

# BRITISH SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH ON AGEING

England & Wales · Charity number 1174127

## Details

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Other names	BSRA
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2017-08-03
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN THE PROCESSES, CAUSES AND EFFECTS OF AGEING AND INTO MEANS FOR COUNTERACTING THESE, BOTH IN HUMAN BEINGS AND IN OTHER ORGANISMS INCLUDING BY THE PROMOTION OF RESEARCH AND THE PUBLICATION OF ALL THE USEFUL RESULTS THEREOF.

**Activities:** We aim to increase knowledge of the processes, causes and effects of ageing, and means for counteracting these, both in human beings and in other organisms. We provide funding for researchers interested in studying the fundamental biological mechanisms of ageing and we seek to increase the capacity of the UK science and technology base to conduct this and related research over the medium term.

## Classification

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- **How:** Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-11-30	£80,011	£72,633	-	-
2023-11-30	£106,017	£125,863	-	-
2022-11-30	£19,561	£25,185	-	-
2021-11-30	£11,902	£7,315	-	-
2020-11-30	£10,231	£21,834	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Dr David Weinkove</b>	Chair	2022-01-01
Dr Bradley Elliott		2021-01-01
Dr Charalampos Rallis		2024-11-11
Dr Diana Marcu		2024-11-25
Dr Ira Milosevic		2022-01-01
Dr James Murray		2024-09-01
Dr Jon Houseley		2024-01-01
Dr Jonathan Lewis		2025-09-03
Dr Laura Rosemary Sinclair		2026-01-21
Dr Paul Morgan		2021-01-01
Dr Paul Potter		2024-01-01
Dr Sophie Joannis		2024-01-01

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From                                      Period start date    To                                      Period end date

Charity name:

Charity registration number:

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>For much of its long history, The British Society for Research on Ageing has solely relied on its volunteer board of Trustees to manage the operational side of its activity. In October 2023, the board took the decision to appoint a part-time freelance Chief Executive to support and oversee operations.</p> <p>The Trustees took this decision to invest in support staff to help them deliver ambitious targets for the charity, based on a Vision for the organisation that has 5 interconnecting pillars:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Bring our scientist members together</li><li>2. Educate the general public</li><li>3. Advocate for more funding for high quality research</li><li>4. Raise money to provide grants to support excellent research</li><li>5. Enable translation of research by relevant stakeholders</li></ol> <p>Trustees remain integral to the operational work of the charity. They are appointed for a term of 3 years, with the option to renew, and are encouraged to take on a specific role in line with their skills and experience. A majority of the Trustees are academics drawn from the ageing research community, with others bringing experience from the private and charity sectors. Applications and nominations can be made at any time through the year, via the BSRA website, with candidates elected by ballot of members either online or in person at our AGM.</p> <p>The Board of Trustees is supported by a Scientific Advisory Board, a group of 6 individuals who dedicate their time to assist with reviewing and making decisions about</p>

		<p>grants awarded by the society, in line with AMRC guidelines.</p> <p>All new Trustees and members of the SAB read the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission and sign the BSRA Trustee register to say that they have understood the content of the document and the requirements of being a charity Trustee under UK law.</p>
<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.</p>	<p>Para 1.17 and 1.19</p>	<p>The Trustees were committed to making progress against the 5 pillars of the society's Vision. To do this they made the decision to invest in a part time freelance Chief Executive and part time freelance Communications Manager, who helped them increase the charity's output and impact.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bring Scientist Members Together <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The number of BSRA members increased by over 10% and membership broadened through outreach to students, industry, international researchers and institutions.</li> <li>- Six leading figures in the field of ageing research were invited to share their work in our 2024 Academic Seminar Series, attracting approximately 300 participants.</li> <li>- Our 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) at the University of Birmingham brought together approximately 135 delegates and over 20 speakers for 3 days of stimulating talks, networking opportunities and poster presentations.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Educate the Public <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The public lecture at our Annual Scientific Meeting is a key part of our public outreach. The guest speaker at our Birmingham meeting was Professor Steve Harridge from King's College London, whose talk on exercise and ageing was attended by 70 representatives from the Birmingham 1000 Elders cohort.</li> <li>- A core objective of 2023-2024 was to develop a public engagement strategy to deliver on the charity's commitment to education. Led by our new CEO and Communications</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

		<p>Manager, this strategy includes the development of new opportunities for members of the public to engage with scientists in the field of research ageing, including the launch of an online public lecture series.</p> <p>3. Advocate for More Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Chair of the Board of Trustees, Professor Weinkove, represented the BSRA at an event on ageing at the Royal Society and discussed ageing research priorities with former Chief Medical Officer, Chris Witty, and Lord Kakkar, Chair of the OSCHR.</li> <li>- Members of the BSRA represent over 56 UK institutions involved in ageing research, providing a significant platform for promoting the value of this area of research as a means of preventing disease and improving the health of all individuals.</li> </ul> <p>4. Raise Money to Provide Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The BSRA supported the work of 13 young researchers in 2023-2024. As a member of the Association of Medical Research Charities (AMRS), the BSRA has its own Scientific Advisory Board to assess and award grant applications. These prizes included ongoing support for a PhD student at the University of Birmingham with the support of The Chernajovsky Foundation; the Korenchevsky Prize awarded to the best elevated Oral Presentation to an Early Career Researcher at our Annual Scientific Meeting; two small research grants, two travel grants, three summer studentship grants and poster prizes at our ASM.</li> </ul> <p>5. Enable Translation of Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The BSRA launched a new initiative to develop partnerships with specific disease charities and identify ways in which the expertise of ageing researchers can help them fulfil their objectives. Charities include Cystic Fibrosis Trust, The Macular Society and Cancer Research UK.</li> <li>- The BSRA hosted a one-day satellite event before the annual ASM for the eleven UK Ageing Networks (UKAN)</li> </ul>
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		<p>to meet in person.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The ASM included an inaugural Early Career Commercialisation Prize to encourage these young researchers to translate their laboratory research into commercial opportunities.</li> </ul>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	On appointment to the board, all new trustees must read the guidance on public benefit issued by the charity commission and sign a the BSRA trustee register to say that they have understood the content of the document.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	When awarding grants, the BSRA conforms to the AMRC principles of peer review guidelines, and utilises a minimum of 2 peer reviewers (for awards exceeding £2000) and an independent Scientific Advisory Board for selecting projects for funding. The BSRA is also committed to the 3Rs relating to the use of animals in research.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The BSRA is wholly reliant on volunteers in order to function. The board of trustees are at the heart of the society and are responsible for its management and running. In addition, the BSRA has a scientific advisory board; a group of 6 individuals who dedicate their time to assist with reviewing and making decisions about grants awarded by the society.
Other		N/A

### Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>In Sept 2024 we hosted our Annual Scientific 1at the University of Birmingham with 135 delegates. This continues to provide the BSRA with an excellent forum to discuss the biology of ageing. The meeting includes a public lecture, open to all members of the public as a way to engage wider communities in the importance of ageing research. As part of the ASM, the BSRA also awarded the Korenchevsky prize to enable a young researcher to present their work at the AGE meeting in America in 2025. This continues to represent an excellent mechanism to spread the message about the BSRA to a wider audience, and also support early career researchers in the field of biogerontology.</p> <p>The BSRA has continued to support research into the biology of ageing through awards of small grants to researchers in the field. In 2024 we awarded almost £15000 to researchers to enable them to conduct and publish work in this field.</p> <p>The BSRA has worked alongside the Chernajovsky Foundation in 2024 to administer a PhD award to the University of Birmingham. The BSRA provides additional support to this student via providing opportunities and funding to attend and network at our annual meeting. This project was successfully completed in 2024.</p> <p>The BSRA has also established an online lecture series from leading scientists in the field.</p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Investment performance against objectives</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Other</p>		

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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	As of the 30th of November 2024, the British Society for Research on Ageing has total cash funds of £68,896. This represents a net profit of approximately £7,378 over the last 12 months.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The BSRA do not have a specific policy on holding reserves. However, we do not have any financial dependencies (e.g. employee's) and the cash funds held by the BSRA are more than adequate to conduct our main aims of hosting our annual scientific meeting and awarded small grants to our members.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	N/A
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The principal sources of funding to the BSRA are: 1. Donations to the charity 2. Registrations to the annual scientific meeting 3. Membership subscriptions
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	N/A
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	All trustees are subject to election by the membership

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All newly elected trustee's must read the Charity Commission document "The essential trustee" and sign the BSRA training register to confirm that they have read and understood the document and the responsibilities of a trustee. New trustees typically spend some time observing and shadowing existing trustee's before taking on a substantive role within the charity.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Responsibility for the management of the BSRA lies with the board of trustees, who are led by the chairperson. The trustees are supported by the Scientific Advisory Board, comprising 6 persons, who work with the board of trustees to review and select from applications for BSRA funding. The BSRA development board are a separate panel of volunteers whose role is to help the BSRA secure funds to advance our aims and deliver our core activities. The board of trustees, scientific advisory board and development board are all comprised of volunteers. In Oct 2024 a CEO was appointed to assist with the running of the charity.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	
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Other name the charity uses	British Society for Research on Ageing
Registered charity number	1174127
Charity's principal address	British Society for Research on Ageing, Durham University, Science Site, South Road, Durham, DH1 3LE



## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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### Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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### Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Dr Paul K Potter

Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Honorary Treasurer

Date

20/9/25



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/12/2023	To	Period end date 30/11/2024
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Membership	4997.6	-	-	4,998	4,901
Annual Scientific Meeting	59766.54	-	-	59,767	29,490
Donations	8672.99	-	-	8,673	3,239
Refunds	-	-	-	-	907
Grant Funds	6574.32	-	-	6,574	67,480
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>80,011</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80,011</b>	<b>106,017</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>80,011</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80,011</b>	<b>106,017</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Travel expenses and refunds	2,059	-	-	2,059	5,956
Annual Scientific Meeting	37566.6	-	-	37,567	35,049
Grants and Awards	14362.8	-	-	14,363	79,358
Professional costs	720	-	-	720	600
Subscriptions	866	-	-	866	790
Website	923.32	-	-	923	653
Bank and Fraudulent Charges	45	-	-	45	193
Consultancy	16041.9	-	-	16,042	3,264
PayPal Refunds	48.55	-	-	49	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>72,633</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>72,633</b>	<b>125,863</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>72,633</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>72,633</b>	<b>125,863</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>7,378</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,378</b>	<b>19,846</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>61,518</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,518</b>	<b>81,364</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>68,896</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>68,896</b>	<b>61,518</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank account	68,896	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	68,896	-	-
(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 £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

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

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Dr Paul K Potter	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
British Society for the Research into Ageing

On accounts for the year  
ended

30<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
Charity no (if any) 279932

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/11/2024

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below \*~~) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:  Date: 28/09/2025

Name: Tracy Rhys-Williams

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

MAAT

(if any):

Address:

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

**BRITISH SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH ON AGEING**

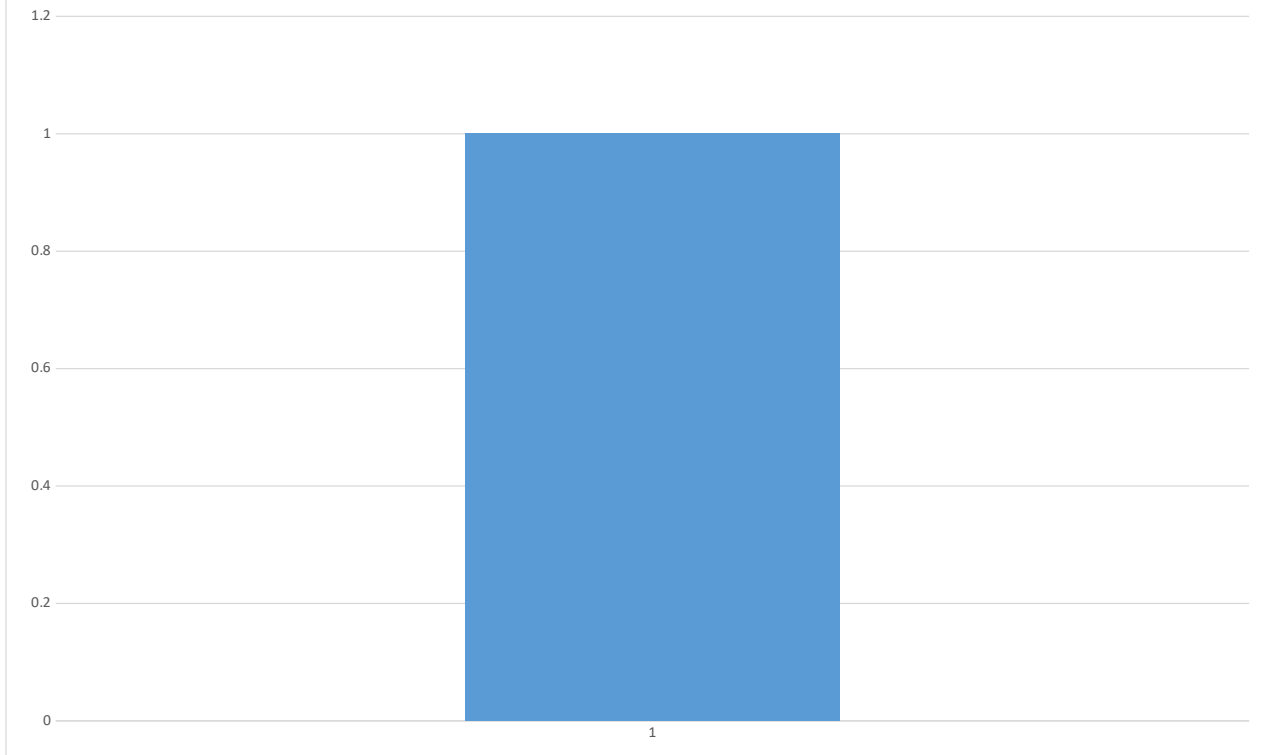
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# Accounts

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Chart Title







	FYE 2023			
<b>Income</b>				
Membership				
ASM income	5836.97			
Donations	3071.99			
Chernajovsky foundation PhD funds	67480.1			
Refunds	906.74			
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Subscriptions	290			
Expenses refunds	5955.62			
Website	163.3			
Chernajovsky PhD studentship	67480.1			
Korenchevsky prize	1893.3			
Grant awards	9485			
ASM outgoings	7424.93			
Professional services	600			
Fraudulent activities	163.92			
Amount in the bank starting 01.12	81363.64			
Total income	77295.8			
Total expenditure	93456.17			
Income- Expenditure	-16160.37			
Balance	65203.27			

This includes trustees and Chernajovsky student



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
British Society for Research on Ageing

No (if any)  
1174127

## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date 1st Dec 2022	To	Period end date 30th Nov 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Membership	4,901	-	-	4,901	2,989
Annual Scientific Meeting	29,490	-	-	29,490	-
Donations	3,239	-	-	3,239	1,857
Refunds	907	-	-	907	-
Grant Funds	67,480	-	-	67,480	14,715
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>106,017</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>106,017</b>	<b>19,561</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>106,017</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>106,017</b>	<b>19,561</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Travel expenses and refunds	5,956	-	-	5,956	1,577
Annual Scientific Meeting	35,049	-	-	35,049	5,000
Grants and Awards	79,358	-	-	79,358	17,158
Professional costs	600	-	-	600	600
Subscriptions	790	-	-	790	745
Website	653	-	-	653	105
Bank and Fraudulent Charges	193	-	-	193	-
Consultancy	3,264	-	-	3,264	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>125,863</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>125,863</b>	<b>25,185</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>125,863</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>125,863</b>	<b>25,185</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 19,846</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 19,846</b>	<b>- 5,624</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>81,364</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>81,364</b>	<b>86,988</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>61,518</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,518</b>	<b>81,364</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank account	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	_____	Neil Martin	12/12/2023	



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
British Society for the Research into Ageing

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

30 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	279932
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/11/2023.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below \*~~) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:** 

**Date:** 30/04/2024

**Name:** Tracy Rhys-Williams

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body**

MAAT

(if any):

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Address:

7 Rosebarn Close, Burgess Hill, West Sussex RH15 0HN

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

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**BRITISH SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH ON AGEING**

England & Wales - Charity number 1174127

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/12/2021

To 30/11/2022

Charity name: British Society for Research on Ageing

Charity registration number: 1174127

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The objectives of the society are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To promote research into the processes, causes and effects of ageing and, as indicated, into means for counteracting these, both in human beings and in other organisms;</li><li>2. To publish the results of all such useful research;</li><li>3. To further public education therein.</li></ol>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Each year the British Society for Research on Ageing (BSRA) hosts an annual scientific meeting (ASM). This year we hosted our first in-person meeting since the Covid-19 Pandemic, at the University of Kent in collaboration with the Biochemical Society, and it was a great success. We welcomed approximately 100 delegates to Kent and attracted international experts to deliver keynote talks. This continues to provide the BSRA with an excellent forum to discuss the biology of ageing.</p> <p>As part of the ASM, the BSRA also awards prizes for early career researchers based on the presentation of their work at the meeting. We were delighted to award the Korenchevsky prize to enable a young researcher to present their work at the AGE meeting in America in 2023. It is of note that payment of the 2021 Korenchevsky prize is included in the Grants and Awards line of the accounts.</p> <p>The BSRA has continued to support research into the biology of ageing through awards of small grants to researchers in the field. In 2022 we awarded approximately £1000 to researchers to enable them to conduct and publish work in this field.</p>

		<p>The BSRA continued to work alongside the Chernajovsky Foundation in 2022 to administer a PhD studentship to the University of Birmingham. Our income for the Chernajovsky Foundation is listed under 'Grants' in the income section of the accounts, and under 'Grants and Awards' in the outgoings.</p> <p>We continue to share information on ageing research via the charity website <a href="http://www.bsra.org">www.bsra.org</a> and links with the Royal Society of Biology.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	On appointment to the board, all new trustees must read the guidance on public benefit issued by the charity commission and sign a the BSRA trustee register to say that they have understood the content of the document.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The BSRA is wholly reliant on volunteers in order to function. The board of trustees are at the heart of the society and are responsible for its management and running. In addition, the BSRA has a scientific advisory board; a group of 6 individuals who dedicate their time to assist with reviewing and making decisions about grants awarded by the society.
Other		N/A

### Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>In 2022 we hosted our Annual Scientific Meeting in person for the first time since the Covid-19 pandemic. The BSRA collaborated with the Biochemical Society to host this meeting which attracted around 100 delegates. This continues to provide the BSRA with an excellent forum to discuss the biology of ageing. The meeting includes a public lecture, open to all members of the public as a way to engage wider communities in the importance of ageing research.</p> <p>As part of the ASM, the BSRA also awarded the Korenchevsky prize to enable a young researcher to present their work at the AGE meeting in America in 2023. This continues to represent an excellent mechanism to spread the message about the BSRA to a wider audience, and also support early career researchers in the field of biogerontology.</p> <p>The BSRA has continued to support research into the biology of ageing through awards of small grants to researchers in the field. In 2022 we awarded approximately £1000 to researchers to enable them to conduct and publish work in this field. Under the leadership of our new chair, we plan to expand our grants portfolio and support lots more researchers in 2023.</p> <p>The BSRA has worked alongside the Chernajovsky Foundation in 2022 to administer a PhD award to the University of Birmingham. The BSRA provides additional support to this student via providing opportunities and funding to attend and network at our annual meeting.</p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Investment performance against objectives</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>N/A</p>

Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	As of the 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2022, the British Society for Research on Ageing has total cash funds of £81,364. This represents a net loss of approximately £5,624 over the last 12 months.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The BSRA do not have a specific policy on holding reserves. However, we do not have any financial dependencies (e.g. employee's) and the cash funds held by the BSRA are more than adequate to conduct our main aims of hosting our annual scientific meeting and awarded small grants to our members.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	N/A
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The principal sources of funding to the BSRA are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Donations to the charity</li> <li>2. Registrations to the annual scientific meeting</li> <li>3. Membership subscriptions</li> </ol>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	N/A
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	All trustees are subject to election by the membership

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All newly elected trustee's must read the Charity Commission document "The essential trustee" and sign the BSRA training register to confirm that they have read and understood the document and the responsibilities of a trustee. New trustees typically spend some time observing and shadowing existing trustee's before taking on a substantive role within the charity.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Responsibility for the management of the BSRA lies with the board of trustees, who are led by the chairperson. The trustees are supported by the Scientific Advisory Board, comprising 6 persons, who work with the board of trustees to review and select from applications for BSRA funding. The BSRA development board are a separate panel of volunteers whose role is to help the BSRA secure funds to advance our aims and deliver our core activities. The board of trustees, scientific advisory board and development board are all comprised of volunteers.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	British Society for Research on Ageing
Other name the charity uses	BSRA
Registered charity number	1174127

Charity's principal address	British Society for Research on Ageing, Durham University, Science Site, South Road, Durham, DH1 3LE

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Claire Stewart	Chair	Stepped down from office December 2021	
2	David Weinkove	Chair	Appointed as Chair January 2022	
3	Neil Martin	Treasurer		
4	Paul Morgan	Secretary		
5	Cathy Slack			
6	Marina Ezcurra			
7	Bradley Elliot			
8	Joao Pedro De Meghaelhaes		Resigned from the board March 2022	
9	Ursula Tanner		Resigned from the board July 2022	
10	Adrian Cull			
11	Ana Mishel Spiroski		Appointed to the board July 2022	
12	Ira Milosevic		Appointed to the board July 2022	
13	Jed Lye		Appointed to the board July 2022	
14	Tina Woods		Appointed to the board July 2022	
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	

### Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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### Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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### Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Neil Martin	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Treasurer	
<b>Date</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	



## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1st Dec 2021	To	Period end date 30th Nov 2022
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Memberships	2,989	-	-	2,989	4,539
Donations	1,857	-	-	1,857	7,363
Grant funds	14,715	-	-	14,715	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>19,561</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,561</b>	<b>11,902</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>19,561</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,561</b>	<b>11,902</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Travel expenses and refunds	1,577	-	-	1,577	-
Annual Scientific Meeting costs	5,000	-	-	5,000	5,000
Grants and awards	17,158	-	-	17,158	1,581
Professional costs	600	-	-	600	-
Subscriptions	745	-	-	745	657
Website	105	-	-	105	77
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>25,185</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,185</b>	<b>7,315</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>25,185</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,185</b>	<b>7,315</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 5,624.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 5,624.00</b>	<b>4,587.00</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>86,988.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>86,988.00</b>	<b>82,401.00</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>81,364.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>81,364.00</b>	<b>86,988.00</b>

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

		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	bank account	81,364	-	-
		-	-	-
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	-	-	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>81,364</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
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**B2 Other monetary assets**

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

**B3 Investment assets**

	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-


**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B5 Liabilities**

	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Print Name</b>	<b>Date of approval</b>
	Neil Martin	28/03/2023



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name British Society for the Research into Ageing

On accounts for the year ended

30th November 2022 Charity no (if any) 279932

Set out on pages

1-2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/11/2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 31/5/2023

Name: Tracy Rhys-Williams

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

MAAT

(if any):

Address:

**Section B Disclosure**

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**BRITISH SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH ON AGEING**

England & Wales - Charity number 1174127

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/12/2020

To

31/11/2021

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Charity registration number: **1174127**

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		<p>This year we also encouraged our membership to apply for PhD studentship funds through the Chernajovsky Foundation. We reviewed several applications from our members before sponsoring an application which was eventually chosen for funding by the Chernajovsky Foundation. The BSRA will now work alongside the Chernajovsky Foundation over the coming years to support the appointed student and to administer the funds.</p> <p>We continue to share information on ageing research via the charity website <a href="http://www.bsra.org">www.bsra.org</a> and links with the Royal Society of Biology.</p>
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Other		N/A

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Investment performance	Para 1.41	N/A

against objectives		
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## Financial Review

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Other		

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Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	British Society for Research on Ageing
Other name the charity uses	BSRA
Registered charity number	1174127

Charity's principal address	Liverpool John Moores University, James Parsons Building, Byrom Street, Liverpool, L3 3AF

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Claire Stewart	Chair		
2	Myriam Chimen	Treasurer	Stepped down from board of trustees July 2021	
3	Neil Martin	Treasurer	Replaced Myriam Chimen from July 2021	
4	Cathy Slack	Secretary		
5	Lorna Harries			
6	Marina Ezcurra			
7	Adam Rolt			
8	Joao Pedro De Meghaelhaes			
9	Ursula Tanner			
10	Lynne Cox			
11	Paul Morgan			
12	Bradley Elliot			
13	Adrian Cull			
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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### Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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### Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Neil Martin	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Treasurer	
<b>Date</b>	17/09/2022	

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1st Dec 2020	To	Period end date 30th Nov 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Membership subscriptions and Annual Scientific meeting	4,539	-	-	4,539	3,666
Donations	7,363	-	-	7,363	2,948
Other income	-	-	-	-	3,617
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>11,902</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,902</b>	<b>10,231</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>11,902</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,902</b>	<b>10,231</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Travel expenses and refunds	-	-	-	-	568
Conference costs	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
Grants	1,581	-	-	1,581	20,045
Professional costs	-	-	-	-	500
Subscriptions	657	-	-	657	652
Website hosting and Development	77	-	-	77	69
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>7,315</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,315</b>	<b>21,834</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>7,315</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,315</b>	<b>21,834</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>4,587</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,587</b>	<b>- 11,603</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>82,401</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,401</b>	<b>94,004</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>86,988</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>86,988</b>	<b>82,401</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank account	86,988	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>86,988</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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


**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B5 Liabilities**

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Neil Martin	15/09/2022

**BRITISH SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH ON AGEING**

England & Wales - Charity number 1174127

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	1st	December	2019		30th	November	2020

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name**

British Society for Research on Ageing

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

**1174127**

**Charity's principal address**

Liverpool John Moores University, James Parsons Building,  
Byrom Street, Liverpool.

**Postcode**

**L3 3AF**

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Prof Claire Stewart	Chairperson		
2	Dr Myriam Chimen	Treasurer	Until July 2021	
3	Dr Neil Martin	Treasurer	As treasurer from July 2021	
4	Dr Cathy Slack	Secretary		
5	Prof Lynne Cox	Governance/Policy lead		
6	Prof Joao Pedro de Megalhaes			
7	Dr Marina Ezcurra	Communications editor		
8	Prof Lorna Harries			
9	Dr Adam Rolt			
10	Dr James Brown			
11	Miss Ursula Tanner			
12	Dr Bradley Elliot		From June 2021	
13	Dr Paul Morgan		From June 2021	
14	Mr Adrian Cull		From June 2021	
18				
19				
20				

### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Standard Registration
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Election by the membership

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

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

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## Section C Objectives and activities

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

The objectives of the society are to:

1. To promote research into the processes, causes and effects of ageing and, as indicated, into means for counteracting these, both in human beings and in other organisms;
2. To publish the results of all such useful research;
3. To further public education therein.

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

In accordance with the constitution of the society, the charity undertook the following activities between the 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2019 and the 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2020.

Promotion of research was undertaken by the continued funding of a PhD studentship (valued at up to £69,750 over three years). The student started their project in October 2016. In addition, the BSRA have also started to offer small grant opportunities, and in late 2020 we provided £104 to support the publication of a paper related to the biology of ageing. We hope to provide more funding in this arena in the coming years.

Diffusion of information on ageing research via: the charity website [www.bsra.org](http://www.bsra.org) and links with the society of biology.

Promotion of the awareness of ageing research via engagement with the public bodies and other charities. The BSRA was invited to provide input to the House of Lords Science and Technology Select Committee report on ageing science.

In 2020 the BSRA annual scientific meeting which promotes and disseminates scientific research on ageing was due to be held at Aston University, however due to the Covid-19 pandemic this was cancelled. BSRA was therefore also unable to award travel bursaries and prizes to award winners at the meeting, which are used to promote the Society and UK based ageing research in the USA via the annual award of a bursary to fund attendance of an early career research at the American Aging Association meeting.

New trustees are expected to read the guidance on public benefit issued by the charity commission, on appointment.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

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

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

When awarding grants the BSRA conforms to the AMRC principles of peer review guidelines, and utilises a minimum of 2 peer reviewers (for awards exceeding £2000) and an independent Scientific Advisory Board for selecting projects for funding. The BSRA is also committed to the 3Rs relating to the use of animals in research.

In addition to the scientific advisory board, the BSRA also has a development board comprised of volunteers, who are concerned with supporting our fundraising efforts through networking and trust fund applications.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Promotion of research was undertaken by the continuance of a PhD studentship (valued at up to £69,750 over three years). The student started their project at the University of Liverpool in October 2016 under the guidance of Prof A McArdle and Dr A Vassilaki.

The BSRA also launched its small grants awards, designated for early career researchers seeking funding for laboratory consumables, funds to help publish their work or funding to disseminate and promote the biology of ageing.

The Annual Scientific Meeting was organised and due to be hosted with the biochemical Society for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, however it was cancelled due to Covid-19.

The BSRA continued to work mutually with the Springer Biogerontology Scientific Journal by guest editing a special issue based around the BSRA 2019 Annual Scientific meeting.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

At the end of the 2020 financial year the charity account balance was >£82,000, which is more than sufficient to cover its outstanding payments. Indeed, 2020 saw the final payment of ~£20,000 in support of a PhD studentship, was the BSRAs most significant outgoing in 2020. The considerable remaining funds are adequate to account for any fluctuations in outgoings in 2021. BSRA is focused on providing smaller grants in the coming years, and aims to increase its membership and fundraising to support future larger grants.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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

Fundraising is being undertaken by applications to trust funds and through personal gifts. We are very pleased to continue to be the SeaVets' identified preferred charity during this period.

## Section F


## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Dr Neil Martin	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer (from 1/7/2021)	

**Date** 16/10/2021



## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1st Dec 2019	To	Period end date 30th Nov 2020
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Membership subscriptions and Annual Scientific meeting registrations	3,666	-	-	3,666	6,413
Sponsorship	-	-	-	-	2,351
Donations	2,948	-	-	2,948	3,584
Other income	3,617	-	-	3,617	188
Interest	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>10,231</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,231</b>	<b>12,536</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>10,231</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,231</b>	<b>12,536</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-
Travel expenses	568	-	-	568	429
Conference costs	-	-	-	-	5,224
Grants	20,045	-	-	20,045	18,775
Poster Prizes	-	-	-	-	2,268
Travel Bursaries	-	-	-	-	215
Subscriptions	652	-	-	652	644
Fundraising Costs	-	-	-	-	604
Professional Costs	500	-	-	500	2,100
Website Development	69	-	-	69	1,202
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>21,834</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,834</b>	<b>31,461</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>21,834</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,834</b>	<b>31,461</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 11,603</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 11,603</b>	<b>- 18,925</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>94,004</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>94,004</b>	<b>112,929</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>82,401</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,401</b>	<b>94,004</b>

### 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 £
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**B1 Cash funds**

Bank account	82,401	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>82,401</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
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**Details**

**B2 Other monetary assets**

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

**Details**

**B3 Investment assets**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**Details**

**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**


Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**Details**

**B5 Liabilities**

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Neil Martin	15/10/2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
British Society for the Research into Ageing

On accounts for the year  
ended

30 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Charity no (if any)	279932
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Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below \*~~) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

Date:

20<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Name:

Tracy Rhys-Williams

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

MAAT

(if any):

Address: 7 Rosebarn Close, Burgess Hill, West Sussex RH15 0HN

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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