



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01.06.2024** (Period start date) To **31.05.2025** (Period end date)

Charity name: **THE SOCIETY FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL BIOLOGY**

Charity registration number: **1199363**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objective of the society for archaeological biology is to create a community platform for researchers studying archaea. For the general public, the charity provides a directory of experts within the archaeological field and assist public education. The charity aims to become a long-term informational resource for both senior and early career researchers and a community forum encouraging the free exchange of information/protocols and thus drive the archaea field forward.
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	Developing, maintaining, and populating www.archaea.bio – a website for sharing protocols and finding collaborators in the field of archaeological biology.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	We, the trustees of The Society for Archaeal Biology hereby affirm that in the preparation of this Trustees' Annual Report, we have diligently considered and taken into account 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	Not applicable. The society does not provide grants.

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable. The society does not invest.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We would like to thank scientific supporters, who are helping us populate and review the protocols on www.archaea.bio.
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	The Society for Archaeal Biology has continued to develop the online platform archaea.bio and has successfully completed first phase development of the peer review process for assessing submitted protocols for quality. The first protocols to have undergone the complete review process are now live on the website and freely accessible for anyone to whom they are of interest.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	We, the trustees of The Society for Archaeal Biology hereby affirm that in the preparation of this Trustees' Annual Report, we have diligently considered the financial position of the charity and are certain that it can continue to operate for at least 2 more years without further fundraising.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held to cover the ongoing maintenance of www.archaea.bio and mail services. These amount to just under €1,600.00 per year.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£2,775.06
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

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	Donation from Frontiers Media SA. This is a scientific publisher looking to support the academic community researching archaeal biology.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy	Para 1.46	

adopted		
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable incorporated organisation (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	Early career scientists in the field of archaeal biology.

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 Society for Archaeal Biology
Other name the charity uses	Not applicable
Registered charity number	1199363

Charity's principal address	Lytchett House 13 Freeland Park Wareham Road Poole Dorset BH16 6FA

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	Dr Gabriel Tarrason Risa	Chair		Dr Gabriel Tarrason Risa
2	Dr Marleen van Wolferen			Dr Gabriel Tarrason Risa
3	Dr Joshua Norman Hamm			Dr Gabriel Tarrason Risa
4	Dr Alice Cezanne			Dr Gabriel Tarrason Risa
5	Dr Solenne Ithurbide			Dr Gabriel Tarrason Risa
6	Dr Thomas Thompson			Dr Gabriel Tarrason Risa
7	Dr Nika Pende			Dr Gabriel Tarrason Risa
8	Dr Arthur Charles-Orszag			Dr Gabriel Tarrason Risa
9	Dr Megha Patro			Dr Gabriel Tarrason Risa
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

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

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Gabriel Tarrason Risa	
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Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair	
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Date

29.03.2026



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Charity Name

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01.06.2024

To

Period end date
31.05.2025

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Existing cash funds	4,335	-	-	4,335	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	4,335	-	-	4,335	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,335	-	-	4,335	-
A3 Payments					
Web management service - Atomic Ant Ltd	1,440	-	-	1,440	-
Mail and address service - UK Postbox Ltd	120	-	-	120	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,560	-	-	1,560	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,560	-	-	1,560	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,775	-	-	2,775	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	2,775	-	-	2,775	-

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 £
B1 Cash funds		2,775	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,775	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Gabriel Tarrason Risa	29.03.2026