

BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

England & Wales · Charity number 1166134

Details

Other names BSHP

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-03-21

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS: TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY BY: · STIMULATING INTEREST IN AND PROMOTING AND ENCOURAGING RESEARCH AND STUDY IN THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY; · FURTHERING THE PUBLICATION OF STUDIES IN THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY; · ORGANISING MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES FOR THE READING OF PAPERS ON THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY, PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES AND MEDICINE; AND · ESTABLISHING CONTACT NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY WITH OTHER SOCIETIES FOR HISTORICAL STUDIES.

Activities: To advance education for the public benefit in pharmacy history by: 1. Stimulating interest in and promoting and encouraging research and study. 2. Furthering the publication of studies. 3. Organising meetings and conferences for the reading of papers on the history of pharmacy, pharmaceutical sciences and medicine; 4. Establishing contact nationally and internationally with other societies

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£5,772	£6,416	-	-
2023-12-31	£18,569	£13,105	-	-
2022-12-31	£9,902	£8,976	-	-
2021-12-31	£4,885	£6,521	-	-
2020-12-31	£11,405	£13,988	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Abigail Katie Heath		2023-04-02
Briony Elizabeth Harmer		2025-04-05
Catherine Aileen Walker		2024-03-23
Christopher John Duffin		2024-03-23
Dr Jemma Tamsin Houghton		2024-03-23
Dr MICHAEL HARROP JEPSON		2026-05-09
John Keith Crellin		2024-03-23
Kevin Thomas Goodman		2026-05-09
Kimberley Alice Walker		2023-04-02
Matthew Robert Johnston		2024-03-23
Professor Robert Mark Andrew Nesbitt		2020-10-19
Stuart Charles Anderson		2024-03-23

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Trustees Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

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Trustees' annual report

for the year ended 31st December 2024

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The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

Achievements and performance

Annual General Meeting 2024

The 56th Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on Saturday 23rd March 2024 at the Thackray Medical Museum, Leeds.

A quorum of Members attended the meeting.

At the AGM the following Trustees (Office Bearers) were confirmed:

President: Professor Mark Nesbitt

Vice-President: Ms Catherine Walker

Hon. Treasurer: Dr Jemma Houghton

Hon. Secretary: Mr Matthew Johnston

The 2023 Annual Accounts were agreed unanimously by those members attending the meeting.

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Meetings of Committee

The Committee met four times during the year (5th February, 13th May, 7th October and 16th December). All these meetings continued to be held online.

Name	Comments
Mr R T Allcorn	
Dr S C Anderson	
Dr J Crellin	
Dr C Duffin	
Ms A Heath	
Dr J Houghton	New committee member 2024
Ms B Hudson	
Dr M H Jepson	
Mr M Johnston	
Prof M Nesbitt	
Ms C Walker	
Dr K Walker	

Committee membership changes in 2024: Selina Hurley stood down from the committee at the AGM, with Jemma Houghton taking over her role as Honorary Treasurer. Mark Nesbitt took over as President as Chris Duffin's term came to an end, with Catherine Walker stepping into the Vice President role vacated by Mark, and Matthew Johnston took over from outgoing Honorary Secretary Roy Allcorn.

Membership

Total membership (including 3 Honorary Members) at 31st December was 152.

Movements in the year have been as follows:

New members: 9 / Resigned or deleted: 4

Meetings/Events

Committee meetings and public talks continued to be held online. No summer annual visit was arranged.

On-line Lecture Programme

Our successful series of free online discussions and talks continued in 2024. Bookings were administered using Eventbrite at the start of the year until the platform introduced a fee, after which bookings were managed in-house via the events@bshp.org email address.

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Talks were held on Zoom with the majority also being livestreamed on YouTube, where recordings are also held. The 2024 lecture programme was as follows:

- Monday 20 May 2024: "Brebajes, Yervas and Pharmacopoeias: Healing Materiality and the Imagination of the Early Modern Caribbean" by Professor Pablo Gomez, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Monday 8 July 2024: "Geological drugs and prophylactics" by Dr Chris Duffin, Natural History Museum, London
- Monday 7 October 2024: "History of medicinal plants in the Qur'an and other religious texts" by Dr Shahina A Ghazanfar, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew
- Monday 25 November 2024: "The making of a quinologist: The work of John Eliot Howard (1807-1883)" by Dr Kim Walker, Royal Holloway

Annual Spring Conference March 2024, Leeds

Twenty-one people bought tickets for the event and 19 attended including 16 BSHP members. Delegates had travelled from Portugal, Serbia, Germany and South Africa to join the event, with half the speakers and 10 of the delegates first-time attendees. The conference theme was Public Pharmacy, although the talks were wide-ranging.

Following a new format, the formal programme took place on one day, Saturday 23 March, with optional dinners arranged in city-centre restaurants on Friday and Saturday evening, and hotel suggestions made for delegates to book themselves. The Saturday programme was based in the conference suite of the Thackray Museum of Medicine. For the first time, we solely sold tickets through Eventbrite, although we organised one invoice for a member who wanted her institution to pay directly. Many thanks to Matthew Johnston for grappling with the intricacies and opacity of Eventbrite.

The following short papers were given on the Saturday morning:

- Daisy Cunyham *Charitable Pharmacy: The Medicines of a Late-Eighteenth Century Scottish Dispensary*
- Chris Duffin *Obstetric and Gynaecological Stones*
- Maria do Sameiro Barroso *Metal Piston Syringes: from the Graeco-Roman authors to Albucahis (936-1013 AD) and later authors*
- Jelena Manojilovic *The Elderly Town Pharmacy in Obrenovac and its Owners*
- Alexandra Stone *A social and spatial history of pharmacy in Johannesburg, 1894–1939*
- Kevin Goodman *The Druggist in the Time of Cholera*

The Saturday afternoon was free for delegates to explore the Museum, with an optional talk by museum volunteer (and BSHP member) Parmanand Mistry in the apothecary jars gallery.

The Annual General Meeting was held at 4pm.

Pharmaceutical Historian

Four issues of the *Pharmaceutical Historian: An International Journal for the History of Pharmacy* (Vol. 54, Nos. 1,2,3,4) were published during the year dated March, June, September and December. Stuart Anderson continued with the editorship continuing the current arrangement to publish the journal on-line (with Ingenta) and thus internationally with the International Society for the History of Pharmacy (ISHP). Printed copies continued to be produced and sent to all members who wanted them in that format. PDF copies are sent by email to members opting for a digital subscription, primarily those based overseas.

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BSHP Gazette

Four issues of the Gazette, our quarterly newsletter, were produced and mailed out to coincide with mailing the four issues of the *Pharmaceutical Historian*. From the June issue the Gazette was redesigned under the editorship of Kim Walker, with some issues expanded to include more news and features.

BSHP Website (www.bsph.org) and Social Media

The BSHP website was redesigned and relaunched in March 2025.

Many new membership applications were received via the web-based form and paid for using the associated on-line PayPal payment system.

The number of our followers on Facebook and Twitter continues to grow and is now an important means of keeping everyone interested in us up to date.

Awards – Peter Homan Small Grant Scheme

This scheme was launched in early 2023. It invites applications at any time of year, with closing dates set at 31st May and 30th November. Applications are considered by a team of four members of the BSHP Committee, consisting of individuals with curatorial and research experience.

At its meeting on 4th June 2024 the Panel considered the two applications received:

- A request to support MPhil research into '*The Transformation of British Pharmaceutical Regulations, 1962-1971*' (University of Cambridge). Funding would be used for research costs including transcribing and editing, as well as travel for presentations. Grant criteria met: Travel for archival research. Outcome: Grant of £250 made.
- A request to support a project by the UCL School of Pharmacy Library to digitise the School's official students' publication, the Square Chronicle. Funding would be used to digitise the 1912-1939 volumes of the publication. Grant criteria met: Engagement through providing public access to resources. Outcome: Grant of £616.90 made.

The Panel decided to exceed the total award of £500 as there had been no applications in the previous round.

There were no applications for the period to the end of November 2024.

Awards - Leslie Matthews Medal

The Leslie Matthews Medal is the BSHP's highest award, presented for original and scholarly work in the history of British pharmacy, and last awarded in 2018.

Following nominations and discussion by the awards committee, in 2024 the medal has been awarded to two recipients:

- Dr Anne Stobart, for her work on 17th century domestic medicine and as founder of the Herbal History Network
- Dr Christopher Duffin, BSHP Past President, for his work on geology and pharmacy

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Secretarial support

In December 2024 the committee agreed to bring secretarial duties in-house from 1 April 2025. For the last 17 years these services have been provided by Association Enterprises.

Appreciations

The Committee wishes to put on record its thanks to Catherine Walker at the Museum of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society for her help and support.

We are also indebted to Association Enterprises for undertaking various Secretariat and office-based duties for the Society.

Financial review

The unrestricted funds held at as at the 31st December 2024 were £54,172.

Reserves

The charity does not have a specific reserves policy as we maintain an investment account that would cover and exceed any running costs over the next 12 months. As at the 31st December 2024, this was £40,000.

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), registered in 2016 in England and Wales, operating under a constitution.

The trustees are members of the charity, but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits or remuneration from the charity. No expenses were reclaimed from the charity.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

There must be at least four Charity Trustees, who will be Officers of the charity: the President, the Vice-President, the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Secretary. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the Charity Trustees, or to appoint a new Charity Trustee.

Officers are proposed and voted in at the Annual General Meeting.

In addition, up to eight Ordinary Committee Members shall normally be elected by the BSHP membership for a term of three years. The Trustees and Ordinary Committee Members may decide to co-opt up to two additional ordinary committee members, bringing the total number of Trustees and Ordinary Committee Members up to a maximum of 14 at any one time.

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Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on 05/04/2025 and signed on their behalf by

Mark Nesbitt (Chair)

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Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Receipts		
Memberships	3,664	4,638
Annual conference	848	8,542
Peter Homan Bursary	50	5,005
RPS Royalties	-	2
Interest	1,210	382
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Total receipts	5,772	18,569
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Payments		
<i>Charitable expenditure</i>		
Association Enterprises costs	2,992	2,613
Committee expenses	-	617
Conference expenditure	877	6,548
Insurance	154	154
Fees	23	-
Peter Homan fund payments	867	500
Pharmaceutical Historian printing and costs	1,083	1,619
Society of Apothecaries student support	-	110
Subscriptions (BSHM, ISHP, ISHP journal hosting)	420	944
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Total payments	6,416	13,105
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Net receipts / (payments) for the year	(644)	5,464
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Bank and cash balances at start of year	54,816	49,352
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Bank and cash balances at end of year	54,172	54,816
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank and cash balances	54,172	54,816
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Investment		
CAF Shawbrook deposit	40,000	45,000
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Liabilities		
Membership income in advance	660	175
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Notes

- a) All the charity's funds are unrestricted. Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.
- b) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. As a lower-income charity under section 133 of the 2011 Act, the trustees have elected to prepare the charity's financial statements using the Receipts & Payments basis.

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Achievements and performance

Annual General Meeting 2023

The 55th Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on Sunday 2nd April 2023 at the Holiday Inn Oxford.

A quorum of Members attended the meeting.

At the AGM the following Trustees (Office Bearers) were confirmed:

President:	Dr Chris Duffin
Vice-President:	Professor Mark Nesbitt
Hon. Treasurer:	Ms Selina Hurley
Hon. Secretary:	Mr Roy Allcorn

The 2022 Annual Accounts were agreed unanimously by those Members attending the meeting.

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Meetings of Committee

The Committee met three times during the year (6th February, 15th May and 16th October), all these meetings continued to be held on-line:

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Mr R T Allcorn	
Dr S C Anderson	
Dr J Crellin	
Dr C Duffin	
Ms A Heath	New committee member 2023
Ms B Hudson	
Ms S Hurley	
Dr M H Jepson	
Mr M Johnson	
Prof M Nesbitt	
Ms C Walker	
Ms K Walker	New committee member 2023

Committee membership changes in 2023: John Betts and Deborah Bishop left the committee during the year, Abigail Heath attended her first committee meeting in May, and Kim Walker rejoined the committee in October.

Membership

Total membership (including 3 Honorary Members) at 31st December was 142.

Movements in the year having been as follows:

New members: 19 / Resigned or deleted: 14

Online Lecture Programme

Meetings/Events

No in-person committee meetings were organised during 2023 as it had been decided to continue to meet online. No Summer annual visit was arranged due to lack of interest.

On-line Lecture Programme

Our successful series of free on-line discussions and talks continued in 2023. Bookings and ticketing were again administered using the Eventbrite system.

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We arranged these talks:

Monday 23 January 2023: "Dioscorides' Botanical Legacy in the Medieval Mediterranean: Critical Practices of Botanical Illustration" by Dr Andrew P. Griebeler, Princeton University.

Monday 27 February 2023: "Perfumery and pharmacy: The Greek and Roman history of a match made in heaven" by Prof. Laurence Totelin, University of Cardiff.

Monday 6 March 2023: "The herbal materia medica in Greek texts – a botanical and pharmacognostic perspective" by Dr Andreas Lardos, Institute of Chemistry and Biotechnology, ZHAW Zurich University of Applied Sciences.

Monday 24 April 2023: "Shifting from medicine to botany: the hidden history of 16th century herbaria" by Dr Anastasia Stefanaki, Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Leiden.

Monday 15 May 2023: "Synthesizing hope: 20th century drug discovery in South Africa" by Prof. Anne Pollock, Kings College.

Monday 19 June 2023: "From plant to drug: The quest for an Indian Pharmacopeia" by Dr Nandini Bhattacharya, University of Houston.

The next series planned for the Autumn could not be arranged in time and so a new series was scheduled for the new year.

Annual Spring Conference March 2023

There were 31 participants overall including 22 BSHP members. Delegates had travelled from Portugal, Italy, France, Germany and the USA to join the event, perhaps our most international yet. The conference theme was Training, Learning and Education.

A pre-conference visit to the Oxford University Museum of Natural History and the adjacent Pitt-Rivers Museum was led by Chris Duffin. The 16 attendees discovered the pioneering geological work of Oxford don, William Buckland (1784-1856), learned how to classify dinosaurs and browsed through medical amulets, surgical instruments and items of materia medica from around the world.

Friday's dinner was followed by a talk by Stephen A. Harris (Druce Curator of Oxford University Herbaria) on 'George Claridge Druce'.

The following short papers were given on the Saturday morning:

- Chris Duffin *The Stag as a source of materia medica*
- Jelena Manojilovic *Adam Lonicerus's Kreuterbuch as functional cultural heritage*
- Matteo Sartori *'Balsam de Chili' and Drimys winteri. Entangled Histories of British Pharmacy*
- Maria do Sameiro Barroso *Medicine and Magic in a recipe of Aspasia*
- Florian Eidam-Weber *Teaching at the Institute of the History of Pharmacy and Medicine at Phillips University Marburg, Germany – its past, present & future*

The Saturday afternoon visit was to the History of Science Museum where we were treated to a guided tour concentrating on Nobel laureates, different inventions designed to measure time, and a chance to view a range of medical and pharmaceutical items. Following the Saturday evening Briony and Matthew presented delegates with a range of pharmaceutical objects borrowed from the RPS Museum and Society of Apothecaries, and delegates enjoyed identifying them and sharing exactly how to use them.

Sunday's proceedings began with the Annual General Meeting. This was followed by short talks:

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- Gabriel Lake Carter '*The Pharmacy Image: Advertising and the Business Education of Pharmacists, 1900-1975*
- Carolyn Collins '*The best morning tonic: Citrus aurantium from pharmacy jar to marmalade pot; looking at the therapeutic value of the Seville Orange*
- Manon Auffret '*From medieval apothecaries to the Faculty of Pharmacy of Rennes: a short history of pharmaceutical education in Brittany*

Following a short break, Professor Roisin O'Hare gave the final lecture of the conference to mark the centenary of the Guild of Hospital Pharmacists - *Concocting lotions, prescribing potions and all kinds of crazy notions! Evolution of the practice of the hospital pharmacist from 1923 to 2023.*

It was wonderful to enjoy the company of members and non-members alike, and to be treated to a wide range of lecture topics from a suite of clearly accomplished international researchers at this very successful conference.

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- A request to support an Apothecary Expansion Project at the National Emergency Services Museum in Sheffield. Funding would be used to assist with costs of producing new interpretation boards, 'smell pots', and printed postcards. Grant criteria met: Improving a pharmacy display. Outcome: Grant of £400 made.
- A request to support pharmaceutical aspects of the development of a Creativity Gallery at the National Civil War Centre at Newark Museum. Funding to be used to assist with costs of obtaining the loan of pharmaceutical items from the collections of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain and the Royal Society. Grant criteria met: Improving a pharmacy display. Outcome: Grant of £100 made.

There were no applications for the period to the end of November.

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The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on 22/10/2024 and signed on their behalf by

Mark Nesbitt (Chair)

British Society for the History of Pharmacy

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

	2023 £
Receipts	
Memberships	4,638
Annual conference	8,542
Peter Homan Bursary	5,005
RPS Royalties	2
Interest	382
Other	
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Total receipts	18,569
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Payments	
<i>Charitable expenditure</i>	
Insurance	154
Association Enterprises costs	2,613
Committee expenses	617
Pharmaceutical Historian printing and costs	1,619
Subscriptions (BSHM, ISHP, ISHP journal hosting)	944
Society of Apothecaries student support	110
Conference expenditure	6,548
Peter Homan fund payments	500
Total payments	13,105
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Net receipts / (payments) for the year	5,464
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Bank and cash balances at start of year	49,352
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Bank and cash balances at end of year	54,816
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2023

2023
£

Bank and cash balances

54,816

Investment

CAF Shawbrook deposit

45,000

Liabilities

Membership income in advance

175

Notes

- a) All the charity's funds are unrestricted. Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.
- b) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. As a lower-income charity under section 133 of the 2011 Act, the trustees have elected to prepare the charity's financial statements using the Receipts & Payments basis.

BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

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FIFTY FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. Annual General Meeting 2022

The 54th Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at the Copthorne Hotel, Salford Quays on Sunday 27th March which was during our first in-person conference since 2019. 18 Members attended the meeting.

Until the pandemic interrupted the normal pattern our AGMs were held on the Sunday morning during the weekend of our annual conference.

This conference was dedicated to the memory of Peter Homan past President and Honorary Secretary.

At the AGM the following Trustees (Office Bearers) were confirmed:

President:	Dr Chris Duffin
Vice-President:	Professor Mark Nesbitt
Hon. Treasurer:	Ms Selina Hurley
Hon. Secretary:	Mr Roy Allcorn

The 2021 Annual Accounts were agreed unanimously by the Members who attended the meeting.

2. Meetings of Committee

The Committee met three times during the year (7th February, 9th May and 17th October), all these meetings continued to be held on-line:

Name	Comments
Mr R T Allcorn	
Dr S C Anderson	
Mr J Betts	
Mrs D Bishop	
Dr J Crellin	
Dr C Duffin	
Ms B Hudson	
Ms S Hurley	
Dr M H Jepson	
Mr M Johnson	
Prof M Nesbitt	
Ms C Walker	

Committee membership changes in 2022: John Crellin joined the committee at the end of 2021 and attended his first committee meeting in February 2022.

3. Membership

Total membership (including 3 Honorary Members) at 31st December was 136.

Movements in the year having been as follows:

New members: 10 / Resigned: 4

Five members continued to have subscription payment shortfalls and again because of this we suspended their September mailings.

4. Meetings/Events

No in-person committee meetings were organised during 2022 as it had been decided to continue to meet online. Our Summer annual visit series restarted however with an afternoon visit to Kew Gardens on 15th July where we had a guided tour centered around the Nosegay and Evolution Gardens. The tour was headed up by BSHP committee member Mark Nesbitt aided by two colleagues. No visit was possible to a School of Pharmacy.

5. On-line Lecture Programme

A series of free on-line discussions and talks were arranged in 2021 as a replacement for our evening presentations and given their success a new series was set up for 2022. Bookings and ticketing were again administered using the Eventbrite system.

The schedule of these lectures was as follows:

24th January: "The Poison Trials: Wonder Drugs, Experiment, and the Battle for Authority in Renaissance Science" by Prof. Alisha Rankin (Tufts University)

21st February: "The Medicinal Uses of Emeralds in History" by Dr Chris Duffin (BSHP).

25th April: "The Doctrine of Signatures in Early Modern Medicine" by Xinyi Wen (University of Cambridge).

23rd May: "Precious Pills in Tibetan Medicine" by Dr Barbara Gerke (University of Vienna).

13th June: "History of Pharmacy in the Arabic Civilization in between Past and Future" by Dr Ayman Atat (Freie University of Berlin). Start time for this one was 2pm as opposed to the usual 6.30pm.

According to Eventbrite, during the year we issued 706 tickets for these 5 events. We have reached a truly international presence with these events.

The next series planned for the Autumn could not be arranged in time and so a new series was scheduled for the new year.

6. Annual Spring Conference March 2022

There were 34 participants overall including 19 members of the Society and 4 pharmacy students. The conference theme was collections, collecting and collectors.

An optional visit to the Manchester University School of Pharmacy on Friday afternoon included a welcome from the head of the school of health sciences, Professor Kay Marshall and head of the school of pharmacy Professor Jayne

Lawrence; talks by two fourth year pharmacy students, Menah Zaky and Zina Derradji, on historical items from the school and the Manchester Museum of Medicine and Health, and a tour of some of the facilities and other historical material on site.

Friday's dinner was followed by a talk by James Sumner on *The Spaces and Places of Manchester Science*.

The following short papers were given on Saturday morning:

Maria do Sameiro Barroso *Portuguese monastic pharmacies: The legacy of the Monastery of Tibães*

Chris Duffin *Josef Anton Hafliger (1873-1954) and his collection*

John Crellin *The Chafing Dish: Health and Social Considerations of a Pharmaceutical/Medical Artefact, c. 1550-1850*

Patrick Chiu *A.S. Watson: Transformation from Colonial Chemist to Global Health & Beauty Retailer*

Fay Hartley *A Glossop Apothecary - Veterinary Prescriptions 1844-1902*

Manon Auffret *Apomorphine in human medicine: From the Mid-19th Century to the Present Day*

For the Saturday afternoon there was an organised visit to the John Rylands Research Institute with a special session looking at rare books and archival material specially selected by Dr James Peters, University Archivist, plus a chance to explore the building. Saturday dinner was followed by a quiz.

Sunday's proceedings began with the Annual General Meeting. This was followed by a talk by Rachel Webster on *Medicinal Plants at Manchester Museum* and Briony Hudson on *An heirloom to be handed down": collectors and collections at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society Museum*

Posters were presented by:

Chris Duffin: *Anti-epileptic gems and amulets (and) The Geological Materia Medica collection of John Burges (1745-1807)*

Tanja Pommerening: *Breaking boundaries, expanding horizons. A concept for interdisciplinary research and teaching in pharmacy, medicine and humanities.*

Axel Helmstadter, and Tanja Pommerening: *Teaching pharmacy ethics. A literature survey in view of a potential pharmacy curriculum reform.*

Anne Grons, Tanja Pommerening, and Tonio Sebastian Richter: *Coptic Pharmacological Prescriptions. Are Coptic pharmacological prescriptions effective and how can we know?*

Shirley Ellis: *Simulated Materia Medica Cabinet for 1970.*

The conference again successfully met our aims of attracting members and non-members to share a common interest in pharmacy history in an enjoyable and welcoming atmosphere, particularly valued after three years' absence.

7. Pharmaceutical Historian

Four issues of the *Pharmaceutical Historian: An International Journal for the History of Pharmacy* (Vol. 52, Nos. 1,2,3,4) were published during the year dated March, June, September and December. Stuart Anderson continued with the editorship continuing the current arrangement to publish the journal on-line (with Ingenta) and thus internationally with the International Society for the History of Pharmacy (ISHP). Printed copies continued to be produced and sent to all members who wanted them in that format. Those members resident overseas are all sent pdf copies by email.

8. BSHP Gazette

Four issues of the Gazette, our quarterly newsletter, were produced and mailed out to coincide with the four issues of the *Pharmaceutical Historian*. This continued to fulfil the aim of having four pages of news, updates, details of events past and forthcoming and other information including, where relevant, a selection of photographs reproduced in full colour.

9. BSHP Website (www.bsHP.org) and Social Media

Our website was kept updated especially with regards to forthcoming virtual events.

Many new membership applications were received via the web-based form and paid for using the associated on-line PayPal payment system.

The number of our followers on Facebook and Twitter continues to grow and is now an important means of keeping everyone interested in us bang up to date.

10. Awards

It had been decided last year that the Burnby Memorial Bursary and the Research Grant would be closed and replaced by the Peter Homan Small Grant Scheme. This will be launched in 2023.

Peter Homan, a much-appreciated past President who sadly died last year, bequeathed his collection of history of pharmacy books to the Society. We have been able to distribute these to various museums and libraries including the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries and the School of Pharmacy Library at University College London (where they will form the core of their Flagship Collection). Furthermore, his collection of pharmaceutical artefacts was bequeathed to the Royal Pharmaceutical Society Museum, where many items are now on display.

11. Appreciations

The Committee wishes to put on record its thanks to Catherine Walker at the Museum of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society for her help and support.

We are also indebted to Association Enterprises for continuing to undertake various Secretariat and office-based duties for the Society, especially given various difficulties caused by the pandemic for many such bodies.

BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

England & Wales - Charity number 1166134

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FIFTY FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. Annual General Meeting 2021

The 54th Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on-line using Zoom software on Monday 18th October 2021 at 4pm. Our AGMs usually are held in-person during the weekend of our annual conference. The 2021 AGM and the preceding one, planned for March 2020, were cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

At the AGM the following Trustees (Office Bearers) were confirmed:

President:	Dr Chris Duffin
Vice-President:	Professor Mark Nesbitt
Hon. Treasurer:	Ms Selina Hurley
Hon. Secretary:	Mr Roy Allcorn

The 2020 Annual Accounts were agreed unanimously by the Members who had logged into the meeting.

2. Meetings of Committee

The Committee met three times during the year (8th February, 17th May and 18th October), all these meetings being held on-line:

Name	Comments
Mr R T Allcorn	
Dr S C Anderson	
Mr J Betts	(rejoined 2021)
Mrs D Bishop	
Dr C Duffin	
Dr S Ellis	(to 18/10/21)
Ms S Hurley	
Ms B Hudson	
Dr M H Jepson	
Mr M Johnson	(previously co-opted)
Prof M Nesbitt	
Ms C Walker	

Committee membership changes in 2021:

Peter Homan was unable to attend the February meeting and sadly died on 22nd March 2021. Both Kim Walker and Michelle Wake stepped down from the Committee early in the year and did not log into any Committee meetings. Following the AGM John Crellin accepted an invitation to join the Committee.

3. Membership

Total membership (including Honorary Members) at 31st December was 139.

Movements in the year having been as follows:

New members: 21 / Deceased: 3 / Removed, Lapsed, Resigned: 5

Five members continued to have subscription payment shortfalls and it was concluded reluctantly that there was no easy way of resolving this other than to suspend once again their September mailings.

4. Meetings/Events

No in-person meetings or other events, such as our Summer visit or our joint meeting with a School of Pharmacy, were possible during 2021.

5. On-line Lecture Programme

A series of free on-line discussions and talks were arranged as a replacement for our evening presentations. These were done via the Zoom platform and quite early on, for the lectures from February onwards, it was decided that bookings and ticketing would be administered using the Eventbrite system. The schedule of these lectures was as follows:

11th January – Panel discussion - “What is the future for Pharmacy History?” facilitated by a small group which included pharmacy historians and curators.

22nd February - A joint event with the Faculty of the History and Philosophy of Medicine and Pharmacy of the Society of Apothecaries. Dr Freya Harrison (Warwick University) delivered the Faculty’s Sydenham Lecture speaking about “Unlocking the Medieval Medicine Cabinet”.

26th April - "From Apollo to the ISS: the history of space pharmacy" by Dr Christiane Staiger (Neu Isenberg, Germany).

24th May - “The contribution of the Cairo Geniza to the study of medieval Arabic medicine” by Professor Efraim Lev (Haifa University, Israel).

21st June – “How Empire Turned People into Patients: Big Pharma’s Early Modern Roots” by Zachary Dornier (University of Maryland, USA).

13th September - “Women Apothecaries and the Law in Early Modern Spain: Three Case Studies” by Dr Ted. Bergman (University of St Andrews).

11th October - “Agatha Christie and Hercule Poirot in the Pharmacy Museum” by Joao Neto (Pharmacy Museum, Lisbon).

15th November - “Half Lives: Tales from the Radium Era” by Lucy Santos.

6th December: “Coptic Pharmacological Prescriptions” by Anne Gron (University of Marburg).

According to Eventbrite, during 2021 we:

- Hosted 11 events (excluding 11th January but including the on-line conference sessions)
- Welcomed 1648 attendees
- Had 262 ‘loyal’ attendees (those who had attended 2 or more meetings)
- Had 986 people who were new to our events

6. **Annual Spring Conference March 2021 held on-line**

For the second year running it was not possible to convene an in-person conference. Below is part of the report on the event compiled by Briony Hudson, our Conference Organizer, which was presented in full to our May committee meeting:

“Having taken the decision to run the 2021 conference on Zoom because of pandemic restrictions, we drew on the planned programme from the 2020 postponed conference for speakers, alongside calling for other short talks from members.

We also had planned 3 short films to launch on the BSHP’s new YouTube channel with a “Behind the scenes at the museum” theme. Ultimately, we uploaded two films, one from the Royal Pharmaceutical Society Museum and another from the Thackray Museum of Medicine.

The final programme comprised:

Friday 26th March 2021

‘Behind the scenes’ film - Royal Pharmaceutical Society Museum – Made available on YouTube.

Talks session: 'Pharmacy history: people and places' - Chair: Chris Duffin

- Roy Allcorn, BSHP Honorary Secretary, a short tribute to Past President Peter Homan.
- Emily Betz – “Francis Bernard (1628-1698): A Seventeenth-Century Apothecary and Physician” (Burnby Memorial Bursary talk 2021).
- Norma Cox – “Drug Stores 1870-1920”.
- Soh Xi Ken – “A holistic view of the evolution of pharmacy education: a case study of the University of Sunderland's School of Pharmacy” (Pharmacy History Research Grant talk 2020).

Saturday 27th March 2021

Talks session: 'Reflecting on pharmacy history through material culture' - Chair: Selina Hurley

- Jemma Houghton – “An unnatural obsession with bottles - the use of Citizen Science and interdisciplinary approaches in researching materia medica collections”.
- Chris Duffin – “Early Modern PPE”.
- John Crellin – “My Life, Written by Luer, an hypodermic syringe”.

Sunday 28 March 2021

‘Behind the scenes’ film - Thackray Museum of Medicine – Available on YouTube.

Talks session: 'Exploring pharmacy's global history' - Chair: Briony Hudson

- Kim Walker & Mark Nesbitt - “Just the tonic: quinine cures and cocktails”.
- Nick Wood - “All aboard the Prosperous Solomon! The transatlantic trade of Thomas Mayleigh, Quaker apothecary”.

- Sebastian Kroupa “Medical knowledge in transit between Manila and London: Philippine materia medica lost and found in translation” (Burnby Memorial Bursary 2020 talk).

Logistics

The event took a team effort to run, with committee members Chris Duffin, Matthew Johnston, Mark Nesbitt and Briony Hudson working to set up the Zoom meetings, Eventbrite event pages and linked emails, plus live streams on YouTube. We had numerous meetings and email exchanges to get everything set up, but technically the whole conference ran extremely smoothly. Having a copy of each speaker’s presentation slides proved worthwhile as, for example, Briony was able to take over John Crellin’s presentation when he hit technical issues. Thankyous were also due to Selina Hurley for chairing the Saturday session and to Roy Allcorn for responding to Eventbrite and other email enquiries and troubleshooting.

Each session required a minimum of 3 people to run – Zoom host, session chair and YouTube monitor - with an additional one in place in case of problems. Matthew also set up follow-up emails from Eventbrite to all those who registered for each session, reminding them of subsequent events, and details of BSHP’s other activities, website and social media.

All 3 sessions were recorded for and made available on Zoom and YouTube. We learnt that the YouTube link for the live session could continue to be used to access the recordings, and a number of people made use of this in the days after the event. Briony also edited all 3 sessions to make “clean copies” and take out Norma Cox’s presentation which was not made available after the event due to image rights issues. The edited recordings were made public 4 weeks after the conference and their availability publicised on Facebook and Twitter.

Promotion

Matthew and Briony worked to update an existing publicity spreadsheet specifically for the conference, and shared sending targeted emails between them. The conference was also promoted regularly on Facebook and Twitter. Axel Helmstedter provided direct email contacts for all of the ISHP member societies, which enabled us to publicise it to an international pharmacy history audience. The spreadsheet here was used also to promote our evening online lectures.

Statistics

After the event an analysis was done of the tickets “sold” via Eventbrite for the three days of the conference. This included figures for Zoom viewings and YouTube accesses for the recordings.

7. Pharmaceutical Historian

Four issues of the *Pharmaceutical Historian : An International Journal for the History of Pharmacy* (Vol. 50, Nos. 1,2,3,4) were published during the year in March, June, September and December. Stuart Anderson continued with the editorship following the current arrangement to publish the journal on-line (with Ingenta) and thus internationally with the International Society for the History of

Pharmacy (ISHP). Printed copies continued to be produced and sent to all members who wanted them.

The December 2021 printed issue, for the second year running, made reference to an article which, due to its length, was being published only as on-line content via Ingenta.

8. BSHP Gazette

Four issues of the Gazette, our quarterly newsletter, were produced and mailed out to coincide with the four issues of the *Pharmaceutical Historian*. This continued to fulfil the aim of having four pages of news, updates, details of events past and forthcoming and other information including, where relevant, a selection of photographs reproduced in full colour.

9. BSHP Website (www.bsHP.org)

Our website was kept updated with, for example, new information about our past and forthcoming virtual events, this included details of the latest winners of our awards. A number of minor changes arising from the AGM were made including and an amended list of contacts.

Many new membership applications were received via the web-based form and paid for using the associated on-line PayPal payment system.

10. Awards

Changes were opportune this year with the Society's two existing award schemes. This was due mainly to the fact that the Burnby Memorial Bursary had reached its intended 10-year life span. Also, there had been no applications for the Research Grant in 2021.

Given the death of Peter Homan it was decided that the Society in 2022 would concentrate on offering something akin to a Bursary scheme in his memory and bearing his name.

11. Appreciations

The Committee wishes to put on record its thanks to Catherine Walker at the Museum of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society for her help and support. This was especially true for the speed at which the display case of a selection of Peter Homan's bequeathed collection of pharmacy artefacts were put on display in the Museum.

We are also indebted to Association Enterprises for continuing to undertake various Secretariat and office-based duties for the Society, especially given various difficulties caused by the pandemic for many such bodies.

Accounts 2021 British Society History of Pharmacy**INCOME**

Member subscriptions 2021	£3,160.37
Member subscriptions 2022	£60.00
Peter Homan Bursary	£1,300
Interest	£363.03
Royalties via Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain	£1.89
TOTAL INCOME	£4,885.29

EXPENDITURE

Research grant	£500.00
Pharmaceutical Historian printing and expenses	£1,677.74
BSHM, ISHP and contribution to ISHP Pharmaceutical Historian	£857.07
Public liability insurance	£141.04
Association Enterprises Services	£2,147.43
Conference refunds	£900
Membership refunds or donations in lieu of refunds	£59
Talks expenditure (Zoom)	£238.33
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£6,520.99

DEFICIT**£1,635.70****INVESTMENT**

CAF Shawbrook deposit 45,000

CURRENT ASSETS

Bank account as of 31/12/2021 (includes prepay for 2022)	1,471
Virgin Money	1615.38
CAF Shawbrook deposit	45,000
	48,086

BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

England & Wales - Charity number 1166134

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FIFTY THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. Annual General Meeting 2020

The 53rd Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on-line using Zoom software on Monday 19th October 2020 at 4pm. It had originally been planned to hold this on Sunday 29th March in Salford, Manchester. This and the accompanying annual conference were cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

At the AGM the following Trustees (Office Bearers) were confirmed/elected :

President:	Dr Chris Duffin
Vice-President:	Professor Mark Nesbitt
Hon. Treasurer:	Mrs Deborah Bishop (to 31 st December 2020) Ms Selina Hurley (from 1 st January 2021)
Hon. Secretary:	Mr Roy Allcorn

The audited 2019 Annual Accounts were agreed unanimously by the Members who had logged into the meeting.

2. Meetings of Committee

The Committee met twice during the year, one in-person meeting and one on-line meeting. The members who have served this calendar year are:

Name	Elected
Mr R T Allcorn	(19)
Dr S C Anderson	(18)
Mr J Betts*	(19)
Mrs D Bishop	(19)
Dr C Duffin	(19)
Dr S Ellis	(20)
Mr P G Homan	(18)
Ms S Hurley	(20)
Ms B Hudson	(19)
Dr M H Jepson	(20)
Mr M Johnson (co-opted)	(20)
Prof M Nesbitt	(20)
Ms M Wake	(18)
Ms C Walker	(20)
Ms K Walker	(18)

*John Betts stood down from the committee after the February committee meeting having left his role at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Museum. He was replaced there by Catherine Walker who became the Museum Officer at the RPS. Matthew Johnson was co-opted onto the committee and this was agreed at the AGM.

3. Membership

Total membership (including Honorary Members) at 31st December was 126.

Movements in the year having been as follows:

New members: 3 / Deceased: 4 / Removed, Lapsed, Resigned: 13

9 members still had subscription payment shortfalls and this matter would be reviewed again in 2021.

4. Meetings/Events

Monday 10th February 2020

Our solitary in-person joint evening meeting for the year was held on this date at the UCL School of Pharmacy, Brunswick Square, London, where Dr Emma Spary, Reader in the History of Modern European Knowledge, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge gave us a talk entitled "Suppliers of plant drugs in late seventeenth century Paris: in (and out?) of the pharmacy."

November 2020

This year, once again, we were unable to arrange a joint meeting between the Society and a School of Pharmacy but of course this would have had to have been cancelled.

Other Events

All other activities planned for 2020 were cancelled. The committee at its October meeting, however, started making plans for organising some on-line discussions and talks for 2021.

5. Annual Spring Conference, Salford, Manchester

The decision to cancel this conference was taken with great reluctance in early March but this subsequently turned out to be the right decision with the announcement of a national lockdown from 23rd March 2020.

Fortunately, we were able to negotiate that the monies pre-paid for this, less and admin fee, would be transferred to 2021 and a provisional date of 26-28th March was set for this even if this would need to be on-line only.

6. Pharmaceutical Historian

Four issues of the *Pharmaceutical Historian : An International Journal for the History of Pharmacy* (Vol. 50, Nos. 1,2,3,4) were published during the year in March, June, September and December. Stuart Anderson continued with the editorship following the current arrangement to publish the journal on-line (with Ingenta) and thus internationally with the International Society for the History of Pharmacy (ISHP). Printed copies continued to be produced and sent to all members who wanted them.

The December 2020 printed issue, for the first time, made reference to an article which, due to its length, was being published only as on-line content via Ingenta.

The five-year index for 2016-2020 (Volumes 46-50) was compiled in November by Stuart Anderson and a pdf of this was uploaded to the Society's website. No printed copies were produced.

7. BSHP Gazette

Four issues of the Gazette, our quarterly newsletter, were produced and mailed out to coincide with the four issues of the *Pharmaceutical Historian*. This continued to try and fulfil the aim of having four pages of news, details of events past and forthcoming and other information including many photographs reproduced in full colour.

8. BSHP Website (www.bsHP.org)

Our website was kept updated with, for example, new information about our forthcoming virtual events. A number of changes arising from the AGM were made. This included details of the latest winners of our awards and an amended list of contacts.

9. Awards

Alongside our existing Burnby Memorial Bursary, we continued to offer the Annual Pharmacy History Research Grant with the aim of stimulating research by pharmacy students, pharmacists and pharmacy historians.

The 2020 Bursary had gone to Dr Sebastian Kroupa, University of Cambridge, for his paper: "Medical knowledge in transit between Manila and London: Philippine Materia Medica – Lost and found in translation."

This year's winner of the Research Grant was Soh Xi Ken, University of Sunderland, School of Pharmacy, for his project "A holistic view on the evolution of pharmacy education from the 19th to 21st century: a case study on University of Sunderland's School of Pharmacy".

10. Appreciations

The Committee once again wishes to put on record its thanks to the UCL School of Pharmacy for the assistance with facilities the the February meeting and to John Betts and latterly to Catherine Walker at the Museum of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society for their help and support.

Accounts 2020 British Society for the History of Pharmacy

INCOME

Member subscriptions 2020	£3,258.39
Member subscriptions 2021	£748.46
Conference fees	£6,265
Interest	£624.86
Research grant	£500.00
Royalties via Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain	£5.49
Sundries	£2.42
TOTAL INCOME	£11,404.62

EXPENDITURE

Publications including Pharmaceutical Historian printing	£2,235.16
Committee Expenses	£21.40
Meeting expenses - hire of facilities	£92.88
Subscriptions ISHP and BSHM	£266.93
Public liability insurance	£127.53
Association Enterprises Services	£1,637.74
Conference 2020 payment to venue	£4,519.55
Conference refunds	£3,915
Research grants	£1,000
Sundries	£172.08
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£13,988.27

DEFICIT

-£2,583.65

INVESTMENT

CAF Shawbrook deposit 45,000

CURRENT ASSETS

Bank account as of 31/12/2020 (includes prepay for 2021) 1,471
Virgin Money 3115.38
CAF Shawbrook deposit 45,000
Total 49,586