

THE CYCLAMEN SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1172732

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-04-25

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

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Activities

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Australia
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Israel
- Japan
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- United States
- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£28,561	£37,036	-	-
2024-12-31	£27,408	£60,861	-	-
2023-12-31	£40,041	£66,250	-	-
2022-06-30	£36,019	£46,840	-	-
2021-06-30	£16,575	£22,604	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
STEPHEN WALTERS	Chair	2026-01-26
David Alexander Carver		2026-01-26
JOHN CHRISTOPHER CLENNETT		2026-01-26
John Timothy Lonsdale		2026-01-26
MARTYN DENNEY		2026-01-26
PAUL WHITLOCK		2026-01-26
PHOBE FRIAR		2026-01-26
Timothy Brian Cresswell		2026-01-26
VICTOR ASPLAND		2026-01-26
VINCENT CORDELL		2026-01-26

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Trustees Annual Report for the Financial and Reporting Period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Charity Name & Number

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Correspondence Address

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Trustees

Mr Vic Aspland

Mr David Carver

Treasurer

Dr John Christopher Clennett

President

(President from 24 March 2025)

Mr Vince Cordell

Mr Brian Cresswell

from 26 January 2026

Mr Martyn Denney

Secretary

Dr Phöbe Friar

Dr Maurice Jackson

to 25 July 2025

Mr Peter Jones

to 27 January 2025

Mr Melvyn Jope

President

to 27 January 2025

Dr John Lonsdale

from 26 January 2026

Mr Steve Walters

Chairman of the Board

Mr Paul Whitlock

Professional Advisors

Bankers:

Lloyds Bank PLC,

Independent Examiner:

Peter C. Hill, Certified Accountant, 5 Newsham Road, Goldsworth Park, Woking, Surrey. GU21 3LA

Governance

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Management: The charity has a Board of Trustees of up to 12 persons. In exceptional circumstances up to a further 3 trustees may be appointed giving an absolute maximum of 15. There must be a minimum of 7 trustees.

The trustees are appointed for a period of 12 months at the first General Meeting of the Board in the calendar year.

The Cyclamen Society has no temporary or permanent paid or unpaid staff.

Membership

Membership of the charity is limited to the Trustees.

Membership of the associated Cyclamen Society is open to all on payment of a subscription.

There are approximately 1200 members of this society, of which about 55% are resident in the UK.

There is a group of approximately 200 members in Japan.

Objects

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- ...of the Genus *Cyclamen* and its species, subspecies, forms and cultivars for the public benefit.

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Four plant shows, that are open to the public, are held during the year – three at the Royal Horticultural Society's gardens at Wisley, Harlow Carr and Bridgewater, and a fourth at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. During these shows experts are on hand to answer queries from the public and provide advice on cultivation.

The Society conducts field studies that contribute data and material to a research programme carried out in co-operation with the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Reading.

Achievements for the Benefit of the Public during the Period under Review

During the period the Society published two editions of its journal 'Cyclamen' and this was despatched to all members. Once again the June journal contained details of the annual seed distribution that is open to all members of the society. The seed distribution aids ex-situ conservation of species and is therefore a benefit to the public.

The Society continued to distribute its 8-page leaflets *Cyclamen for Garden and Greenhouse – A Gardener's Guide* and *Growing Cyclamen from Seed* to the public free of charge at lectures, cyclamen shows and garden events both in the UK and abroad.

The Society 'hosts' a Facebook Group devoted to cyclamen. This is moderated but open to members of the public world-wide and promotes a lively discussion. It has approximately 10,000 members.

In April 2025 the Society carried out a field study in Croatia, studying *Cyclamen repandum*. Data from this field study will feed into the work being carried out at the University of Reading, and was published in the Society's *Journal* in December 2025 in order to make it available to a wider audience.

Papers from two Phd's part sponsored by the Society are being published in the Society's *Journal*.

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Surplus seed was donated to botanical and horticultural gardens.

The Board of Trustees is aware of the Charity Commission's guidance regarding Public Benefit. Public benefit is routinely considered by the Trustees.

Financial Review

The income of the society remains healthy, as we see similar totals across our main income streams such as publication sales, seed sales, donations and monies raised at shows and events. The shows and events which the charity organise, raise funds whilst helping to promote some of the charitable aims of the society, in the knowledge and promotion of the genus. The subscription of the society continues to be the largest income to the charity.

The expenditure, which is frequently made visible to the Board of Trustees and standing committees within the society, is monitored and reviewed to make sure money is being spent wisely and appropriately, making sure it benefits members and non members of the society. The journal is our largest expense but benefits our

members greatly. It is an informative and educational journal. During the 2025 year, the society made one field study trip, using funds marked for such activities.

Reserves Policy

The reserves of the Cyclamen Society exist to:

- a) Enable the Society to continue normal activities during periods of reduced income. The value of this component of the reserves is approximately 3 years expenditure of £40,000 per year.
- b) Provide funds for future research and development according to the Society's objectives. This will include field studies, care and recording of collected plants, the work of the Registrar of Cultivars and scientific investigations. This will be equivalent to 3 research projects of £15,000 each.
- c) Provide funds for the future production of publications relating to the objectives of the Society. This will amount to approximately £20,000.

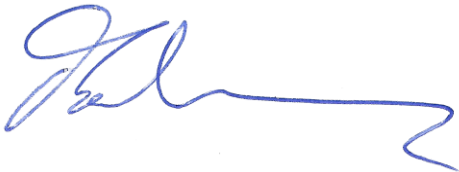
Thus, the total value of reserves held within the invested funds of the society needs to be a total of at least £185,000 to enable the Society adequately to fulfil its objectives.

Any amount held in excess of £185,000 will continue to be used to fulfil the objectives of the Society.

Policy reviewed: 16/07/2024

Next policy review: July 2027

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Martyn Hugh Denney
Secretary

Approved by the Trustees 23 March 2026



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for the Year Ending
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Registered Charity No. 1172732**

Independent examiner's statement

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12th February 2026

 The Cyclamen Society				
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025				
	Year to 31 December 2025		Year to 31 December 2024	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS from				
Donations	184.18		124.37	
Subscriptions	18,052.71		17,116.86	
Journal	233.26		436.37	
Publications	2,310.89		1,276.05	
Seeds	2,952.29		2,422.37	
Shows, Meetings and Events	4,827.23		6,032.03	
Total		28,560.56		27,408
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Administration	2,515.94		4,007.84	
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Research	6,497.72		17,385.90	
BBG Trainee	0.00		9,355.50	
Seeds	716.76		1,348.25	
Shows, Meetings and Events	8,151.75		8,185.42	
Storage	1,818.00		1,656.00	
Total		37,035.78		60,861
INVESTMENTS				
Capital gains/losses		39,411.26		14,138
Excess income/expenditure		30,936.04		-19,315
BALANCE SHEET 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025				
ASSETS				
Current account	2,380.41		5,996	
Cash Float for shows	140.00		0	
Investments	198,271.43		163,860	
Total		200,791.84		169,856
REPRESENTED BY				
Brought forward	169,855.80		189,171	
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Mr Vince Cordell		
Mr Martyn Denney	Secretary	
Dr Phöbe Friar		
Dr Maurice Jackson		
Mr Peter Jones		to 22 January 2024
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Mr Roy Skidmore		to 22 January 2024
Mr Steve Walters	Chairman of the Board	
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The Society 'hosts' a Facebook Group devoted to cyclamen. This is moderated but open to members of the public world-wide and promotes a lively discussion. It has approximately 7,800 members.

In 2024 the Society carried out a field study on the island of Sicily in April, studying *Cyclamen repandum* and in November in the north of Cyprus, studying *Cyclamen cyprium*. This is part two of a 2-part programme. Part 1 – southern Cyprus – was completed in November 2023. Data from both studies will feed into the work being carried out at the University of Reading, and will be published in the Society's *Journal* in June 2025 in order to make it available to a wider audience. In November 2024 the Society made a final contribution of £6000 towards the bench fees of a current cyclamen PhD researcher in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Reading.

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accounts for the period will show two current funding/ grants which have been made available, with the purpose of spending for our charitable aims.

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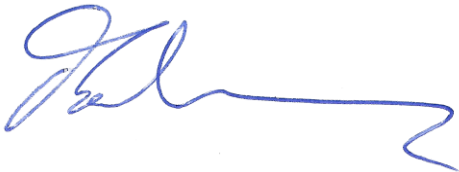
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Policy reviewed: 16/07/2024

Next policy review: July 2027

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Martyn Hugh Denney
Secretary

Approved by the Trustees 24/03/2025



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for the Year Ending
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2nd March 2025

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Shows, Meetings and Events	8,185.42		13,142	
Storage	1,656.00		8,487	
Total		60,860.57		66,626
INVESTMENTS				
Capital gains/losses		14,137.68	11,434	11,434
Excess income/expenditure		-19,314.84		-15,151
BALANCE SHEET YEAR ENDING 31st December 2024				
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Investments	163,860.17		179,722	
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Trustees Annual Report for the Financial and Reporting Period 1st July 2022 to 31st December 2023

Change of Financial Year

At their meeting on 3rd September 2022 the Board of Trustees of the Cyclamen Society unanimously resolved to change the financial and reporting year of the charity to end on 31st December each year instead of the 30th June, thus coinciding with the membership subscription year which runs from 1st January to 31st December.

To effect this transition, the financial period under review therefore ran for 18 months from 1st July 2022 to 31st December 2023.

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Mr Peter Jones		to 22 January 2024
Mr Melvyn Jope	President	
Mr Arthur Nicholls		to 26 January 2023
Mr Roy Skidmore		to 22 January 2024
Mr Steve Walters	Chairman of the Board	
Mr Paul Whitlock		

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Independent Examiner:

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Governance

Governing Document: The Constitution of The Cyclamen Society (dated 27th May 2020)

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Foundation Structure)

Management: The charity has a Board of Trustees of up to 12 persons. In exceptional circumstances up to a further 3 trustees may be appointed giving an absolute maximum of 15. There must be a minimum of 7 trustees.

The trustees are appointed for a period of 12 months at the first General Meeting of the Board in the calendar year.

The Cyclamen Society has no temporary or permanent paid or unpaid staff.

Membership

Membership of the charity is limited to the Trustees.

Membership of the associated Cyclamen Society is open to all on payment of a subscription.

There are approximately 1200 members of this society, of which about 60% are resident in the UK.

There is a group of over 200 members in Japan.

Objects

The objects are to encourage:

i. the cultivation and conservation, and

ii. to increase and disseminate knowledge

...of the Genus *Cyclamen* and its species, subspecies, forms and cultivars for the public benefit.

Principal Activities

The Cyclamen Society publishes a twice-yearly journal, books, booklets and pamphlets, and runs a seed exchange for members. The Society supplies copies of its publications, free of charge, to a selection of relevant libraries in both the UK and internationally, where they are available to members of the public.

Four plant shows, that are open to the public, are held during the year – three at the Royal Horticultural Society's gardens at Wisley, Harlow Carr and Bridgewater, and a fourth at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. During these shows experts are on hand to answer queries from the public and provide advice on cultivation.

The Society conducts field studies that contribute data and material to a research programme carried out in co-operation with the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Reading.

Achievements for the Benefit of the Public during the Period under Review

During the period the Society published three editions of its journal 'Cyclamen' and this was despatched to all members. Once again the June journal contained details of the annual seed distribution that is open to all members of the society. The seed distribution aids ex-situ conservation of species and is therefore a benefit to the public.

During the period the Society reprinted its 8 page leaflets *Cyclamen for Garden and Greenhouse – A Gardener's Guide* and *Growing Cyclamen from Seed*. These leaflets are distributed to the public free of charge at lectures, cyclamen shows and garden events both in the UK and abroad.

The Society 'hosts' a Facebook Group devoted to cyclamen. This is moderated but open to members of the public world-wide and promotes a lively discussion. It has approximately 5,500 members.

With Covid 19 having receded as an impediment to field studies, in 2023 the Society carried out a field study in the Republic of Cyprus, studying *Cyclamen cyprium*. This is part one of a 2-part programme. Part 2 - North Cyprus – is intended to be completed in 2024. Data from both studies will feed into the work being carried out at the University of Reading, and will be published in the Society's *Journal* in order to make it available to a wider audience.

In October 2023 the Society started a 12-month sponsorship of a 'Cyclamen Horticultural Trainee' at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. This traineeship was aimed at raising the level of knowledge at the gardens so that care for their National Collection of Cyclamen could be improved and displayed to the public.

Six plant shows were held during the period under review, three at the Royal Horticultural Society's gardens at Wisley (Surrey), one at the RHS Garden at Harlow Carr (Yorkshire) and two at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. At all these shows plants and seed of rare varieties were sold at low prices to enthusiasts and members of the public. The engagement by the public at these shows, especially those at Wisley, was very good.

Surplus seed was donated to botanical and horticultural gardens.

The Board of Trustees is aware of the Charity Commission's guidance regarding Public Benefit. Public benefit is routinely considered by the Trustees.

Financial Review

The income of the society remains healthy, as we see similar totals across our main income streams such as publication sales, seed sales, donations and monies raised at shows and events. The shows and events which the charity organise, raise funds whilst helping to promote some of the charitable aims of the society, in the knowledge and promotion of the genus. The subscription of the society continues to be the largest income to the charity.

The expenditure, which is frequently made visible to the Board of Trustees and standing committees within the society, is monitored and reviewed to make sure money is being spent wisely and correctly. The accounts for the period will show two current funding/ grants which have been made available, with the purpose of spending for our charitable aims.

Reserves Policy

The reserves of the Cyclamen Society exist to:

- a) Enable the Society to continue normal activities during periods of reduced income. The value of this component of the reserves is approximately 3 years expenditure of £40,000 per year.
- b) Provide funds for future research and development according to the Society's objectives. This will include field studies, care and recording of collected plants, the work of the Registrar of Cultivars and scientific investigations. This will be equivalent to 3 research projects of £15,000 each.
- c) Provide funds for the future production of publications relating to the objectives of the Society. This will amount to approximately £20,000.

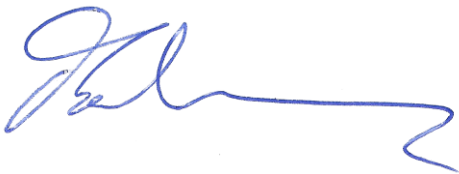
Thus the total value of reserves held within the invested funds of the society needs to be a total of at least £185,000 to enable the Society adequately to fulfil its objectives.

Any amount held in excess of £185,000 will continue to be used to fulfil the objectives of the Society.

Policy reviewed: 16/07/2024

Next policy review: July 2027

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Martyn Hugh Denney

Secretary

Approved by the Trustees 27/09/2024



Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet
1 July 2022 to 31 December 2023

I certify that the accounts in this statement represent
a true and accurate record of the financial affairs
of The Cyclamen Society during the period stated.

Signed 

Treasurer 31 December 2023

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Cyclamen Society,
Registered Charity No. 1172732**

On accounts for the 18 months period ended 31st December 2023

Set out on the attached pages.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the 18 months period ended 31st December 2023.

Respective responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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18th February 2024



**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
18 MONTH PERIOD ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2023**

	2023		Year to 30th June 2022	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS from				
Donations	10.00		5,359	
Subscriptions	23,403.14		17,163	
Journal	0.00		20	
Publications	3,546.93		5,653	
Seeds	5,601.96		2,480	
Shows, Meetings and Events	7,478.85		5,344	
Total		40,040.88		36,019
PAYMENTS for				
Administration	7,061.31		3,949	
Journal	25,666.74		14,676	
Publications	2,193.09		10,300	
Research	8,441.81		8,156	
Seeds	1,634.43		615	
Shows, Meetings and Events	13,141.51		7,685	
*Storage and BBG Cyclamen Trainee	8,487.00		1,460	
Total		66,625.89		46,841
INVESTMENTS				
Capital gains/losses	11,434.31	11,434.31	3,974	3,974
Excess income/expenditure		-15,150.70		-6,848
BALANCE SHEET FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2023				
ASSETS				
	31st December 2023		30th June 2022	
Current account	9,448.15		11,033	
Investments	179,722.49		193,288	
Total		189,170.64		204,321
REPRESENTED BY				
Brought forward	204,321.34		211,169	
Surplus/deficit	-15,150.70		-6,848	
Carried forward		189,170.64		204,321

*In 2023 this item consists of Storage £2250 (18 months) plus Birmingham Botanical Gardens Cyclamen Trainee £6237 (3 months)

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THE CYCLAMEN SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1172732

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Board of Trustees report 2022

Steve Walters – Chairman of the Board of Trustees, on behalf of the Board

It would be an understatement to report that it has been an interesting year worldwide. There has been political instability, extreme weather events, energy crises and, unbelievably, war in Europe. For many in the UK there was the additional sadness that the longest-serving monarch in British history - a constant in our lives over the past 70 years - died, drawing to a close the country's second Elizabethan era. In such serious and complicated times it would be easy to dismiss a passion for plants as trivial, inconsequential. Our members know differently though. Gardening and an interest in plants is, of course, a source of relaxation, comfort and enjoyment for millions of people, and can be hugely beneficial to mental health. What better way can there be to forget the troubles of the world than spending time admiring and fussing over whichever cyclamen species catches your eye in the garden or greenhouse? I was thinking this while viewing the final few flowers on a *Cyclamen purpurascens* in my greenhouse one autumn day this year. But then I also remembered that the plant had been in flower since early summer, a time period that spanned, in UK political terms, three prime ministers and four chancellors of the exchequer. Ah well, back to reality...

The main change for the Cyclamen Society this year has been that Vic Aspland, after more than 11 years of service, stepped down as President. The Board of Trustees, and more widely the membership, has benefited greatly from Vic's counsel and contribution to the Society over the years for which we offer our thanks and gratitude. A new President of the Society has therefore been appointed and on behalf of the Board I welcome Melvyn Jope to the role. Melvyn has been a member of and contributor to the Society for many, many years. He has been involved with Society field studies since 1990 and has been a member of the Research Committee for over 40 years. He has served terms as Chairman of the Board on more than one occasion and was co-author (with the late Peter Moore) of the Society's *Cyclamen of Greece* booklet. He is well known to many of the membership not only for his skill in growing cyclamen but also for his passion for snowdrops! Welcome, Melvyn. We look forward to your tenure as President.

Thankfully, although Covid is still with us, there are now effective vaccines and countries are learning to live with the virus. This meant that the Society's core and other activities were less affected this year.

The journal, under its dedicated editorship, continues to produce interesting and well-researched articles. Our relatively small Society can be proud of such a professional, high-quality publication. Now that most travel restrictions have been lifted, it has been encouraging to see articles printed once again about cyclamen sites our members are visiting. And if I could make a small plea: the journal editor is always interested in receiving articles to publish in future journals so please do get in touch if you have an idea for an article or if you have photographs and observations to share of cyclamen you have seen on your travels.

It's worth repeating once again that you won't find a more extensive cyclamen species seed list than the one the Cyclamen Society produces for the annual seed distribution. In fact, the general seed list this year now numbers 140 different varieties, and all donated by our members.

The introduction of the Members area of the website this year has been a major development. This allows members to order seed online and also view copies of all but the most recent editions of the Society's journals. These go back many years so there's hours of happy browsing for the cyclamen enthusiast. If members have given the Membership Manager a valid email address then they will have been set up to access this new area of the website. However, some members have

yet to provide an email address. I would urge you to do so to take advantage of this new facility. Initially there were a few teething issues with logging on which were resolved but do please contact the Society if you do encounter any problems. Obviously, it is still possible to send in seed orders and payment in the more traditional, paper way but online is quicker and also provides email confirmation of the order. Full details were published in the June 2022 journal where it also noted that seed orders would now be sent out at a later time, during December, partly because seeds seem to be ripening later and documentation requirements of overseas countries are becoming more complex and time consuming to satisfy. Australia, for example, now requires each seed order to be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate. Fortunately, a volunteer has agreed to receive a single parcel of seed and distribute it onward to Australian members. This is a similar solution to what we had to put in place to distribute seed to our EU members following the difficulties that Brexit caused plant societies (there's that British understatement again...). The Board would like to thank the volunteers and donors who make the seed distribution such a success.

If the journal and seed distribution are two notable benefits of membership, the third is our annual programme of four plant shows - a real shop window for the Society. This year all our shows were back to normal after the enforced absence due to the pandemic. As if making up for lost time, the range and quality of the plants exhibited across the four shows was exceptional. The plant sales benches were a similarly impressive and extremely popular feature. Attendance was also very good this year and, for those members in the UK who haven't visited a show, it is an excellent day out and highly recommended. The Board is mindful that not everyone lives within travelling distance of all the show locations so we do try to ensure there is a reasonable geographic spread over the year. Possible alternative show locations for the future is also an active topic of discussion at Board meetings. Of course, the show reports and photographs of exhibits are published in the journal which at least gives members who cannot attend a window into the day's events.

Society-supported research at the University of Reading steadily continues although there is little new to report this year.

There were no field studies in 2022. It became increasingly apparent that the lead-in time prior to undertaking field studies needed to be extended before applying for CITES permits. Mainly because there are now increasing regulations in many EU countries in order to obtain research and collection permissions before the CITES process can begin. The research committee is now planning for two field studies in 2023: one in spring to study *Cyclamen repandum* on the Italian island of Sicily, and one in autumn to study *Cyclamen cyprium* in the south of Cyprus.

Society membership is slowly increasing and the Cyclamen Society's Facebook Group continues to raise our profile internationally, there are now around 3,500 members sharing and commenting on photographs of cyclamen. It is becoming an increasingly important resource for the cyclamen enthusiast. And as we move ever more into a world online, the Board and the Society's various committees will continue to hold most meetings through Zoom. It is convenient and an efficient use of our time.

As this brief summary of the year shows, for a relatively small plant society I think we serve the membership well - and I haven't even mentioned the impressive range of books and postcards that the Society has for sale! (Full details in the publications manager's article, p. 6, in the June 2022 journal). Of course, this takes much effort and commitment by members behind the scenes. We should also remember that everyone involved in the Society is a volunteer. The Board of Trustees is rightly proud of the sterling work they do and gives thanks for the time they spend supporting the society.



The Cyclamen

Society

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE 2022

	2022		2021	
RECEIPTS from	£	£	£	£
Donations	5,358.73		65	
Subscriptions	17,162.51		12,177	
Journal	20.00		160	
Publications	5,652.87		907	
Seeds	2,480.44		3,267	
Shows, Meetings and Events	5,343.99		0	
Total		36,018.54		16,576
PAYMENTS for				
Administration	3,948.92		2,761	
Journal	14,676.05		15,290	
Publicity	0.00		2,353	
Publications	10,299.87		1,095	
Research	8,155.86		72	
Seeds	614.65		1,033	
Shows, Meetings and Events	7,684.79		0	
Storage	1,460.00		0	
Total		46,840.14		22,604
INVESTMENTS				
Capital gains/losses	3,974.01	3,974.01	43,051	43,051
Excess income/expenditure		-6,847.59		37,023
BALANCE SHEET YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE 2022				
ASSETS				
Current account	11,033.16		1,855	
Investments	193,288.18		209,314	
Total		204,321.34		211,169
REPRESENTED BY				
Brought forward	211,168.93		174,146	
Surplus/(deficit)	-6,847.59		37,023	
Carried forward		204,321.34		211,169

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28th July 2021

THE CYCLAMEN SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1172732

Accounts

Board of Trustees report 2021

Steve Walters – Chairman of the Board of Trustees, on behalf of the Board

This year continued to be a challenging time for everyone with the global Covid pandemic still overshadowing our daily lives. As I write towards the end of the year, there is cause for optimism with travel restrictions being eased, more social interactions taking place and countries slowly starting to open up. We all owe a debt of gratitude to our overstretched health and care services and to the astonishing efforts of those international teams of scientists and the effective vaccines they developed in such a short timescale.

Core activities

Unsurprisingly, some of the Society's activities have therefore been limited although core activities such as the journal and seed distribution were relatively unaffected.

The former is a wonderful advertisement for the Society: in the quality and range of the articles, in the photographs and illustrations, and in its high production values. The editorial team does a first-rate job. We are always interested in new content and members are encouraged to contact the editor if they have ideas for (and are willing to write!) journal articles.

As for seeds, you won't find a more extensive cyclamen species seed list than the one the Cyclamen Society produces for the annual seed distribution. This is a much appreciated benefit for many members. The team responsible for collecting, processing and despatching seeds seems to get busier every year. Technology and online ordering will help of course when introduced in 2022, but it is worth bearing in mind that - although ordering can be as fast as clicking a button - surface mail, customs procedures and phytosanitary requirements can slow the process down considerably. We continue to make improvements to the process year on year and the Board would like to thank all those volunteers and donors who make it such a success.

Research

As was the case in 2020, our programme of field studies is on hold and it is difficult to predict when it can resume. However, Society-supported research at the University of Reading continues. The December 2020 journal included an article on the ongoing research into the *Cyclamen hederifolium* complex (the two subspecies *hederifolium* and *crassifolium*) and the Cretan *C. confusum*, for which the Society provided leaf samples and measurements. While the data so far show some pattern it is still not clear that the boundaries of any of these three taxa are clearly defined. So the question remains whether there are one, two or three distinct entities. New data are being added, and the work continues. Hopefully the update due in this journal will add clarity.

The Society has been part-funding a cyclamen PhD at the University of Reading which is nearing completion and in due course it is anticipated that there will be a series of articles about this research for the Journal including one on *C. africanum* and another on *C. somalense*.

In late 2020 the Board agreed to part-fund a second PhD focusing on two specific taxonomic areas: the *Cyclamen graecum* group (including *C. graecum* subsp. *graecum*, subsp. *candicum*, and *C. maritimum*) and the *Cyclamen repandum* aggregate.

For the former the research will shed light on whether the DNA sequences for each of the three genomes resolve into three distinct groups matching the current taxa; how much variation can be accounted for through geography rather than taxonomy; and whether there is evidence of continuing gene flow (hybridization) between the three taxa.

The second part of the research will focus on the likely hybridization among the various species in what is loosely described as the *Cyclamen repandum* group. The research will examine how and when the species complex spread around the Mediterranean; how many of the taxa are distinct based on DNA sequence data; and to what extent there is gene flow (hybridization) across the range and whether this has any discernible pattern.

These various collaborations with the University of Reading - Dr Alastair Culham is a steadfast supporter and the Board is grateful for his scientific advice and enthusiasm - also highlight the importance and value of accurately curating and caring for living-plant collections, something we have been committed to since the Society was established. All the cyclamen plant material used in the research has come from the collections of known-provenance plants held by Cyclamen Society members.

Shows

Our editor ruefully noted in the June 2021 journal that there was a slight imbalance in the contents mainly due to the absence of show reports as a result of the pandemic. Fortunately, with crowd restrictions now easing, the Society's two autumn shows were able to go ahead.

Fittingly, the early autumn show - our first for 18 months - was held at the impressive RHS Hilltop, the Royal Horticultural Society's new centre for gardening science at Wisley. During the day we also held a meeting for Cyclamen Society members visiting the show to get to know and talk to the Board of Trustees. The Board will continue to hold these members' meetings twice a year.

One result of the interregnum between shows was that the RHS Banksian Medal for 2020 could not be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the most prize points over the four shows held each year. It was therefore agreed to award the 2020 medal 'to someone who had gone the extra mile', during the Covid-19 pandemic. The Board was pleased to choose one of our members in Germany, Dimitrij Trofimov. Congratulations! Dimitrij arranged the first

virtual European Cyclamen Show as reported in the June 2021 journal. He has also agreed to act as the distributor of Cyclamen Society seeds to individuals in Europe, one of the changes to the annual seed distribution that had to be made following the UK's exit from the EU.

New concise guide

The highlight of the Society's publications year was the launch at the early autumn show of Cyclamen: A Concise Guide. At just over 100 pages it is a beautifully produced, high quality, informative booklet. Martyn Denney really has done an excellent job for which the Board is most grateful. The feedback so far has been overwhelmingly positive. A friend of mine, a noted Alpine Garden Society exhibitor and judge, was moved to exclaim it was the best £5 he'd spent for many a long year.

Website

Work slowly continues to update and improve the Society website. In particular, the cultivars' list has been extensively revised with many new images of plants added. Our thanks go to Vince Cordell and Paul Whitlock for the work they do to improve the Society's online profile.

There has been a gradual but steady increase in new members over the course of the year. The current membership is approximately 1,245. The Cyclamen Society's Facebook Group has become increasingly important in extending our international reach and now has more than 2,750 members. If you use Facebook it is worth joining the Group. It is a really useful resource; a virtual meeting place where cyclamen enthusiasts can share, view and comment on photos of their favourite plants.

Board meetings

It is clear that we are moving increasingly to an online world and Covid-19 accelerated that process. Our Board and Committee meetings are now held through Zoom although we feel it is important to have at least one physical Board meeting every year. With restrictions easing we were able to hold our first face-to-face Board meeting for quite some time in August and while we all appreciate the convenience of online meetings, gathering together in the same room to discuss Society business was particularly welcomed by all the trustees.

Finally, none of the above would be possible without the hard work and commitment of all those members who work behind the scenes to make our Society such a success. Whether it's donating or distributing seeds, contributing to the journal, working on the website, supporting the plant shows, or ensuring our finances are on a sound footing. The Board of Trustees thanks you all.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE 2021**

	2021		2020	
RECEIPTS from	£	£	£	£
Donations	65.42		1,094	
Subscriptions	12,176.64		19,015	
Journal	160.00		80	
Publications	907.08		1,901	
Seeds	3,266.20		2,206	
Shows, Meetings and Events	0.00		2,073	
Total		16,575.34		26,369
PAYMENTS for				
Administration	2,761.44		6,256	
Publicity	2,352.97		3,480	
Journal	15,289.94		13,661	
Publications	1,094.60		694	
Research	71.87		12,138	
Seeds	1,032.91		1,130	
Shows, Meetings and Events	0.00		6,748	
Total		22,603.73		44,107
INVESTMENTS				
Capital gains/losses	43,051.28	43,051.28	-28,604	
Excess income/expenditure		37,022.89		-46,342
BALANCE SHEET YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE 2021				
ASSETS				
Current account	1,854.76		7,883	
Investments	209,314.18		166,263	
Total		211,168.94		174,146
REPRESENTED BY				
Brought forward	174,146.05		220,489	
Surplus/(deficit)	37,022.89		-46,343	
Carried forward		211,168.94		174,146