



**ARCTIC RESEARCH GROUP
ANNUAL REPORT FOR CHARITY COMMISSION 2021**

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TRUSTEES

For the year 2021 Trustees of the Association were as follows: -

Trustees: Mr Ian Frearson (Founder)
Prof George Shaw
Mr Chris Searston
Mr Bernard Frearson
Mr Simon Hall

1 OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY

- 1 To advance education in the High Arctic environment through scientific research into all its aspects and the dissemination of the useful results for the benefit of the public.
- 2 To encourage the continuation of research expeditions by encouraging and taking along new young scientists on expeditions and introducing them to the rigours of field research in this hostile environment
- 3 If the objects specified in 1 and 2 should for any reason fail or cannot be fulfilled then the Group will continue to plan for the future continuation of research expeditions and recruitment of new members who will be able to maintain the vision of the founding group.
- 4 The strategy of the ARG is to undertake useful, meaningful scientific research that will add to current information and benefit both science specifically and the public generally so that a better understanding of the High Arctic environment may be obtained. The Group's strategy has always been designed to guarantee a higher than average chance of success with all expeditions, by undertaking a series of interlinked, but scientifically separate, projects that together provide a better scientific coverage of the research area generally, whilst the individual projects chosen on their own merit are complementary to each other. This strategy makes the best economic as well as scientific sense and has stood the ARG in good stead since its inception in 1988.

2 LEADER'S REPORT

During 2021 the ARG made good progress with planning its 2022 Arctic expedition, this time to Recherchefjorden in southern Spitsbergen, the main island in the Svalbard archipelago.

By year end the threat to travel from the Covid 19 pandemic had receded somewhat, though it still posed a substantial risk as to whether any expedition could go ahead. During the year the ARG attracted the interest of several young scientists who have now joined the team. They will undertake a number of projects in the field area including an archaeological survey, the clean-up and analysis of seaborne beach rubbish, groundwater work and an architectural study.

The beach rubbish work will also trial new techniques for the recording and analysis of relevant data which can be used on any beach. SALT, a Norwegian research institute, was approached to be our partners in this work (as in 2019) and we are glad to report that this has now grown into a four way collaboration with two further research institutes. Support for this work from a specialist Svalbard environmental fund was sought, and secured, after the end of the reporting period.

Dr Stephen Staley

ARG Leader

3 FINANCES

Once again, as with last year, the omnipresence of restrictions due to Covid has meant another year without field work so the relatively low number of transactions reflects this and likewise the relatively low increases in funds that are seen in the actual financial spreadsheet. The only marked increases of note are the last two at the close of the year where new members were recruited for the forthcoming expedition planned to take place in 2022. It is hoped that an opportunity to undertake some serious research will be available once again soon.

4 AGREEMENT OF TRUSTEES

This report has been circulated to all the Trustees with the understanding that it has to be agreed by them prior to submission. The agreement has been made and no adverse comments about the reports or accounts have been made. Some changes to the actual Trustee members is expected during the next financial year. This will be purely down to desired regular turnover of members so that the new Trustees remain keen and fresh to the tasks put before them. Not an enviable role at this time.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Arctic Research Group

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1:1:2021

To

31:12:2021



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					
opening balance3920	6,586	-	-	6,586	973
On line donations	21	-	-	21	-
Car Boot sales	400	-	-	400	-
Donations	725	-	-	725	-
members fees	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	8,732	-	-	8,732	973
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). share sales					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	8,732	-	-	8,732	973
A3 Payments					
Storage	300	-	-	300	-
Immerson Suits purchase	1,246	-	-	1,246	-
car boot float	50	-	-	50	-
Go Daddy	38	-	-	38	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,634	-	-	1,634	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,634	-	-	1,634	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,098	-	-	7,098	973
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	7,098	-	-	7,098	973

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	retained in Svalbard	1,000	-	-
	Barclays Bank a/c	7,098	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	8,098	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Ian Frearson	26-Sep-22
	Chris Searston	29-Sep-22