

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Oriel Science

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1208496

Charity's principal address

21-22 Castle Street

Swansea

Postcode

SA1 1JF

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	Professor Christopher Allton			
2	Dr Sarah Roberts			
3	Dr Jessica Fletcher		Resigned 6/11/2024	
4	Tanya Foxall		Appointed 8/10/2024	
5	Professor Martin Stringer		Appointed 12/11/2024	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the 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.

The Oriel Science Trustees had four formal meetings in this reporting year. During this year we grew the number of Trustee from three to four (one Trustee resigned to move further afield, and two joined). Our Trustees' backgrounds include academic, educational governance, and finance and business.

Oriel Science originally launched a decade ago as a Swansea University outreach project, but as of 1 August 2024 we are a totally independent organisation with no legal links to the University. We do however maintain excellent relationships with the University, two of our Trustees are University employees, and we continue to show case their research. We also employ Swansea University students as our front-of-house staff.

We also have excellent working relationships with Swansea Council, particularly their education department, UK funding councils especially STFC and EPSRC, the Swansea Council for Voluntary Services, and a number of Professional Bodies and Learned Societies such as the Institute of Physics, the Royal Academy of Engineering and the Royal Society of Chemistry. We are members of the Association of Science and Discovery Centres.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

To advance education, in particular but not limited to science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics and medicine (STEAMM) education by means including, but not limited to providing workshops for school groups and young people and providing an engagement programme to the general public focussed on Science.

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)

Oriel Science provides a unique, research-led educational resource designed to increase public engagement with **STEAMM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Maths, and Medicine). Our activities are primarily focused on removing barriers to higher education and fostering a culture of curiosity within the community. The main activities undertaken for public benefit include:

- **Public Exhibition Access:** We operate a large, city-centre exhibition venue in Swansea that is free of charge to the public. By housing over 40 interactive exhibits based on cutting-edge university research, we provide an accessible space where members of the community can engage with complex concepts through tactile and "visceral" learning.
- **School Workshop Programme:** During term time, we deliver curriculum-linked workshops to schools and community groups. These sessions are specifically designed to address under-representation in STEAMM fields, providing many students, particularly those from diverse socio-economic backgrounds, with their first meaningful interaction with university-level research.
- **Community Events & Public Mode:** During weekends and school holidays, the venue transitions into "public mode," hosting workshops, tabletop "Science Corner" activities, and "Meet the Researcher" sessions. These events are designed to be multi-generational, encouraging families with children as young as three to learn together.

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.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During this reporting year, Oriel Science achieved significant impact through its research-led engagement programmes, delivering the following results:

- **Public Engagement:** Welcomed **3,664 visitors** to the exhibition centre, providing free access to interactive research exhibits and fostering community interest in STEAMM. Around 2,000 of these were adults and 1,600 children.
- **Public Workshops:** Delivered **100 workshops** (1.5 hours each) to **1,077 participants** of all ages, translating complex research into accessible, hands-on learning experiences.
- **School Outreach:** Hosted **24 school workshops** for **649 students**, providing curriculum-aligned sessions designed to inspire higher education aspirations and career journeys.
- **Demographic Reach:** By positioning our venue in the city centre in a place where all people go, we have successfully reached a diverse socio-economic demographic. The key point is that our visitors match the socio-economic profile of the Swansea community based on the Welsh Index for Multiple Deprivation.
- **Broadening Participation:** Our project has successfully engaged over 150,000 individuals since we launched a decade ago. We also provide the first ever "university experience" to around one-third of all our visitors
- **Service Excellence:** Maintained high visitor satisfaction through engaging, staff-led presentations and interactive activities, reinforcing the charity's reputation as a high-quality educational resource. In a recent survey of 658 visitors, 72% "really enjoyed" and 27% "enjoyed" their Oriel Science experience.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The unrestricted reserves of the charity at the year end were £40,847. There were no restricted reserves.

The trustees have decided to hold enough reserves to cover three to six months of running costs. This should enable the charity to continue to operate as normal if there are any fluctuations in receipts or payments.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.

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.

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Section F	Other optional information
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Section G	Declaration
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Chris Allton	
	Full name(s) Christopher Allton	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
	Date 15/5/26	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Oriol Science

No (if any)
1208496

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	03/06/2024	To	31/07/2025
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Workshops (either Public or School)	16,719	5,000	-	21,719	-
School Workshops	8,513	-	-	8,513	-
Public Workshops	14,889	32,336	-	47,225	-
Exhibit	8,354	-	-	8,354	-
Public Donation	552	-	-	552	-
General engagement and outreach activities	65,558	-	-	65,558	-
Bank interest received	20	-	-	20	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	114,605	37,336	-	151,941	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	114,605	37,336	-	151,941	-
A3 Payments					
Salaries	41,732	37,336	-	79,068	-
Advertising & Marketing	5,908	-	-	5,908	-
Audit & Accountancy fees	432	-	-	432	-
Bank Fees	41	-	-	41	-
Cleaning	479	-	-	479	-
Entertainment-100% business	120	-	-	120	-
General Expenses	523	-	-	523	-
Venue Item/Improvement	173	-	-	173	-
Exhibit item	852	-	-	852	-
Web services	506	-	-	506	-
Insurance	447	-	-	447	-
Water Utility	353	-	-	353	-
Light, Power, Heating	3,692	-	-	3,692	-
Rent	17,838	-	-	17,838	-
Subscriptions	276	-	-	276	-
Telephone & Internet	386	-	-	386	-
Sub total	73,759	37,336	-	111,095	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	73,759	37,336	-	111,095	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	40,847	-	-	40,847	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	40,847	-	-	40,847	-

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	Cash at bank	40,847	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	40,847	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds 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)
	PAYE and pension liabilities	Unrestricted	2,265	
	Independent examiner's fee	Unrestricted	1,780	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Christopher Allton	22 May 2026	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Oriol Science

On accounts for the year
ended

31st July 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1208496

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/07/2025.

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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

22 May 2026

Name:

Michael Jones

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ACCA

Address:

Bevan Buckland Ltd

Cardigan House, Castle Court, Swansea Enterprise Park,

Swansea, SA7 9LA

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.