

HIGH POLYMER RESEARCH GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 206902

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1962-10-22

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PROMOTION AND ADVANCEMENT OF THE SCIENCE OF HIGH POLYMERS. (FOR DETAILS SEE CONSTITUTION).

Activities: The High Polymer Research Group fosters and encourages the broadcasting and interchange of leading research in the area of polymer and biopolymer science and engineering. The principal instrument is an annual conference of leading academics and industrialist who present their newest findings to an invited audience. Attendance of early career researchers is enabled through sponsorship.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£79,713	£81,261	-	-
2024-08-31	£89,956	£77,059	-	-
2023-08-31	£75,872	£62,740	-	-
2022-08-31	£37,757	£64,833	-	-
2021-08-31	£517	£1,465	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Professor Dame Athene Donald	Chair	2022-04-28
Dr Adrian Birch		2024-09-01
Dr Amit Kumar		2025-04-28
Dr Amy Goddard		2024-09-01
Dr Clare Mahon		2024-09-01
Dr Jennifer Garden		2024-09-01
Dr Matthew Gibson		2021-05-01
Dr Michael Elwell		2024-09-01
Dr Neal St John Williams		2022-04-28
Prof Paul Topham		2025-04-28
Professor Cameron Alexander		2021-05-09
Professor Lorna Dougan		2022-07-19

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
High Polymer Research Group

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 August 2025

**Charity no
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206902

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

Signed:

Date:

5 September
2025

Name:

Claire Rylatt

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

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in
England and Wales

Address:

Jamieson Alexander Audit Limited

Unit B2 The Point, Weaver Road, Lincoln, LN6 3QN

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.

Not applicable



Charity Name High Polymer Research Group	No (if any) 206902
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2024	To	Period end date 31/08/2025
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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					
Fees	72,292	-	-	72,292	74,406
Sponsorship	5,193	-	-	5,193	12,993
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
Deposit A/C Interest	2,228	-	-	2,228	2,557
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	79,713	-	-	79,713	89,956
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	79,713	-	-	79,713	89,956
A3 Payments					
Hotel	72,170	-	-	72,170	69,499
Wine	2,201	-	-	2,201	1,875
Website	466	-	-	466	1,673
Tie Cleaning	-	-	-	-	432
Bank Charges	456	-	-	456	26
Stationery, photocopying, postage	157	-	-	157	76
Secretarial	536	-	-	536	943
Auditing Fees	275	-	-	275	275
	-	-	-	-	2,260
RAP Sponsor 2025	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
Sub total	81,261	-	-	81,261	77,059
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	81,261	-	-	81,261	77,059
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,548	-	-	- 1,548	12,897
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	174,149	-	-	174,149	161,252
Cash funds this year end	172,601	-	-	172,601	174,149

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	RBS Current	5,000	-	-
	RBS Deposit	164,561	-	-
	Paypal	3,040	-	-
	Total cash funds	172,601	-	-
	(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 £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

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

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

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

Signature 	Print Name DR ADRIAN BIRCH	Date of approval 4/9/25
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Accounts

HPRG Accounts Financial Year 2023 – 2024

This accounting year has seen an increased income from attendance fee with sponsorship some £1,800 greater than FY 2022-2023. The increase in attendance reflects the timeliness of the theme of the meeting and its relevance to the current efforts in polymer science and technology.

There has been a considerable increase on last year's reserves. Last year I commented that the Committee may wish to consider means by which this reserve can be reduced somewhat to the benefit of the Group. I have been informed by the secretary that the Committee has decided to offer 10 fully funded places at future annual conferences to early career scientists and engineers. This is to be commended. Nonetheless, an excess of around £12,500 each year means that the reserves will continue to increase, albeit at a slower rate. The Committee may wish to consider other ways of managing the reserves.

Annual expenditure was circa £77,000 and I suggest a reserve of about £140,000, i.e. approximately double the expenses in running one meeting, would be sensible.

Lastly, I draw attention to the remarkable fact that the charges the hotel make has been remarkably stable. In 2013 the hotel charged ££62,000. Leaving aside the pandemic years, more recent years pre and post pandemic costs have been £69,000 +/- about £3,000. Given inflationary pressure and the increase in energy prices, at some point I would expect hotel charges to increase. However, I understand that a new 3 year contract has been agreed without a large increase in charges,

Randal W Richards 17th October 2024

Income				Expenditure			
2022-23		2023-24		2022-23		2023-24	
	General					General	
	£	£		£		£	
63,208.68	Fees	74,405.60	Note 1	-57477.55		Hotel	-69498.95
1,493.78	Interest	2,557.20		-1765.50		Wine	-1874.67
11,167.27	Sponsorship	12,993.00		-1440.00		Website	-1672.92
2.37	Miscellaneous			0.00		Tie Cleaning	-432
				-26.60		Bank charges	-26.25
				0.00		Stationery, photocopying, postage	-75.75
				-130.50		Secretarial	-943.41
				-250.00		Auditing Fees	-275
				-1200.00		Refunds	-2260
75,872.10		89,955.80		-62740.15		Total General Expenses	-77058.95
						money at bank at 31st August 2023	money at bank at 31st August 2024
75,872.10	Total General Income	89,955.80					
-62,740.15	Less General Expenditure	-77,058.95			5000	RBS Current	5903.33
13,131.95	Excess/loss income over expenditure	12,896.85			156251.68	RBS Deposit	168245.2
148,119.73	Opening Balance	161,251.68			0	PayPal	0
161,251.68	funds	174,148.53			161251.68	Total	174148.53
Notes	1 Includes net fees via PayPal after Paypal transaction costs removed by PayPal; i.e. does not pass through HPRG accounts						
	2 Old ties were offered to attendees after cleaning						
	3 Includes expenses from 2022-2023 paid in 2023-2024 FY						
	4 Fee for audit of 2022-2023 FY						

Note 2

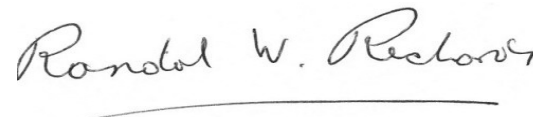
Note 3

Note 4

Signed

Dr A N Burgess, HPRG Secretary and Treasurer

Prof R W Richards, Accounts Auditor

Date

17/10/24

15/10/24



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

High Polymer research Group

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/8/2024

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Signed:

Randal W. Richards

Date:

17/10/2024

Name:

Randal.W.Richards OBE; DSc ; PhD ; FRSC; CChem

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

Address:

HIGH POLYMER RESEARCH GROUP

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HPRG Accounts Financial Year 2022 – 2023

This accounting year has seen a return to 'business as usual' as in the preceding 50 years leaving aside the Covid lock down years. Notably the sponsorship has increased by over a third compared to last year. This indicates the relevance and timeliness of the group's annual conferences. Some half a dozen early career scientists were given reduced attendance cost, this is to be encouraged and expanded. The finances of the group are sound having accumulated reserves of £161k, a considerable increase on last year's reserves. In the past there was some concern about the increase in reserves and the committee may wish to consider the means by which these reserves can be managed to the benefit of the group and future meetings. Annual expenditure is circa £63k and maintaining reserves of around £130k is sensible in case of need to cancel a meeting and have to pay cancellation costs to the venue (as indeed occurred during the lockdown years). However, more than this may be undesirable, but that is a decision that only the committee can take.

Randal W Richards 23rd February 2024

Income

2021-22

General

2022-23

	£		£	
29,520.00	Fees		63,208.68	Note 1
73.96	Deposit a/c		1,493.78	
8,163.40	Interest		11,167.27	
0.00	Sponsorship		2.37	Note 2
	Miscellaneous			
37,757.36			75,872.10	

37,757.36	Total General		75,872.10	
-64,833.25	Income		-62,740.15	
-27,075.89	Expenditure		13,131.95	
175,195.62	Income over		148,119.73	
148,119.73	Opening Balance		161,251.68	
	Total General			
	funds			

Notes

- 1 Includes net fees via PayPal after Paypal transaction
- 2 PayPal payments by Cooke and Kaye as test of change

Signed

Dr A N Burgess, HPRG Secretary and Treasurer



Date

Expenditure**2021-22****General****2022-23**

£			£
-60,135.50		Hotel	-57,477.55
-1,517.70		Wine	-1,765.50
-506.43		Website	-1,440.00
-391.70		Miscellaneous	0.00
-11.55		Bank charges	-26.60
0.00		photocopying,	0.00
-1,197.34		Secretarial	-130.50
0.00		Council meetings	0.00
-250.00		Audit 2021-22 FY	-250.00
0.00		Child Care	0.00
-500.00		contribution	0.00
-323.03		Refunded Fees	-1,200.00
-64,833.25		PayPal Fees	0
		Total General	-62,740.15
		Expenses	

	at 31st August		Bank at 31st
	5,396.06	RBS Current	5,000.00
	142,452.76	RBS Deposit	156,251.68
	270.91	PayPal	0.00
	148,119.73	Total	161,251.68

costs removed by PayPal; i.e. does not pass through HPRG accounts
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Prof R W Richards, Accounts Auditor

Ronald W. Richards



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Signed:

Date: 23/02/2024

Name:

Randal W Richards OBE; DSc; PhD; FRSC; CChem

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
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Address:	Fernleigh
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	Attleborough NR17 2DE

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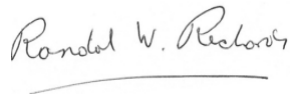
Accounts

HPRG Accounts Financial Year 2021 – 2022

This accounting year is the first 'normal' year for HPRG since 2019, in the intervening years no physical meetings were held due to Covid regulations. Consequently, although the comparison is made with 2020 – 2021 it is the 2018 – 2019 year that comparison should really be made on a like for like basis.

The audited accounts show a loss of just over £27k, however this is an in year loss and does not take into account some £35k held in credit from 2019 – 2020 year. Some attendees requested that monies already paid be retained for the next physical meeting of the group. Additionally, the group had to pay some £35k in 2019 2020 year to the hotel location as cancellation fee.

The finances of the group are sound having accumulated reserves of £148k, sponsorship has returned to its previous healthy level of £8k enabling reduced fees to be offered to younger attendees at the start of their careers.



Randal W Richards

23rd March 2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

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Date:

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