internal Fire Safety upgrade		25,000.00	Planning Permission Req
	Building external maintenance		10,000.00	
	EICR electrical safety upgrades, rewiring where required, and replacement of expired flourescent fittings		25,000.00	
	Orrery Display Case		5000.00	
	Boiler, pipework and controls replacement		25000.00	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	GRENHAM IRELAND	22/01/25
	PAMELA FIELD	22/1/25

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the Management Committee (trustees) of Bournemouth Natural Science Society on the accounts for the year ended 31st. March 2024.

Respective responsibilities of the Management Committee and Independent Examiner

The management committee, as the charity's trustees, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Management Committee consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

As the Independent Examiner, it is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the Act);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting recordshave not been met;
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Name: Louise Tonkin

Date: 27/11/2024

Relevant Professional Qualification: MAAT

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BOURNEMOUTH NATURAL SCIENCE SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1165951

Accounts



BOURNEMOUTH NATURAL SCIENCE SOCIETY & MUSEUM

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023 OF TRUSTEES FOR BOURNEMOUTH NATURAL SCIENCE SOCIETY

1. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS

- a. The charity's name: Bournemouth Natural Science Society.
- b. The Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered number: CE006863. The registered charity number: 1165951.
- c. The address of the principal office of the charity: 39 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH1 3NS. Tel. 01202 553525.
- d. The charity's trustees for the year were: Mr Grenham Ireland (Chair), Mr Gerry Duggan, (Treasurer), Mrs Jacqueline Bainbridge (Honorary Secretary), Miss Pam Field, Mr Malcolm Gould, Mrs Anne Jolliffe, Mr Steve Limburn and Mr Colin Lord.

2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Society was formed in 1903. A new Constitution and Rules for the CIO were agreed at the AGM held on 5 December 2015. The Charitable Incorporated Organisation was registered on 9th March 2016. Financial and related matters are overseen by the trustees who this year have met both in person and via Zoom. The trustees are also responsible for the appointment of those officers of the Society who have responsibility for substantial assets of the Society. The trustee body is elected annually by secret ballot by members present at the Annual General Meeting. Up to nine trustees may be elected. Of these two are ex-officio, the treasurer and secretary. A chairman is elected at the first meeting of the new trustee body each year.

The Assembly of the Society is open to all members, who can raise any matter of overall interest. The Assembly usually meets roughly quarterly. The first meeting was held following the AGM on 10 December 2022 to elect the Assembly Chair and Section Chairs. That meeting and those on 28 March and 26 September 2023 were 'hybrid' i.e., took place both in person and remotely via Zoom. The hybrid meeting scheduled for 27 June 2023 was cancelled due to the lack of a Chair of Assembly.

The activities of the Society are run by a small number of committees. An ad hoc Programme Committee (consisting of those Section Chairs who can attend meetings by Zoom) continues to be responsible for the lecture programme. A number of field trips were organised from spring to autumn 2023. The Museum Committee and the Library Committee have both met once.

3. FINANCE

3.1 BNSS Financial Review 2022-23

As in previous years, the BNSS trustees and a strong body of volunteers continue to strive to maintain a stable financial structure, achieve our objectives, reduce risks and invest in our collections and infrastructure. The total revenue BNSS has generated from all sources has increased by 37% to £55.3k in 2022-23, whilst expenditure increased by 7.3% to £50.5k. This has resulted in a surplus of £4.8k for the year. Highlights for 2022-23 include sales which have increased from £2.1k to £4.8k with a profit margin of nearly 150%. Reflecting increased visitor numbers, refreshments sales have increased from £1.2k to £3.3k. Donations from cash and credit cards have increased from £4.8k to £8.1k. This has the added benefit of increasing Gift Aid payments to the Society from HMRC. Subscription income has decreased slightly by £250, mainly from members writing annual cheques, whilst there was a modest growth of 1% in members opting to use the quarterly discounted direct debit facility. Lettings revenue has stayed approximately the same, despite the loss of our long-term tenant halfway through the year. The shortfall was made up by filming companies using the museum to host a series of Jane Goodall interviews. The trustees are placing the museum building on various film company registers with the aim of generating revenue from a similar source. The commercial property market is currently oversupplied, so the trustees expect a significant decline in this income category for next year. The 140% increase in investment income reflects increases in interest rates and resumption of dividends following the pandemic. The final £7k HLF lantern grant was paid this year. The principal changes in expenditure include utilities (principally gas) from £3.4k to £5.5k, an increase of 60%; and salary, to keep pace with the statutory minimum wage. Preventative maintenance to the building to further improve its water-tightness and therefore preserve the collections increased by 10% along with insulation and heating upgrades.

Next year's budget includes some high capital expenditure items:

- an electrical safety upgrade for wiring and light fittings (some statutory)	Est	£50k
- improved in-cabinet display lighting (as prototyped in the Egyptology section)	Est	£3k
- upgrade to internal fire doors (subject to planning permission)	Est	£25k
- suitable high quality display case for the recently restored orrery	Est	£5k
- house exterior maintenance	Est	£10k

3.2 Reserves

BNSS's reserves policy is set to manage unforeseen financial difficulties. The level of unrestricted reserves required is set based on zero income for 2 years, ~£110k (i.e., without access to the building, an inability to generate revenue and zero grants being available). Accessible cash reserves are approx. £150k with long-term Charity Investment Funds £55k. Given the planned capital expenditure levels for 2024, the decrease in lettings income, higher energy costs and changes to the minimum wage, the current level of reserves conforms with Reserves Policy.

Sincere thanks to the Independent Examiner, Louise Tonkin of Fisherton Consulting, who reviews the accounts as required by the Charity Commission; to Mary Tiller, the Assistant Treasurer who manages all cash including Gift Aid; and to the Membership Secretary, Sally Grant, who keeps the records required by HMRC for Gift Aid eligibility.

4. MEMBERSHIP

Membership was 242 on 1st October 2022 and 251 on 30th September 2023. During the year, there were 33 new members, 22 left and 2 deaths.

5. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The museum has been open on Tuesdays throughout the year and on some Saturdays. During August 2023 the museum was open additionally on Mondays and Saturdays with good attendances. Throughout the year, weekly lectures via Zoom were made available to the public who requested a link. Lectures were advertised on the BNSS Facebook page as well as the BNSS website. All activities were free to enter but were also supported by members explaining the importance of donations to keeping our activities going and to providing support towards maintaining the old Victorian building. BNSS was again able to host the Arts University Bournemouth Spring display by second year students. The Young Explorers programme for 7 – 12-year-olds continued and has had a successful year with attendance at many meetings being in the high teens and low twenties. We hosted over 15 visits from local organisations including from six local schools and also language school and scout groups and made five external visits to schools taking demonstration materials. In total, our Education Officer organised and engaged with over a thousand children and young adults.

6. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

6.1 Programme

A total of 60 lectures were held in this financial year; these were a mix of Zoom, in-house and hybrid meetings. Average attendance in the final quarter of 2022 was 35 and in 2023 to the end of September average attendance was 38. The programme committee of seven people work hard to cover a wide range of topics. The programme committee attempt to fill every Tuesday evening slot and a fortnightly lecture in-house on a Saturday afternoon. Three quizzes were held through the year. Six botanical field trips were held during the spring and summer months. A delightful astronomy walk was held along Bournemouth seafront with a small talk about each planet as walkers passed through its orbit, ending up at the aptly named Neptune bar! A photo competition was held, and prizes awarded. A joint meeting was held between the BNSS and the Quekett Microscopical Club.

6.2 Strategic Plan

A Strategic Plan was published in late 2016 and is due to be replaced as part of the preparations for re-accreditation but this has been delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. A sub-group of trustees devised a new set of aims and objectives for the new Strategic Plan and these were agreed by the trustees and put forward for discussion at the Assembly meeting in March 2023. Following this consultation, amendments were made and the sub-committee worked out a detailed action plan which is now being costed. It is expected that a new Strategic Plan for 2024-2027 will be ready by March 2024.

6.3 Museum Curation

The general curation of the collections has continued with low levels of pest infestation and pyrite decay. The cessation of production of the pest prevention product for the entomology specimens meant that a new approach has needed be found, serious damage has not been observed thus far. The building in general has remained in reasonable condition with no current problems. We still await the accreditation renewal demand from the Arts Council and a review of the current situation is to be held. New lighting has been fitted to the cabinets in the Egyptology room which improves the visibility and appearance of the specimens, this approach should be considered for other areas.

The top floor rooms which are currently unlet are being used for display and storage purposes this will prevent future letting and its income. Storage in general is a problem and serious consideration must be given to an alternative. The orrery has been refurbished and is now fit for display and demonstration. To prevent damage by visitors in the future a secure case that allows visibility and demonstration is required. Also, an adequate location is to be established to allow visitors to clearly see the operation.

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6.5 Publicity

We have completed another year without a Publicity Officer and instead various other officers and volunteers have done what they could. The publicity which we did do was mainly by postings on our website and Facebook pages and also postings on the Institute of Physics website and our noticeboards. If we are to achieve the aims in our nascent new Strategic Plan, we need to find someone or a team to rectify this deficiency.

7. PREMISES

A number of leaks have been repaired making the building watertight and many rotting windowsills have been repaired. Radiators have been installed in the library connected to the central heating system. New carpets and a substantial underlay have been installed in the library and the caretaker's bedroom. A new dishwasher and refrigerator have been installed in the kitchen. We are on our third year of an insurance package for the building, the insurers have agreed to another 3-year package starting in 2024. Contracts have been set up with the electricity and gas suppliers to get the best price and we are monitoring the supply and price.

8. LIBRARY

New radiators have been fitted along with new carpet and roof insulation. This will help to reduce humidity and keep the books in good condition. It has been a quiet year in the library with thirty books borrowed, no purchases and eight donations, mainly from Ray Chapman. We are continuing to move books from the reference library into the main library and should finish this soon.

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Legacies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lettings	10735.28	0.00	0.00	10735.28	10960.00
Activities inc Teas	3322.50	0.00	0.00	3322.50	1156.00
Income from Investments	7155.94	0.00	0.00	7155.94	3009.72
Sales Receipts	4780.24	0.00	0.00	4780.24	2103.26
Young Explorers	683.00	0.00	0.00	683.00	924.41
Gift Aid (Tax Rebate)	2275.35	0.00	0.00	2275.35	1940.26
Museum income (inc Open Days)	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	347.24
External Grants (RHLGF)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4000.00
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	55268.27	0.00	0.00	55268.27	40357.49
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total receipts	55268.27	0.00	0.00	55268.27	40357.49
A3 Payments					
Accommodation & Services	27335.54	0.00	0.00	27335.54	23391.96
Salaries & Tax	10558.45	0.00	0.00	10558.45	9651.16
Administration inc legal, web, mkt	2396.21	0.00	0.00	2396.21	1812.14
Activities inc Coach	1892.00	0.00	0.00	1892.00	751.56
Museum	3775.97	0.00	0.00	3775.97	7955.62
Lectures	668.50	0.00	0.00	668.50	1515.05
Garden	1531.97	0.00	0.00	1531.97	1569.69
Young Explorers	391.08	0.00	0.00	391.08	80.00
Sales Expenses	1949.98	0.00	0.00	1949.98	335.27
Lantern Roof Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	50499.70	0.00	0.00	50499.70	47062.45
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Equipment and Fittings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23284.52
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23284.52
Total payments	50499.70	0.00	0.00	50499.70	70346.97
Net of receipts/(payments)	4768.57	0.00	0.00	4768.57	-29989.48
A5 Transfers between funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
A6 Cash funds last year end	148055.13	0.00	0.00	148055.13	138366.07
Cash funds this year end	152823.70	0.00	0.00	152823.70	108376.59

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Santander Current (*7330)	22823.70	0.00	0.00
	COIF Deposit A/C General	130000.00	0.00	0.00
				0.00
	Total cash funds	152823.70	0.00	0.00
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

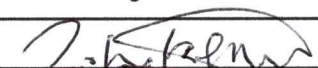
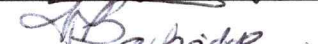
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	M&G Charifund Income Units		0.00	34344.72
	COIF Investment Fund Units		0.00	18019.15
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Land Property & Contents, 39 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth. (revalued)		0.00	750000.00
	Equipment and fittings (paid for 2021)		23284.52	0.00
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00
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			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Internal Fire Safety upgrade		25,000.00	Planning Permission Req
	Building external maintenance		10,000.00	
	EICR electrical safety upgrades, rewiring where required, and replacement of expired fluorescent fittings		50,000.00	
	Orrey Display Case		5000.00	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
 	G. IRELAND J. BAINBRIDGE	14/11/23 14/11/23



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of Bournemouth Natural Science Society

On accounts for the year ended	30 th September 2023	Charity no (if any)	1165951
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Signed:		Date: 1st November 2023
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Section B

Disclosure

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Nothing to disclose

BOURNEMOUTH NATURAL SCIENCE SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1165951

Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022 OF THE TRUSTEES FOR BOURNEMOUTH NATURAL SCIENCE SOCIETY

1. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS

- a. The charity's name: Bournemouth Natural Science Society.
- b. The Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered number 1165951.
- c. The address of the principal office of the charity: 39 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH1 3NS. Tel. 01202 553525.
- d. The charity's trustees for the year were: Mr Grenham Ireland (Chair), Mr Gerry Duggan, (Treasurer), Mrs Jacqueline Bainbridge (Honorary Secretary), Mr Keith Butt (to January 2022), Miss Pam Field, Mr Malcolm Gould, Mrs Anne Jolliffe, Mr Steve Limburn and Mr Colin Lord.

2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Society was formed in 1903. A new Constitution and Rules for the CIO were agreed by the Society Members at the AGM held on 5th December 2015. The Charitable Incorporated Organisation was registered on 9th March 2016. Financial and related matters are overseen by the Trustees who this year have mainly met via Zoom. The Trustees are also responsible for the appointment of those officers of the Society who have responsibility for substantial assets of the Society. The Trustee body is elected annually by secret ballot by members present at the Annual General Meeting. Up to nine trustees may be elected. Of these two are ex-officio, the treasurer and secretary. A chairman is elected at the first meeting of the new trustee body each year. Sadly, Mr Keith Butt died in January 2022.

The Assembly of the Society is open to all members who can raise any matter of overall interest. The Assembly usually meets roughly quarterly. The first meeting was held following the AGM to elect the Assembly Chair and Section Chairs. Meetings were held on 11th December 2021, to elect the Assembly Chair and Section Chairs. The meetings on 29th March and 28th June 2022 took place remotely, on Zoom. The hybrid meeting scheduled for 29 September 2022 was postponed because some members contracted Covid.

The activities of the Society are run by a small number of committees. An ad hoc Programme Committee (consisting of those Section Chairs who could attend meetings by Zoom) has been responsible for the lecture programme. A small number of field trips were organised from spring to autumn. The Museum Committee and Library Committee did not meet.

3. FINANCE

There are many positive indicators that Museum activity is recovering well post Covid, and revenue streams are beginning to reflect this.

Sales have improved from £165 in 2021 to £2,100 in 2022 (on stock costs of £335), a testament to the work of the volunteers not only for staffing the sales area, but also ensuring that there are attractive items available at competitive prices especially for our discerning younger visitors.

Lettings have increased from £6,200 to £10,900. This was greatly assisted by additional financial contributions from hosting televised interviews with Jane Goodall at the BNSS, initiated by Pam Field.

Young Explorers income has recovered from zero to £920 and Activities (e.g. school visits) from £100 to £1,100, all organized by Steve Limburn.

Subscriptions and donations have increased by 10% to £15,900.

BNSS managed to secure a final (re-opening) Covid grant of £4,000 in 2022 (£26,500 in grants applied for and paid into 2021 accounts).

The principal reason for the reduction in total BNSS income for 2022 (£40,300) vs 2021 (£53,500) is the ending of the Covid Grant assistance scheme in 2022.

On the expenditure side the main items are:

Funding for Egyptology and display case improvements (e.g., Mummy) was increased to £8,000 in 2022 from £3,700 in 2021. The artefacts have been worked on to a very high standard principally by Joyce Navarro and will shortly benefit from being professionally lit by utilizing in-cabinet LED strips, a project led by Jo Crane. These improvements may lead to an increase in visits.

There was a reduction of approximately £7,000 in building related projects, the focus in 2022 being on removing water ingress to the building and extensive repairs to the sash window frames and upgrades to the basement flat. Total BNSS expenditure, although down from £78,800 (2021) to £47,000 (2022), reflects the continuing investments being made in the building and museum.

We would anticipate £6,500 expenditure level range for BNSS in 2023 due to insulation, the enhanced maintenance programme and refurbishment costs, with more usual levels of expenditure returning in 2024.

Trustees are taking into account BNSS exposure to increased energy costs (£3,500 up to ~£7,000 p.a.) and business rates (£2,000 up to ~ £3,000 p.a.). Minimum wage increases in 2023 are likely to be about 10%, adding a further £1,000 p.a. The increased cost of business-as-usual operations such as insurance, CCTV, security, fire alarm and hygiene services will also add another £1,000 per annum.

Colin Lord has secured the final 10% (£7,000) grant payment from the Heritage Lottery Fund for the Lantern, which will get the BNSS accounts for 2023 off to a flying start!

Total Reserves (Bank account funds and investments) total approximately £ 200,000 comfortably above the recommended threshold of 2 years' total expenditure (~£130,000).

The Trustees are fully aware of the challenging environment we are all facing and the BNSS financial reserves will naturally be treated with utmost prudence to ensure compliance with the financial policy.

Unseen work that is vital to BNSS is carried out by the Independent Examiner, Louise Tonkin of Fisherton Consulting, who reviews the accounts for best practice and suitability for submission to the Charity Commission, to ensure BNSS retains its charitable status.

Thanks are due again to Mary Tiller, who manages the Society's cash transactions and keeps records of cash donations required for the Society to be eligible for Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme. Also, to the Membership Secretary, Sally Grant, who has the vital job of maintaining the membership database and submitting the direct debit requests for payment every month

4. MEMBERSHIP

Membership was 244 on 1st October 2021 and 234 on 30th September 2022. During the year, there were 13 new members, 18 left and 5 deaths. A small reduction over the year occurred, possibly due to some members being unable to access the Zoom lectures.

5. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The museum has been open on Tuesdays throughout the year and on some Saturdays. During August, the museum was open additionally on Mondays and Saturdays with good attendances. Throughout the year, weekly lectures via Zoom were made available to the public who requested a link. Lectures were advertised on the BNSS Facebook page as well as the BNSS website. All activities were free to enter but were also supported by members explaining the importance of donations to keeping our activities going and to providing support towards maintaining the old Victorian building. Non-members wishing to join Zoom meetings were sent the link with information about making donations online. BNSS was again able to host the Arts University Bournemouth Spring display by second year students this year. The Young Explorers programme for 7 – 12-year-olds was restarted and has had a very successful year with attendance at many meetings being in the high teens and low twenties. There were 10 school visits, two groups from the Arts University Bournemouth. Steve Limburn and Mark Spencer also conducted talks and sessions with groups in schools and local parks.

6. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

6.1 Programme

A total of 52 talks were offered to members between 1 st October 2021 and 30th September 2022. Mostly these were on a Tuesday evening by Zoom. We started by offering one talk a month on a Saturday afternoon from April onwards. Most of these Saturday talks were "hybrid talks" i.e. delivered 'in house' with simultaneous broadcast by Zoom using our new projector and AV equipment. In fact, there were 13 of these talks delivered in this way this year and the AGM. Two talks were 'in house' only. All these talks are open to non-members and BNSS was very grateful for any accompanying donation. Three quizzes were offered in the year. We ran a number of field trips during the year, six botanical, three bird orientated, three entomology and three mycology. Two evenings of guided stargazing were offered and warmly received. A photography competition was publicised, and awards given in three categories of landscape, best fauna, and best flora. A joint meeting was held with the Quekett Microscopical Society where members and non-members were able to view exhibits and hear short talks. A trustee offered free guided walks around the BNSS building as part of Dorset Architectural Heritage Week in September 2022 and members were on hand to explain our exhibits, the history and aims of the society and provide refreshments.

6.2 Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan (2016-2019) was published in late 2016, following extensive consultation with Trustees, Officers, members and other interested groups and individuals. It contains background information on the history of the Society and how it is run, as well as a vision for the future with details of how we hope to achieve that vision. A new plan is now overdue, and a strategy review will be instigated by a group of trustees in November 2022 in conjunction with preparations for re-accreditation. Consultation with officers and members will take place early in 2023.

6.3 Museum Curation

We have still not received the request for re-accreditation from the Arts Council England (ACE) although it is anticipated at any time. Work has continued on the important aspects such as cataloguing which is now virtually

complete. The allocation of accession numbers is still ongoing, but progress is being made. The SPECTRUM and other accreditation documents are being updated. The delay means that some sections will need to be re-written. The pest control activities have continued with the entomology collection being regularly checked as well as the vulnerable fossils for pyrite decay, and volunteers have helped with cleaning of some of the drawers of fossils. The general checking and recording of the pest traps have continued with remarkably few pests found. Additional traps have been added to some cabinets. The Egyptology room has been refurbished with a new paint scheme and Tahema is now safely in her new case. The Beale fossil and mineral collection has now been fully documented and curated. Space for new collections and for storage is still a major problem and inhibits the possibility of varying the displays and presenting exhibitions. The general environment of the building in terms of temperature and humidity are less than adequate for both people and the collections. Action is now needed. Many of our windows are now able to be opened to provide better ventilation. Extra insulation above the lending library should improve conditions for both those who work in there and the books.

6.4 Museum Public Openings and Exhibitions

The Museum was open to the public, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays between 1st and 27th August 2022. This was organised by Pam Field and Grenham Ireland and staffed by a number of volunteers on each day. Tuesday openings to the public continued throughout the year.

6.5 Publicity

Publicity was mainly by postings on our website and Facebook pages and postings on the Institute of Physics website.

7. PREMISES - THE HOUSE

Externally a lot of jobs have been done such as getting the Lecture Theatre roof watertight and re-laying the footpath at the side entrance. All external doors have been prepared and painted. Inside the house all rooms now have windows that open and in some cases the sash cords and rotten windowsills have been repaired. New carpets have been put in the caretaker's flat and will shortly be laid in the Lending Library. A double layer of insulation has been put in the Lending Library void and three radiators are being installed to the heating system to allow better conditions when working in the library.

8. LIBRARY

We are pleased to see an increase in the number of books borrowed this year. Hopefully with the reduction in Covid infections and our new audio-visual system in the lecture hall members will start to use the library before and after the lectures as previously. We have received some most generous donations of books this year. Dr. David Godfrey has given over 200 books most of which we have incorporated into the library. Previous Chair of Entomology Doug Taylor sent a dozen books from Cambridge, also several books from Ray Chapman with more to come. This year we purchased two new books, Guide to Mushrooms by Paul Sterey and Barry Hughes and Wild Flowers by Simon Harrop. We are continuing to sell duplicate and surplus volumes on Anybook.

9. HEALTH & SAFETY

The emergency lighting has all been updated and now fully works. PAT electrical safety testing has been completed. The 5-year electrical inspection has been completed and work will follow. The emergency handbook has also been updated.

10. VOLUNTEERS

As always, the trustees are deeply indebted to our volunteers many of whom give the Society hundreds of hours of their time each year. We have been fortunate during the year to have attracted new volunteers, both members and some who are not. They are all very welcome. We should particularly mention that some of our volunteers are in a much younger age-group than many of us and this has been most helpful. Our new volunteers have been found to be very personable, energetic, flexible, and reliable. In fact, exactly what we need. Our aim to open the museum more frequently remains in place but cannot be introduced without a greater number of regular volunteers. We would reiterate our request that anyone with spare time should get in touch via contact@bnss.org.uk to alert us to their interest.

11. COLLABORATIONS.

We had a joint meeting with the Quekett Microscopical Club with whom we hold an affiliate membership. We have kept our collaboration with the Arts University Bournemouth. Our patron Jane Goodall has continued to use our premises for somewhere to hold recordings of her interviews with a number of organisations for which we are grateful.

12. THANKS

This has been a year of recovery and we continue to be indebted to our members for keeping us running through their subscriptions when our other sources of income have been reduced. From the other sections of the report, you will be aware of the many contributions from trustees, officers, and volunteers without which the Society would cease to function. Our website and social media continue to be important for communication with members and the public. We are grateful for another year of free 'charity hosting' for the website from 34SP.

The Trustees, November 2022



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/10/2021	To	30/09/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions & Donations	15916.60	0.00	0.00	15916.60	14520.66
Lantern Roof Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lantern Grants (HLF & Canford Env)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Legacies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1013.24
Lettings	10960.00	0.00	0.00	10960.00	6208.38
Activities inc Teas	1156.00	0.00	0.00	1156.00	100.00
Income from Investments	3009.72	0.00	0.00	3009.72	2159.75
Sales Receipts	2103.26	0.00	0.00	2103.26	165.15
Young Explorers	924.41	0.00	0.00	924.41	0.00
Gift Aid (Tax Rebate)	1940.26	0.00	0.00	1940.26	2895.86
Museum income (inc Open Days)	347.24	0.00	0.00	347.24	0.00
External Grants (RHLGF)	4000.00	0.00	0.00	4000.00	26500.14
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	40357.49	0.00	0.00	40357.49	53563.18
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total receipts	40357.49	0.00	0.00	40357.49	53563.18
A3 Payments					
Accommodation & Services	23391.96	0.00	0.00	23391.96	25114.08
Salaries & Tax	9651.16	0.00	0.00	9651.16	9505.35
Administration inc legal, web, mkt	1812.14	0.00	0.00	1812.14	2038.06
Activities inc Coach	751.56	0.00	0.00	751.56	0.00
Museum	7955.62	0.00	0.00	7955.62	324.26
Lectures	1515.05	0.00	0.00	1515.05	865.31
Garden	1569.69	0.00	0.00	1569.69	1474.35
Young Explorers	80.00	0.00	0.00	80.00	235.00
Sales Expenses	335.27	0.00	0.00	335.27	13.00
Lantern Roof Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	47062.45	0.00	0.00	47062.45	39569.41
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Equipment and Fittings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23284.52
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23284.52
Total payments	47062.45	0.00	0.00	47062.45	62853.93
Net of receipts/(payments)	-6704.96	0.00	0.00	-6704.96	-9290.75
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B3 Investment assets	M&G Charifund Income Units		0.00	35644.32
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			0.00	0.00
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			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Internal Fire Safety upgrade		25,000.00	
	Building Thermal Performance Upgrade		20,000.00	
	Building damp repairs & upgraded Garden access		10,000.00	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Signed:		Date:	1 st November 2022
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Section B

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BOURNEMOUTH NATURAL SCIENCE SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1165951

Accounts

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3. FINANCE

Having secured significant levels of government grants related to the Covid-19 pandemic, and in anticipation of a managed re-opening of facilities to members and the local community during FY 2022, the Trustees have determined to make use of these funds for future improvements to its premises, collection and lecture infrastructure.

Latterly we have seen encouraging recoveries in visitor numbers and associated revenues.

Key highlights of the financial year included BNSS Trustees scheduling programmes to:

- a. minimize damp ingress (wholesale roof tile and lead flashing replacement, removing material from the front and east side elevations, installing a new damp-proof course), up-grade the side path, install insulation in roof spaces, improve the caretaker's basement flat (approx. £15k).
- b. commission a dual-delivery audio visual system for the lecture hall and remote audiences simultaneously via Zoom (£18k).
- c. improve access to and around the garden for all levels of mobility and garden clearances (£3k).

In addition, BNSS's principal Egyptology exhibit, Tahemaa, is undergoing a thorough conservation and pest management programme to ensure its longevity for future generations of BNSS members and visitors. The artefact will be housed in a new glass case with LED lighting and some environmental controls. Investment will be approximately £10k, of which £3.7k was paid in FY 2020-2021.

There were some final invoices to pay to complete the lantern roof, which were paid from HLF and Canford grants from previous years (£16k).

The BNSS financial policy calls for reserves of 2 years' total expenditure, a conservative figure being £130k. The Trustees anticipate further capital investments were justified in the future, seeking value for money and adhering to the guidelines within the policy framework. The Trustees are aware that social and movement restrictions relating to the Covid-19 pandemic may not be completely behind us, so the financial reserves will naturally be treated with some care.

Income related to museum access held up well given the circumstances, including lettings -19%, donations -24% (a significant proportion of these donations coming from Tuesday Zoom lectures either directly to the BNSS bank account or via charity websites). The most affected income areas were, unsurprisingly, dependent on physical access to the House, for example refreshments, barn dance and schools visits, which decreased from £2.1k to near zero.

All BNSS lettings and room hire organizations have recommitted for FY 2021-2022, which once again is positive news for the year ahead.

Once again thank you to all the members and volunteers who have ensured the continuing rude health of the Society and Museum in these challenging times.

Unseen work that is vital to BNSS is carried out by the Independent Examiner, Louise Tonkin of Fisherton Consulting, who reviews the accounts for best practice and suitability for submission to the Charity Commission, to ensure BNSS retains its charitable status.

Thanks also to Mary Tiller, who manages the Society cash transactions, an important component of BNSS financial controls, and keeps rigorous records of cash donations required to be eligible for "Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme". Also to the new membership secretary, Sally Grant, who successfully navigated her way through the tortuous HMRC form to achieve the Gift Aid rebate relating to the BNSS membership subscriptions element first time.

4. MEMBERSHIP

Membership was 264 on 1st October 2020 and 247 on 30th September 2021. During the year, there were 12 new members. A small reduction over the year occurred, possibly because of the Covid-19 pandemic limiting access to the museum and lectures for those not able to view the Zoom talks on the Internet.

5. PUBLIC BENEFIT

Due to the pandemic, the Museum was closed to the public until 5 August 2021. Then the museum was open to the public for eight days in August 2021 and on Tuesdays from September 2021. Throughout the year, weekly lectures via Zoom were made available to the public who requested a link. Lectures were advertised on the BNSS Facebook page as well as the BNSS website from March 2021. All activities were free to enter but were also supported by members explaining the importance of donations to keeping our activities going and to providing support towards maintaining the old Victorian building. Non-members wishing to join Zoom meetings were sent the link with information about making donations online. BNSS was unable to host the Arts University Bournemouth Spring display by second year students this year. The Young Explorers programme was also mainly in abeyance due to the pandemic.

6. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

6.1 Programme

Our programme to our members continued to be delivered through a series of Zoom talks from October 2020 through to end of September 2021. The big advantage to Zoom talks is that we can invite anyone anywhere in the world to speak without paying their travel expenses, and it saves local people the effort and pollution they would normally expend in order to attend. Disadvantages were sometimes the poor quality of audio on occasions and reduced opportunities for interpersonal interaction.

A big advance was made by one member securing a professional Zoom account through the Institute of Physics (IOP), allowing more than 100 people to participate at any one time. Quite a large responsibility has fallen onto our Chair of Trustees in having to be the Zoom host at most meetings. Since the professional account was secured, this role was shared with the Chair of Astronomy. However, we are still looking for more ways to share the Zoom hosting. Attendance at these Zoom talks varied between 35 to 120 participants.

Topics covered included astronomy, archaeology, botany, geology, marine science, microscopy, ornithology and history. We temporarily lost a regular contribution from our Entomology and Zoology sections.

We also hosted five quizzes run by three different members. All of these were very informal and light-hearted, and were quite popular.

Four 12-page newsletters, mainly containing articles by our members, were produced and distributed

Four field trips were made, two with an entomology interest and two more with a botanical interest when withdrawal of restrictions allowed.

The Young Explorers (YE) programme was on hold during the pandemic. Refunds were offered to all who had paid in advance, but many did not accept the refund and the Society is very grateful for this generosity. The YE programme re-started on 11 September 2021 with a session on the theme of "Creepy Crawlies". This was well attended and takings for the session and refreshments were high.

An 'Open Garden' afternoon event organised by Jill Abbot was held on 11 September 2021 to welcome members back to BNSS. This involved a collection display, plant stall, solar scope and AV demonstration.

6.2 Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan (2016-2019) was published in late 2016, following extensive consultation with Trustees, Officers, members and other interested groups and individuals. It contains background information on the history of the Society and how it is run, as well as a vision for the future with details of how we hope to achieve that vision. A new plan is now overdue, and a strategy review will be held when the pandemic resolves and the Society is able to resume all its normal activities.

6.3 Museum Curation

The renewal of our Accreditation has been postponed by Arts Council England (ACE) due to the pandemic. The invitation to renew has not yet been received and there is a six-month preparation period allowed before submission.

The lockdown in March 2020 effectively stopped the cataloguing and pest control. The admission of members up to 9 November 2020 and again after the second lockdown from 17 May to the end of September 2021, admittedly in limited numbers, has allowed some of the work to continue although social distancing made collaboration difficult. The main outstanding items to be dealt with are the collections documentation, cataloguing, accession numbers and labelling. The accreditation procedures have been checked against the new Spectrum 5 standard and amended where necessary.

The collections documentation is nearing completion with most of the collections being catalogued. Accession numbers are complete in some cases but where the numbers were not previously allocated they have been generated and added to the register. Object numbers have been allocated in most cases and have mainly been entered on or attached to the object.

Andy Davis and Eleni Dimitriou have begun to sort out the extensive slide collection.

Pest control was delayed due to the lockdown but prior to that the Entomology collection had been monitored and the 'mothballs' regularly replaced. Mark Spencer has been cataloguing the Entomology collection and has started working on the Canford School Lepidoptera, with decayed specimens being discarded. Keith Patenotte has carried on his restoration of the taxidermy specimens. James Dovey, Maureen Clements and Keith Clements have almost finished cataloguing the eggs. The fossil collection was regularly checked for pyrite decay, with little found. Pest monitoring throughout the building continued with mainly minor infestations found to date. There were significant numbers of beetles and moths in the Museum Room, which were eventually traced to an old fireplace with a dead pigeon behind it. This has been removed and the matter is in the process of being rectified. The dehumidifiers purchased to test the environment are now left running in the geology and archaeology rooms.

The Great Auk and Passenger pigeon were loaned to Portsmouth Museum in late January 2020 and returned to BNSS in early July 2021 after lockdown delays.

The Beale Collection was acquired from Sidmouth Museum in May 2021. One cabinet was placed in the reception area and the other two in the newly cleared geology storage area downstairs. A start was made on cleaning and sorting these cabinets. One cabinet had already been catalogued by Sidmouth Museum and is now on our computer records.

A major problem in the building is space, which is preventing improved display of the collections and storage so that the objects can be rotated at intervals to vary the displays. Further donations of collections, even desirable additions, must be kept to an absolute minimum to prevent the rooms looking totally cluttered. A start has been made on the clearing of the attic.

Work to secure the cabinets with locks was started but put on hold due to lockdowns; the volunteer cabinetmaker will probably not be returning.

6.4 Museum Public Openings and Exhibitions

The Museum was open to the public, with prior booking via the website, on Fridays and Saturdays between 6 and 28 August 2021. This was organised by Pam Field and Grenham Ireland and staffed by a number of volunteers on each day. 260 visitors booked through the website although 30% did not show up. However, £500 in donations and sales proceeds were realised during this period. Tuesday openings to the public restarted on 7 September 2021 with pre-booking no longer required.

6.5 Publicity

Publicity was mainly by postings on our website and Facebook pages and postings on the IOP website.

The profile of the museum was raised by the loan of the cabinet of model fungi to the BBC. These were featured by Chris Packham, one of our patrons, in the popular "Autumnwatch" programmes.

7. PREMISES - THE HOUSE

This was a very challenging year due to lockdowns and the shortages of labour and materials. However, despite this, a lot was achieved.

Leaks in the Library and Lecture Theatre roofs were repaired. The front of the building and the side path were dug out and tanked to prevent damp getting into the building. The side path was also re-levelled and repaired, part of an aim to eventually improve access to the rear garden for those with mobility problems.

New blinds and curtains were installed in Reference Library, stairs, Egyptology Room, and Museum Room.

Some work was also completed in the caretaker's flat: damp repairs, new refrigerator, painting inside and out, and replacing a gas fire with central heating radiators.

The fire doors in the lecture hall are to be replaced due to deterioration of the hinge mounting, a temporary fix has been put in place meanwhile.

The insurance was renewed for three years at a very favourable price.

A substantial investment has been made in the lecture theatre with the installation of a new audio visual system. The project, led by Jo Crane, involved the provision of a bright digital projector, new speakers and other equipment mainly housed in a lectern. This will give both an improved experience for the in-house audience and the capability of

simultaneous broadcast of talks to remote participants joining by Zoom. It is also expected that the system will improve hiring opportunities.

8. LIBRARY

Due to the pandemic, there have been very few books borrowed from the library this year. However, we were able to resume the usual Tuesday opening of the library this summer. We have made no purchases of new books in the past year. However, we have been given upwards of 80+ donations recently. The majority were given by Margaret Ross and Geoff Staples who kindly delivered them to us. The remainder came from Steve Limburn, Andrew Davis and Martin Western. Surplus and duplicate volumes will be sold on Anybook who will endeavour to sell them on our behalf to boost Society funds.

9. HEALTH & SAFETY

The biggest challenge was preparing the house for the return of members and volunteers to the building after the Covid-19 lockdowns. This involved new risk assessments and attendance logging, as well as mitigations such as hand gel stations, new signage and various restrictions on access within the house.

We continue to monitor and ensure the house meets the statutory requirements for Health & Safety. A Fire Risk Assessment was carried out in March 2020. The main outstanding issue is that all the upstairs doors and the kitchen door require updating, along with a glass door at the bottom of the stairs as a fire break. However, planning permission will be needed before work can start.

A CCTV system was installed, with two cameras outside and one inside. They allow recording and monitoring, which has helped keep the building secure.

10. VOLUNTEERS

Despite many of the Society's activities having been severely curtailed due to Government restrictions and prudent decisions by the trustees, many members and volunteers have continued to contribute to the Society. They have presented lectures, led some field trips, worked on the collections, stewarded public open days and organised improvements to the fabric of the building and infrastructure. They have also worked in the garden and on our newsletter and other publications and the website to enable it to take bookings. In addition to our more visible roles are those of the President, Trustees, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Health and Safety officer, chairs of sections, room hire organiser, Proceedings editor, specialists for our IT and AV equipment, conservators, pest control officer, Programme Chair and house manager. All these roles are essential and involve a considerable amount of work even when the building is closed to the public. Happily, we have been successful in recruiting some new volunteers despite the difficult circumstances during much of the year.

Our volunteers are the life blood of the society without whom we could not survive as a viable organisation. Every function within the Society and Museum is dealt with by volunteers except for the caretaker's role. We are fortunate to have a small core of reliable volunteers to whom we owe sincere thanks. However, there are opportunities available for any member who would like to take a more active part in the Society.

If any member wishes to help in any of our varied fields of interest, activities or administration, then please email contact@bnss.org.uk.

11. COLLABORATIONS.

Restrictions due to the pandemic have limited possible collaborations. However, our patron Jane Goodall was looking for somewhere to hold recordings of interviews with a number of organisations and we were honoured that she chose to use our premises.

12. THANKS

This has been another difficult year for everyone, and we are indebted to our members for keeping us running through their subscriptions when our other sources of income have been reduced. From the other sections of the report, you will be aware of the many contributions from our trustees, officers and volunteers without which the Society would cease to function. Whilst we don't normally single out individuals, we should recognise the considerable contribution of both James Fradgley and Ray Chapman, both standing down from their roles in 2021, James as Membership Secretary and Ray as Honorary Secretary and Trustee. We would also particularly thank those who have been involved with pushing forward investments in our building and infrastructure which will be important to protect and develop our collections and enhance our activities in the future. Our website and social media have also been important for communication with members and to allow us to re-open to the public. We are grateful for another year of free 'charity hosting' for the website from 34SP. We must not forget that this year also saw successful events such as re-opening of the Museum to the public in August and the members' Open Garden event in September, neither of which would have happened without the contributions of many members and volunteers.

The Trustees, November 2021



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

01/10/2020

To

30/09/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions & Donations	14520.66	0.00	0.00	14520.66	15680.60
Lantern Roof Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lantern Grants (HLF & Canford Env)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	37130.00
Legacies	1013.24	0.00	0.00	1013.24	15678.25
Lettings	6208.38	0.00	0.00	6208.38	7679.40
Activities inc Teas	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	2586.09
Income from Investments	2159.75	0.00	0.00	2159.75	2932.03
Sales Receipts	165.15	0.00	0.00	165.15	1068.50
Young Explorers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	875.00
Gift Aid (Tax Rebate)	2895.86	0.00	0.00	2895.86	3875.72
Museum income (inc Open Days)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	763.00
External Grants (RHLGF)	26500.14	0.00	0.00	26500.14	25000.00
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	53563.18	0.00	0.00	53563.18	113268.59
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total receipts	53563.18	0.00	0.00	53563.18	113268.59
A3 Payments					
Accommodation & Services	25114.08	0.00	0.00	25114.08	19256.91
Salaries & Tax	9505.35	0.00	0.00	9505.35	9009.25
Administration inc legal, web, mkt	2038.06	0.00	0.00	2038.06	2384.85
Activities inc Coach	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1843.21
Museum	324.26	0.00	0.00	324.26	665.03
Lectures	865.31	0.00	0.00	865.31	841.74
Garden	1474.35	0.00	0.00	1474.35	0.00
Young Explorers	235.00	0.00	0.00	235.00	257.88
Sales Expenses	13.00	0.00	0.00	13.00	948.34
Lantern Roof Expenses	0.00	15941.56	0.00	15941.56	36435.05
				0.00	
Sub total	39569.41	15941.56	0.00	55510.97	71642.26
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Equipment and Fittings	23284.52	0.00	0.00	23284.52	
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Sub total	23284.52	0.00	0.00	23284.52	0.00
Total payments	62853.93	15941.56	0.00	78795.49	71642.26
Net of receipts/(payments)	-9290.75	-15941.56	0.00	-25232.31	41626.33
A5 Transfers between funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
A6 Cash funds last year end	194659.22	-14666.82	0.00	179992.40	138366.07
Cash funds this year end	185368.47	-30608.38	0.00	154760.09	179992.40

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Santander Current (*7330)	24760.09	0.00	0.00
	COIF Deposit A/C General	160608.38	-30608.38	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total cash funds	185368.47	-30608.38	0.00
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

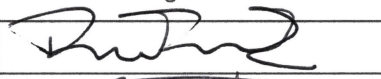
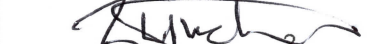
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	M&G Charifund Income Units		0.00	30717.36
	COIF Investment Fund Units		0.00	16723.12
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Land Property & Contents, 39 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth. (revalued)		0.00	750000.00
	Equipment and fittings		23284.52	0.00
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Internal Fire Safety upgrade		25,000.00	
	Sarcophagus Conservation		5,000.00	
	Building damp repairs & upgraded Garden access		15,000.00	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	PAMELA FIELD	25.01.22
	G. RENHAM IRELAND	25/01/2022



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Bournemouth Natural Science Society

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30 th September 2021	Charity no (if any)	1165951
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**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 (other than that disclosed below *)

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 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:



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