



SOCIETY FOR
NATURAL
SCIENCES

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 JULY 2022

Charity number 1181964

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Charity name: Society for Natural Sciences

Charity number: 1181964

TRUSTEES

The trustees during the year were:

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

The trustees present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2022.

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

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 has taken on the academic journal: *New Directions in the Teaching and Learning of Natural Science*.

We sponsored a session at the STEM-Horizons National Meeting (<https://ukstemconference.com>), June 2022. 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 website 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.

Newsletters: Two newsletters have been sent (summer and new year). These are of benefit to members in supporting networking and dissemination of information.

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ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE (continued)

Student Conference 2022 A national 2-day meeting for undergraduate students of Natural Sciences hosted online by the University of Nottingham. This provides training and networking opportunities for undergraduate students.

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 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



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

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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 2022 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.



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

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22 May 2023

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

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

| | 31 July 2022 £ | 31 July 2021 £ |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Assets held for charity's use | | |
| Website | 695 | 1,390 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total intangible fixed assets | 695 | 1,390 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Debtors | 500 | 2,245 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Bank and cash balances | | |
| Bank accounts - Co-Operative account | 12,174 | 10,614 |
| - PayPal account | 10 | - |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total bank | 12,184 | 10,614 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Creditors | | |
| 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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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

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

| | 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 | - |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 11,101 | 3,102 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |

4. ASSETS PURCHASED

| | 2022 £ | 2021 £ |
|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Website | - | 2,085 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | - | 2,085 |
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