

# THE SOMERSCIENCE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1198113

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2022-03-02

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN SOMERSET IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, MATHEMATICS AND ENGINEERING (STEM) AND TO PROMOTE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT IN ALL ASPECTS OF STEM DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

**Activities:** To advance the education of the public in Somerset in science, technology, mathematics and engineering (STEM) and to promote public engagement in all aspects of STEM developments for the public benefit.

## Classification

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- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Somerset

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£30,004	£27,620	-	-
2024-09-30	£24,350	£28,933	-	-
2023-09-30	£38,990	£31,243	-	-
2022-09-30	£2,000	£500	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Richard Champneys		2022-05-19
Christopher John Budd OBE		2022-05-19
Darren Stephen Wilson		2024-09-10
Dr Lucy Hannah Smith		2022-05-19
Gavin Thomas Costigan		2022-03-02
Kate Bartels		2025-10-27
Rachel Anne Toal		2025-10-20
Rebecca Louise Hale		2025-10-17

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	01	10	2024	To	30	09	2025

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** The Somerscience Trust

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1198113

**Charity's principal address** 12 Westrow Road  
 Southampton  
 Postcode SO15 2LY

### 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	Alan Champneys	Chair	Continuous as Trustee. Chair from July 2025	-
2	Gavin Costigan	Secretary & Treasurer	Continuous as Trustee. Secretary & Treasurer from July 2025	-
3	Christopher Budd	Safeguarding lead	Continuous	-
4	Darren Wilson	Trustee	Continuous	-
5	Lucy Smith	Trustee	Continuous	-
6	Teresa Colleen Bower	Trustee & Chair	Until April 2025	-
7	Simon Connell	Trustee & Treasurer	Until June 2025	-
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21				

### 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
Accountants	Linden Accountants Ltd	Scrapstore House, 21 Sevier Street, St Werburghs, Bristol, BS2 9LB

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

None - The Charity has no staff

## 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)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by existing trustees

### 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.

With the exception of the Founding Trustees, trustees are appointed by a properly constituted meeting of the Trustee Board. They are appointed for a three year term, which is renewable twice.

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

To advance the education of the public in Somerset in science, technology, mathematics and engineering and to promote public engagement in all aspects of STEM developments for the public benefit.

**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)**

The Somerscience Trust organised an annual family science festival on 5 May 2025. This is the primary mechanism that the Somerscience trust uses to deliver public benefit, in accordance with its charitable objects.

The 2025 festival attracted 5000 visitors. The primary demographic was children attending with their families.

In the post-event survey:

- 100% of visitors rated the festival between Good and Excellent – an improvement compared to 2024.
- 96% of visitors would recommend the festival to their network.
- 88% of visitors gained more interest in STEM after the festival.
- 59% gained more interested in a STEM career.
- 91% felt the festival had a positive impact on their belief that STEM is relevant to their daily life.

At least 90% of professional contributors reported Good or Excellent:

- The number of interactions they had with target audience.
- The level of engagement from the audience.
- The quality of interactions had.
- Number of visitors (51% rated this as excellent)

We are bringing STEM to the local rural population and developing inspiration and a sense of the future possibilities for careers, learning and wellbeing.

**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.

All trustees, implementation team members and event assistants on the day are volunteers and we could not offer this festival as a free benefit to the public without their generous contribution of time and expertise.

The Somerscience Trust does not give out grants, nor are its finances sufficient to hold investments.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

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

We had 6 objectives for this festival round:

1. Afford a minimum of 20,000 engagements by young people from South Somerset. Fully met. Demographic data suggests that 26% of attendees were under the age of 18 (around 1250). 20,000 engagements from this group would require an average interaction with just 16 of the 68 activities on offer.
2. Recruit at least 80 contributing organisations and 100 discrete activities. Partly met. We had enquiries for closer to 80 organisations, however with the available space and the nature of the activities, the number of organisations was restricted to 60. Of which, 53 were present at the festival.
3. Achieve a quality experience for participants and attendees. Fully Met. 100% of visitors completing the survey rated the quality of the event between 'Good' and 'Excellent'. Contributors gave the festival an average rating of 8.52/10 in terms of meeting expectations.
4. Build on the baseline of visitor numbers and demographic profile achieved in the first year. Partly met. Although visitor numbers remained around 5000, for the scale and nature of the event this year, that considered a good number and was matched well with the activities and event space available.
5. Effect positive change on attitudes towards STEM and STEM careers from visitors leading eventually to a quantitative increase in STEM uptake at choice points and after-school clubs. Partly met. 59% of attendees said the festival made them more likely to consider studying or working in a STEM field. Post festival, 'Very Positive' attitudes to STEM became 59%, an increase of 38%. No work has yet been done on tracking changes to uptake of STEM qualifications or destinations, given this is only year 3 of Somerscience. One to monitor in future years.
6. Positively impact the learning and specific skills development of the apprentice project team. Fully met. The experience gained by the apprentice project team has been invaluable and has led to a more structured and repeatable process to be developed. Thereby improving the sustainability of the festival over the long term, removing reliance on individuals. Key skills learned include Stakeholder Management; Communication; Leadership; Design (2D modelling) and Scheduling/Time management.

## Section E

## Financial review

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

At The Somerscience Trust we believe in transparency and accountability in our operations, including the management of reserves. We maintain reserves for the following reasons:

Financial Stability: Reserves act as a financial safety net, providing a cushion to navigate unexpected challenges or economic fluctuations. They help us weather unforeseen events such as economic downturns, changes in donor funding, or emergencies that could impact our ability to carry out our programs and services.

Programme Continuity: Reserves enable us to sustain ongoing programs and services during periods of uncertainty or when there is a delay in anticipated funding. By having reserves in place, we can ensure that critical activities, such as providing aid to beneficiaries or conducting research, can continue uninterrupted even if there are temporary fluctuations in revenue.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None – Positive Balance at year end of £7055.

**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.

Income is raised each year through a mixture of grants, donations and sponsorship. Grant income comes from trusts and foundations. Corporate Sponsorship of the Somerscience festival comes from companies mainly in the Somerset region.

We spend this money on delivering the annual Somerscience festival.

We have limited reserves each year and therefore we keep these in a savings account. At present there is no need to have a social investment policy.


**Section F Other optional information**

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**Section G Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Gavin Costigan	
<b>Position (eg Chair, Secretary, etc)</b>	Secretary & Treasurer	
<b>Date</b>	10/05/2026	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name The Somerscience Trust	No (if any) 1198113
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/10/2024	To	Period end date 30/09/2025
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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 £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-	6,000
Corporate Donations	-	1,000	-	1,000	2,200
Grants	-	22,500	-	22,500	15,350
Sponsorship	-	6,500	-	6,500	650
Other income	4	-	-	4	150
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,004</b>	<b>24,350</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,004</b>	<b>24,350</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Charitable activities	-	12,105	-	12,105	16,637
Separate Material Expense Items	-	15,515	-	15,515	12,295
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,620</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,620</b>	<b>28,932</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,620</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,620</b>	<b>28,932</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2,380</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,384</b>	<b>- 4,582</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,664</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,664</b>	<b>9,246</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7,044</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,048</b>	<b>4,664</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		4	7,044	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7,044</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Gavin Costigan	27/02/2026

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SOMERSCIENCE TRUST**

I report to the charity's trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Somerscience Trust for the period ended 30 September 2025.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act), as amended by s.145 of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under the company law and is eligible for independent examination; it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act),
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) Act), and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

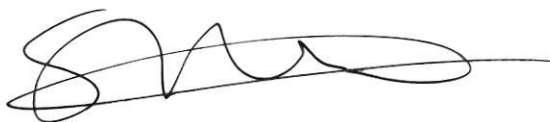
### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required by audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable 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.
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Steven Baptiste  
Linden Accountants, Scrapstore House, 21 Sevier Street, St Werburghs, Bristol, BS2 9LB

Date: 30 March 2026

**THE SOMERSCIENCE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1198113

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From 1/10/2023  
Period end date**

**Period start date To 30/09/2024**

**Charity name: The Somerscience Trust**

**Charity registration number: 1198113**

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the education of the public in Somerset in science, technology, mathematics and engineering and to promote public engagement in all aspects of STEM developments for the public benefit.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The Somerscience festival was held successfully on 6th May 2024. The work of the charity in the year was focussed around organising the programme and content, attracting funding, developing the promotional and communications campaign to ensure the festival's success, liaising with Somerset schools to ensure the engagement of young people, developing a safe event management plan and handling the logistics of mounting the festival across 6 venues before the festival; supervising and troubleshooting on the day of the festival; and evaluation of the festival against our charity objectives and the various objectives of grant funders, preparing written reports on such, as appropriate.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	At all times the trustees have been aware that our activities must be within the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All trustees, implementation team members and event assistants on the day are volunteers and we could not offer this festival as a free benefit to the public without their generous contribution of time and expertise.

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The festival attracted total visitors – 5428 (600 more than 2023), 25% of which were very local (Castle Cary and Sparkford), 12.8% Yeovil – which has some of the most deprived areas of the county, 62.7% in total from the target South Somerset &amp; rural areas. Gender breakdown 47/53% M/F. Ages: 42% under 18 (mainly 4-15); 38.7% 30-50; 17.3% 50+; 1.6% 18-30.</p> <p>Social media reach has increased considerably – we now have 1350 followers: Facebook post reach was 38, 938 in the run up to the festival with engagement of 6,616. 99% of visitors judged the quality of the festival to be Good or Very Good; 92% of visitors who expressed an opinion would recommend the festival to their network; 85% of visitors felt the festival gave them a better understanding of STEM and 73% a better understanding specifically of STEM careers; and 86% felt the festival had a positive impact on their belief that STEM is relevant to their daily life.</p> <p>A shift of 30% was reported in positivity of visitors' attitudes towards STEM before and after the festival.</p> <p>At least 80% of professional contributors reported Good or Excellent the number of interactions they had with target audience, the level of engagement from the audience, the quality of interactions they had and the gender reach of the festival. We are bringing STEM to the local rural population and developing inspiration and a sense of the future possibilities for careers, learning and wellbeing.</p>
Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>We had 5 objectives for this festival round:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Afford a minimum of 15,000 engagements by young people from South Somerset Fully met Registration data suggests that 42% of attendees were under 18 and approximately 45% live in South Somerset, which yield a ballpark figure of 1000 'young people from South Somerset'. Success criterion 1 targets 15,000 engagements from this group, which would require interaction with just 15 of the 93+ activities on offer.</li> <li>2. Recruit at least 70 contributing</li> </ol>

		<p>organisations and 100 discrete activities Fully met 93 planned individual activities and 70 separate organisations engaged; however, on the day, it became clear that many of the billed 'activities' were in fact multifaceted.</p> <p>3. Achieve a quality experience for participants and attendees (measured by survey and recognising that experts/researchers, informal educators/explainers, STEM employers and public may each have different goals) Fully met 99% of attendees rated the quality of the festival as 'Good' – 'Very Good'. Contributors gave the festival an average rating of 8.44 / 10 in terms of meeting expectations.</p> <p>4. Improve on the baseline of visitor numbers and demographic profile achieved in the first year Fully met Approximately 600 more visitors in 2024 compared to 2023.</p> <p>5. Effect positive change on attitudes towards STEM and STEM careers from visitors, leading eventually to a quantitative increase in STEM uptake at GCSE, A/T Level and STEM destinations after school. Partly met -47% of attendees said the festival made them more likely to consider studying or working in a STEM field. Post festival, 'Very Positive' attitudes to STEM became 63%, an increase of 21%. No work has yet been done on tracking changes to uptake of STEM qualifications or destinations, given that this is only year 2 of Somerscience, so this is one to monitor in future years.</p>
<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>We aimed to raise sufficient funds to cover the cost of the festival being free to all visitors and participants. Effective financial management and negotiation, as well as our success at achieving goodwill, grants and sponsorships, has meant that we ended the year with a budget surplus which provides the basis for confidence that we can fund next year's festival and so have a sustainable event.</p>

## Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>At the end of each financial period, including 30/09/24, Somerscience conducts a thorough review of its financial position to assess its overall fiscal health and make informed decisions for the future. This review involves a comprehensive analysis of our financial statements, including the balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement, among others. The purpose of this review is to:</p> <p>Evaluate Financial Performance: We examine our financial performance over the period to determine how well we have utilized our resources in achieving our mission. We assess key financial indicators such as revenue, expenses, and net assets to understand the efficiency and effectiveness of our operations. This analysis helps us identify areas of strength and areas that require improvement, enabling us to make informed decisions to optimize our financial performance.</p> <p>Ensure Compliance: We review our financial position to ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and accounting standards. This includes assessing our adherence to legal and regulatory requirements related to financial reporting, tax obligations, and governance. By ensuring compliance, we maintain the trust and confidence of our stakeholders, including donors, partners, and the broader public.</p> <p>For 30/09/24, The trustees of The Somerscience Trust found that the financial performance and compliance were in line with expectations.</p>
<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>At The Somerscience Trust we believe in transparency and accountability in our operations, including the management of reserves. We maintain reserves for the following reasons:</p> <p>Financial Stability: Reserves act as a financial safety net, providing a cushion to navigate unexpected challenges or economic fluctuations. They help us weather unforeseen events such as economic downturns, changes in donor funding, or emergencies that could impact our ability to carry out our programs and services.</p>

		Program Continuity: Reserves enable us to sustain ongoing programs and services during periods of uncertainty or when there is a delay in anticipated funding. By having reserves in place, we can ensure that critical activities, such as providing aid to beneficiaries or conducting research, can continue uninterrupted even if there are temporary fluctuations in revenue.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£6,680.85
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The Charity will need to continue to raise grant income to meet the costs of running the festival. We are confident we can achieve this as we now have a one year (and successful) track record.
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Grant income from trusts and foundations. Corporate Sponsorship of the Somerscience event.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	We have limited reserves each year and therefore we keep these in a savings account. At present there is no need to have a social investment policy.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The Principal risk is the inability to raise sufficient funds to run the Somerscience event. We also have a key person risk. Colleen Bower, who is the founder of the Somerscience festival, is integral to the success of the event. She has built up a team around her to mitigate this risk.

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		N/a
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Every trustee must be appointed for a term of 2 or 3 years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees, apart from the founding trustees. Trustees other than founding trustees, were selected and approved at the Trustee meeting on 19/05/22 based on their skills, knowledge and experience, and expertise in aspects of STEM and/or outreach events. One trustee stood down and a replacement was selected during the period along the same principles.

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Somerscience Trust
Other name the charity uses	N/a
Registered charity number	1198113
Charity's principal address	189 Newbridge Rd Bath BA1 3HH

### 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	Teresa Colleen Bower	Chair		
2	Simon Patrick Connell	Treasurer		
3	Christopher Budd	Safeguarding Lead		
4	Gavin Costigan			
5	Alan Champneys			
6	Lucy Smith			
7	Darren Wilson		<i>Appointed 10/09/24</i>	
8	Wendy Adams		<i>01/10/23 to 29/05/24</i>	

### Names and addresses of advisers

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountants	Linden Accountants Ltd	Scrapstore House, 21 Sevier Street, St Werburghs, Bristol, BS2 9LB

### Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

### Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Teresa Colleen Bower	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	17/11/24	

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SOMERSCIENCE TRUST**

I report to the charity's trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Somerscience Trust for the period ended 30 September 2024.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act), as amended by s.145 of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under the company law and is eligible for independent examination; it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act),
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) Act), and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required by audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable 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.

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Steven Baptiste  
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Date: 24 February 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Somerscience Trust

Charity No  
Company No

1198113  
CE028489

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/10/2023

To

30/09/2024

### 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 £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Charitable Activities	-	6,000	-	6,000	2,400
Corporate Donations	-	2,200	-	2,200	500
Grants	-	15,350	-	15,350	30,150
Sponsorship	-	650	-	650	5,940
Other Income	150	-	-	150	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>24,200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,350</b>	<b>38,990</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>24,200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,350</b>	<b>38,990</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Charitable Activities	-	16,637	-	16,637	23,501
Separate Material Expense Items	907	11,389	-	12,295	7,742
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>28,026</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,933</b>	<b>31,244</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>28,026</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,933</b>	<b>31,244</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 757</b>	<b>- 3,826</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 4,583</b>	<b>7,746</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>- 1,093</b>	<b>10,339</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,246</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>- 1,850</b>	<b>6,514</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,664</b>	<b>9,246</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank and in hand	- 1,850	6,514	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>- 1,850</b>	<b>6,514</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
	Prepayments	2,617	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
	Deferred Income	Restricted	-	
	Accruals	Unrestricted	540	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

**THE SOMERSCIENCE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1198113

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/10/22 Period start date  
To 30/09/23 Period end date

**Charity name: The Somerscience Trust**

**Charity registration number: 1198113**

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the education of the public in Somerset in science, technology, mathematics and engineering and to promote public engagement in all aspects of STEM developments for the public benefit.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The Somerscience festival was held successfully on 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023. The work of the charity in the year was focussed around organising the programme and content, attracting funding, developing the promotional and communications campaign to ensure the festival's success, developing a safe event management plan and handling the logistics of mounting the festival across 12 venues before the festival; supervising and troubleshooting on the day of the festival; and evaluation of the festival against our charity objectives and the various objectives of grant funders, preparing written reports on such, as appropriate.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	At all times the trustees have been aware that our activities must be within the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The festival attracted 4802 visitors, with 178 STEM professionals from 55 different organisations participating and 80 volunteers officiating on the day. The festival demonstrated that there was a great appetite for engaging with STEM in South Somerset and proved to be an effective vehicle for outreach in a neglected area. From registration data, intercept and online survey, feedback walls, social media and email feedback, we have been able to establish that over 14,500 meaningful engagements between the STEM world and the Somerset public took place at the festival - 94% of visitors to the festival felt it gave them a better understanding of STEM, 87% a better understanding of STEM careers and 98.8% of visitors reported positive or very positive attitudes towards STEM after the festival, up from 77% prior. Qualitative feedback was overwhelmingly positive with word-cloud analysis highlighting "interesting", "Informative", "fun", "engaging", "fascinating", "intriguing" and "educational" as most often used words to describe the festival experience. Strong relationships have been formed with our contributing organisations, and channels who promoted the festivals such as the Education Business Partnership, Somerset tourism portal, SW Careers Hub, STEM professional organisations, STEM Ambassadors and Town and County Councils and the volunteer network who collectively contributed over 2500 hours of free time and expertise. Thus the festival provided a focal point for both STEM professional and local resident community cohesion.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Three of our objectives were fully met: afford a minimum of 5000 engagements by young people from South Somerset (we tallied at least 14,500 engagements); recruit at least 50 contributing organisations and 100 discrete activities (we had 55 organisations with 85 billed activities of which many were multi-faceted so easily exceeding the 100 aimed for); establish in year 1 a baseline of visitor numbers and profile from which to build year on year.</p> <p>There were two further objectives which we deemed partially met: achieve a quality experience for participants and visitors (although 100% of participants were happy with the quality and number of interactions they had had and the level of engagement with the audience, and 85% of visitors would recommend the festival to their network, there were some minor issues reported regarding the availability of enough food outlets, toilet facilities and the free shuttle bus timetable, all of which will be addressed by changes to the next festival's setting); and effect positive change on attitudes towards STEM and STEM careers from visitors leading eventually to an increase in STEM uptake (whilst initial feedback was positive, only time will tell as regards outcomes linked to attainment and destinations for young people).</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>We aimed to raise sufficient funds to cover the cost of the festival being free to all visitors and participants. Effective financial management and negotiation, as well as our success at achieving goodwill, grants and sponsorships, has meant that we ended the year with a budget surplus which provides the basis for confidence that we can fund next year's festival and so have a sustainable event.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>At the end of each financial period, including 30/09/23, Somerscience conducts a thorough review of its financial position to assess its overall fiscal health and make informed decisions for the future. This review involves a comprehensive analysis of our financial statements, including the balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement, among others. The purpose of this review is to:</p> <p>Evaluate Financial Performance: We examine our financial performance over the period to determine how well we have utilized our resources in achieving our mission. We assess key financial indicators such as revenue, expenses, and net assets to understand the efficiency and effectiveness of our operations. This analysis helps us identify areas of strength and areas that require improvement, enabling us to make informed decisions to optimize our financial performance.</p> <p>Ensure Compliance: We review our financial position to ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and accounting standards. This includes assessing our adherence to legal and regulatory requirements related to financial reporting, tax obligations, and governance. By ensuring compliance, we maintain the trust and confidence of our stakeholders, including donors, partners, and the broader public.</p> <p>For the year ending 30/09/23, the trustees of The Somerscience Trust found that the financial performance and compliance were in line with expectations.</p>
<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>At The Somerscience Trust, we believe in transparency and accountability in our operations, including the management of reserves. We maintain reserves for the following reasons:</p> <p>Financial Stability: Reserves act as a financial safety net, providing a cushion to navigate unexpected challenges or economic fluctuations. They help us weather unforeseen events such as economic downturns, changes in donor funding, or emergencies that could impact our ability to carry out our programs and services.</p> <p>Program Continuity: Reserves enable us to sustain ongoing programs and services during periods of uncertainty or when there</p>

		is a delay in anticipated funding. By having reserves in place, we can ensure that critical activities, such as providing aid to beneficiaries or conducting research, can continue uninterrupted even if there are temporary fluctuations in revenue.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£11,409.76
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The Charity will need to continue to raise grant income to meet the costs of running the festival. We are confident we can achieve this as we now have a one year (and successful) track record.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Grant income from trusts and foundations. Corporate Sponsorship of the Somerscience event.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	We have limited reserves each year and therefore we keep these in a savings account. At present there is no need to have a social investment policy.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The Principal risk is the inability to raise sufficient funds to run the Somerscience event. We also have a key person risk: Colleen Bower, who is the founder of the Somerscience festival, is integral to the success of the event; however she has built up a team around her to mitigate this risk.
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Every trustee must be appointed for a term of 2 or 3 years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees, apart from the founding trustees. Trustees other than founding trustees, were selected and approved at the Trustee meeting on 19/05/22 based on their skills, knowledge and experience, and expertise in aspects of STEM and/or outreach events.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Somerscience Trust
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1198113
Charity's principal address	23, Priorygate Court Castle Cary Somerset BA7 7HT

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Teresa Colleen Bower	Chair		
2	Simon Connell	Treasurer		
3	Chris Budd	Safeguarding Lead		
4	Gavin Costigan			
5	Alan Champneys			
6	Wendy Adams			
7	Lucy Smith			
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

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

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

N/A
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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A
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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Teresa Colleen Bower	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	
<b>Date</b>	26/11/2023	

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SOMERSCIENCE TRUST**

I report to the charity's trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Somerscience Trust for the period ended 30 September 2023.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act), as amended by s.145 of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under the company law and is eligible for independent examination; it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act),
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) Act), and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

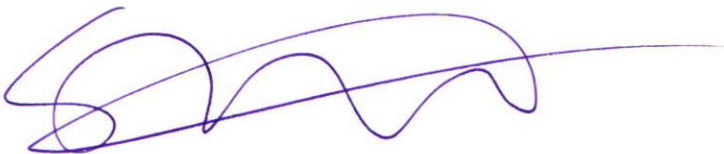
### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required by audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable 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.
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Steven Baptiste  
Linden Accountants, Scrapstore House, 21 Sevier Street, St Werburghs, Bristol, BS2 9LB

Date: 07 March 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION  
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The Somerscience Trust

Charity No  
Company No

1198113  
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/10/2022

To

30/09/2023

### 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 £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Charitable Activities	400	2,000	-	2,400	-
Corporate Donations	500	-	-	500	-
Grants	5,150	25,000	-	30,150	-
Sponsorship	990	4,950	-	5,940	2,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>7,040</b>	<b>31,950</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,990</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>7,040</b>	<b>31,950</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,990</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Charitable Activities	1,890	21,611	-	23,501	500
Separate Material Expense Items	7,743	-	-	7,743	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>9,633</b>	<b>21,611</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,243</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>9,633</b>	<b>21,611</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,243</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 2,593</b>	<b>10,339</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,747</b>	<b>1,500</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>- 1,093</b>	<b>10,339</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,247</b>	<b>1,500</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank and in hand	- 1,093	10,339	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>- 1,093</b>	<b>10,339</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
	Prepayments	273	1,890	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
	Deferred Income	Restricted	500	
	Accruals	Unrestricted	540	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

**THE SOMERSCIENCE TRUST**

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# Accounts

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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 02/03/22  
Period end date

Period start date To 30/09/22

Charity name: The Somerscience Trust

Charity registration number: 1198113

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>To advance the education of the public in Somerset in science, technology, mathematics and engineering and to promote public engagement in all aspects of STEM developments for the public benefit</b>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<b>This short first period was spent in successfully identifying a voluntary implementation team for the festival which would be the vehicle to carry out our objectives, and in identifying organisations who would be contributing STEM content for the festival. We also developed our website and branding. This was preparatory work for the festival to take place in May 23</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>At all times the trustees have been aware that our activities must be within the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</b>

#### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	

Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p><b>As mentioned above, this short period was spent in preparatory work for the festival which eventually would have an impact on beneficiaries. As such, we successfully put together an implementation team with the relevant skills to make the festival happen and targeted and recruited 55 organisations to provide content for the festival as well as planned and designed the website and festival programme.</b></p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Investment performance against objectives</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	

Other		

## Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p><b>At the end of each financial period, including 30/09/22, Somerscience conducts a thorough review of its financial position to assess its overall fiscal health and make informed decisions for the future. This review involves a comprehensive analysis of our financial statements, including the balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement, among others. The purpose of this review is to:</b></p> <p><b>Evaluate Financial Performance: We examine our financial performance over the period to determine how well we have utilized our resources in achieving our mission. We assess key financial indicators such as revenue, expenses, and net assets to understand the efficiency and effectiveness of our operations. This analysis helps us identify areas of strength and areas that require improvement, enabling us to make informed decisions to optimize our financial performance.</b></p> <p><b>Ensure Compliance: We review our financial position to ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and accounting standards. This includes assessing our adherence to legal and regulatory requirements related to financial reporting, tax obligations, and governance. By ensuring compliance, we maintain the trust and confidence of our stakeholders, including donors, partners, and the broader public.</b></p> <p><b>For 30/09/22, The trustees of The Somerscience Trust found that the</b></p>
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		<b>financial performance and compliance were in line with expectations.</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p><b>At The Somerscience Trust we believe in transparency and accountability in our operations, including the management of reserves. We maintain reserves for the following reasons:</b></p> <p><b>Financial Stability:</b> Reserves act as a financial safety net, providing a cushion to navigate unexpected challenges or economic fluctuations. They help us weather unforeseen events such as economic downturns, changes in donor funding, or emergencies that could impact our ability to carry out our programs and services.</p> <p><b>Program Continuity:</b> Reserves enable us to sustain ongoing programs and services during periods of uncertainty or when there is a delay in anticipated funding. By having reserves in place, we can ensure that critical activities, such as providing aid to beneficiaries or conducting research, can continue uninterrupted even if there are temporary fluctuations in revenue.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£1,500</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)</p>	<p>Para 1.47</p>	
<p>Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted</p>	<p>Para 1.46</p>	
<p>A description of the principal risks facing the charity</p>	<p>Para 1.46</p>	
<p>Other</p>		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Trust Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>Charitable Incorporated Organisation</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<b>Every trustee must be appointed for a term of 2 or 3 years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees, apart from the founding trustees. Trustees other than founding trustees were selected and approved at the Trustee meeting on 19/05/22 based on their skills, knowledge and experience, and expertise in aspects of STEM and/or outreach events.</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	

Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Somerscience Trust
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1198113
Charity's principal address	23 Priorygate Court Castle Cary Somerset BA7 7HT

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Teresa Colleen Bower	Chair		
2	Simon Connell	Treasurer		
3	Gavin Costigan			
4	Alan Champneys		19/05/22 onwards	
5	Wendy Adams		19/05/22 onwards	
6	Lucy Smith		19/05/22 onwards	
7	Chris Budd	Safeguarding Lead	19/05/22 onwards	
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	



**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

**Additional information (optional)**

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

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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**Other optional information**



## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>	TC Bower	
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Teresa Colleen Bower	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	
<b>Date</b>	19/06/23	

The Somerscience Trust		Charity No	1198113	
		Company No	CE028489	
<b>Annual accounts for the period</b>				
Period start date		<b>02/03/2022</b>	<b>To</b>	Period end date
				30/09/2022

## Section A Statement of financial activities (including summary income and expenditure account)

Recommended categories by activity	Guidance Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income (Note 3)</b>		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
Donations and legacies	S01	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
Charitable activities	S02	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	S03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	S04	-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income	S05	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S06	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	S07	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
<b>Expenditure (Notes 6)</b>						
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising funds	S08	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	S09	500	-	-	500	-
Separate material expense item	S10					
Other	S11	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	S12	500	-	-	500	-
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before tax for the reporting period</b>						
	S13	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
Tax payable	S14	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net income/(expenditure) after tax before investment gains/(losses)</b>						
	S15	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
Net gains/(losses) on investments	S16	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>						
	S17	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
<b>Extraordinary items</b>						
	S18	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Transfers between funds</b>						
	S19	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses):</b>						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	S20	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	S21	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>						
	S22	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>						
Total funds brought forward	S23	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	S24	1,500	-	-	1,500	-

## Section B Balance sheet

	Guidance Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
<b>Fixed assets</b>						
Intangible assets (Note 15)	B01	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets (Note 14)	B02	-	-	-	-	-
Heritage assets (Note 16)	B03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments (Note 17)	B04	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	B05	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Current assets</b>						
Stocks (Note 18)	B06	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Note 19)	B07	-	-	-	-	-
Investments (Note 17.4)	B08	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 24)	B09	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
<b>Total current assets</b>	B10	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 20)</b>	B11	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>	B12	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	B13	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 20)</b>	B14	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	B15	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>	B16	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>						
Endowment funds (Note 27)	B17	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds (Note 27)	B18	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	B19	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
Revaluation reserve	B20	-	-	-	-	-
Fair value reserve	B21	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total funds</b>	B22	1,500	-	-	1,500	-

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

Signed by one or two trustees/directors on behalf of all the trustees/directors	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
	Teresa C Bower	19/06/2023
Signature of director authenticating accounts being sent to Companies House	Signature	Date dd/mm/yyyy
	N/A	
		Print name