

# SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES

England & Wales · Charity number 1181964

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2019-02-11

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO ADVANCE INTERDISCIPLINARY SCIENCE AND EDUCATION IN INTERDISCIPLINARY SCIENCE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY: (A) ESTABLISHING, UPHOLDING AND ADVANCING HIGH STANDARDS OF QUALIFICATION, COMPETENCE AND CONDUCT OF THOSE WHO ARE TEACHING, STUDYING OR PRACTISING INTERDISCIPLINARY SCIENCE;(B) ACTING IN AN ADVISORY, CONSULTATIVE OR REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY IN MATTERS RELATING TO INTERDISCIPLINARY SCIENCE; AND (C) PROMOTING KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING ON TOPICS OF INTERDISCIPLINARY SCIENCE

**Activities:** The objects of the Society for Natural Sciences are to promote and advance knowledge of and education in interdisciplinary science, throughout the UK, for the benefit of the public and the members of the Society.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£11,228	£5,786	-	-
2024-07-31	£7,240	£4,193	-	-
2023-07-31	£7,664	£8,368	-	-
2022-07-31	£12,671	£11,101	-	-
2021-07-31	£6,563	£5,187	-	-
2020-07-31	£10,821	£1,583	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Derek Jeffrey Raine		2019-02-11
GERAINT MARK HOWARD THOMAS		2019-02-11
RODDY VANN		2019-02-11
Susan Jane Crennell		2025-06-04
Tharin Maria Blumenschein de Almeida		2025-07-04

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# Accounts

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**SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 JULY 2025**

Charity number 1181964

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## SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES

### CHARITY INFORMATION

Charity name: Society for Natural Sciences

Charity number: 1181964

### TRUSTEES

The trustees during the year were:

Professor Derek Jeffrey Raine MBE

Roddy Vann

Geraint Mark Howard Thomas

Ruth Jones

Susan Crennell

Tharrin Blumenstein

CEO

Treasurer

(Resigned 24 July 2025)

(Appointed 24 July 2025)

(Appointed 24 July 2025)

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## **SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

### **TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

The trustees present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2025.

Charity information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

Society for Natural Sciences is a registered charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) governed by a constitution dated 11 February 2019.

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##### **Risks**

The Charity is run almost entirely as a volunteer organisation and therefore relies on practicing academic staff able to commit time to the Society. The reduced number of institutions offering degrees in Natural Sciences, following years of expansion, will impact corporate membership (hence income) over the next few years. It also reduces the pool of volunteers as does the increasing time pressure on academic staff. At present and for the near future this is manageable.

##### **Organisational Structure**

The Charity is managed through a main Committee. This comprises the trustees, the chair and CEO of the Society, heads of subcommittees and additional officers where required. The Committee meets at approximately 12 week intervals to receive reports from its five subcommittees and devolve executive and spending powers. The Committee also receives views from the Heads of Natural Sciences Group (comprising directors of teaching in Natural Sciences programmes at member institutions) which meets twice a year.

#### **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

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- establishing, upholding and advancing high standards of qualification, competence and conduct of those who are teaching, studying or practising interdisciplinary science;
- acting in an advisory, consultative or representative capacity in matters relating to interdisciplinary science; and
- promoting knowledge and understanding of topics of interdisciplinary science.

## SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES

### TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

#### ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

##### **CPD for academic members**

The Interdisciplinary Science Pedagogic Research and Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (PedR/SoTL) group continues to operate online using the Society's Zoom account.

The Society publishes the open access academic journal: *New Directions in the Teaching and Learning of Natural Science*.

The Society has also initiated a student journal for publication of undergraduate theses. This is intended to be outward facing to support the public dissemination of information about undergraduate degrees in Natural Sciences.

We sponsored a session at the STEM-Horizons National Meeting, University of Aston ([UK Horizons in STEM Higher Education Conference 2025](#)), June 2025.

These interactions are beneficial to development of curricular in HE Science and to wider society through the improved training of science undergraduates.

**Society Website:** The web site has been set up to provide information about Natural Sciences and to accept membership applications. It has subsequently been expanded to allow members to present a searchable public profile to underpin networking opportunities. It has been further developed to host recordings of seminars and outreach presentations. We have set up a LinkedIn group for the Society.

These are of benefit to members in supporting networking and dissemination of information.

**Student Conference 2025:** A national 1-day meeting for undergraduate students of Natural Sciences hosted by the Open University. This provides training and networking opportunities for undergraduate students.

##### **Outreach**

Talks to Schools: Five on-line outreach sessions in 2024-2025 were delivered through Channel Talent to high school pupils and teachers and individuals. These activities are of direct public benefit in disseminating educational opportunities for students in science.

**Accreditation:** The accreditation process has been rolled out involving the accreditation of university programmes in Natural Sciences. The process is under review to ensure it is fit for purpose for the accreditation round in 2026. Accreditation to verify and maintain degree standards is a central part of the Society's social benefit.

**Membership:** Membership is an issue. Four Universities have closed their Natural Sciences programmes to new entrants (Leicester, Southampton, York, Keel) against a background of financial consolidation in the sector.

Membership of recently graduated students has improved but has still not met expectations. We are working to address this issue with the ongoing development of a student council.

Undergraduate members are recruited through the Affiliation scheme for Institutional undergraduate societies. New administrative measures were put in place for 2025-6 academic year to improve membership and to enhance the effectiveness of the student council.

**Fundraising:** Fees from institutional memberships (our main source of income) have reduced as a result of programme closures. The reduction will not impact the Society's core activities but will limit initiatives beyond this, for example development grants and sponsorships. Fees from individual members are less than anticipated but this has not affected the activities of the Society as they form a minor contribution to current income. Accreditation, which has been designed as an income-neutral process, generates a small surplus.

The trustees have exercised diligence in ensuring public benefit of activities through their membership of the Main Committee of the Society.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**


During the year income of £11,228 (2024: £7,240) was received and payments were made of £5,786 (2024: £4,193) resulting in a surplus of £5,442 (2024 surplus: £3,047).

**RESERVES POLICY**

The charity's policy is to retain sufficient funds to meet its own expected future obligations.

The charity's free reserves at 31 July 2025 amount to £19,969 (2024: £14,527).

Approved by the trustees on 27 May 2026



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D J Raine - CEO

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2025 comprise of the receipts and payments account, statement of assets and liabilities and notes to the accounts.

**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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

*Andrew Northern*

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27 May 2026

**SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

		<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Staff subscriptions		390	527
Student subscriptions		138	146
University subscriptions		10,700	6,500
Association subscriptions		-	58
Other income		-	9
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<b>Total receipts</b>		11,228	7,240
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<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Charitable activities	3	5,786	4,193
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<b>Total payments</b>		5,786	4,193
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<b>Increase/(decrease) in Bank</b>		<b>5,442</b>	<b>3,047</b>
Balance at 1 August 2024		14,527	11,480
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<b>Balance at 31 July 2025</b>		<b>19,969</b>	<b>14,527</b>
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**SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 JULY 2025**

	31 July 2025 £	31 July 2024 £
<b>Assets held for charity's use</b>		
Website - fully written down	-	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Debtors</b>	1,333	2,000
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Bank and cash balances</b>		
Bank accounts - Co-Operative account	19,944	14,522
- PayPal account	25	5
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Total bank	19,969	14,527
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<b>Creditors</b>		
Accruals - Independent examiner's fee	675	1,236
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Approved on behalf of the Trustees on 27 May 2026



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R Vann - Treasurer

**SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

1. **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, on a receipts and payments basis, in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and following the guidance for accounting for smaller charities issued by the Charity Commissioners.

2. **INFORMATION REGARDING TRUSTEES**

No trustee or persons related or connected by business to them have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustee received any reimbursement for expenses incurred during the year.

3. **CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	2025 £	2024 £
Publicity expenses	268	-
Webinar expenses	2,016	2,016
Independent examination fee	1,260	-
Membership fee	1,136	836
Staff costs	247	696
Insurance	198	174
Website	431	96
Conference sponsorship	-	250
Student conference expenses	230	125
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	5,786	4,193
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England & Wales - Charity number 1181964

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# Accounts

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## Society For Natural Sciences Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 July 2024  
Charity Registration No: 1181964



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(Appointed 8 July 2024)

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**Newsletters:** A newsletter was sent out. There are plans in place to expand this. These are of benefit to members in supporting networking and dissemination of information.

## SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES

### TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

#### ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE (continued)

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The trustees have exercised diligence in ensuring public benefit of activities through their membership of the Main Committee of the Society.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year income of £7,240 (2023: £7,664) was received and payments were made of £4,193 (2023: £8,368) resulting in a surplus of £3,047 (2023 deficit: £704).

#### RESERVES POLICY

The charity's policy is to retain sufficient funds to meet its own expected future obligations.

The charity's free reserves at 31 July 2024 amount to £14,527 (2023: £11,480).

Approved by the trustees on 21 May 2025



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D J Raine - CEO

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

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22 May 2025

**SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Staff subscriptions	527	488
Student subscriptions	146	147
University subscriptions	6,500	7,000
Association subscriptions	58	29
Other income	9	-
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<b>Total receipts</b>	7,240	7,664
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<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Charitable activities	3	4,193
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<b>Total payments</b>	4,193	8,368
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<b>Increase/(decrease) in Bank</b>	<b>3,047</b>	<b>(704)</b>
Balance at 1 August 2023	11,480	12,184
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<b>Balance at 31 July 2024</b>	<b>14,527</b>	<b>11,480</b>
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**SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 JULY 2024**

	31 July 2024 £	31 July 2023 £
<b>Assets held for charity's use</b>		
Website - fully written down	-	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Debtors</b>	2,000	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Bank and cash balances</b>		
Bank accounts - Co-Operative account	14,522	11,073
- PayPal account	5	407
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total bank	14,527	11,480
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Creditors</b>		
Accruals - Independent examiner's fee	1,236	600
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Approved on behalf of the Trustees on 21 May 2025



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R Vann - Treasurer

**SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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No trustee received any reimbursement for expenses incurred during the year.

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	2024 £	2023 £
Accreditor fees	-	353
Publicity expenses	-	283
Webinar expenses	2,016	1,872
Independent examination fee	-	540
Membership fee	836	796
Staff costs	696	785
Subscriptions	-	176
Miscellaneous costs	-	15
Insurance	174	158
Website	96	608
Launch event	-	2,782
Conference sponsorship	250	-
Student conference expenses	125	-
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	4,193	8,368
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## Society For Natural Sciences Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 July 2023  
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## SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES

### TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

#### ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE (continued)

**Student Conference 2023:** A national 1-day meeting for undergraduate students of Natural Sciences hosted by the UCL. This provides training and networking opportunities for undergraduate students.

This followed on from a national meeting at the Crick Institute, initially intended to inaugurate the Society but delayed by Covid. The role of the Society was disseminated to a number of high-profile stakeholders and representatives of professional bodies. This provided networking opportunities for Society members.

#### Outreach

Talks to Schools: Six on-line outreach sessions were delivered through Channel Talent to high school pupils and teachers and individuals. These activities are of direct public benefit in disseminating educational opportunities for students in science.

**Accreditation:** The accreditation process has been rolled out involving the accreditation of four more university programmes in Natural Sciences. Accreditation to verify and maintain degree standards is a central part of the Society's social benefit.

**Membership:** Membership has grown steadily if slowly. We have 15 member institutions. Membership of recently graduated students has improved but has still not met expectations. We are working to address this issue with the ongoing development of a student council. Undergraduate members have been recruited through a new Affiliation scheme for Institutional undergraduate societies.

**Fundraising:** Fees from institutional memberships are currently in line with the Society's business plan. Fees from other members are less than anticipated but this has not affected the activities of the Society as they form a minor contribution to current income which has been more than offset by accreditation fees. However, we are faced with a reduction in the number of universities offering Natural Science degrees which will impact our corporate membership. This will not have any immediate impact on activities, but will limit the scope for expansion and will be kept under review.

The trustees have exercised diligence in ensuring public benefit of activities through their membership of the Main Committee of the Society.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year income of £7,664 (2022: £12,671) was received and payments were made of £8,368 (2022: £11,101) resulting in a deficit of £704 (2022 surplus: £1,570).

#### RESERVES POLICY

The charity's policy is to retain sufficient funds to meet its own expected future obligations.

The charity's free reserves at 31 July 2023 amount to £11,480 (2022: £12,184).

Approved by the trustees on 21 May 2024



D J Raine (May 22, 2024 08:43 GMT+1)

D J Raine - CEO

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

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**Independent examiner's statement**

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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.

*Frances Howard*

[Frances Howard \(May 22, 2024 09:27 GMT+1\)](#)

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21 May 2024

**SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Staff subscriptions	488	663
Student subscriptions	147	269
University subscriptions	7,000	4,000
Association subscription	29	39
University accreditation fees	-	7,700
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<b>Total receipts</b>	7,664	12,671
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<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Charitable activities	3	8,368
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<b>Total payments</b>	8,368	11,101
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<b>(Decrease)/increase in Bank</b>	<b>(704)</b>	<b>1,570</b>
Balance at 1 August 2022	12,184	10,614
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<b>Balance at 31 July 2023</b>	11,480	12,184
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**SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 JULY 2023**

	31 July 2023 £	31 July 2022 £
<b>Assets held for charity's use</b>		
Website	-	695
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Total intangible fixed assets	-	695
	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
<b>Debtors</b>	-	500
	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
<b>Bank and cash balances</b>		
Bank accounts - Co-Operative account	11,073	12,174
- PayPal account	407	10
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Total bank	11,480	12,184
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<b>Creditors</b>		
Accruals - Independent examiner's fee	600	540
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Approved on behalf of the Trustees on 21 May 2024



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R Vann - Treasurer

**SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, on a receipts and payments basis, in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and following the guidance for accounting for smaller charities issued by the Charity Commissioners.

**2. INFORMATION REGARDING TRUSTEES**

No trustee or persons related or connected by business to them have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustee received any reimbursement for expenses incurred during the year.

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accreditor fees	353	4,950
Accreditor administration	-	2,171
Publicity expenses	283	196
Webinar expenses	1,872	1,872
Independent examination fee	540	498
Membership fee	796	381
Staff costs	785	682
Subscriptions	176	144
Miscellaneous costs	15	49
Insurance	158	158
Website	608	-
Launch event	2,782	-
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	8,368	11,101
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**SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

England & Wales - Charity number 1181964

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**SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

**CHARITY INFORMATION**

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Charity number: 1181964

**TRUSTEES**

The trustees during the year were:

Professor Derek Jeffrey Raine MBE	CEO
Roddy Vann	Treasurer
Geraint Mark Howard Thomas	
Ruth Jones	

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## SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES

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#### Outreach

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**Accreditation:** The accreditation process has been rolled out involving the accreditation of nine university programmes in Natural Sciences. Accreditation to verify and maintain degree standards is a central part of the Society's social benefit.

The trustees have exercised diligence in ensuring public benefit of activities through their membership of the Main Committee of the Society.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year income of £12,671 (2021: £6,563) was received and payments were made of £11,101 (2021: £5,187) resulting in a surplus of £1,570 (2021: £1,376). This will aid the charity moving forward to delivery its aims and objectives.

#### RESERVES POLICY

The charity's policy is to retain sufficient funds to meet its own expected future obligations.

The charity's free reserves at 31 July 2022 amount to £12,184 (2021: £10,614).

Approved by the trustees on 19 May 2023



*Derek J Raine*  
Signed on 22/05/23 @ 11:27

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D J Raine - CEO

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*N P Clemit*  
Signed on 24/05/23 @ 09:22

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22 May 2023

**SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

		<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Staff subscriptions		663	566
Student subscriptions		269	19
University subscriptions		4,000	5,978
Association subscription		39	-
University accreditation fees		7,700	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Total receipts</b>		12,671	6,563
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Charitable activities	3	11,101	3,102
Assets purchased	4	-	2,085
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<b>Total payments</b>		11,101	5,187
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<b>Increase in Bank</b>		<b>1,570</b>	<b>1,376</b>
Balance at 1 August 2021		10,614	9,238
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<b>Balance at 31 July 2022</b>		12,184	10,614
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**SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 JULY 2022**

	31 July 2022 £	31 July 2021 £
<b>Assets held for charity's use</b>		
Website	695	1,390
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Total intangible fixed assets	695	1,390
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<b>Debtors</b>	500	2,245
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<b>Bank and cash balances</b>		
Bank accounts - Co-Operative account	12,174	10,614
- PayPal account	10	-
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Total bank	12,184	10,614
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<b>Creditors</b>		
Accruals - Independent examiner's fee	540	494
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Approved on behalf of the Trustees on 19 May 2023



*Roddy Vann*  
Signed on 24/05/23 @ 08:22

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R Vann - Treasurer

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	2022 £	2021 £
Accreditor fees	4,950	-
Accreditor administration	2,171	-
Publicity expenses	196	-
Webinar expenses	1,872	1,872
Independent examination fee	498	480
Membership fee	381	750
Staff costs	682	-
Subscriptions	144	-
Miscellaneous costs	49	-
Insurance	158	-
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	11,101	3,102
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**4. ASSETS PURCHASED**

	2022 £	2021 £
Website	-	2,085
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**SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

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(Appointed 24 May 2021)

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## SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES

### TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021

#### ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE (continued)

##### Outreach

Talks to Schools: Six on-line outreach sessions in 2020-2021 were delivered through Channel Talent to high school pupils and teachers and individuals.

These activities are of direct public benefit in disseminating educational opportunities for students in science.

**Accreditation:** The accreditation process has been finalised for roll out in 2021-22. This will involve 13 applicant Universities.

Accreditation to verify and maintain degree standards is a central part of the Society's social benefit.

##### Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic:

Note: In view of the impact of the pandemic in restricting what the Society could offer to students in 2020-21, student membership was offered at no charge (instead of the usual £5 pa).

The charity trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the charity commission in exercising their powers or duties.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year income of £6,563 (2020: £10,821) was received and payments were made of £5,187 (2020: £1,583) resulting in a surplus of £10,614 (2020: £9,238). This will aid the charity moving forward to delivery its aims and objectives.

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Approved by the trustees on 22 May 2022



*Derick J Raine*

Signed on 23/05/22 @ 12:23

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D J Raine - CEO

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*N P Clemit*

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22 May 2022

**SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021**

		1 August 2020 - 31 July 2021 £	11 February 2019 - 31 July 2020 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Staff subscriptions		566	429
Student subscriptions		19	34
University subscriptions		5,978	10,348
Miscellaneous income		-	10
		_____	_____
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>6,563</b>	<b>10,821</b>
		_____	_____
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Charitable activities	3	3,102	1,583
Assets purchased	4	2,085	-
		_____	_____
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>5,187</b>	<b>1,583</b>
		_____	_____
Increase in Bank		1,376	9,238
Balance at 1 August 2020		9,238	-
		_____	_____
<b>Balance at 31 July 2021</b>		<b>10,614</b>	<b>9,238</b>
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**SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 JULY 2021**

	31 July 2021 £	31 July 2020 £
<b>Assets held for charity's use</b>		
Website	1,390	-
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Total intangible fixed assets	1,390	-
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<b>Debtors</b>	2,245	-
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<b>Bank and cash balances</b>		
Bank accounts - Co-Operative account	10,614	9,238
- PayPal account	-	-
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Total bank	10,614	9,238
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<b>Creditors</b>		
Accruals - Independent examiner's fee	494	480
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Approved on behalf of the Trustees on 22 May 2022



*Roddy Vann*  
Signed on 28/05/22 @ 12:40

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R Vann - Treasurer

**SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, on a receipts and payments basis, in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and following the guidance for accounting for smaller charities issued by the Charity Commissioners.

**2. INFORMATION REGARDING TRUSTEES**

No trustee or persons related or connected by business to them have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustee received any reimbursement for expenses incurred during the year.

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	2021 £	2020 £
Website expenses	-	200
Launch event expenses	-	297
Publicity expenses	-	1,086
Webinar expenses	1,872	-
Independent examination fee	480	-
Membership fee	750	-
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	3,102	1,583
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**4. ASSETS PURCHASED**

	2021 £	2020 £
Website	2,085	-
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	2,085	-
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**SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

England & Wales - Charity number 1181964

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# Accounts

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**SOCIETY FOR  
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**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED**

**31 JULY 2020**

Charity number 1181964

SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES

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**SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

**CHARITY INFORMATION**

Charity name: Society for Natural Sciences

Charity number: 1181964

**TRUSTEES**

The trustees during the period were:

Professor Derek Jeffrey Raine MBE	CEO	(Appointed 11 February 2019)
Roddy Vann	Treasurer	(Appointed 11 February 2019)
Geraint Mark Howard Thomas		(Appointed 11 February 2019)

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Nigel Clemit ACA, FCCA  
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## SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES

### TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2020

The trustees present their report and the accounts for the period ended 31 July 2020.

Charity information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Society for Natural Sciences is a registered charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) governed by a constitution dated 11 February 2019.

#### Trustees

At the first annual general meeting of the members of the CIO all the charity trustees shall retire from office. At every subsequent annual general meeting of the members of the CIO, one-third of the charity trustees shall retire from office. If the number of charity trustees is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office, but if there is only one charity trustee, he or she shall retire. The charity trustees to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment. If any trustees were last appointed or reappointed on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot. The vacancies so arising may be filled by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting. The members or the charity trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity trustee. A person so appointed by the charity trustees shall retire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting after the date of his or her appointment, and shall not be counted for the purpose of determining which of the charity trustees is to retire by rotation at that meeting.

#### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The objects of the CIO are to advance interdisciplinary science and education in interdisciplinary science for the benefit of the public, in particular but not exclusively by:

- establishing, upholding and advancing high standards of qualification, competence and conduct of those who are teaching, studying or practising interdisciplinary science;
- acting in an advisory, consultative or representative capacity in matters relating to interdisciplinary science; and
- promoting knowledge and understanding of topics of interdisciplinary science.

#### ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

The charity has established an Interdisciplinary Science Pedagogic Research and Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (PedR/SoTL) group on the Advance HE Connect Platform. The charity has run two linked workshops on an Introduction to Pedagogic Research through Advance HE Connect. The charity has agreed to sponsor a session at the STEM-Horizons National Meeting, June 2021. The charity has collaborated with Physiological Society on a survey of science teaching in HE. These interactions are beneficial to development of curricular in HE Science and to wider society through the improved training of science undergraduates

The web site has been set up to provide information about Natural Sciences and to accept membership applications. It has subsequently been expanded to allow members to present a searchable public profile to underpin networking opportunities. A Newsletter has been prepared for distribution in August. These are of benefit to members in supporting networking and dissemination of information.

**SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

**TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2020**

**ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE (continued)**

A national 2-day meeting for undergraduate students of Natural Sciences held in Birmingham. This provided training and networking opportunities for undergraduate students.

The charity has trialled an online outreach session for schools through Channel Talent. The charity propose to deliver six on-line outreach sessions in 2020-2021 to high school pupils and teachers and individuals. The charity has been present at 3 UCAS fairs (prior to the pandemic restrictions). These activities are of direct public benefit in disseminating educational opportunities for students in science.

Progress on accreditation of undergraduate courses in Natural Sciences has been seriously impacted by the pandemic. Work progressed on developing the accreditation procedures at a meeting with other learned societies (IOP, RSC). Preparation is under way to roll out an online process in the later part of 2021. Accreditation to verify and maintain degree standards is a central part of the Society's social benefit.

The charity trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the charity commission in exercising their powers or duties.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

During the period income of £10,821 was received and payments were made of £1,583, resulting in a surplus of £9,238. This will aid the charity moving forward to delivery its aims and objectives.

**RESERVES POLICY**

The charity's policy is to retain sufficient funds to meet its own expected future obligations.

The charity's free reserves at 31 July 2020 amount to £9,238.

Approved by the trustees on 6 May 2021



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D J Raine - CEO

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 July 2020 comprise of the receipts and payments account, statement of assets and liabilities and notes to the accounts.

**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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Nigel Clemit ACA FCCA  
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20 May 2021

SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2020

	11 February 2019 - 31 July 2020 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Staff subscriptions	429
Student subscriptions	34
University subscriptions	10,348
Miscellaneous income	10
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<b>Total receipts</b>	10,821
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<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
Website expenses	200
Launch event expenses	297
Publicity expenses	1,086
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<b>Total payments</b>	1,583
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Increase in Bank	9,238
Initial balance	-
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<b>Balance at 31 July 2020</b>	9,238
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This is the first period of account for the charity and therefore no comparatives are presented.

SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 JULY 2020

	31 July 2020 £
Debtors	-
<b>Bank and cash balances</b>	
Bank accounts - Co-Operative account	9,238
- PayPal account	-
Total bank	9,238
Accruals - Independent examiner's fee	480

Approved on behalf of the Trustees on 6 May 2021

  
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R Vann - Treasurer

**SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES**

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