

THE PLATELET SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1172202

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-03-22

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC AND TO PROMOTE AND ASSIST RESEARCH IN ALL MATTERS ASSOCIATED WITH PLATELETS IN DISEASE AND TO ENSURE THE DISSEMINATION OF THE USEFUL RESULTS OF SUCH RESEARCH.

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£42,117	£39,927	-	-
2024-07-31	£51,677	£83,424	-	-
2023-06-30	£61,894	£48,411	-	-
2022-06-30	£57,519	£18,625	-	-
2021-06-30	£18,202	£23,268	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Professor Alison Helena Goodall	Chair	2023-07-18
John Crispian Strachan CBE, QPM		2022-10-06
Professor Adrian Charles Newland		2025-08-01
Robert George Humphries		2025-04-01

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England & Wales - Charity number 1172202

Accounts

Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 2024-2025

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year 2024-25 and confirm that they comply with the Charities Act 2011 & 2022.

Charity Name: The Platelet Society Charity Registration Number 1172202

Registered Address: Office 7 35-37 Ludgate Hill, London, EC4M 7JN,

UK Board of Trustees (<https://plateletsociety.co.uk/trustees/>)

Professor Jeremy Pearson (Chair), Professor Alison Goodall (Incoming Chair), Maryam Samina, Crispian Strachan, Bob Humphries, and Professor Adrian Newland

Outgoing Trustees

Dr Gillian Lowe (stepped down June 2025).

Executive Committee

Dr Amanda Unsworth (Chair), Dr Craig Hughes (Financial Officer/Treasurer), Dr Paul Armstrong (Chair-Elect), Dr Julia Sandrin Gauer, Dr Giordano Pula, Dr Matthew Hindle, Dr Marilena Crescente, Dr Sarah Westbury (clinical), Dr Suthesh Sivapalaratnam (clinical), Dr Joanne Mitchell (ECR), Dr Xenia Sawkulycz (ECR) and Dr Lauren Murphy (ECR).

Outgoing Committee Members

Dr Prachi Stafford and Dr Kalwant Authi, (stepping down Oct 2025).

Dr Samantha Montague (stepped down in Spring 2025), Dr Beth Webb (stepped down in July 2025)

Secretary/Governance Officer

Dr Joy Wright

Bankers

HSBC

UK Structure, Governance and Management

The Platelet Society is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission in August 2017 under the charity number 1172202.

Organisational Structure

The charity has a Board of Trustees which is responsible for the governance of the charity. The Trustees set up an Executive Committee that is responsible for enacting strategies that allow the charity to fulfil its key objectives.

Trustees: The charity has five Trustees (Jeremy Pearson, Alison Goodall, Maryam Samina, Crispian Strachan, Bob Humphries (joined in April 2025), Adrian Newland). Gill Lowe stepped down in June 2025 and was replaced by Adrian Newland (August 2025). All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in the accounts.

Ambassador: Lieutenant Colonel Crispin Black MBE MPhil

Executive Committee (<https://plateletsociety.co.uk/committee/>)

The Executive Committee currently has twelve members. Amanda Unsworth is the current Chair of the Executive Committee. Paul Armstrong is the Deputy Chair (will take over as Chair in Sept 2026) and Craig Hughes is the Society Finance Officer. Other members include Julia Sandrin Gauer, Giordano Pula and Joanne Mitchell (Early career researcher - ECR) Sarah Westbury and Suthesh Sivapalaratnam serve on the committee as clinical representatives. Beth Webb (ECR) stepped down from the committee in July 2025, Kalwant Authi, and Prachi Stafford will step down from the committee in Oct 2025. We thank them all for their hard work and support of the Society. Matthew Hindle, Marilena Crescente, Xenia Sawkulczyk (ECR) and Lauren Murphy (ECR) joined the committee in the Autumn of 2025. All Committee members have research and/or clinical backgrounds relevant to the work of the Charity and were elected to represent different stages of the academic career track. The Committee remains inclusive and diverse, welcoming applications from its membership, and represents our membership by inclusion of male and female researchers, and Early Career Researchers. The Committee meets quarterly, and is responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the Society. The Committee is focused on facilitating participation of the research community through the Society webpage, newsletters, social media, administering of grants and funding opportunities, and networking, supporting conference organisation and outreach activities.

Risk Management

The Trustees and Executive Committee have reviewed the major risks to which the Charity may be exposed, and appropriate systems have been implemented to mitigate risk. In particular, risks to external funding have led to the development of a plan which allows ring fencing for funding for core activities. All medical-related information provided on our website is general and is covered by a specific medical disclaimer policy. Structures have been put in place to account for recent changes in General Data Protection Regulations. The Trustees are satisfied that arrangements are in place to manage risks that have been identified. The Board of Trustees will be reviewing the risk register in the coming year.

Our Aims

Our Society's purpose is to promote excellence in research, education and public awareness of platelet biology in human health and disease. To ensure that we remain focussed on our key aims they are appraised on a yearly basis in order to review both what we have achieved and evaluate the outcome of our work. The review examines the success of each key activity to ensure that they benefit the groups that hope to serve.

The Focus of our Work

Our main objectives for the year were focussed on further establishing the Society within the research community and creating activities and structures that would help promote our key aims in the future.

The strategies we used to meet these objectives were:

- To facilitate greater communication and representation within the research community
- To facilitate and promote research into platelets and platelet related disorders
- To encourage younger researchers to ensure long-term continuation of platelet research in UK
- To provide the public with accessible information on platelet related diseases
- To improve public understanding of platelet biology

Activities and Achievements

How our activities deliver public benefit

The Society carries out a number of activities in pursuance of its aims. These activities, summarised below, provide benefit to members of the Society and wider society.

To facilitate greater communication within the research community

1. *Communication channels.*

A key element of the creation of the Platelet Society was to create a stronger network of biomedical researchers and clinicians with interests in platelet biology. Provision of communications channels has been an important part of bringing the research community together

- **Website.** The Society website continues to provide key information for both for the research community and the wider public. <https://plateletsociety.co.uk/> Amongst other items, the website is kept up-to-date with information of upcoming conferences, key research findings from around the world, information on available PhD studentships, funding opportunities and research positions. Reports from platelet research conferences are uploaded onto the website
- **Social Media.** The Society has a dedicated social media team, made up of Early Career Researchers and Executive committee members; the team look after all of the social media accounts: LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, and are regularly posting new content to engage the public and researchers alike. The Twitter/X account has been left dormant since Jan 2025.
- **Newsletter.** The newsletter, emailed to members, updates the membership with short reports on recent research meetings, funding opportunities, public engagement/STEM activities, and shares the successes of platelet researchers.

2. *Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.*

The Society believes that everybody's contribution matters, regardless of their identity, background, experiences or beliefs. The Society aims to develop a culture in which everyone feels welcome, heard and free to fully express themselves. The Society has a dedicated EDI webpage which includes a code of conduct for members and activities of the Society, a series of EDI statements to help us continue on our journey, and a mechanism for reporting concerns. Further information can be found on our EDI webpage. <https://plateletsociety.co.uk/edi/>

3. **Early Career Researchers' Initiatives.**

Building a strong sense of collaboration and community amongst the ECRs is important for the future growth and activity of The Society. In 2024/2025 the Working Group membership included: Dr Alex Slater, Dr Beth Webb (stepped down summer 2025), Dr Xenia Sawkulycz (moved from working groups into executive committee ECR position Autumn 2025), Nicola Dark, Hetty Walker, Dr Nathan Asquith, Dr Olha Kostenchak-Svystak and Dr Rachel Lamerton (stepping down Autumn 2025), supported by the Executive ECR committee members, Dr Joanne Mitchell and Dr Xenia Sawkulycz. The Society thanks all previous Working Group and ECR representatives for their hard work in supporting the group. The ECR Working Group has continued to encourage career development, wellbeing, public engagement and social media content to support and promote our members and activities led by the Society. This can all be found on the ECR space on the Platelet Society website: [Early Career Researchers – The Platelet Society](#)

Probably Platelets: The Society podcast now in its third season and is available on all major streaming platforms (e.g. Apple Music and Spotify). With several episodes planned throughout the coming year, including a patient perspective episode, aimed to raise awareness of Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP). This project is currently being led by Xenia Sawkulycz and Alex Slater (Birmingham). See: [Probably Platelets – The Platelet Society](#) for more details.

- **Wellbeing Resources:** Wellbeing has been a key focus for the ECR working group this year. Rachel Lamerton (formally Birmingham, but recently moved to Dublin) has been driving this section. We have a list of wellbeing resources including, apps, podcasts, websites and books, that are all available of the ECR space. The beginning of 2025 marked the launch of the #StressFreeJanuary campaign where a new wellbeing resource was shared on social media every day, this was met by a lot of positive engagement. We are hoping to expand these wellbeing resources in the future through other social media channels.
- **Mentoring:** Led by Nicola Dark, we have re-established our mentor-mentee programme. This was launched in 2024 and included a list of potential mentor profiles on the website that mentees could read about and ask to be matched with. Using mentee and mentor forms, applications were collected in late 2024/early 2025. Mentor and mentor pairs were matched and notified in 2025. Feedback so far has been promising with many pairs reporting a good relationship and ongoing meetings. More applications for the next round are being accepted and new pairs will be matched in early 2026.
- **Career Development:** The International Society of Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH) London 2022 Congress generated legacy funds, which we successfully applied for to establish a Platelet Society/ISTH ECR wider skills and development fund. These funds supported invited speakers to discuss alternative career paths as a breakout discussion group session at the annual Platelet Society meeting in Manchester (April 2025). This was very well received.
- **ECR day at the Platelet Society:** The ECR day at the platelet Society conference was organised by a separate ECR committee this year to allow the working groups to focus on Platelet Society initiatives. The event was organised by Xenia Sawkulycz, Azziza Zaabalawi, Bismah Mateen, Beth Webb, Daisy Yates, Emily Horner and Tudor Dimofte and ran by Xenia Sawkulycz on the day. The day was a mix of flash talks that were marked and selected by our ECR committee. There was also a poster session, where ECRs could have practise in presenting their work, before the main meeting. We also had a generic afternoon session of career development talks and breakout rooms. A wellbeing workshop, led by an external company 'We are wellbeing' focused on Positive Psychology and Stress Management. The company provided positive feedback from the event and were

impressed by the engagement of the society members. Overall, there was a very good attendance to the ECR day (>50 ECRs) and the feedback on the day was very positive.

- **Social media content and engagement:** Many of the ECR working group members are also involved in maintaining the social media content for the society (driven majorly by Beth Webb, Xenia Sawkulycz, Nathan Asquith and Hetty Walker). This is something we wish to continue and expand with for the upcoming year. We have recently taken a step back from X/Twitter and started a Platelet Society page on LinkedIn. This has been very well received gathering over 500 followers and a good level of interaction in the short time it has been active.
- **Career Development resources:** The ECR working groups have launched a new initiative in 2025, Led by Xenia Sawkulycz, this initiative focuses on career development and aims to build a repertoire of resources available to our ECRs. These are available on LinkedIn and the society website and include CV building advice and guides, information on funders of grants and different grant schemes available, and alternative career suggestions and advice. So far, these have been well-received and are due to continue in the coming year.
- **Journal Club:** The working groups newest resource is the weekly online journal club (LinkedIn). Run by Hetty Walker, journal club highlights 3 new papers per week and provides a short summary and links to the papers. This has been very popular on social media and calls to highlight relevant publications from followers have had a lot of responses. This has proven to be an excellent resource with a lot of positive interaction and is a good opportunity to raise awareness of the society, and the research carried out by its members .

4. Awards.

The Society has two awards for members to recognise excellence in platelet research and in achieving the aims of The Society. Named in honour of two internationally well-respected UK platelet researchers, (Gustav Born and Alison Goodall) they provide an annual way for the Society to rewarded excellence. Further details of the awards can be found at <https://plateletsociety.co.uk/platelet-society-awards/>.

To facilitate and promote research into platelets and platelet-related disorders

5. AMRC membership

The Society joined the Association of Medical Research Charities as an introductory member in 2025. Introductory membership is for 3 years where we will work towards full membership. Membership of the AMRC will allow the Society to access advice and support relevant to grant awarding societies.

6. Fundraising.

The Society was awarded \$37,500 for the London 2022 ISTH legacy funds to support its work. Funds from this award have been used to establish/support the following opportunities, over a 3 year period (until 2026):

- **Summer studentships:** funded two in 2025

- **Outreach and education grants:** rolling call, open for applications,
- **ECR wider skills training:** available to the Platelet Society Meeting ECR day organising committee to run wider skills sessions.
- **Skills transfer grants:** rolling call, open for applications.
- **Clinical audits:** call opened in 2025.

More details are provided in section 10.

Together, we believe that using the funds in this way helps the Platelet Society achieve its remit in terms of research and education, and provides a healthy portfolio of activities for the next 3 years. The Society is grateful to the ISTH for this support.

We are currently seeking assistance with our fundraising efforts to help us ensure we can continue to offer similar awards and grants past 2026.

To cover Society running costs, annual membership fees are £25 per annum.

7. Summer studentships.

Thanks to the ISTH legacy funds and money raised from the annual meeting, the Society offered three students the opportunity to work in a platelet lab during the summer of 2025. Following a competitive call, and independent review, 3 students and projects at the Imperial College London, Keele University and the University of Reading were selected and funded during July and August 2025. Two were funded by the ISTH legacy funds and 1 by Society funds. Further details of the studentships awarded can be found at <https://plateletsociety.co.uk/studentships/>

8. Scientific meetings.

Scientific conferences facilitate valuable exchange of new ideas and methods.

2025 Platelet Society Meeting - Manchester

This year our annual meeting was held at Manchester Metropolitan University (23rd 25th April 2025). Thanks to Sarah Jones, Xenia Sawkulczyk, Bismah Mateen, Beth Webb, Tudor Dimofte, Emily Horner and Daisie Yates for organising the meeting. Reports on all Platelet Society meetings, and meetings where Platelet Society researchers have presented, can be found on the Platelet Society webpage, under “News”.

The 2026 Platelet Society Meeting will be held at the University of Reading in September, hosted by Professor Jon Gibbins, supported by an organising committee consisting of academics and ECRs from the University of Reading.

9. Research Strategy.

The Society wishes to build on the opportunities made possible with the ISTH legacy funds to support platelet research and education. The Executive Committee has a research strategy document which is reviewed annually and the latest version is available on our website - <https://plateletsociety.co.uk/research-strategy>

10. Funding and grant opportunities

<https://plateletsociety.co.uk/funding/> Thanks to the ISTH legacy funds, the Society currently offers the following funding and grant opportunities to its membership:

- **Summer studentships:** The aim of these studentships is to provide opportunities for high calibre undergraduate students to experience working in a research lab within the area of

platelet biology. This opportunity would be a great way for students considering doing a PhD to experience working on a research project and for ECRs to experience managing and supervising a project. In 2025 the Society funded 3 studentships (Imperial College London, Keele University and University of Reading) each with a stipend of £1500 for the student and up to £500 consumables.

- **Outreach and education grants:** The aim of the Outreach and Education grant scheme is to provide members with support to create and run innovative public/patient outreach and education sessions. These run as a rolling call, with applications accepted year round. Funds of up to £300 are available. In 2025, 2 applications were awarded.
- **ECR wider skills training:** these annual grants are offered to the organising committee of the ECR day of the Society meeting and are available to be used to support wider skills training or development. This year funds were used to support travel and accommodation costs for speakers to take part in a careers discussion section at the Manchester meeting.
- **Skills transfer grants:** The aim of these grants is to promote exchange, training and/or transfer of skills and technologies from one group to another or for the development of a platelet scientist. These run as a rolling call, with applications accepted year-round. 3 applications were successful in 2025.
- **Clinical audits:** Applications for clinical audits were invited in 2025, with a focus on identifying areas of clinical/patient need to improve diagnosis and treatment strategies for patients with platelet related diseases. Applications with a focus on women's health inequalities were encouraged.

To facilitate an open and fair assessment of applications for the above awards, the Executive Committee has established a sub-committee to review applications for small grants for research. In 2025 this panel was refreshed and expanded to include more ECR and clinical reviewers. More information about this committee and membership can be found at: <https://plateletsociety.co.uk/funding/>

11. Clinical perspectives and direction.

The Society aims to increase its activities in patient focused and clinical activities. To ensure that future activities are relevant and do not replicate what is provided by other charities (especially those with more patient focused remits), we have a clinical focus working group, which includes Dr Gill Lowe, Dr Sarah Westbury and Dr Suthesh Sivapalaratnam. This group covers both bleeding and thrombotic conditions and aims to ensure that activities of the Society have a clinical perspective and to identify appropriate patient-focused activities. Patient/clinical focussed sessions are now included at Platelet Society annual meetings, with the 2025 meeting focussed on the role of platelets in Women's health and bleeding. The allocation of ISTH funds to clinical audits to highlight clinical areas of focus will also be important in driving this forward, and we look forward to the outcomes of the clinical audit(s) funded in 2025/2026.

To provide the public with accessible information on platelet related diseases

The Society does not provide medical advice and when contacted by individuals seeking such advice directs them to the clinician(s) involved in their care pathway. However, the Society does provide a number of fact sheets on the role of platelets in health and disease and platelet related diseases; these are reviewed by the Executive Committee's clinical members. We also provide a number of personal perspectives of patients who live with platelet related diseases to raise awareness of how individual sufferers cope with their particular disorders. Our two clinical Committee members have been in discussions with other relevant societies to help support these organisations, so the Society can undertake more patient-focused interactions.

To improve public understanding of platelet biology

As part of our mission to improve the public understanding of blood platelets and their roles in health and disease our members engage in a number of outreach activities. These activities are undertaken by our members at a local level often in collaboration with their host university and other outside bodies. The Society now has Outreach and Education grants available on a rolling basis to support members who wish to create and organise such activities.

The Society also has an outreach working group chaired by Julia Sandrin-Gauer (Leeds) which has developed a range of suggestions for increasing our public profile and activities.

Plans for Future Period

The Society plans to continue the activities outlined above in the coming years subject to a satisfactory funding position, but also expand the activities into other areas.

- We will continue to enhance our scientific conferences, facilitate workshops and training opportunities.
- Implementation of outreach and education activities following on from the recommendations of the Outreach Working Group.
- Continuing to develop the clinical working group to help determine future directions and opportunities in this area.
- Continued development of the Research Strategy and working towards an application to become a full member of the Association of Medical Research Charities (AMRC).
- Widening our fundraising profile to ensure growth.
- Continue to ensure that we embed EDI across all Society activities.

Financial Review

At the end of the financial year on the 31st July 2025, the Platelet Society held £51,872.12, which is a net profit of £2,189.80. A significant proportion of our income and expenditure is from the annual meeting.

Income

Membership income has increased this year (£5403, up from £3533 in 2023-24). This is due to an increase in the membership fees from £15 to £25 per annum that came into effect on 1st August 2024.

We have had no charitable fundraising activity in this cycle. The Society needs to develop a strategy to look at increasing this in future years, including the use of JustGiving.

Falls in interest rates and a decreasing financial reserve (as we deplete the ISTH legacy funds) has decreased our bank interest payments this year.

Expenditure

The basic running costs for the society have remained fairly stable this year. Accountancy fees fell slightly from the previous year and website maintenance has not been charged in this financial cycle due to being invoiced after the cutoff date for the financial year.

We received an additional penalty fee associated with the submission of a corporate tax return to HMRC; this is being investigated by the accountant as this appears to be based on an issue with our submission from 2022. Other basic running costs including the Society Secretary salary (which is increased from last year in line with inflation, and approved by the Society

Trustees), and registration payments for the Fundraising Regular and Company House ('Legal fees') remain largely the same.

Other charges include society expenditure on our Summer Studentship scheme, one of which was paid from by the society with the other two paid for using ISTH legacy fund. The legacy funds have also been used to fund several Outreach awards this year.

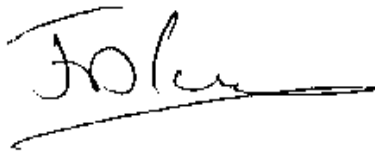
Current Financial Position

The Society currently holds reserves of £51,872.12 (as of 31st July 2025) of which £19,434.34 is committed to the ISTH legacy fund initiatives to be spent by the end of 2026. This leaves the society with reserves of £32,437.78 uncommitted funds. This is an increase on last year, due to the Manchester meeting making a profit of £12,015.58, which has covered losses from the previous year's meeting. Our current financial position suggests the society remains sustainable in the short-medium term, although in the face of rising costs, further diversification of income will likely be required to maintain this in the longer term.

Finance Overview – 1st August 2024 – 31st July 2025

Declaration:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Pearson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeremy Pearson, Chair

1 November 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
THE PLATELET SOCIETY

No (if any)
1172202

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date		Period end date
	01/08/2024		31/07/2025

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					
Donations	28,788	-	-	28,788	37,074
Events and courses	12,600	-	-	12,600	13,560
Bank interest	728	-	-	728	1,043
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	42,117	-	-	42,117	51,677
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	42,117	-	-	42,117	51,677
A3 Payments					
Website development	-	-	-	-	1,998.00
Accountancy fees	396	-	-	396	540.00
Legal Fees	5,250	-	-	5,250	4,191.00
Events and Prize costs	-	-	-	-	9,599.06
Meeting cost	23,969	-	-	23,969	61,818.60
Subscription	222	-	-	222	124.70
Business Entertainment	-	-	-	-	495.00
Bank Charges	181	-	-	181	293.46
Penalty	100	-	-	100	-
Donation	-	-	-	-	1,613.70
Other expense	9,809	-	-	9,809	2,750.00
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	39,927	-	-	39,927	83,423.52
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	39,927	-	-	39,927	83,424
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,190	-	-	2,190	- 31,747
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	49,682	-	-	49,682	81,429
Cash funds this year end	51,872	-	-	51,872	49,682

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	Bank current account	9,347	-	-
	Bank deposit account	42,525	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	51,872	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
THE PLATELET SOCIETY

On accounts for the year
ended

31 JULY 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1172202

Set out on pages

(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.

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

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: KULVARN MAHAL

Date: 12/12/2025

Name: PEACOCK ACCOUNTANTS LIMITED

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

FELLOW OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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

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Outgoing Committee Members

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Ambassador: Lieutenant Colonel Crispin Black MBE MPhil

Executive Committee (<https://plateletsociety.co.uk/committee/>)

The Executive Committee currently has twelve members. Amanda Unsworth is the current Chair of the Executive Committee. Alan Harper has acted as treasurer for 2023/2024 and will formally handover to Craig Hughes in September/October 2024. Julia Sandrin Gauer and Joanne Mitchell (ECR) joined the committee in 2023. Steve Thomas, Ilaria Cannobbio and Alan Harper will all step down from the committee in Oct 2024. We thank them all for their hard work and support of the Society. Paul Armstong, Craig Hughes and Giordano Pula joined the committee in the summer of 2024. We also welcome Beth Webb as new ECR executive committee member, who will take over from Samantha Montague who will step down in Spring 2025, to allow for a six month handover period. All Committee members have research backgrounds relevant to the work of the Charity and were elected to represent different stages of the academic career track. The Committee remains inclusive and diverse, and represents our membership by inclusion of male and female researchers, and Early Career Researchers. The Committee meets quarterly, and is responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the Society. The Committee is focused on facilitating participation of the research community through the Society webpage, newsletters, social media and networking, supporting conference organisation and outreach activities.

Risk Management

The Trustees and Executive Committee have reviewed the major risks to which the Charity may be exposed, and appropriate systems have been implemented to mitigate risk. In particular, risks to external funding have led to the development of a plan which allows ring fencing for funding for core activities. All medical-related information provided on our website is general and is covered by a specific medical disclaimer policy. Structures have been put in place to account for recent changes in General Data Protection Regulations. The Trustees are satisfied that arrangements are in place to manage risks that have been identified. The Board of Trustees will be reviewing the risk register in the coming year.

Our Aims

Our Society's purpose is to promote excellence in research, education and public awareness of platelet biology in human health and disease. To ensure that we remain focussed on our key aims they are appraised on a yearly basis to review what we have achieved and evaluate

the outcome of our work. The review examines the success of each key activity to ensure that they benefit the groups that hope to serve.

The Focus of our Work

Our main objectives for the year were focussed on further establishing the Society within the research community and creating activities and structures that would help promote our key aims in the future.

The strategies we used to meet these objectives were:

- To facilitate greater communication and representation within the research community
- To facilitate and promote research into platelets and platelet-related disorders
- To provide the public with accessible information on platelet-related diseases
- To improve public understanding of platelet biology

Activities and Achievements

How our activities deliver public benefit

The Society carries out a number of activities in pursuance of its aims. These activities, summarised below, provide benefit to members of the Society and wider society.

To facilitate greater communication within the research community

1. *Communication channels.*

A key element of the creation of the Platelet Society was to create a stronger network of biomedical researchers and clinicians with interests in platelet biology. Provision of communications channels has been an important part of bringing the research community together

- **Website.** The Society website continues to provide key information for both for the research community and the wider public. <https://plateletsociety.co.uk/> Amongst other items, the website is kept up-to-date with information of upcoming conferences, key research findings from around the world, information on available PhD studentships, funding opportunities and research positions. Reports from platelet research conferences are uploaded onto the website
- **Social Media.** The Society has a dedicated social media team, made up of Early Career Researchers and Executive committee members; the team look after all of the social media accounts (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube) and regularly post new content to engage the public and researchers.
- **Newsletter.** The newsletter to members updates the membership with short reports on recent research meetings, funding opportunities, public engagement/STEM activities, and shares the successes of platelet researchers.

2. *Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.*

The Society believes that everybody's contribution matters, regardless of their identity, background, experiences or beliefs. The Society aims to develop a culture in which everyone feels welcome, heard and free to fully express themselves. The Society has a dedicated EDI webpage which includes a code of conduct for members and activities of the Society, a series of EDI statements to help us continue on our journey, and a mechanism for reporting concerns. Further information can be found on our EDI webpage. <https://plateletsociety.co.uk/edi/>

3. **Early Career Researchers' Initiatives.**

Building a strong sense of collaboration and community amongst the ECRs is important for the future growth and activity of The Society. In 2023/2024 the Working Group membership was refreshed, and we welcome Alex Slater, Beth Webb, Xenia Sawkulczyk, Nicola Dark and Rachel Lamerton to the group, supported by Executive ECR committee members Sam Montague and Jo Mitchell. The Society thanks all previous Working Group and ECR representatives for their hard work in establishing the group. The ECR Working Group has continued to develop career development, wellbeing, public engagement and social media content to support and promote our members and activities led by the Society. This can all be found on the ECR space on the Platelet Society website (<https://plateletsociety.co.uk/early-career-researchers>).

- **Probably Platelets:** The Society podcast is now in its second season and is available on all major streaming platforms (e.g. Apple Music and Spotify). To date 2 episodes have been released with several more planned for the coming year (>2 pre-recorded, ready for editing/release). This project is currently being led by Beth Webb (Leeds), Alex Slater (Birmingham).
See <https://plateletsociety.co.uk/probably-platelets/> for more details.
- **Wellbeing Resources:** Wellbeing is a new focus for the ECR working group this year. Rachel Lamerton (formally Birmingham, but recently moved to Dublin) has been driving this section. We have a list of wellbeing resources including, apps, podcasts, websites and books, that are all available of the ECR space. We are hoping to expand these resources in the future through other social media channels.
- **Mentoring:** We have re-established our mentor-mentee programme. This now includes a list of potential mentor profiles on the website that mentees can ask to be matched with. We have a mentee and mentor forms that individuals can fill out to become involved and will encourage more people to sign up in the next few months.
- **Career Development:** As part of the International Society of Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH) London 2022 Congress legacy funds available, ECRs successfully applied for Platelet Society/ISTH ECR wider skills and development funds, so that we could have an invited interaction session with Dr Marc Reid (a life-coach/professional speaker) on how to deal with imposter syndrome at our ECR day at the annual Platelet Society meeting in Aberdeen (April 2024). This was very well received. We also successfully applied for a Biochemical Society grant to help fund invited speakers to run our breakout discussion groups at the ECR day, to let ECRs hear about alternative career paths.
- **ECR day at the Platelet Society:** One of the big focuses at the start of 2024 was in the planning of the ECR day at the Platelet Society annual conference. The working group were all involved in the planning and organising before the event and Jo Mitchell and Sam Montague ran the day in Aberdeen. The day was a good mix of flash talks, marked and selected by our working group and other ECR volunteers and a poster session, where ECRs could have practise in presenting their work, before the main meeting. We also had a generic afternoon session of career development talks and breakout rooms (mentioned above), to allow other local ECRs to attend. Overall, there was a very good attendance to the ECR day (>50 ECRs) and the feedback on the day was very positive.
- **Social media content and engagement:** Many of the ECR working group members are also involved in maintaining the social media content for the society

(driven majorly by Beth Webb and Jo Mitchell). This is something we wish to continue and expand with for the upcoming year.

4. Awards.

The Society has two awards for members to recognise excellence in platelet research and in achieving the aims of The Society. Named in honour of two internationally well-respected UK platelet researchers, (Gustav Born and Alison Goodall) they provide an annual way for the Society to rewarded excellence. Further details of the awards can be found at <https://plateletsociety.co.uk/platelet-society-awards/>. The recipients of the 2024 awards are Professor Steve Watson (Gustav Born Award) and Dr Samantha Montague (Alison Goodall Award).

To facilitate and promote research into platelets and platelet-related disorders

5. Fundraising.

The Society was awarded \$37,500 (£28,874) from the London 2022 ISTH legacy funds to support its work. Funds from this award have been used to establish/support the following opportunities, over a 3 year period (until 2026):

- **Summer studentships:** funded two in 2024
- **Outreach and education grants:** rolling call, open for applications
- **ECR wider skills training:** available to the Platelet Society Meeting ECR day organising committee to run wider skills sessions.
- **Skills transfer grants:** rolling call, open for applications
- **Clinical audits:** call to open in 2025
- **Travel awards** – awarded to speakers at the 2024 Aberdeen Meeting.

More details are provided in section 9.

Together, we believe that using the funds in this way helps the Platelet Society achieve its remit in terms of research and education and provides a healthy portfolio of activities for the next 3 years. The Society is grateful to the ISTH for this support.

We are currently seeking assistance with our fundraising efforts to help us ensure we can continue to offer similar awards and grants beyond 2026.

To cover Society running costs, following open review, the decision was made to increase the annual membership fees from £15 per annum to £25 per annum, which took effect on 1st August 2024 for all new membership applications or membership renewals. £25 per annum brings the Society in line with other similar charities.

6. Summer studentships.

Thanks to the ISTH legacy funds, the Society offered two students the opportunity to work in a platelet lab during the summer of 2024. Following a competitive call, and independent review, 2 students and projects at the University of Manchester and Leeds Beckett University were selected and funded during July and August 2024. Further details of the studentships awarded can be found at <https://plateletsociety.co.uk/studentships/>

7. Scientific meetings.

Scientific conferences facilitate valuable exchange of new ideas and methods.

2024 Platelet Society Meeting - Aberdeen.

This year our annual meeting was held in Aberdeen (24th – 26th April 2024). Thanks to Steve Thomas, Nikki Mutch, Sam Montague, Jo Mitchell and Claire Whyte for organising the meeting. Reports on all Platelet Society meetings, and meetings where Platelet Society researchers have presented, can be found on the Platelet Society webpage, under “News”.

The 2025 Platelet Society Meeting will be held at Manchester Metropolitan University and hosted by Dr Sarah Jones, supported by an organising committee consisting of academics and ECRs from Manchester, Leeds and Keele.

8. Research Strategy.

The Society wishes to build on the opportunities made possible with the ISTH legacy funds to support platelet research and education. The Executive Committee has written a research strategy document and plans to become a member of the Association of Medical Research Charities, which can provide advice and support to grant awarding societies. The research strategy document is reviewed annually, and the latest version is available on our website - <https://plateletsociety.co.uk/research-strategy>

9. Funding and grant opportunities

<https://plateletsociety.co.uk/funding/> Thanks to the ISTH legacy funds, the Society currently offers the following funding and grant opportunities to its membership:

- **Summer studentships:** The aim of these studentships is provide opportunities for high calibre undergraduate students to experience working in a research lab within the area of platelet biology. This opportunity would be a great way for students considering doing a PhD to experience working on a research project and for ECRs to experience managing and supervising a project. In 2024 the Society funded 2 studentships (Manchester and Leeds) each with a stipend of £1500 for the student and up to £500 consumables.
- **Outreach and education grants:** The aim of the Outreach and Education grant scheme is to provide members with support to create and run innovative public/patient outreach and education sessions. These run as a rolling call, with applications accepted year round. Funds of up to £300 are available. Since their release in early 2024, 1 application has been awarded.
- **ECR wider skills training:** these annual grants are offered to the organising committee of the ECR day of the Society meeting, and are available to be used to support wider skills training or development. For the Aberdeen 2024 meeting, these awards funded Dr Marc Reid (a life-coach/professional speaker) who ran a session on how to deal with imposter syndrome.
- **Skills transfer grants:** The aim of these grants is to promote exchange, training and/or transfer of skills and technologies from one group to another or for the development of a platelet scientist. These run as a rolling call, with applications accepted year round. Funds of up to £300 are available. Since their release in early 2024, no applications have yet to been received.
- **Clinical audits:** We will welcome applications for clinical audits with a focus on identifying areas of clinical/patient need to improve diagnosis and treatment strategies for patients with platelet related diseases. The applications focused on women’s health inequalities will be encouraged. Call to open in 2025, with more details to follow..

To facilitate an open and fair assessment of applications for the above awards, the Executive Committee has established a sub-committee to review applications for small grants for research. More information about this committee and membership can be found at: <https://plateletsociety.co.uk/funding/>

10. *Clinical perspectives and direction.*

The Society aims to increase its activities in patient focused and clinical activities. To ensure that future activities are relevant and do not replicate what is provided by other charities (especially those with more patient focussed remits), we have initiated a clinical focus working group, which includes Dr Gill Lowe, Dr Sarah Westbury and Dr Suthesh Sivapalaratnam. This group aims to ensure that activities of the Society have a clinical perspective and to identify appropriate patient-focused activities. Following the success of patient focussed clinical sessions at the Hull and Bristol meeting, similar patient/clinical sessions will now be included at future Platelet Society annual meetings. The allocation of ISTH funds to clinical audits to highlight clinical areas of focus will also be important in driving this forward: these clinical audit opportunities will launch in 2025.

To provide the public with accessible information on platelet related diseases

The Society does not provide medical advice and when contacted by individuals seeking such advice directs them to the clinician(s) involved in their care pathway. However, the Society does provide a number of fact sheets on the role of platelets in health and disease and platelet related diseases; these are reviewed by the Executive Committee's clinical members. We also provide a number of personal perspectives from patients who live with platelet-related diseases to raise awareness of how individual sufferers cope with their particular disorders. Our two clinical Committee members have been in discussions with other relevant societies to help support these organisations, so the Society can undertake more patient-focused interactions.

To improve public understanding of platelet biology

As part of our mission to improve the public understanding of blood platelets and their roles in health and disease our members engage in a number of outreach activities. These activities are undertaken by our members at a local level often in collaboration with their host university and other outside bodies. The Society now has Outreach and Education grants available on a rolling basis to support members who wish to create and organise such activities.

The Society also has an outreach working group chaired by Julia Sandrin-Gauer (Leeds) which has developed a range of suggestions for increasing our public profile and activities.

Plans for Future Period

The Society plans to continue the activities outlined above in the coming years subject to a satisfactory funding position, but also expand the activities into other areas.

- We will continue to enhance our scientific conferences, facilitate workshops and training opportunities.
- Implementation of outreach and education activities following on from the recommendations of the Outreach Working Group.
- Continuing to develop the clinical working group to help determine future directions and opportunities in this area.
- Continued development of the Research Strategy and completion of an application to join the Association of Medical Research Charities (AMRC).
- Widening our fundraising profile to ensure growth.

- Continue to ensure that we embed EDI across all Society activities.

Financial Review

During the year the Trustees agreed to change the end date for financial accounting to 31st July rather than 30th June and notified the relevant authorities. At the end of the financial year on the 31st July 2024, the Platelet Society held £49682.32, which is a decrease from £81,429 held at the end of the last financial year (30th June 2023). A significant proportion of our income and expenditure arises from meetings. The accounts provide a snapshot at a given time in the financial cycle. Income is maximal in the run-up to annual meetings and expenditure is maximal afterwards. This financial year unusually includes the bulk of costs for both the 2023 EUPLAN meeting (autumn 2023) and the spring 2024 Aberdeen meeting, while the majority of the income from the EUPLAN meeting, which made a net profit of over £5000, was accounted for in the 2022-23 financial year.

The summary of accounts for the financial year in the format required for submission to the Charity Commission is appended at the end of this report.

Income

Donations are increased this year versus the previous year, as 23/24 included income from registration fees for both the EUPLAN meeting, and Aberdeen meetings.

Membership income remains steady (£3533; £3803 in 22/23). To keep up with rising running costs, and to allow the Society to provide different opportunities for our members, following review the decision was made to increase the membership fees from £15 to £25 per annum. The membership fee increase came into effect on 1st August 2024.

Events and Courses income has decreased from 22/23, but this is due to the one-off award in that year of £28,874 of legacy funds from the 2022 London ISTH congress.

Our sponsorship is down, with no charitable fundraising activity in this cycle. The Society needs to develop a strategy to look at increasing this in future years.

Interest Rate rises and the holding of greater financial reserves has increased our bank interest payments this year.

Expenditure

Meeting costs are substantially higher in 23/24 than the previous year, as payments for both the EUPLAN and Aberdeen meetings fell in this period.

The basic running costs for the society have increased slightly this year with increases in the cost of website maintenance, accountancy reports, and additional fees associated with the submission of a corporate tax return to HMRC. Other basic running costs including Governance Officer (now Secretary) remuneration, and registration payments for the Fundraising Regulator and Company House ('Legal fees') remain largely the same.

Our Banking charges have risen this year as we now have facilities to make international payments and international transactions incur small additional fees, which have increased as the society increases our international activities particularly supporting the hosting of the EUPLAN meeting which attracted more international attendees.

The Other charges category reflects society expenditure on our Summer Studentship scheme.

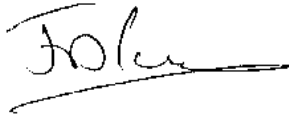
Current Financial Position

The Society currently holds reserves of £49682 (as of 31st July 2024) of which £24743 is committed to ISTH legacy fund initiatives. This leaves the society with reserves of £24939 uncommitted funds. This is lower than last year, due to the Aberdeen meeting running at a loss, and increases in expenditure listed above. Our current financial position indicates that the society remains sustainable in the short-medium term, although in the face of rising costs further diversification of income will likely be required to maintain this in the longer term.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Pearson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Professor Jeremy Pearson

Chair of Trustees, The Platelet Society

10 October 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
THE PLATELET SOCIETY

No (if any)
1172202

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/07/2023	Period end date 31/07/2024
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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					
Donations	37,074	-	-	37,074	24,616
Events and courses	13,560	-	-	13,560	36,962
Bank interest	1,043	-	-	1,043	316
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	51,677	-	-	51,677	61,894
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	51,677	-	-	51,677	61,894
A3 Payments					
Website development	1,998	-	-	1,998	841.00
Accountancy fees	540	-	-	540	240.00
Legal Fees	4,191	-	-	4,191	4,566.00
Events and Prize costs	9,599	-	-	9,599	30,744.00
Meeting cost	61,819	-	-	61,819	8,248.12
Subscription	125	-	-	125	-
Business Entertainment	495	-	-	495	-
Bank Charges	293	-	-	293	90.44
Donation	1,614	-	-	1,614	131.11
Other expense	2,750	-	-	2,750	3,550.00
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	83,424	-	-	83,424	48,410.67
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	83,424	-	-	83,424	48,411
Net of receipts/(payments)	(31,747)	-	-	(31,747)	13,483
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	81,429	-	-	81,429	67,946
Cash funds this year end	49,682	-	-	49,682	81,429



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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	Bank current account	9,064	-	-
	Bank deposit account	40,619	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	49,682	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
THE PLATELET SOCIETY

On accounts for the year
ended

31 JULY 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1172202

Set out on pages

(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.

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

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: Kulvarn Mahal

Date:

Name: PEACOCK ACCOUNTANTS LIMITED

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

FELLOW OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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

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THE PLATELET SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1172202

Accounts



Report of the Trustees For the year ended 2022-2023

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year 2022-23 and confirm that they comply with the Charities Act 2011 & 2022.

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Maryam Samina, Alison Goodall and Crispian Strachan were welcomed onto the board of trustees in 2022-23.

Ambassador

In April 2021, the Society was pleased to announce the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel Crispin Black MBE MPhil as our Platelet Society Ambassador. Crispin is a world-renowned journalist, author, intelligence consultant and former Welsh Guard officer. In 2007, Crispin was diagnosed with idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP); since his diagnosis, he has undertaken numerous public engagement events about his ITP journey, and has shared his experiences and challenges of living with ITP at various conferences and through the media.

Crispin is no stranger to public speaking, as a journalist, he has vast radio and TV experience, and is a frequent contributor to major British newspapers. These skills will be of great benefit for supporting the Society, by attending specific media briefing events and providing interviews to the press. To this end, Crispin will help the Society promote the charity to the public and to potential donors, thus building on the awareness of the charity's purpose and fundraising activities. Crispin gave an engaging and powerful talk at the meeting in Hull around his experiences as a person living with ITP.

Executive Committee (<https://plateletsociety.co.uk/committee/>)

The Executive Committee currently has nine members, including two co-opted Clinical members, who were made full Committee members in September 2020 (Drs Mark Thomas and Susie Shapiro).

Steve Thomas is the current Chair of the Executive Committee, with Amanda Unsworth being voted as the Vice chair. Amanda will replace Steve at the AGM in 2023. Alan Harper is the treasurer who is due to finish at the AGM in 2024. A new treasurer will be selected in 2023-24 to allow for handover.

Susie Shapiro has stepped down from the committee due to other commitments. Ingeborg Hers and Carly Kempster came to the end of their terms and stepped back from the committee. We thank them all for their hard work and support of the Society. At the 2021-22 AGM Kalwant Authi, Prachi Stafford and Sam Montague joined the committee.

All Committee members have research backgrounds relevant to the work of the Charity and were elected to represent different stages of the academic career track. The Committee remains inclusive and diverse, and represents our membership by inclusion of male and female researchers, and Early Career Researchers. The Committee meets quarterly, and is responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the Society. The Committee is focused on facilitating participation of the research community through the Society webpage, newsletters, social media and networking, supporting conference organisation and outreach activities.

Risk Management

The Trustees and Executive Committee have reviewed the major risks to which the Charity may be exposed, and appropriate systems have been implemented to mitigate risk. In particular, risks to external funding have led to the development of a plan which allows ring fencing for funding for core activities. All medical-related information provided on our website is general and is covered by a specific medical disclaimer policy. Structures have been put in place to account for recent changes in General Data Protection Regulations. The Trustees are satisfied that arrangements are in place to manage risks that have been identified. The Board of Trustees will be reviewing the risk register in the coming year.

Our Aims

Our Society's purpose is to promote excellence in research, education and public awareness of platelet biology in human health and disease.

To ensure that we remain focussed on our key aims they are appraised on a yearly basis in order to review both what we have achieved and evaluate the outcome of our work. The review examines the success of each key activity to ensure that they benefit the groups that hope to serve.

The Focus of our Work

Our main objectives for the year were focussed on further establishing the Society within the research community and creating activities and structures that would help promote our key aims in the future. The strategies we used to meet these objectives were:

- To facilitate greater communication and representation within the research community
- To facilitate and promote research into platelets and platelet related disorders
- To provide the public with accessible information on platelet related diseases
- To improve public understanding of platelet biology

Activities and Achievements

How our activities deliver public benefit

The Society carries out a number of activities in pursuance of its aims. These activities, summarised below, provide benefit to members of the Society and wider society.

To facilitate greater communication within the research community

i. Communication channels. A key element of the creation of the Platelet Society was to create a stronger network of biomedical researchers and clinicians with interests in platelet biology. Provision of communications channels has been an important part of bringing the research community together

- i. Website.** The Society website continues to provide key information for both for the research community and the wider public. <https://plateletsociety.co.uk/> Amongst other items, the website is kept up-to-date with information of upcoming conferences, key research findings from around the world, information on available PhD studentships and research positions. Reports from platelet research conferences are uploaded onto the website
- ii. Social Media.** The Society now has a dedicated social media team, made up of Early Career Researchers, Research Fellows and the Governance Officer; the team look after all of the social media accounts: Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, and are regularly posting new content to engage the public and researchers alike.
- iii. Newsletter.** The quarterly newsletter to members updates the membership with short reports on recent research meetings, public engagement/STEM activities, and shares

the successes of platelet researchers including grants/prizes awarded, publications, collaborations, graduation of PhD students and promotions of our members.

- iv. In November 2022, Executive Committee chair Steve Thomas was invited to join the SISNET meeting in Perugia, Italy to highlight the Societies work in supporting early Career Researcher, and initiatives to support research and education of platelets.

ii. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. The Society believes that everybody's contribution matters, regardless of their identity, background, experiences or beliefs. The Society aims to develop a culture in which everyone feels welcome, heard and free to fully express themselves. Over the last 2 years we have produced a series of statements setting out our intent and in the last 12 months have carried out a survey of the membership and several individual conversations with members to develop this further. This has led to the updating of our EDI webpage to include a code of conduct for members and activities of the Society, a series of EDI statements to help us continue on our journey, and a mechanism for reporting concerns. In addition we have addressed the diversity of our executive committee and have elected new members from black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds. Further information can be found on our EDI webpage.

<https://plateletsociety.co.uk/edi/>

iii. Early Career Researchers' Initiatives. Building a strong sense of collaboration and community amongst the ECRs is important for the future growth and activity of The Society. The ECR Working Group has continued to develop career development, public engagement and social media content to support and promote our members and activities led by the Society. The Working Group has lost 2 members over the past year due to changes in workload and job changes. Harriet Allan (QMUL) delivered the mentoring programme with 12 active mentoring pairings, which has capacity to grow further. The Working Group and ECR representatives thank Harriet for her hard work in driving this project forward. The Society podcast has now launched and is available on all major streaming platforms (e.g. Apple Music and Spotify). To date 6 episodes have been released with several more planned for the coming year. This project has been driven by the creativity and skill of Beth Webb (Leeds), Daniel Hodge (Reading) and Sam Montague (Birmingham). Carly Kempster (Reading) has led on the conception, development and maintenance of the Society Instagram account, which currently has 802 followers and promotes science communication and education of platelet-related disorders.

The annual Platelet Society Meeting in Bristol (joint with the EUPLAN meeting) will provide an opportunity for ECRs to gather on a dedicated day with career development and flash talk presentations. An evening networking activity will also facilitate networking and to serve as an informal icebreaker ahead of the meeting.

Kirk Taylor will step down as one of the ECR committee reps at the AGM. We thank Kirk for all his contributions to the committee and look forward to continuing our work with him on the working group. Congratulations to Jo Mitchell who was elected to serve as new ECR representative on the Executive Committee. Together with Sam, Jo, will use the ECR survey to determine priority areas for growth in the Society and recruit a fresh working group to deliver these projects.

iv. Awards. The Society has established two awards for members to recognise excellence in platelet research and in achieving the aims of The Society. Named in honour of two internationally well-respected UK platelet researchers, (Gustav Born and Alison Goodall) they will provide an annual way for the Society to rewarded excellence. Further details of the awards can be found at <https://plateletsociety.co.uk/platelet-society-awards/> with the 2023 recipients to be announced in Autumn 2023.

To facilitate and promote research into platelets and platelet related disorders

v. Fundraising. Following on from the ISTH meeting in London in 2022, the Society applied for and was successful in receiving a grant of \$37,500 to support its work. An innovate proposal was prepared and commended by the ISTH. Funds will be used to drive 6 main areas over the coming 3 years.

- i. Summer studentships
- ii. Outreach and education grants
- iii. ECR wider skills training
- iv. Skills transfer grants
- v. Clinical audits
- vi. Travel awards ECR speakers

Together, we believe that using the funds in this way helps the Platelet Society achieve its remit in terms of research and education, and provides a healthy portfolio of activities for the next 3 years. The Society is grateful to the ISTH and in particular Beverley Hunt and Robert Ariens for their support. During the autumn the Society will provide details of how these funds will be distributed.

vi. Summer studentships. Following the success of the summer studentships in 2022, the Society once again offered three students the opportunity to work in a platelet lab during the summer of 2023. Following a competitive call 3 students and projects in Manchester, Dublin and Bristol were selected and funded during July and August 2023. Further details on the student can be found at

<https://plateletsociety.co.uk/studentships/>

Scientific meetings. Scientific conferences are a cornerstone of academic endeavour that facilitate a valuable exchange of new ideas and methods. However, we retained the flexibility of online tools for committee meetings and our AGM, and we aim to run future short focused scientific meetings in this format. We have continued cross-representation on both the British Society for Haemostasis and Thrombosis (BSHT) / Platelet Society Executive Committees, which has helped to avoid conflicts of meetings, and raised the potential of interaction and collaboration, and have partnered with the EuPLAN network to run a joint meeting in 2023.

vii. 2023 Platelet Society Meeting - Bristol. This year our annual meeting is being held jointly with the EUPLAN conference in Bristol (4th – 6th September 2023). This is a great opportunity for us to network widely with colleagues from across Europe and provide increased opportunity for collaboration and exposure for the work of the Society. Thanks to Alastair Poole, Elizabeth Aitkin, Ingeborg Hers and all the team in Bristol for organising the meeting.

Reports on all Platelet Society meetings, and meetings where Platelet Society researchers have presented, can be found on the Platelet Society webpage, under “News”.

viii. Research Strategy. The Society wishes to move towards being able to provide regular small grant awards to support platelet research and education. To help drive this forward, the Executive Committee has written a research strategy document and plans to become a member of the Association of Medical Research Charities, which can provide advice and support to grant awarding societies. The research strategy document was reviewed in early 2023 and the latest version is available on our website - <https://plateletsociety.co.uk/research-strategy/>

ix. Clinical perspectives and direction. The Society aims to increase its activities in patient focused and clinical activities. To ensure that future activities are relevant and do not replicate what is provided by other charities (especially those with more patient focused remits), we have initiated a clinical focus working group. Chaired by Dr Gill Lowe, this group aims to ensure that activities of the Society have a clinical perspective and to identify appropriate patient-focused activities. The allocation of ISTH funds to clinical audits to highlight clinical areas of focus will be important in driving this forward.

To provide the public with accessible information on platelet related diseases

The Society does not provide medical advice and when contacted by individuals seeking such advice directs them to the clinician(s) involved in their care pathway. However, the Society does

provide a number of fact sheets on the role of platelets in health and disease and platelet related diseases; these are reviewed by the Executive Committee's clinical members.

We also provide a number of personal perspectives of patients who live with platelet related diseases to raise awareness of how individual sufferers cope with their particular disorders. Our two clinical Committee members have been in discussions with other relevant societies to help support these organisations, so the Society can undertake more patient-focused interactions. The Society is establishing a relationship with the Haemophilia Society, to increase the patient and families' understanding of rare bleeding disorders. The welcome addition of 2 non-scientists to our trustee board will help in moving these aspects forward. Maryam Samina and Crispian Strachan both have experiences of living with platelet disorders and so can provide a patient focus to our activities.

To improve public understanding of platelet biology

As part of our mission to improve the public understanding of blood platelets and their roles in health and disease our members engage in a number of outreach activities. These activities are undertaken by our members at a local level often in collaboration with their host university and other outside bodies.

Continuing on the Clotchat videos and large social media presence, the ECRs have developed a podcast series interviewing society members. The aim is to expand the breadth of interviewees to cover a range of topics.

During 2021/22 we also established an outreach working group which has developed a range of suggestions for increasing our public profile and activities. Moving forward the Executive Committee will identify a subset of these suggestions to develop further.

Plans for Future Period

The Society plans to continue the activities outlined above in the coming years subject to a satisfactory funding position, but also expand the activities into other areas.

- As the Society grows in size and number of activities, the Executive Committee's work will be developed into themes with committee members taking responsibility for these areas. This will help spread the workload and to engage with more members.
- We will continue to enhance our scientific conferences, facilitate workshops and training opportunities.
- Implementation of outreach and education activities following on from the recommendations of the Outreach Working Group.
- Continuing to develop the clinical working group to help determine future directions and opportunities in this area.
- Continued development of the Research Strategy and completion of an application to join the Association of Medical Research Charities (AMRC). The Executive Committee will establish a sub-committee to review applications for small grants for research.
- Widening our fundraising profile to ensure growth.
- Continue to ensure that we embed EDI across all Society activities, including addressing the lack of diversity in the Trustees.

Financial Review

At the end of the financial year on the 30th June 2023, the Platelet Society held £81,429, which is an increase from the £67,946.

A significant proportion of our income and expenditure arises from meetings. The accounts provide a snapshot at a given time in the financial cycle around our meetings where income usually predominates at the start followed by a period of payment of our costs for holding the meeting. This financial year saw the payment of costs for the Platelet Summer School, whose income was principally registered in last years accounts as well as the income (but not the costs) for the EuPLAN meeting.

Income

Donations have decreased this year as last year's accounts marked the income from both the Hull Platelet Society meeting as well as the majority of the income from the Platelet School. In contrast, this year's registration income reflects late Summer School payments and the EuPLAN meeting registrations. Membership income remains steady (£3672; £3688 in 2021-22).

Events and Courses income appears to have risen dramatically. This is due to the award of £28,874 of legacy funds from the 2022 London ISTH congress, which has significantly inflated this figure this year. Our sponsorship is down this year as there was no charitable fundraising activity in this cycle, with the only income from residual payments from the RideLondon event.

Interest Rate rises and the holding of greater financial reserves has increased our bank interest payments this year.

Expenditure

The basic running costs for the society remain largely the same with only marginal increases in the cost of website maintenance, accountancy reports, Governance Officer salary, and registration payments for the Fundraising Regular and Company House (*'Legal fees'*).

Our Banking charges have risen this year as we now have facilities to make international payments which comes with a smaller annual cost. International transactions also incur small additional fees, which have increased as the society increases our international activities.

The significant increase in Events and prize costs and Meetings costs arose from the settling of commitments for the Hull and Platelet summer school in the start of this financial year (rather than at the end of last year). The Other charges category reflects society expenditure on our Summer Studentship scheme.

Current Financial Position

Following consultation with the Bristol EuPLAN organisation committee, we predict that after settling our costs for this meeting, the society should end with around £59,889 in the bank account, of which £28,874 would be funding committed to activities proposed in our ISTH legacy award application with the remaining £31,015 representing uncommitted funds.

This is similar to our forecast from this time last year, with the income from the EuPLAN meeting (likely around £3K), the Platelet Summer school (£4.8K), and membership fees (£3.7K) slightly exceed our expenditure on our basic running costs (£5.8K) and expenditure on the Summer Studentship scheme (£4K a year). Thus suggesting the society remains sustainable in the short-medium term, although in the face of rising costs, further diversification of income will likely be required to maintain this in the longer term.

Finance Overview – 1st July 2022 – 30th June 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
THE PLATELET SOCIETY

No (if any)
1172202

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/07/2022	Period end date 30/06/2023
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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					
Donations	24,616	-	-	24,616	41,541
Events and courses	36,962	-	-	36,962	15,973
Bank interest	316	-	-	316	5
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	61,894	-	-	61,894	57,519
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	61,894	-	-	61,894	57,519
A3 Payments					
Website development	841	-	-	841	840
Accountancy fees	240	-	-	240	240
Legal Fees	4,566	-	-	4,566	4,566
Events and Prize costs	30,744	-	-	30,744	1,601
Meeting cost	8,248	-	-	8,248	5,241
Printing Postage & Stationery	-	-	-	-	11
Bank Charges	90	-	-	90	76
Donation	131	-	-	131	-
Other expense	3,550	-	-	3,550	6,050
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	48,411	-	-	48,411	18,625
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	48,411	-	-	48,411	18,625
Net of receipts/(payments)	13,483	-	-	13,483	38,895
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	67,946	-	-	67,946	29,051
Cash funds this year end	81,429	-	-	81,429	67,946

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	Bank current account	7,067	-	-
	Bank deposit account	74,362	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	81,429	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

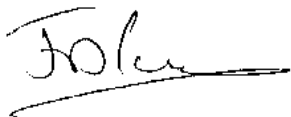
Signed by the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees.

Signature

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Professor Jeremy Pearson
Chair of Trustees, The Platelet Society

Date: 2 October 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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			-	

Signed by the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
THE PLATELET SOCIETY

On accounts for the year
ended

30 JUNE 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1172202

Set out on pages

(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.

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

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: Kulvarn Mahal

Date: 19/10/2023

Name: PEACOCK ACCOUNTANTS LIMITED

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

FELLOW OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED
ACCOUNTANTS

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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

THE PLATELET SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1172202

Accounts



Report of the Trustees For the year ended 2022

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 2022 and confirm that they comply with the Charities act 1993.

Charity Name	The Platelet Society
Charity Registration Number	1172202
Registered Address	Office 7 35-37 Ludgate Hill, London, EC4M 7JN, UK

Board of Trustees

Matthew Harper (Term ended March 2022)
Sarah Jones (Term ended March 2022)
Gillian Lowe (until June 2025)
Jeremy Pearson (Chair until January 2023, re-appointable)
Stephen Watson (until March 2024)

Executive Committee

Ilaria Canobbio (Elected: 13/9/19)
Jonathan Gibbins (Outgoing Chair)
Alan Harper (Elected: 13/9/19. Treasurer)
Matthew Harper (Trustee representative)
Ingeborg Hers
Sarah Jones (Trustee representative)
Carly Kempster (ECR Member, Elected: 13/9/19)
Susie Shapiro (Clinical member: Elected 13/9/19)
Kirk Taylor (ECR Member, Elected: 13/9/19)
Mark Thomas (Clinical member: Elected 13/9/19)
Steven Thomas (Chair)
Amanda Unsworth (Elected: 13/9/19)

Secretary/Governance Officer

Gayle Halford

Bankers

HSBC UK

Structure, Governance and Management

The Platelet Society is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission in August 2017 under the charity number 1172202.

Organisational Structure

The charity has a Board of Trustees which is responsible for the governance of the charity. The Trustees set up an Executive Committee that is responsible for enacting strategies that allow the charity to fulfil its key objectives.

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Drs Matthew Harper and Sarah Jones reached the end of their maximum two terms of office as Trustee on 21st March 2022, and according to the constitution have stepped down from the Board of Trustees. The Society thanks them for their hard work over the past 5 years. Two new members of the board of Trustees are being sought.

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- ii. Social Media.** The Society now has a dedicated social media team, made up of Early Career Researchers, Research Fellows and the Governance Officer; the team look after all of the social media accounts: Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, and are regularly posting new content to engage the public and researchers alike.
- iii. Newsletter.** The quarterly newsletter to members updates the membership with short reports on recent research meetings, public engagement/STEM activities, and shares

the successes of platelet researchers including grants/prizes awarded, publications, collaborations, graduation of PhD students and promotions of our members.

ii. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. The Society believes that everybody's contribution matters, regardless of their identity, background, experiences or beliefs. The Society aims to develop a culture in which everyone feels welcome, heard and free to fully express themselves. Over the last 2 years we have produced a series of statements setting out our intent and in the last 12 months have carried out a survey of the membership and several individual conversations with members to develop this further. This has led to the updating of our EDI webpage to include a code of conduct for members and activities of the Society, a series of EDI statements to help us continue on our journey, and a mechanism for reporting concerns. In addition we have addressed the diversity of our executive committee and have elected new members from black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds. Further information can be found on our EDI webpage.

<https://plateletsociety.co.uk/edi/>

iii. ECR Initiatives. Building a strong sense of collaboration and community amongst the ECRs is important for the future growth and activity of The Society. The ECR Working Group has continued to develop career development, public engagement and social media content to support and promote our members and activities led by the Society. The Working Group has lost 2 members over the past year due to changes in workload and job changes. Harriet Allan (QMUL) delivered the mentoring programme with 12 active mentoring pairings, which has capacity to grow further. The Working Group and ECR representatives thank Harriet for her hard work in driving this project forward. The Society podcast has now launched and is available on all major streaming platforms (e.g. Apple Music and Spotify). To date 3 episodes have been released with several more planned for the coming year. This project has been driven by the creativity and skill of Beth Webb (Leeds), Daniel Hodge (Reading) and Sam Montague (Birmingham). Carly Kempster (Reading) has led on the conception, development and maintenance of the Society Instagram account, which currently has 660 followers and promotes science communication and education of platelet-related disorders.

Declining attendance at the "virtual coffee breaks" meant that these were put on hold. This decline likely reflected people's return to the lab and shifting work patterns post-COVID-19 shut-down. The annual Platelet Society Meeting in Hull provided an opportunity for ECRs to gather on a dedicated day with career development and flash talk presentations. An additional networking activity was organised before the meeting to facilitate networking and to serve as an informal icebreaker ahead of the meeting.

Carly Kempster has now stepped down as ECR rep on the executive committee. We thank her for her contributions to the committee and look forward to continuing our work with her on the working group. Congratulations to Sam Montague who was elected to serve as new ECR representative on the Executive Committee. Together with Sam, we will conduct a fresh ECR survey to determine priority areas for growth in the Society and recruit a fresh working group to deliver these projects.

iv. Awards. The Society has established two awards for members to recognise excellence in platelet research and in achieving the aims of The Society. Named in honour of two internationally well-respected UK platelet researchers, (Gustav Born and Alison Goodall) they will provide an annual way for the Society to reward excellence. Further details of the awards can be found at <https://plateletsociety.co.uk/platelet-society-awards/> with the 2022 recipients to be announced in Autumn 2022.

To facilitate and promote research into platelets and platelet related disorders

v. Fundraising. The Society wishes to raise funds to support research and education activities. In October 2021, member Giordano Pula ran the London Marathon on behalf of The Society. Giordano provided updates on his training Journey, and on the day we had Social media updates on his progress. Giordano recorded a personal best time of 3 hrs 34 mins and 12 seconds (a full

5 mins off his previous PB), and raised ~£3500. A report can be found at <https://plateletsociety.co.uk/news/giordanos-marathon/>

The Society also had 3 places for the Ride London Cycle event in May 2022. Society member Kirk Taylor, and 2 members of the public (Graham Halford and Dave Howard) took on the challenge and raised a total of £2244 for The Society. <https://plateletsociety.co.uk/ride-london-2022/>

The Society was also in receipt of an anonymous donation of £6000 to be used for the study of Vascular Dementia. This generous donation was used to fund 3 summer studentships focused on Platelets and Vascular Dementia (see section v).

The Trustees have also been in discussion with the William Harvey Research Institute to understand how other organisations approach fundraising to help guide our future activities.

The International Society for Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH) meeting was held in London in 2022, and this meeting usually aims to provide legacy funding to local charities. The Society has established communication with the ISTH local organisers to explore use of legacy funding to support the activities of the Society.

vi. Summer studentships. The Committee decided that the anonymous donation of £6000 left to support clinical research on platelets in vascular disease, in particular vascular dementia, would be used to fund 3 summer studentships. Following a competitive call 3 students and projects in Manchester, Birmingham and Reading were selected and funded during July and August 2022. Further details on the student can be found at <https://plateletsociety.co.uk/studentships/>

Scientific meetings. Scientific conferences are a cornerstone of academic endeavour that facilitate a valuable exchange of new ideas and methods. As we came out of COVID-19 restrictions, we were able to run an in-person meeting in Hull (including an ECR day) and a Summer School in Reading (details of both below). However, we retained the flexibility of online tools for committee meetings and our AGM, and we aim to run future short focused scientific meetings in this format. We have continued cross-representation on both the British Society for Haemostasis and Thrombosis (BSHT) / Platelet Society Executive Committees, which has helped to avoid conflicts of meetings, and raised the potential of interaction and collaboration, and have partnered with the EuPLAN network to run a joint meeting in 2023.

vii. 2022 Platelet Society Meeting - Hull. As COVID-19 restrictions were lifted, the Society was able to run an in-person, 3 day meeting in Hull from the 12th - 14th April 2022. This consisted of a day focused on Early Career Researchers hosted by ECR members Jo Mitchell, Julia Sandrin-Gaur, Lloyd Atkinson and Leigh Naylor-Adamson and participants were treated to a diverse array of oral presentations including discussion of nanoparticle-based therapeutics, the effects of e-cigarettes on platelet function and new models for studying thrombosis. These were accompanied by a grant workshop, outreach session and an interactive careers panel for both academic and industrial jobs. The day finished with a social event hosted by our ECRs to network with one another.

Days 2 and 3 of the meeting saw the ECRs joined by other platelet colleagues for a wide range of talks, posters and discussions. Hosted by Dr Simon Calaminus and colleagues this included a memorable conference dinner at The Deep aquarium on the side of the Humber. A highlight of the meeting was the opening talk from our ambassador, Crispin Black, on ITP from a patient's perspective. It was an entertaining talk that helped all present to focus on the challenge's patients living with platelet disorders face, and the potential benefits of the platelet research carried out by the attendees. Overall the meeting was a great success and this was due in part to the calm organisation by the Hull hosts.

After discussions with the Trustees, it was decided to postpone the Summer School which was originally scheduled for September 2020. The financial risk to the Platelet Society, should situations change with the impact of COVID-19, meant that we could not guarantee an in-person meeting. For this reason, the Summer School was postponed until 2022, when hopefully the longer term impact of the pandemic is better understood. While this decision was disappointing, it has resulted in an excellent opportunity for the Society to run the Summer School just before the London International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH) meeting in July. We expect this to widen participation from international delegates, and also enable us to potentially invite some additional speakers at minimal cost.

Reports on all Platelet Society meetings, and meetings where Platelet Society researchers have presented, can be found on the Platelet Society webpage, under "News".

viii. Research Strategy. The Society wishes to move towards being able to provide regular small grant awards to support platelet research and education. To help drive this forward, the Executive Committee has written a research strategy document and plans to become a member of the Association of Medical Research Charities, which can provide advice and support to grant awarding societies. The research strategy document is available on our website - <https://plateletsociety.co.uk/research-strategy/>

ix. Clinical perspectives and direction. The Society aims to increase its activities in patient focused and clinical activities. To ensure that future activities are relevant and do not replicate what is provided by other charities (especially those with more patient focused remits), we have initiated a clinical focus working group. Chaired by Dr Gill Lowe, this group aims to ensure that activities of the Society have a clinical perspective and to identify appropriate patient-focused activities.

To provide the public with accessible information on platelet related diseases

The Society does not provide medical advice and when contacted by individuals seeking such advice directs them to the clinician(s) involved in their care pathway. However, the Society does provide a number of fact sheets on the role of platelets in health and disease and platelet related diseases; these are reviewed by the Executive Committee's clinical members.

We also provide a number of personal perspectives of patients who live with platelet related diseases to raise awareness of how individual sufferers cope with their particular disorders. Our two clinical Committee members have been in discussions with other relevant societies to help support these organisations, so the Society can undertake more patient-focused interactions. The Society is establishing a relationship with the Haemophilia Society, to increase the patient and families' understanding of rare bleeding disorders.

To improve public understanding of platelet biology

As part of our mission to improve the public understanding of blood platelets and their roles in health and disease our members engage in a number of outreach activities. These activities are undertaken by our members at a local level often in collaboration with their host university and other outside bodies.

Continuing on the Clotchat videos and large social media presence, the ECRs have developed a podcast series interviewing society members. The aim is to expand the breadth of interviewees to cover a range of topics.

During 2021/22 we also established an outreach working group which has developed a range of suggestions for increasing our public profile and activities. Moving forward the Executive Committee will identify a subset of these suggestions to develop further.

Plans for Future Period

The Society plans to continue the activities outlined above in the coming years subject to a satisfactory funding position, but also expand the activities into other areas.

- As the Society grows in size and number of activities, the Executive Committee's work will be developed into themes with committee members taking responsibility for these areas. This will help spread the workload and to engage with more members.
- We will continue to enhance our scientific conferences, facilitate workshops and training opportunities. Our subsequent focus will be to support the one day symposium on Platelets and Dementia in October 2022, a one day symposium of thrombosis models in April 2023, and a Platelet Society Meeting in Bristol in September 2023.
- Implementation of outreach and education activities following on from the recommendations of the Outreach Working Group.
- Continuing to develop the clinical working group to help determine future directions and opportunities in this area.
- Continued development of the Research Strategy and completion of an application to join the Association of Medical Research Charities (AMRC). The Executive Committee will establish a sub-committee to review applications for small grants for research.
- Widening our fundraising profile to ensure growth.
- Continue to ensure that we embed EDI across all Society activities, including addressing the lack of diversity in the Trustees.

Financial Review

The Society currently holds total funds of £67,946, although there are still some meeting costs that were charged after the end of the financial year. This cash reserve is significantly above the Society's basic operating costs. Running costs for the Society include website maintenance, accountancy reports, Governance Officer salary, deposits for future meetings, payments for the Fundraising Regular and Company House (£5,700). The Society has no long-term investments, with the cash reserves held in our deposit account. Alongside the need to hold a cash reserve to cover running costs and support the hosting of Platelet Society meetings, there are sufficient funds being held to allow the award small research grants by the Society to be financially viable.

Principal source of funding

At present the charity has four income streams including membership fees, organisation of conferences, dedicated fundraising activities and public donations. The major source of income is through the sponsorship and registration fees obtained from organisation of the main meeting and Platelet Summer School. This year the funds raised through dedicated fundraising activities significantly increased through the funds raised from the London Marathon and RideLondon events (£5,600). Income through membership fees also increased by ≈20% this financial year, to over £3,600.

Expenses

Our expenses are similar to the previous financial year, except two key differences. The meeting costs appears to be reduced this year, due to the artificial inflation of these figures last year due to the need reimburse £12,000 of held funds to Exeter University following their previous hosting of the Platelet Society meeting. The anonymous donation of £6,000 received last year to support clinical research on platelets in vascular dementia received last year was successfully distributed to support 3 summer studentships. This explains the significant increase in the 'Other expenses' category this financial year.

Finance Overview – 1st July 2021 – 30th June 2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
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For the period from	Period start date 01-07-2021	Period end date 30-06-2022
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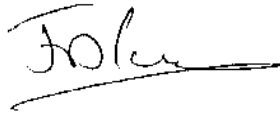
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Bank interest	5	-	-	5	2
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Sub total (Gross income for AR)	57,519	-	-	57,519	18,202
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
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Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
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A3 Payments					
Website development	840	-	-	840	1,143
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Events and Prize costs	1,601	-	-	1,601	1,246
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Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees.

Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Pearson', with a horizontal line underneath.

Professor Jeremy Pearson
Chair of Trustees, The Platelet Society

Date: 12th September 2022



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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	Bank current account	20,056	-	-
	Bank deposit account	47,890	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	67,946	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
THE PLATELET SOCIETY

On accounts for the year
ended

30 JUNE 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1172202

Set out on pages

(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.

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

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: Kulvarn Mahal

Date:

Name: PEACOCK ACCOUNTANTS LIMITED

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

FELLOW OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

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	LONDON, ENGLAND
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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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

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THE PLATELET SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1172202

Accounts



Report of the Trustees For the year ended 2021

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 2021 and confirm that they comply with the Charities act 1993.

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Registered Address	Office 7 35-37 Ludgate Hill, London, EC4M 7JN, UK

Board of Trustees

Matthew Harper
Sarah Jones
Gillian Lowe
Jeremy Pearson (Chair)
Stephen Watson (Re-appointed 22/3/21)

Executive Committee

Ilaria Canobbio (Elected: 13/9/19)
Jonathan Gibbins (Chair)
Alan Harper (Elected: 13/9/19. Treasurer)
Matthew Harper (Trustee representative)
Ingeborg Hers
Sarah Jones (Trustee representative)
Carly Kempster (ECR Member, Elected: 13/9/19)
Susie Shapiro (Clinical member: Elected 13/9/19)
Kirk Taylor (ECR Member, Elected: 13/9/19)
Mark Thomas (Clinical member: Elected 13/9/19)
Steven Thomas (Vice-Chair)
Amanda Unsworth (Elected: 13/9/19)

Secretary/Governance Officer

Gayle Halford

Bankers

HSBC UK

Structure, Governance and Management

The Platelet Society is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission in August 2017 under the charity number 1172202.

Organisational Structure

The charity has a Board of Trustees which are responsible for the governance of the charity. The Trustees set up a Management Committee that are responsible for enacting strategies that allow the charity to fulfil its key objectives.

Trustees

The charity has five Trustees (Matthew Harper, Sarah Jones, Gillian Lowe, Jeremy Pearson and Stephen Watson). All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in the accounts.

Stephen Watson reached the end of his term of office as a Trustee on the 21st March 2021, and according to the constitution, was eligible for immediate reappointment; Professor Watson was formally asked to consider continuing as a Trustee for another term, and the Society was delighted that Professor Watson agreed. His experience and knowledge bring great benefits to the Society. Professor Watson was therefore reappointed for a second consecutive term of three years (new end date: 21 March 2024).

Ambassador

In April 2021, the Society was pleased to announce the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel Crispin Black MBE MPhil as our Platelet Society Ambassador. Crispin is a world-renowned journalist, author, intelligence consultant and former Welsh Guard officer. In 2007, Crispin was diagnosed with idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP); since his diagnosis, he has undertaken numerous public engagement events about his ITP journey, and has shared his experiences and challenges of living with ITP at various conferences and through the media.

Crispin is no stranger to public speaking, as a journalist, he has vast radio and TV experience, and is a frequent contributor to major British newspapers. These skills will be of great benefit for supporting the Society, by attending specific media briefing events and providing interviews to the press. To this end, Crispin will help the Society promote the charity to the public and to potential donors, thus building on the awareness of the charity's purpose and fundraising activities.

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To facilitate greater communication within research community

A key element of the creation of the Platelet Society was to create a stronger network of biomedical researchers and clinicians with interests in platelet biology.

- i. **Website.** The Society website continues to provide key information for both for the research community and the wider public. <https://plateletsociety.co.uk/> Amongst other items, the website is kept up-to-date with information of upcoming conferences, key research findings from around the world, information on available PhD studentships and research positions. Reports from platelet research conferences are uploaded onto the website
- ii. **Social Media.** The Society now has a dedicated social media team, made of up Early Career Researchers, Research Fellows and the Governance Officer; the team look after all of the social media accounts: Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, and are regularly posting new content to engage the public and researchers alike.
- iii. **Newsletter.** The quarterly newsletter to members updates the membership with short reports on recent research meetings, public engagement/STEM activities, and shares the successes of platelet researchers including grants/prizes awarded, publications, collaborations, graduation of PhD students and promotions of our members.

To continue to support and develop academic conferences in the area of platelet biology

Scientific conferences are a cornerstone of academic endeavour that facilitate a valuable exchange of new ideas and methods. With COVID-19 restrictions still in place, the Society adapted its meeting plans. We have held successful virtual meetings; an Early Career Researchers (ECR) Meeting, and 2nd Platelet Society Meeting (see below). The Society has also expanded on current links with other societies; we now have cross-representation on both the British Society for Haemostasis and Thrombosis (BSHT) / Platelet Society Executive Committees, which has helped to avoid conflicts of meetings, and raised the potential of interaction and collaboration.

i. 2021 Early Career Researchers (ECR) Meeting and Summer School. Due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19, the ECR meeting was held virtually, prior to the 2nd Platelet Society meeting, on the 29th March 2021. The meeting was hosted by ECR Society members Kirk Taylor, Paul Armstrong and Carly Kempster. Participants were treated to a diverse array of oral presentations including discussion of initiatives in platelet research, the role of GPIb in health and disease, as well as the roles of platelets in sepsis and myeloproliferative neoplasms. These were accompanied by a CV masterclass and an interactive careers panel for both academic and industrial jobs. The day finished with an online social event hosted by Gather Town to allow our ECRs to network with one another.

After discussions with the Trustees, it was decided to postpone the Summer School which was originally scheduled for September 2020. The financial risk to the Platelet Society, should situations change with the impact of COVID-19, meant that we could not guarantee an in-person meeting. For this reason, the Summer School was postponed until 2022, when hopefully the longer term impact of the pandemic is better understood. While this decision was disappointing, it has resulted in an excellent opportunity for the Society to run the Summer School just before the London International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH) meeting in July. We would expect this to widen participation from international delegates, and also enable us to potentially invite some additional speakers at minimal cost.

ii. Platelet Society Meeting. Despite the local organisers' initial plans to bring everyone to Keele University, this was not feasible due to the pandemic, therefore the 2nd annual meeting of the Platelet Society was held virtually on the 29th-31st March. The online format allowed us to come together internationally, with 170 participants from around the world, who joined us for three days of fantastic science and networking opportunities.

The inaugural Public Lecture was given by Dr Nicola Mutch, University of Aberdeen, on the topic of clotting complexities of COVID-19. Nicola expertly communicated the rapidly-evolving landscape on how COVID-19 triggers blood clots, and how we might be able to treat these. This lecture was livestreamed to YouTube (<https://youtu.be/UiixGDhVKnl>), to help in our aim to educate the public on platelet-related disorders.

Included in the program was an interactive equity, diversity and inclusion spotlight session on Mentorship. This session allowed members to discuss the ECR Working Group's ideas for a new mentorship scheme within the Society.

Three *Gustav Born* Lectures were given by ECRs who had received individual fellowships within the last year: Abdullah Khan, Harriet Allan and David Cabrera. Prizes were given for the best posters and oral presentations; a prize was also given for the NC3Rs (the National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement and Reduction of Animals in Research) Innovative Approaches in Platelet Science.

Reports on all Platelet Society meetings, and meetings where Platelet Society researchers have presented, can be found on the Platelet Society webpage, under "News".

iii. Fundraising. Due to COVID-19, fundraising and organising events has been difficult, therefore the Society has been focussing on organising a fundraising page for our Virgin Money London Marathon place holder, Giordano Pula. Giordano was selected and interviewed from a group of

applicants for the marathon place. Giordano has been instrumental helping promote his training journey, and will continue to help raise sponsorship towards this event.

iv. ECR Initiatives. The Society has formed an ECR Working Group, made up of ten representatives. The Working Group has begun to develop new resources, such as a mentoring system, podcasts, blogs and a skills repository that will benefit ECR members and the Society more generally. The Blog Series regarding Experiences of Working Abroad, and, in particular, the #ClotChat series of podcasts, has been extremely popular, and received excellent feedback from the ECRs. The podcasts feature platelet researchers chatting about their work and discussing important issues that affect the Society and its members, The Group has also established a monthly virtual “Coffee Break”, which is a chance to meet, and get to know other ECRs within in the Society. (See also *i. 2021 Early Career Researchers (ECR) Meeting*).

To provide the public with accessible information on platelet related diseases

The Society does not provide medical advice and when contacted by individuals seeking such advice directs to the clinician(s) involved in their care pathway. However, the Society does provide a number of fact sheets on the role of platelets in health and disease and platelet related diseases; these are reviewed by the Executive Committee’s clinical members.

We also provide a number of personal perspectives of patients who live with platelet related diseases to raise awareness of how individual sufferers cope with their particular disorders. Our two clinical Committee members have been in discussions with other relevant societies to help support these organisations, so the Society can undertake more patient-focused interactions. The Society is establishing a relationship with the Haemophilia Society, to increase the patient and families’ understanding of rare bleeding disorders.

Platelets in vaccine associated thrombosis in COVID-19

The Society issued a statement on the Society’s website on platelets in vaccine associated thrombosis (VITT) in COVID-19; the Society provided links to the current guidelines, and included non-speculative information on VITT.

To improve public understanding of platelet biology

As part of our mission to improve the public understanding of blood platelets and their roles in health and disease our members engage in a number of outreach activities. These activities are undertaken by our members at a local level often in collaboration with their host university and other outside bodies.

Members of the Society took part in filming the Platelet Society outreach video, to highlight the importance of the work that our members do: <https://plateletsociety.co.uk/why-research/> A special thanks to Dr Amanda Unsworth, who put together the video and information sheets (also found on the Platelet Society webpage); these are extremely useful resources for Platelet Society members, for any public engagement activities.

During the pandemic, Executive Committee member, Kirk Taylor assisted in organising daily virtual seminars, called the *Blood and Bone Series*, which allowed people to meet and listen to talks from researchers around the world. Several Platelet Society members presented at this series, which was hugely popular in the research field of thrombosis and haemostasis.

The Society also continues with its large social media presence, to further promote our public engagement activities.

Plans for Future Period

The Society plans to continue the activities outlined above in the coming years subject to a satisfactory funding position, but also expand the activities into other areas.

- We will continue to enhance our scientific conferences, facilitate workshops and training opportunities. Our subsequent focus will be to support the one day symposium on Cancer and

Platelets virtual meeting in December 2021, the Early Career Researchers Meeting and 3rd Platelet Society Conference in April 2022 at Hull University, the Platelet Summer School in London (a workshop designed for new researchers in the field of platelet biology), in July 2022.

- A Patient-Focused Working Group is being established in order to identify the best way to engage with patients. The Executive Committee clinical members and clinical Trustees are helping to form this group which will include members of the Society and with a view to including representatives of the public, patient groups and the Society's Ambassador.
- The Executive Committee will establish a specific Outreach Working Group; this will give opportunities for the Society to engage with the general public in the short /medium terms. We will aim to further develop the resources for the website on platelets (both in health and disease) and would include information on 'what platelets are and their functions'' and dissemination of platelet research to a lay audience, by using videos, etc. Initially this will be aimed at the general public but will include information relevant to patients. The development of educational resources for schools will be a longer term aim.
- A Research Strategy will be drawn up by the Executive Committee, with an aim to become a member of the Association of Medical Research Charities (AMRC). The Executive Committee will establish a sub-committee to review applications for small grants for research..
- Widening our fundraising profile to ensure growth.
- EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion): the Society asked its members to complete an EDI survey, which closed in June 2021; the Executive Committee will analyse the data of the survey against the Society's EDI statement on our website. Short and long-term EDI goals will be set by the Committee.

Financial Review

The Society currently holds a total funds of £29,051, which will cover its operating costs for the coming year; running costs for the Society include website maintenance, accountancy reports, Governance Officer salary, deposits for future meetings, payments for the Fundraising Regular and Company House. The Society has no long-term investments, with the cash reserves held in our deposit account.

Principal source of funding

At present the charity has four income streams including membership fees, organisation of conferences, dedicated fundraising activities and public donations. The membership fees and funds raised through conference organisation are currently the major sources of income.

Reserves

The Executive Committee has examined the Charity's key objectives for the coming years and planned a reserves policy accordingly. Our membership feels strongly that the delivery of the Platelet Society scientific conference is a critical event for the research and wider community. Consequently, the committee has established a policy whereby income from conferences is ring fenced and held to support future conferences should sponsorship become limited in the future.

Donations

In May 2021, the Platelet Society gratefully received an anonymous donation of £6,000 to support clinical research on platelets in vascular disease, in particular vascular dementia; this was in memory of a loved one who had recently passed away. The Platelet Society thanked the donor for this thoughtful contribution. The Executive Committee is considering how best to use the donation and further information will be provided in the next Trustees' Report.

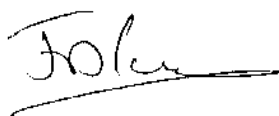
	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	18,800	-	-	18,800	15,917
Events and courses	1,800	-	-	1,800	3,330
Bank interest	2	-	-	2	34
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	18,202	-	-	18,202	19,281
A2 Asset and Investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	18,202	-	-	18,202	19,281
A3 Payments					
Website development	1,143	-	-	1,143	2,120
Accountancy	340	-	-	340	340
Governance officer fees	4,500	-	-	4,500	3,883
Events and Prize costs	1,248	-	-	1,248	1,174
Meeting cost	16,888	-	-	16,888	18,518
Printing Postage & Stationery	-	-	-	-	1,300
Other expense	171	-	-	171	276
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	23,288	-	-	23,288	27,808
A4 Asset and Investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	23,288	-	-	23,288	27,808
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,086	-	-	- 5,086	- 8,328
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	34,117	-	-	34,117	42,444
Cash funds this year end	29,031	-	-	29,031	34,117

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees.

Signature



Professor Jeremy Pearson
Chair of Trustees, The Platelet Society

Date: 17/8/2021



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
THE PLATELET SOCIETY

No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/07/2020	Period end date 30/06/2021
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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					
Donations	16,600	-	-	16,600	15,917
Events and courses	1,600	-	-	1,600	3,330
Bank interest	2	-	-	2	34
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	18,202	-	-	18,202	19,281
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	18,202	-	-	18,202	19,281
A3 Payments					
Website development	1,143	-	-	1,143	2,120
Accountancy	240	-	-	240	240
Governance officer fees	4,500	-	-	4,500	3,983
Events and Prize costs	1,246	-	-	1,246	1,174
Meeting cost	15,968	-	-	15,968	18,516
Printing Postage & Stationery	-	-	-	-	1,300
Other expense	171	-	-	171	275
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	23,268	-	-	23,268	27,608
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	23,268	-	-	23,268	27,608
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,066	-	-	- 5,066	- 8,326
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	34,117	-	-	34,117	42,444
Cash funds this year end	29,051	-	-	29,051	34,117

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	Bank current account	14,228	-	-
	Bank deposit account	14,823	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	29,051	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

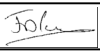
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Professor Jeremy Pearson	17/08/2021