



**SOCIETY FOR  
NATURAL  
SCIENCES**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED**

**31 JULY 2020**

Charity number 1181964

**jwpcreeers llp**  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

# 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  
Roddy Vann  
Geraint Mark Howard Thomas

CEO  
Treasurer

(Appointed 11 February 2019)  
(Appointed 11 February 2019)  
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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.



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### **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.

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20 May 2021

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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.

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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



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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2020**

**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 period.

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