

**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**  
**for**  
**British Scoliosis Society**

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**British Scoliosis Society**

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**British Scoliosis Society**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

To provide a forum for the study of the origin, natural history and treatment of spinal deformities. In furtherance of these objectives, the Society shall:

- 1) Attempt to ensure the highest possible standards of management for individuals with spinal deformities.
- 2) Promote, finance and organise research and development in the field of spinal deformities.
- 3) Educate the community in general, medical practitioners and associated professionals in the most effective methods of recognition, prevention, treatment and long term management of spinal deformities.
- 4) The Society may accumulate funds and receive donations to further the above objectives.

The Society operates throughout England and Wales.

**Public benefit**

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

The British Scoliosis Society (BSS) has continued to support spinal deformity patients, researchers investigating spinal deformities and clinicians who treat spinal deformity patients.

In 2024, the Society had a successful year. The BSS Annual meeting was held in Birmingham, run by the team from Norwich. This was due to a lack of appropriate venues in Norwich due to the ever increasing size of the membership of the Society. The meeting included joint sessions with the British Society of Intraoperative Neurophysiology, and the National Paediatric Spinal Anaesthetists.

The BSS played a vital role in the planning of the BritSpine 2025 meeting planned for Manchester in April 2025.

Annual fees from an increasing membership were received during the year now that the Society's website and membership subscription process is up and running.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial position**

The balance of unrestricted funds amounts to £373,886 as at 31 December 2024 (31 December 2023 - £324,602).

During the period the charity received income totalling £58,699 (2023 - £75,234) and incurred expenditure totalling £9,415 (2023 - £23,264) giving net income for the year totalling £49,284 (2023 - £51,970).

The BSS 2024 Scientific meeting went ahead this year and income from this meeting is accrued in the financial statements totalling £28,732. There was no Britspine meeting in 2024 as these are held every two years.

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Reserves policy**

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to £100,000. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that the Society has sufficient reserves to deal with the risk of a cancelled scientific meeting, or a failed Britspine meeting.

As at 31 December 2024, unrestricted reserves totalled £373,886 which is in excess of the reserves policy. The charity is looking into ways to make use of the unrestricted fund balance and bring it in line with the reserves policy. This includes planning on continuing to donate a larger sum to sister organisations, sponsorship of a clinical leadership fellow post was approved in 2020 and funds have been allocated to pump-prime a study on a national document about adult spinal surgery. A new Research committee has been created under the leadership of Professor Adrian Gardner, which will be supported under its terms of reference to facilitate research into spinal deformity. The first output of this research drive is a successful bid for a jointly sponsored research project at Aston University into Cervical spine problems. There is an agreed funding drive in conjunction with our sister charity ORUK, and our fellow spine society the British Association of Spine Surgeons.

**FUTURE PLANS**

The annual scientific meeting for 2025 is actively being planned in London at County Hall, on 12-14th November. The 2026 meeting is being organised by the Nottingham team, and the meeting will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Society. The 2027 meeting is already starting to take shape, and is planned for Newcastle. The Charity has delivered a number of online educational and training webinars, which have been successful and well attended. The intention is to continue with this mode of delivery in addition to future face to face meetings, and will act as an additional resource to the scientific meeting.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

As of 21 October 2022, the Society registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with the Charity number 1200779.

The Society is governed by a constitution adopted 21 October 2022.

**Organisational structure**

The Society has up to 9 trustees who serve for up to 6 years and who are elected by the Executive Committee. The trustees are responsible to the Charity Commissioners for the proper conduct of the Society in pursuance of its objects.

The Executive Committee is elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting, usually consisting of around nine committee members. The Executive Committee consists of the President, the Trustees, the Secretary/Treasurer and six elected members. The elected members shall serve for three years on the Executive Committee and be eligible for re-election for a period of up to five years. The Executive Committee is responsible for the proper administration of the Society.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

1200779

**Principal address**

The Royal College of Surgeons of England  
38-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields  
London  
WC2A 3PE

**British Scoliosis Society**

**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

**Trustees**

L M Breakwell  
V Jasani  
N Oxborrow  
A A Cole (resigned 21/11/2024)  
N Eames  
D Fender (appointed 21/11/2024)  
A Gardner  
E Bayley  
S Munigangaiah

**Independent Examiner**

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**TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under charity law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and The Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 30 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



L M Breakwell - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
British Scoliosis Society**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of British Scoliosis Society**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of British Scoliosis Society (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 Trust 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.



James Salim FCCA

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31 October 2025

**British Scoliosis Society**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

		Year Ended 31/12/24 Unrestricted fund £	Period 22/10/22 to 31/12/23 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	Notes		
Donations and legacies	3	5,999	1,923
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5		
Charitable activities		42,772	63,193
Investment income	4	9,928	10,118
<b>Total</b>		<b>58,699</b>	<b>75,234</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>	6		
Charitable activities		9,415	23,264
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>49,284</b>	<b>51,970</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		324,602	272,632
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>373,886</b>	<b>324,602</b>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet**  
**31 December 2024**

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	10	107,432	98,848
Cash at bank and in hand		276,979	235,010
		<b>384,411</b>	<b>333,858</b>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(10,525)	(9,256)
		<b>373,886</b>	<b>324,602</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<b>373,886</b>	<b>324,602</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>373,886</b>	<b>324,602</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>373,886</b>	<b>324,602</b>
<b>FUNDS</b>	12		
Unrestricted funds		373,886	324,602
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b>373,886</b>	<b>324,602</b>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 30 October 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



L M Breakwell - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements



## **British Scoliosis Society**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements** **for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Membership subscriptions**

Income from membership subscriptions is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis and is spread evenly over the period to which each subscription relates.

##### **Interest Receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

##### **Donations and Legacies**

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected.

##### **Meeting profit**

Income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. The income is accrued if received after the year end but relates to the current year.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

**Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The expected future income and expenditure, together with current reserves allows the charity to continue as a going concern.

**2. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

**3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	Year Ended 31/12/24	Period 22/10/22 to 31/12/23
	£	£
Donations and legacies	<u>5,999</u>	<u>1,923</u>

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	Year Ended 31/12/24	Period 22/10/22 to 31/12/23
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	<u>9,928</u>	<u>10,118</u>

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**5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Year Ended 31/12/24</b>	<b>Period 22/10/22 to 31/12/23</b>
	<b>Charitable activities</b>	<b>Total activities</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
BSS events	<b>29,897</b>	<b>51,860</b>
Subscriptions	<b>12,875</b>	<b>11,333</b>
	<b>42,772</b>	<b>63,193</b>

**6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	<b>Direct Costs (see note 7)</b>	<b>Support costs (see note 8)</b>	<b>Totals</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Charitable activities			
	<b>6,250</b>	<b>3,165</b>	<b>9,415</b>

**7. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Year Ended 31/12/24</b>	<b>Period 22/10/22 to 31/12/23</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Web costs	<b>1,250</b>	1,087
Research Funding	<b>5,000</b>	5,000
Travel & meeting expenses	-	811
Course fees	-	10,920
	<b>6,250</b>	<b>17,818</b>

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**8. SUPPORT COSTS**

Governance  
costs  
£

Charitable activities

**3,165**

Governance costs includes costs to the independent examiner totalling £2,460 (2023- £2,694).

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

**Governance costs**

	<b>Year Ended 31/12/24 Charitable activities</b>	<b>Period 22/10/22 to 31/12/23 Total activities</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Insurance	315	361
Bank charges	322	612
Sundries	68	64
Accountancy and legal fees	2,460	4,409
	<b><u>3,165</u></b>	<b><u>5,446</u></b>

**9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the period ended 31 December 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the period ended 31 December 2023.

**10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
Trade debtors	24,393	-
Accrued income	30,424	75,750
Prepayments	52,615	23,098
	<b><u>107,432</u></b>	<b><u>98,848</u></b>

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**11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	-	2,580
Deferred income	<b>6,000</b>	4,341
Accrued expenses	<b>4,525</b>	2,335
	<hr/> <b>10,525</b> <hr/>	<hr/> <b>9,256</b> <hr/>

Deferred income totalling £6,000 (2023 - £4,341) is included above and relates to annual subscriptions. The movement in the year is as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Balance brought forward at the start of the year	<b>4,341</b>	2,289
Amount released to income	<b>(4,341)</b>	(2,289)
Amount deferred in the year	<b>6,000</b>	4,341
	<hr/> <b>6,000</b> <hr/>	<hr/> <b>4,341</b> <hr/>
Balance carried forward at the end of the year	<b>6,000</b>	4,341

**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	<b>At 1/1/24</b>	<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>At 31/12/24</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	<b>324,602</b>	<b>49,284</b>	<b>373,886</b>
	<hr/> <b>324,602</b> <hr/>	<hr/> <b>49,284</b> <hr/>	<hr/> <b>373,886</b> <hr/>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>324,602</b>	<b>49,284</b>	<b>373,886</b>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Resources expended</b>	<b>Movement in funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	<b>58,699</b>	<b>(9,415)</b>	<b>49,284</b>
	<hr/> <b>58,699</b> <hr/>	<hr/> <b>(9,415)</b> <hr/>	<hr/> <b>49,284</b> <hr/>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>58,699</b>	<b>(9,415)</b>	<b>49,284</b>

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**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 22/10/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	272,632	51,970	324,602
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>272,632</u>	<u>51,970</u>	<u>324,602</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	75,234	(23,264)	51,970
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>75,234</u>	<u>(23,264)</u>	<u>51,970</u>

**13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.