



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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">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 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 www.bsra.org 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:

	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	
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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.	Para 1.20	<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:

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

Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	As of the 30 th 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"> 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.
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

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
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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20				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

[illegible]

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

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)	Neil Martin	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	15 th December 2023	



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Charity Name
British Society for Research on Ageing

No (if any)
1174127

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1st Dec 2021

To

Period end date
30th Nov 2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Memberships	2,989	-	-	2,989	4,539
Donations	1,857	-	-	1,857	7,363
Grant funds	14,715	-	-	14,715	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	19,561	-	-	19,561	11,902
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	19,561	-	-	19,561	11,902
A3 Payments					
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
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	25,185	-	-	25,185	7,315
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	25,185	-	-	25,185	7,315
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,624.00	-	-	- 5,624.00	4,587.00
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	86,988.00	-	-	86,988.00	82,401.00
Cash funds this year end	81,364.00	-	-	81,364.00	86,988.00

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

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

Unrestricted
funds
to nearest £

Restricted
funds
to nearest £

Endowment
funds
to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

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

B3 Investment assets

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

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

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

B5 Liabilities


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

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of
approval

	Neil Martin	28/03/2023



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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:

31/5/2023

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.