

Report of CamRuSS activities in 2021

Dear Members of The Cambridge Russian-Speaking Society,

I am pleased to conclude that we, at CamRuSS, have had an eventful and successful year. We held 25 events with the majority held remotely via Zoom, including an online Easter Art Sale in support of local artists. We delivered three in-person events later in the year – once the Covid restrictions have been lifted - talks by the distinguished Patrons of CamRuSS – Sir Tony Brenton and Prof Anthony Cross, Russian film screening and four outdoor social events in May, June, September and October.

Over 2000 people joined our events during the year, notwithstanding the social distancing restrictions and in many ways thanks to the new format we had to embrace since March 2020. We have had speakers and attendees from various countries connecting and contributing to our meetings.

Although we did not charge for our online events, we saw our membership revenues increased by 87% and overall income by 31 % when compared to the same period last year – thanks to the support of our members, donations of our events' participants and financial support of one of our patrons - Libby Howie.

Some of the highlights of 2021:

We delivered an engaging and insightful programme of events exploring various aspects of Russian history and culture: from geography to history, marking 200th anniversary of Fyodor Dostoevsky and 60th anniversary of Yuri Gagarin's visit to the UK, 80th anniversary of the beginning of the siege of Leningrad and Andrey Sakharov's birth centenary, as well as a film screening as part of our ongoing collaboration with the Russian Film Week.

With great sadness we saw the departure of Dr John Barber – one of the most prominent and loyal supporters of our charity since its conception in 1999, who acted as an Honorary Adviser since our organisation was awarded a charitable status in 2019. John passed away in June 2021. He bequeathed his library to our charity.

Over the course of the year, we were delighted to welcome a new distinguished patron of CamRuSS: Prof Emma Widdis. We would like to extend our thanks to Libby Howie, whose continued support allowed us to cover our administrative costs, including the part-time administrative assistant's salary. Laura Thomas joined our team in August 2021, when Elvira Churyumova went on maternity leave.

We held an online meeting with the Russian veterans of the Second World War and sent cards and gifts to the veterans of Arctic Convoys in Britain. We commissioned Christmas cards with a local artist Ludmila Perlova and sent them to our key supporters and partners of our charity.

All this was made possible thanks to the leadership of the Patrons: Sir Tony Brenton, Libby Howie, Dr Rachel Polonsky, Prof Anthony Cross and Prof Emma Widdis, and active support of the Board of Trustees: Ksenia Afonina (Chair), Yelena Karl (Vice-Chair & Events Coordinator), Alona Gunko (Treasurer), Elena Richer (Events), Ekaterina Onatskaia (membership), Sayara Thompson (Membership Development & GDPR Officer), Oksana Gerasimova (secretary), Jelena Carter (social events & Health & Safety Officer) and Honorary Advisers: Tanya Yurasova, Janar Davletov, Firuza Melville.

I would like to thank all volunteers and especially some key supporters in 2021: Natasha Bacon (communications), Beverly Lott (proofreading), Alla Viktorova and Laura Thomas (conversation group).

Sincere thanks to all members, speakers, attendees and contributors to our events as well as the team of patrons, trustees and volunteers for making 2021 a rewarding and successful year for our charity.

Ksenia Afonina. Chair

Financial Report CamRuSS 2021

Our income for the year stands at £19,558 (£14,908 in 2020) which is represented by event entrance fees, donations, sponsorship and external grants, membership fees, and other income.

Entrance fees £581 (£1,473 in 2020), during the Covid pandemic we had a lot of events online and they were offered for free or donation.

There was no sponsorship and external grants in 2021 (£500 in 2020).

Donations. In 2020 we received incredibly generous donations from our supporters and a Patron. Overall received amount was £13,405 (£10,900 in 2020) which is about 70% of the total income received in the year. There was one particularly large donation of £10k given to support work of an administrative assistant and development of our website.

Membership fees were £2,298 (£1,473 in 2020).

Other income £3,274 (£805 in 2020). For the first time we received a Gift Aid of £2,864 on donations.

We provided our events online for free and asked for donations. The Trustees are very grateful to the members for their continued support during another challenging year.

The overall expenditure in 2020 was £8,422 (£5,527 in 2020). We had a similar proportion on expenses as in 2020, of which is:

Direct costs £1,257 (£1,974 in 2020).

Overheads consisted of website maintenance, subscription fees and insurance £1,130 (£1,119 in 2020). During the Covid pandemic we successfully improved delivery of our online events via Zoom and website maintenance to be able to carry out our events virtually.

Governance and Corporate costs £6,034 (£2,434 in 2020). 1% (1% in 2020) governance and 42% (42% in 2020) to corporate costs, i.e. corporate memberships. One of the main factors that lead to the increase in corporate costs was the employment of a part-time administrative assistant.

Alona Gunko, Treasurer



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Cambridge Russian-Speaking Society			Charity No	1183636
Annual accounts for the period				
Period start date	01/01/2021	To	Period end date	31/12/2021

Recommended categories by activity	Restricted			Total funds 2021	Total funds 2020
	Unrestricted funds	income funds	Endowment funds		
	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	15,703	-	-	15,703	12,629
Charitable activities	3,855	-	-	3,855	2,279
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	19,558	-	-	19,558	14,908
Resources expended					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	104
Charitable activities	8,422	-	-	8,421	5,423
Separate material item of expense	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	8,422	-	-	8,421	5,527
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	11,137	-	-	11,137	9,381
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	11,137	-	-	11,137	9,381
Extraordinary items	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	11,137	-	-	11,137	9,381
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward	11,137	-	-	11,137	9,381

Section B **Balance sheet as at 31/12/2021**
The Cambridge Russian-Speaking Society

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Heritage assets	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets					
Stocks	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	40,030	-	-	40,030	28,892
<i>Total current assets</i>	40,030	-	-	40,030	28,892
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	40,030	-	-	40,030	28,892
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	40,030	-	-	40,030	28,892
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total net assets or liabilities</i>	40,030	-	-	40,030	28,892
Funds of the Charity					
Endowment funds	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds	-	-	-	-	500
Unrestricted funds	-	11,137	-	11,137	8,881
Revaluation reserve	-	28,892	-	28,892	19,511
<i>Total funds</i>	-	40,029	-	40,029	28,892
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Name		Position		Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
	A. Gunko		Trustee & Treasurer		14/10/2022
	K.Afonina		Chair of Board of Trustees		14/10/2022

Notes to the accounts

Note 1

Analysis of income

For the year ending 31 December 2021

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Total funds £
Analysis					
Donations and legacies:					
Donations and gifts	13,405	-	-	13,405	10,900
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
General grants provided by government/other charities	-	-	-	-	500
Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance donations	2,298	-	-	2,298	1,229
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	15,703	-	-	15,703	12,629
Charitable activities:					
Entrance fee	581	-	-	581	1,473
Raffle tickets	-	-	-	-	-
Other	3,274	-	-	3,274	806
Total	3,855	-	-	3,855	2,279
Other trading activities:					
Merchandise sale	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-
Income from investments:					
Interest income	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend income	-	-	-	-	-
Rental and leasing income	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income:					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-
Other:					
Conversion of endowment funds into income	-	-	-	-	-
Gain on disposal of a tangible fixed asset held for charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Gain on disposal of a programme related investment	-	-	-	-	-
Royalties from the exploitation of intellectual property rights	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	19,558	-	-	19,558	14,908

Notes to the accounts

Note 2

Analysis of expenditure

For the year ended 31 December 2021

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31/12/2020

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Total funds £
	Analysis					
Expenditure on raising funds:	Incurred seeking donations	-	-	-	-	-
	Incurred seeking legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	Incurred seeking grants					
	Operating membership schemes and social lotteries					
	Staging fundraising events					
	Fundraising agents					
	Merchandise cost				-	-
	Operating a trading company undertaking non-charitable trading activity				-	-
	Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	-		-	-	104
	Start up costs incurred in generating new source of future	-	-	-	-	-
	Database development costs	-	-	-	-	-
	Other trading activities	-				
	Investment management costs:	-	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio management costs	-	-	-	-	-
	Cost of obtaining investment advice	-	-	-	-	-
	Investment administration costs	-	-	-	-	-
	Intellectual property licencing costs	-	-	-	-	-
	Rent collection, property repairs and maintenance charges	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total expenditure on raising funds	-	-	-	-	104
Expenditure on charitable activities	Flowers and souvenirs	45		-	45	292
	Guest fees	-		-	-	783
	Publicity and promotion					88
	Venue hire	-		-	-	-
	Travel cost	-		-	-	134
	Hospitality for events	101			101	198
	Stationery & Postage	41			41	368
	Web and IT expenses	920			920	969
	Fees & Subscriptions	211			211	176
	Other direct cost	6,730		-	6,730	2,138
	Total expenditure on charitable activities	8,047	-	-	8,047	5,145
Separate material item of expense		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-

Other	Total	-	-	-	-	-
	Governance cost	374	-	-	374	278
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total other expenditure	374	-	-	374	278
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		8,422	-	-	8,422	5,527