



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	05	04	2020		04	04	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

The Secchi Disk Foundation

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) **1169399**

Charity's principal address

Kiln Cottage

Gnaton

Yealmpton

Postcode

PL8 2HU

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Paul Hart	Chair		
2	Anthony Wates			
3	Paul Housego			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are to be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. New trustees are given a copy of the current version of constitution together with a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To promote the conservation of the marine environment worldwide for the public benefit by engaging the public in scientific study and to facilitate research of marine plankton and the food chain in order to advance collective knowledge and understanding of the marine ecosystem and to maintain biodiversity for the public good.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The focus of our activity is upon enabling the public in the scientific study of the marine plankton and the food web it supports for the public good. To that end, The Secchi Disk Foundation promotes scientific study by the general public and creates and distributes to the public free online tools and educational materials, and maintains websites and databases accessible freely by the public.

The trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Secchi Disk Foundation received one grant this year from the Whirlwind Charitable Trust (WCT) (Grant No: 1200) to enable the Foundation to fulfil its charitable objectives. The WCT grant was to enable the payment of Open Access charges for the second scientific publication from the Secchi Disk study that was submitted for publication this year and is currently, under academic peer review. This year the Secchi Disk Foundation also funded the development of new Smartphone software for the Secchi Disk study, which was paid for by restricted funds from the WCT received in the preceding financial year. In this the Secchi Disk Foundation's fourth, full year we continued our expansion to include more participants from different seafaring groups. As a result, the Foundation continues to engage the public to provide a greater understanding of the marine ecosystem for the public good.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Secchi Disk Foundation's Trustees aim to maintain a financial reserve to mitigate any one of the following:

- i) The risk of an unforeseen need for funds, e.g., an unexpected need to maintain services that the Foundation provides such as mobile apps, databases etc due to circumstances outside the Foundations control. This includes funds to cover unforeseen day-to-day operational costs.
- ii) Funds to enable the Secchi Disk Foundation to carry out work that cannot be met by future income alone, e.g., to promote the work of the Foundation or for a project that requires the Secchi Disk Foundation to provide 'matched funding'.
- iii) To fund short-term deficits in a cash budget, e.g., money may need to be spent before a funding grant is received.
- iv) To provide secure funding for long-term resources provided by third parties that the Secchi Disk Foundation relies upon such as internet services, and other similar longer-term costs as the Trustees' see fit.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not Applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our only sources of funds this year have been grant income, donations and bank interest. A proportion of the income is held as unrestricted funds both as designated funds for on-going project development costs and as reserves to be spent as the trustees see fit.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Paul J B Hart	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	2021-08-05	

Independent examiner's report on the accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
The Secchi Disk Foundation

On accounts for the year
ended

04-04-2021

Charity no
(if any)

1169399

Set out on pages

1 and 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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. [The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [named body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

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 *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - 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:

R. K. Pipe

Date:

19/08/2021

Name:

Dr Richard K Pipe

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Address:

Berry Farm

Bethany

Saltash, Cornwall PL12 5DE

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.(E.g. accounting records have not been kept in accordance with s132 of the Charities' Act 2011 and those accounts do not comply with the requirements of the 2008 Regulations setting out the form and content of charity accounts; any material expenditure or action which appears not to be in accordance with the trusts of the charity; any failure to be provided with information and explanations by any past or present trustee, officer or employee; and any material consistency between the accounts and the trustees' annual report.)

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
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Section A Receipts and payments

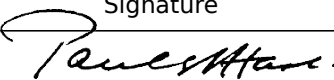
	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Donation	61	-	-	61
Donation	49	-	-	49
Donation	13	-	-	13
Donation	2,000	-	-	2,000
Bank interest	16	-	-	16
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,139	-	-	2,139
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,139	-	-	2,139
A3 Payments				
IT hardware	58	-	-	58
IT hardware	170	-	-	170
Software development	-	1,000	-	1,000
Honorarium	-	-	-	-
Software development	-	-	-	-
Bank charges	1	-	-	1
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	229	1,000	-	1,229
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	229	1,000	-	1,229
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,910	- 1,000	-	910
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	28,072	1,000	-	29,072
Cash funds this year end	29,982	-	-	29,982

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank deposit account	29,982	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	29,982	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-

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

Signature



Print Name

Paul J B Hart

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**Last year
to the nearest £**

388
2,000
-
15
-
-
2,403

-
-

2,403

-
-
-
7,500
1,000
1
-
-
-
8,501

-

8,501

-	6,098
-	
-	
-	6,098



**Endowment
funds
to nearest £**

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-
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OK

**Endowment
funds
to nearest £**

-
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**Current value
(optional)**

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**Current value
(optional)**

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**When due
(optional)**

**Date of
approval**

8/5/2021