



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1	12	2020		30	11	2021

## Section A Reference and administration details

<b>Charity name</b>	The Soulsby Foundation
<b>Other names charity is known by</b>	none
<b>Registered charity number (if any)</b>	1174783
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	12 Aynsley Court
	Sandwich
	<b>Postcode CT13 9DU</b>

### 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	Dr Judy MacArthur Clark	Chair	Whole period	
2	Dr Babulal Sethia		Whole period	Royal Society of Medicine
3	Prof David Heymann		Whole period	Royal Society for Tropical Medicine & Hygiene
4	Lord Trees of the Ross		Whole period	
5	Dr Colin Johnstone		Until July 2021	
6	Dr Peter Jinman		Whole period	Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons
7	Dr Jennifer Brazier	Hon. Treasurer	Whole period	
8	Ms Suzanne Jarvis	Hon. Secretary	Whole period	
9	Dr Gabrielle Laing		From Sept 2021	
10	Dr Simon Wheeler		Whole period	
11	Prof Andrew Peters		Whole period	
12	Prof Donald Kelly		Whole period	
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Legal Adviser	Martyn Robinson	Hewitson's, 42 Newmarket Rd, Cambridge, CB5 8EP
Website adviser	Tim Green	Dewar Green, St Michaels, Tenterden, Kent, TN30 6PR

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

None

## 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)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Open advertisement and/or recommendations by Board members and others. Final selection by the full Board. In addition, one trustee may be nominated by each of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS), the Royal Society of Medicine (RSM) and the Royal Society for Tropical Medicine & Hygiene (RSTMH) in accordance with the Constitution which requires approval of the Board.

### 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.

The main activity of the Foundation is to appoint Soulsby Traveling Fellows who will carry out approved projects in the general field of One Health internationally. In addition, the Board appoints a current leader in One Health globally to deliver the annual Soulsby Lecture, usually in association with a major conference. Lecturers appointed generally alternate between medical and veterinary health professionals though other related professions may be considered.

The Board has defined the policy and criteria for Fellowship, and a written procedure is followed. This has been published on the Foundation's website as part of openness and transparency, and will remain under review as each appointment cycle takes place. Eligibility for consideration for a Fellowship has been expanded geographically to include affiliation to a relevant academic institution in the UK, EU, Australasia and North America. Fellows must hold a professional qualification in either human medicine or veterinary medicine.

One trustee retired during the year having reached the end of their appointment. One new trustee was appointed. The Foundation is formally connected with the RCVS, the RSM and the RSTMH with each organisation having a representative on the Board.

Fourteen Soulsby Fellows have so far been appointed and they have now formed a Community of Fellowship to provide advice to the Board as well as to each other. One Fellow, selected by the Community, attends Board meetings as a non-trustee to participate in Board discussions and provide feedback to and from all the Fellows.

The daughter of Lord Soulsby continues to be a Patron of the charity.

A volunteer non-trustee has been appointed to serve as administrative support to the Board, especially in relation to arranging meetings and preparing reports as well as managing the processes for selecting Fellows. This individual receives a small honorarium.

A formal system to identify any Conflict of Interest in relation to any of the Foundation's work, including awarding Fellowships, has been put in place and is described on the website.

The Board has established a Finance sub-committee chaired by the Hon. Treasurer with three other Trustees and terms of reference have been agreed. An anti-bribery policy has been developed and a system for internal reporting of suspicions has been agreed.

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

The objects of the CIO are, for the public benefit, the advancement of science and public health, in particular by promoting research, education, healthcare delivery and advocacy around the connections between animal and human health and the environment.

### 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)

#### Soulsby Fellowships:

The Board has completed the fourth cycle of advertising for applicants for Fellowships, selection and appointment of four Soulsby Fellows for 2021.

The fifth cycle of advertising was started on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 with applications being accepted until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022. The new Fellows will be announced in June 2022.

Soulsby Fellows are required to produce a report of their Fellowship project, and encouraged to make this a public report, either as a presentation or poster at a relevant conference, or as an openly published paper or report.

#### Soulsby Lectures:

- The sixth Soulsby Lecture was delivered in person and to a virtual audience by **Dr Richard Horton, Editor-in-Chief of The Lancet**, in October 2021 as a keynote address at a meeting on One Health held jointly at the Royal Society of Medicine in London between the Soulsby Foundation and the RSM Section for Comparative Medicine.

The lecture was open to the public to attend with registration and a recording is available on the Soulsby Foundation website.

The Trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in selecting Soulsby Fellows and the topic and delivery of the annual Soulsby Lecture.

### 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.

The Board has published the following on its website to ensure its policy on grant making is transparent:

- The definition of One Health applied by the Trustees in considering applications for Fellowships;
- Criteria for Fellowships and the process for applying;
- The process followed by the Trustees in selecting Fellows from applications received;
- The Foundation's Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- A full list of the Trustees who all serve in a voluntary capacity.

The Board has agreed that expenses of Board members will be reimbursed only exceptionally in order to maximise the impact of donations in the field of One Health.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

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

The Foundation has appointed four further Soulsby Fellows for 2021 (in addition to the two inaugural Fellows in 2018, three Fellows in 2019, and five Fellows in 2020). They are:

- **Dr Stephanie Brien - Assessing disease risk across a wildlife-livestock interface in Chad**
  - Endangered antelope are being reintroduced to desert regions to restore lost biodiversity and improve ecosystem function. This brings antelope into contact with livestock, which can result in disease transmission. In these regions, many people are heavily dependent on livestock and are at risk of contracting infections carried by their animals.
  - This project explores the infection status of livestock and reintroduced antelope in Chad. Dr Brien aims to identify the key disease transmission risks, whilst developing tools for monitoring wildlife-livestock health more broadly. This will enable the identification of management solutions that benefit humans, wildlife and livestock.
- **Dr Olga Calatayud - Identifying and understanding the natural barriers preventing spill over of viruses.**
  - The research questions addressed in this project were generated in Dr Calatayud's preliminary study of carnivore parvovirus in the Serengeti, Tanzania. She discovered that this environment is resistant to the introduction of the pandemic variant of carnivore parvovirus which is invading almost all carnivore populations globally except the Serengeti.
  - The aim is to understand the ecosystem barriers that prevent cross-species in this environment. She will analyse the epidemiology of carnivore parvovirus in a second ecosystem in Kenya to make comparisons. This information is fundamental to understanding the links between ecosystem integrity and the risks of outbreaks in animals and humans.
- **Dr Katherine Laycock - An Initial Assessment of Human Arboviral Infections in Botswana.**
  - The mosquito's ability to transmit infectious diseases makes this small insect the world's deadliest animal. As climate change and human movement spread mosquitoes to different regions of the world, mosquito-borne diseases may follow—with potentially devastating consequences for humans and other animals.
  - Dr Laycock's research in Botswana aims to determine whether two families of mosquito-borne viruses, or arboviruses, have entered the country to affect people and mosquitoes there. This work, part of the first arboviral research in Botswana in over 50 years, will help build valuable research capacity and provide important guidance for mosquito control programs in Botswana and neighbouring countries.

- **Dr George Oluoch - Developing the Next Generation Snakebite Therapies**

- This project aims to study the potential of camel antibodies to develop a new snakebite community-dispensable treatment. Snakebite is a neglected tropical disease that kills more than 100,000 and causes severe tissue damage maiming as many as 400,000 victims, every year, with few or no medicines available.
- The project will engage affected communities, healthcare workers and policy makers as well as assess camel antibodies to advise the development of a safe and affordable therapy to treat the disabling health and socioeconomic effects of snakebite in sub-Saharan Africa.

All four Fellows are actively pursuing their projects and providing regular reports to the Trustees and blogs for the website. In addition, the Fellows appointed in 2018, 2019 and 2020 are all working actively toward completing their projects.

The Trustees are aware that the Covid-19 pandemic has restricted opportunities for travel for many Fellows and has agreed no-cost extensions to Fellowship awards to allow for unavoidable delays.

The fifth cycle of advertising for Fellowship applications was started on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 with applications being accepted until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022. The new Fellows will be announced in June 2022.

**The 2021 Soulsby Lecture:**

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

The Foundation's policy is to hold sufficient funds in its regular bank accounts to cover one to two year's predictable expenditure. This is building resilience in a young charity and is mostly in a savings account earning interest.

The remainder of the Foundation's funds are held in the investment account of the Royal Society of Medicine who invest the funds on our behalf in their general investment account overseen by Cazenove Investment Advisors. This is a relatively low risk account but is nevertheless vulnerable to market fluctuations as have been experienced during the 2020-21 financial year.

During 2020, the Trustees appointed a small Finance sub-Committee, chaired by the Treasurer, to review the Foundation's investment and reserves policy. The Committee reports regularly to the Trustees.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

The Foundation does not have 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.

The Foundation's initial funding in 2016 was through a £100K legacy donated by Lord Soulsby. Since achieving charitable status in September 2017, the Trustees have sought additional donations, mainly from friends and colleagues of Lord Soulsby. This has added about £85K to the total. In addition, and based on the number of high-quality applications we have received and the robust selection process we have in place, we have been awarded a grant from the Alborada Trust of £125K over five years (2020-24).

The Trustees awarded a total of £50K in 2018 (two Fellowships) and 2019 (three Fellowships). Since 2020, we have been able to match the Alborada Trust grant and hence award up to £50K per year (four or five Fellowships). We anticipate this will enable us to have a cadre of some 30 Fellows appointed by 2024 who are active in the field of One Health. We anticipate this demonstrated success will enable us to apply for further substantial grants at that stage.

The fund-raising strategy and policy of the Foundation is under regular review. Meanwhile, our ethical investment policy is aligned with that of the Royal Society of Medicine which does not permit the holding of investments in any company with tobacco interests. It also does not permit the direct holding of investments whose primary business (more than 10% of group turnover) is in Fossil Fuels, Gambling, Arms or Pornography. In addition, the total value of the funds invested indirectly should not be more than 5% in those areas.

**Section F****Other optional information**

None.

**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)	Judy MacArthur Clark	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date		



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name <b>The Soulsby Foundation</b>	No (if any)
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 12/1/2020	To	Period end date 11/30/2021
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
Contributions to Capitol (small donations)	155	-	-	155
Contributions to Capitol (single large donation)	-	-	-	-
Contributions to Capitol (recurring donations)	28,500	-	-	28,500
Transfer from investment account	5,632	-	-	5,632
Interest earned	7	-	-	7
Gift Aid received	-	-	-	-
Return of unspent fellowship grants	-	-	-	-
Authors license fee	60	-	-	60
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	<b>34,354</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,354</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>34,354</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,354</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
Fellowship grants awarded	24,624	-	-	24,624
Expenses- website license	288	-	-	288
Expenses-design costs	-	-	-	-
expenses-foreign exchange	48	-	-	48
Expenses-trustees	-	-	-	-
expenses Administration costs	1,200	-	-	1,200
expenses -just giving costs	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>26,160</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,160</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>26,160</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,160</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>8,194</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,194</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>57,175</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,175</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>65,369</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,369</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	HSBC Checking account balance	1,679	-
	HSBC Savings account balance	63,690	-
		-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>65,369</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
	Invested Reserve Funds	RSM FUND	-
			-
			-
			-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
	Grant Payments outstanding 2018	Grant awards	2,145
	Grant Payments outstanding 2019	Grant awards	959
	Grant Payments outstanding 2020	Grant awards	21,556
	Grant Payments outstanding 2021	Grant awards	19,159
		-	

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

Signature

Print Name





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**Last year**  
**to the nearest £**

2,254
-
28,500
-
69
2,756
-
906
100
34,585

-
-

34,585
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24,342
288
171
94
-
1,000
18
-
-
25,913

-

25,913
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8,672
-
48,502
57,174



**Endowment  
funds**

to nearest £

-
-
-
-

OK

**Endowment  
funds**

to nearest £

-
-
-
-
-
-

**Current value  
(optional)**

65,695
-
-
-
-

**Current value  
(optional)**

-
-
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-

**When due  
(optional)**

01 July 2022
01 July 2022
01 July 2022
01 July 2022

Date of  
approval




CHARITY COMMISSION  
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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  
The Soulsby Foundation

On accounts for the year  
ended

30 November 2021

Charity no  
(if any) 1174783

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/11/2021.

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: Corrie L McCann

Date: 12.8.22

Name: CORRIE L MCCANN

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

ACCA

(if any):

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## 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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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

The Soulsby Foundation

No. (if any)

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
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To

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			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees:	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	