

THE BRITISH CARTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 240034

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1965-05-06

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Activities

Objects: THE PROMOTION OF THAT CLASS OF KNOWLEDGE WHICH DISTINGUISHES THE ART AND SCIENCE OF CARTOGRAPHY AND FOR THAT PURPOSE, INTER ALIA, TO: (A) FACILITATE THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND IDEAS AMONGST THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY AND OTHERS - (B) HOLD MEETINGS AND TO PUBLISH PERIODICALS AND BOOKS - (C) ARRANGE AND PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES - (D) ADVANCE CARTOGRAPHIC EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGE RESEARCH - (E) ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN LIBRARIES AND COLLECTIONS OF MAPS, BOOKS, PLANS AND PHOTOGRAPHS - (F) PRINT, PUBLISH, SELL, LEND AND DISTRIBUTE COMMUNICATIONS MADE TO THE SOCIETY - (G) PROVIDE AND AWARD MEDALS AND PRIZES ALL IN CONNECTION WITH CARTOGRAPHY (H) DO ALL OTHER THINGS INCIDENTAL TO THE SOCIETY'S OBJECTS, PROVIDED THAT NO PART OF THE PROPERTY OR FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY SHALL BE APPLIED OTHER THAN FOR CHARITABLE PROJECTS.

Activities: The Society facilitates the exchange of information and ideas by holding meetings and publishing periodicals and books. Members participate in National and International Conferences to advance cartographic education and encourage research. A number of awards are made each year to reward excellence in the field of cartography.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NATIONAL
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£79,160	£67,268	-	-
2023-12-31	£81,812	£64,087	-	-
2022-12-31	£71,114	£58,657	-	-
2021-12-31	£83,268	£83,377	-	-
2020-06-30	£78,822	£71,764	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christopher Budas		2018-11-27
Clare Seldon		2021-11-16
David Sherren		2016-11-08
Dr Alexander Kent		2021-11-16
Dr JOHN PEATY		2016-11-08
Elaine Watts		2016-11-08
James Kenneth Atherton		2025-06-11
James Thomas Goldsmith		2018-11-27
Paul Naylor		2020-11-24

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The Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Registered Charity Number 240034



The British Cartographic Society Annual Report for the Year ended 31 December 2024

The British Cartographic Society, c/o Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers) 1 Kensington Gore, London, SW7 2AR, is registered with the Charity Commission (No. 240034). The Society was founded 28th September 1963 as a Learned Society and the Constitution and By-Laws adopted in September 1964.

The Charity is administered by the Council of the Society, who are the Trustees, comprising (at 31 December 2024):

President	Mr P Naylor
Vice-President	Mr C Budas Hon.
Secretary	Mr D Sherren
Treasurer	Mr B Anderson

Council Members: Mr S Burry, Mr J Goldsmith, Mr H Holbrook, Dr A Kent, Dr J Peaty, Ms C Seldon, Ms E Watts.

The normal term of office for service on Council shall be one year for Officers and two years for Members. When a Member does not complete the normal term of office, Council may seek to fill the vacancy for the unexpired period by election at an Annual General Meeting.

Co-opted Members of Council: Dr S Cassetari, Dr M Davis, Ms J Johnston, Mr R Owen. Co-opted Members are not Trustees of the Society.

Honorary Coordinators and other post-holders:

Chair of Membership Committee: Ms E Watts

Chair of Programme Committee: Mr R Owen

Chair of the Publications Committee: Mr J Goldsmith

Chair of UK Cartography Committee, International Cartographic Association: Dr A J Kent

External Liaison Officer: Mr A Grimwade

Editor, The Cartographic Journal, and Chair of the Editorial Board: Dr A J Kent

Editorial team, Maplines: A Vizireanu, O Candit, P Vujakovic, J Goldsmith

Editor, Cartographiti: Ms J Fox

Historical Military Mapping Group (HMMG) Convener: Dr J Peaty

Maps and Surveys Editor: Mr P Hesp

Map Curators' Group Convener: Mrs P Williams (Dr M Davis and Ms D Hall from October 2024)

Restless Earth Coordinator: Ms J Johnston

Society Administrator: Mrs C Colley

Society Awards Officer: Mr J Goldsmith

Aims

The object of the Charity is the promotion of that class of knowledge which distinguishes the Art and Science of Cartography. For that purpose, the Society shall, inter alia:

- a. facilitate the exchange of information and ideas amongst the members of the Society and others;
- b. hold meetings and publish periodicals and books;
- c. arrange and participate in national and international conferences;
- d. advance cartographic education and encourage research;
- e. support the maintenance of libraries and collections of maps, books, plans and photographs;
- f. print, publish, sell, lend and distribute communications made to the Society;
- g. provide and award medals and prizes;
- h. do all other things incidental to the Society's object provided that no part of the property or funds of the Society shall be applied other than for charitable purposes.

The Trustees' policy is to offer a forum for the exchange of ideas and the sharing of cartographic knowledge, and to inform Members of technical changes and opportunities that affect their professional standing.

Volunteer members manage most of the Society activities, apart from:

Society administration is outsourced to Mrs C Colley.

Website development and management is undertaken by Dominique Rene.

Design of Maplines, the Society's membership magazine, is outsourced to Pink Salt Design.

Our Restless Earth programme is run by Jennifer Johnston.

Services Provided

Conferences (Society Annual Conference)

Regular cartographic/GIS-related talks

Society Awards for excellence in cartography

Society Awards Archive

Support for students at the Conference in the form of bursaries

Corporate and Freelancers' Directories (website)

GeoViz Programme to promote innovative cartographic visualisation

Restless Earth Workshops for schools

General cartographic information and advice through the BCS Forum

Society Publications and Resources

The Cartographic Journal (the peer-reviewed academic periodical of the Society - ISSN 0008-7041)

Maplines (the news magazine of the Society)

Cartographiti (the newsletter of the Map Curators' Group)

Maps and Surveys (the newsletter of the Historical Military Mapping Group)

Cartography - an introduction (2nd edition) (ISBN 978-0-904482-25-6)

A Celebration of 50 Years of The British Cartographic Society (ISBN 978-0904482-24-9)

Careers in Cartography (available on the website)

The Map Curators' Toolbox (available on the website)

Directory of UK Map Collections (available on the website)

Representation on National and International organisations

British and Irish Committee for Map Information and Cataloguing Systems (BRICMICS)

International Cartographic Association (ICA)

UK Committee of the ICA (UK Cartography Committee)

UK GEOForum

World Cartographic Forum

Special Interest Groups

Historical Military Mapping Group

Map Curators' Group

Partnerships and Collaborations

The Society has signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) with the Charles Close Society, the International Map Industry Association (IMIA) and the Association of Geographic Information (AGI) to co-promote each other's aims and activities. It has also signed an MoU with the Government Geography Profession (GGP) to collaborate on the GeoViz Programme (see below).

The Society remains in discussion with the Defence Surveyors Association (DSA) to establish a closer working relationship.

The Society is a member of the Foundation for Science and Technology and benefits from free advice on legislation.

Review of the Year

Council and Committee Meetings

During the reporting period, Council continued with the established pattern of holding shorter monthly meetings virtually via Google Meet. In December 2024 members of Council attended a hybrid meeting at Geovation in London. Committee meetings generally took place on a regular basis, allowing a more responsive way of working.

Membership

The BCS membership year runs from 1 January to 31 December. As of 31 December 2024, BCS membership comprised 10 Honorary Fellows, 64 Fellows, 308 Full members, 45 Corporate members, 44 Student and 45 Affiliate members, making a total of 516.

Membership subscriptions are one of the main sources of Society income. New member recruitment and the retention of existing members is a continuous process, along with delivering benefits that support all of our members.

2024 has been another exceptional year and in addition to our ongoing activities the following took place:

- The Society launched its GeoViz toolkit
- We ran a Fellows only event at The Bodleian Map Room
- The Society negotiated a new reciprocal agreement with the GA
- We continue to work with our MoU partners, particularly the IMIA
- Mark Baker was awarded a Fellowship
- We attended relevant conferences as successful recruitment events
- The student member category is now free to current HE/FE students
- Several universities requested a BCS talk on what it offers students

Programme

The BCS Programme Committee is responsible for delivering the Society's Annual Conference and its calendar of events. It has members that report on the Map Curators' Group, the Historical Military Mapping Group, Restless Earth, BCS Awards, Teatime Talks and GeoViz.

In September 2024 we ran our annual Conference held at University College London on the 4th and 5th September 2024 and with the very valuable support of the UCL Department of Geography and the UCL Social Data Institute. It comprised a GeoDataViz Hack Day, a Dinner, a Networking event at Stanfords on the 4th September followed on Thursday the 5th with the main event of a full day's Conference featuring eleven different speakers plus the display and announcement of the mapping Awards.

Our Teatime Talks continue to be popular and regularly attract 40-50 registrations. This year our programme was, as always, varied with the continuation of Map Memoirs with speakers presenting their favourite map(s), talks on a theme of Mapping my World with speakers from Ghana, India, Slovenia and USA, and some eclectic presentations on Churchill, Historic London, from the National Library of Wales and an excellent review of cartography from our outgoing President. Finally, as an adjunct to the AGM there was a talk on the challenges of ecological mapping.

Restless Earth continues to be popular amongst schools and we often hold two to three events per month.

Awards

BCS received a total of 63 entries across the 5 Main Design Awards: Avenza, The Collins Bartholomew, The Garsdale Design, Ordnance Survey and Stanfords.

The 2024 Awards were presented in the following categories:

The Avenza Award for Electronic Mapping, the Collins Bartholomew Award for Thematic Mapping & Infographics, the Garsdale Design Award for 3D Mapping, the OS Award for Excellence in the Use of Ordnance Survey Data, the Stanfords Award for Printed Mapping, the Peter Jolly Award, which is only open to BCS members and voted for by the 2024 BCS membership, the Ian Mumford Award for excellence in original cartographic research, the Henry Johns Award for the most outstanding article published in The Cartographic Journal, and the BCS Restless Earth National Workshops.

The 2024 Awards Ceremony was incorporated into the BCS Conference Agenda. The conference was held on Thursday 5th September at the University College London with the support of the Department of Geography and the UCL Social Data Institute. The physical awards were laid out around the edge of Jeffery Hall, which was used for the main Conference. We also set up a television which was used to run a looping presentation showing all the entries. This enabled the delegates to look at them during breaks in the programme.

The Awards Ceremony was recorded on video and will be available to view on the BCS YouTube channel.

The prestigious BCS Award was presented to the best entry from the winners of the major design awards. The 2024 winner was:

“Nottingham City Projection Augmented Relief Model (PARM)”, entered by Gary Priestnall.

Judges’ Comments: very accessible multi-purpose 3D map that had a powerful impact. Using multiple assembly techniques (digital and physical) as well as engaging with a wide range of stakeholders. The combination of physical and digital in a neat setup (with a touchscreen user interface for controlling layers), combined with meaningful data, as well as the level of

engagement from a wide range of industries made this a compelling entry worthy of winning this year's award.

Two new awards have been announced since the Conference:

Ian Mumford Award for excellence in original cartographic research.

The 2024 winner was Jordan W. Cole, University of Leicester

Title: "Under the Map: A Geophysical Analysis of Historic Maps in Halifax", North Carolina.

Henry Johns Award for the most outstanding article published in The Cartographic Journal.

The 2024 winner was published in Volume 60 of The Cartographic Journal.

Title: "Verification of Cartographic Communication Models Using Detection of Map Reading Strategies Based on Eye Movement Recording" by Marketa Beitlova, Stanislav Popelka, Martin Konopka and Karel Macku.

Full details of all these award categories and the results of the Society's awards can be found on the Society's website and were published in the 2024 winter edition of Maplines pages 16-20 and will be included in a future edition of The Cartographic Journal.

Restless Earth Workshops

The British Cartographic Society's Restless Earth programme ran for its eleventh year during 2024, with 28 sessions at 17 different schools. The interest this year was well received with a total of 1,868 students taking part.

All the workshops were in-person events and will continue as such into the 2025 school year.

The development of the second case study using the Türkiye/Syria 2023 earthquake has begun involving members of MapAction and Emily Altham from the Defence Geographic Centre. The current Japanese Earthquake Tsunami workshop is being delivered in a simplified format breaking up the tasks into more manageable chunks and using a reduced number of reference maps to accommodate the current abilities of students.

Once again, we are very grateful to all our volunteers and those who support the workshops. Special thanks to all our volunteers, especially Stephen Dodds, Peter Jones, Chris Barrington Brown, Emily Altham, Craig Coates, and John Peaty from the Ministry of Defence for their contribution.

Teachers continue to comment on the value of the workshops, impressed by the amount of skills and knowledge acquired during a 2-hour period. They express their surprise at the students that excel beyond expectation. The Society intends to continue offering the programme for the foreseeable future.

GeoViz

GeoViz is the direct replacement for our Better Mapping programme of activity and is intended to offer design advice, online resources and the opportunity to share experiences for people involved in making maps and geographic data visualisations. At our annual conference this year the GeoDataViz team at Ordnance Survey (OS) ran a GeoViz hackday where they focused on the new OS National Geographic Database. The new GeoViz toolkit was also launched in conjunction with the Government Geography Profession.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Members of the Society represent a wide range of cartographic interests; they include practical mapmakers, map curators and collectors, academics and teachers, historians, GIS specialists and so on. Corporate Members cover an equally diverse field, including hardware and software manufacturers, government and commercial map publishers, and retailers and national libraries. To cater for these interests there are two main groups. If the need arises, the Society is willing to promote further groups.

Historical Military Mapping Group (HMMG)

The group (founded by Dr Peter Chasseaud FRGS) provides a point of contact and a forum for discussion for those interested in or engaged in research into any aspect of the history of military survey and mapping.

Map Curators' Group (MCG)

The Map Curators' Group is for librarians, curators, archivists, map historians and map collectors – anyone interested or involved in looking after map collections. It aims to provide a forum for discussion and professional support for all aspects of managing map collections in any format. The MCG hosted a number of discussions during 2024 on diversifying map collections, addressing a number of current issues including decolonisation, ethics, and access. In October 2024, Paula Williams stepped down as the Convener of MCG after six years in the role. Thereafter, Dr Martin Davis and Debbie Hall (both of the Bodleian Libraries,

University of Oxford) were appointed Co-Conveners of the group. Judith Fox continues to serve as the Editor of Cartographiti, the newsletter of the MCG.

UK Cartography Committee (UKCC)

The BCS is the adhering body for the United Kingdom to the International Cartographic Association (ICA). The Royal Society continues to take an active interest in ICA affairs and contributes to the annual subscription. A sub-committee of BCS Council, the UKCC is responsible for submitting the UK National Report to the ICA General Assembly and for supporting the UK National Delegate to attend. The UKCC also allows individuals to participate in ICA activities by offering BCS ICA support awards. In this period immediately following the General Assembly, there were no proposed changes to statutes to discuss.

World Cartographic Forum

An initiative to bring together leaders of national cartographic societies from around the world to discuss common issues such as membership, collaboration and fostering the learning of new mapping skills. Plans are underway for the BCS to potentially create a subgroup of leaders of European cartographic societies, following initial discussions between Alex Kent and Paul Naylor.

Publications

The Cartographic Journal (the peer-reviewed academic periodical of the Society)

The publication of Volume 60 (2023) included two Special Issues: the UK National Report to the ICA and Beck @ 90, a commemoration of 90 years since the first publication of Henry Beck's map of the London Underground network. The former presented a comprehensive survey of mapping activity and organisations in the UK and was submitted to the ICA General Assembly in Cape Town in August 2023. Guest edited by Max Roberts (University of Essex), the latter's collection of papers included a broad range of topics from map design to psychology, and was very well received by BCS members.

The Journal's one-year impact factor (IF) remains at 1.0 and the number of downloads has risen to almost 72,000 in 2024, which is a good reflection of the quality and relevance of research published.

Volume 61 (2024) celebrates the 60th anniversary of the foundation of the BCS and incorporates the long-awaited Special Issue on ethics and cartography. Printing and distribution of hardcopies is now approaching

normal schedules and with Volume 61 (2024) completed by early 2025, our aspiration to publish within cover months is likely to follow.

Maplines (membership magazine)

The Society's membership magazine was produced by Liz Bourne and Alina Vizireanu along with fellow editors Oana Candit, Peter Vujakovic and Publications Committee Chair, Jim Goldsmith. Printed copies were distributed to all members apart from Student members who received digital versions.

Maplines is published three times a year - Spring, Summer, and Winter. It serves as a platform for our members as well as professionals, students, and mapping enthusiasts to share their experiences, projects and advancements in the fields of cartography and geographic information.

Cartographiti (the newsletter of the Map Curators' Group)

Cartographiti continues to publish twice a year online, produced by editor Judith Fox. Recent issues have included summaries of papers delivered at the MCG Workshop and at other events. Members and non-members wishing to receive back copies should contact BCS Administration.

Maps and Surveys

The high quality HMMG newsletter Maps and Surveys is edited by Paul Hesp and is published quarterly (spring, summer, autumn, winter).

Cartography - an introduction (2nd edition)

The second edition of the Society's practical guide to making better maps by Giles Darkes and Mary Spence MBE was published in June 2017 and is available for purchase on the Society's website.

Corporate Members' Directory

Accessible to all via the website, the Directory provides an opportunity for all Corporate Members to advertise their work and to list their contact details and areas of expertise. Corporate Members who wish to be included should contact BCS Administration or edit their own profile through the membership platform, Membermojo.

Freelancers' Directory

Promoting the work of self-employed cartographers who are members of the Society, the Freelancers' Directory is available on the website. Members

who wish to be included should contact BCS Administration or edit their own profile through the membership platform, Membermojo.

Website

www.cartography.org.uk

The website was updated and maintained by Dominique Rene throughout 2024 and continues to offer useful resources for members and those interested in cartography and geovisualisation.

Social Media

The Society's social media channels have grown by 969 followers to 11,418 during 2024, and include X, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram and our subscribers on our YouTube Channel. The biggest annual increase (35%) has been on YouTube again where our videos have engaged over 200 additional subscribers to our regular Teatime talks and conference recordings. Engaging via these channels has led to growing membership, and to improved attendance at our online events. This insight allows the Council to focus on events and resources to match our members' needs based on feedback. A review into which social media channels to maintain and if new ones are required was held at the end of the year, ready for 2025.

Clare Seldon leads the social media outreach and liaises with council members and event organisers to post timely content and review the needs of the Society. Regular posts including "Map Monday" and "Spotlights" are supported by Holly Price.

X: @bcsmaps (5,419)

LinkedIn: britishcartographicsociety (3,033)

Facebook: britishcartographicsociety (1,696)

Instagram: @bcsmaps (651)

YouTube: British Cartographic Society (619)

Exhibitions and Public Relations

Throughout 2024 the Society was present at a number of external events where we were able to raise the profile of BCS and attract new members. During the year we were at: DGI 2024, the GA Conference, the GIS Research UK Conference (GISRUK), GeoPlace annual conference, GEOBusiness, the Association for Geographic Information GeoCom event and the Government Geography Profession conference.

Education

In terms of the society's education remit we now have an agreement in place with the Geographical Association (GA) and attend their annual conference to promote the educational support the BCS can offer to schools and teachers. This is in addition to the ongoing promotion of our successful Restless Earth programme.

During the year membership committee revived the existing student category to include benefits including digital copies of The Cartographic Journal and Maplines, an annual careers talk linking with corporate members, and access to GeoViz and the members' talks. A new award specifically designed for students to enter was agreed by the OS. And at an EGM in the winter of 2024 it was unanimously agreed that this category of membership would be free to all students over 18 in HE or FE with proof of status.

Finance

The principal sources of income for the Society remain membership subscriptions and the revenue from its publications. These are supported by donations, investment interest and Gift Aid claimed on a proportion of membership subscriptions.

The financial policy of the Society remains unchanged – to maintain a minimum level of funds in reserve which is sufficient to cover (a) 18 months of the cost of production of the Society's publications and its web presence, and (b) an amount equivalent to the cash flow requirement for a 12-month period. At the discretion of Council up to 20% of the reserve may be used to fund a special project on the condition that a plan is put in place to return the level of reserves to their target within a 12-month period. This provision has been used to fund the work of the GeoViz Coordinator for the initial period.

Subscription income remains stable with a modest increase compared with the previous year, the donation from Informa (the publishers of The Cartographic Journal) towards the general work of the Society has continued, other small donations have not made a significant contribution to the Society's funds. Reorganisation of the Society's administration had minimal impact on its finances. Income from Restless Earth Workshops has recovered, but in this year there was a small deficit as income did not entirely cover the operating expenses. The fees for the co-ordinator for these workshops are not funded from this income.

Throughout the period, management of the Society's finances has been broadly in line with the agreed budget although delays in the publication of The Cartographic Journal meant that two invoices were paid within the same year and as a result there is a deficit over the year.

The value of the Society's investments made a modest recovery over the year, from £96,448.79 to £98,743.52, and it remains the case that the level of accumulated assets is considered adequate to meet the agreed reserves.

The trustees have considered the financial risks to which the Society is exposed and are of the opinion that systems are in place to mitigate any exposure to these.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Naylor', written in a cursive style.

Signed by Mr P Naylor (President) for, and on behalf of, the Council of the British Cartographic Society.

11 March 2025

British Cartographic Society
Independent Examiner's Report to the
Trustees of the British Cartographic Society
UNDER SECTION 144 OF THE CHARITIES ACT 2011

I report on the accounts of the Society for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out in the preceding pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act) but an independent examination is needed.

I understand that my responsibilities are:

- To examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5b) of the Act.
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention in the examination

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Act
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

Have not been met; or

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

Name of Examiner: *CLACTON BUSINESS SERVICES LTD*

Qualifications: *CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS*

Signature



Date: *10.04.2025*

Charity Commission Number	Charity Name	Financial Period Ending	
240034	British Cartographic Society	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
A1 Receipts		2024	2023
A1a Voluntary Sources			
Membership Subscriptions		28,970.00	26,206.00
Donations		1,223.00	2,041.00
Gift Aid		0.00	2,683.96
	Sub-total	£30,193.00	£30,930.96
A1b Trading Activities			
Charitable Trading			
Cartographic Journal Royalties		19,828.17	20,842.62
Cartographic Journal Editorial Expenses		8,000.00	8,000.00
Cartography - an Introduction		532.88	601.69
Society Events including Fellows Lunch, AGM, Autumn Lecture		300.00	0.00
Special Interest Group Activities		0.00	0.00
Misc Income		85.00	723.57
	Sub-total	£28,746.05	£30,167.88
A1c Income from Assets			
Dividends		5981.35	5,661.27
	Sub-total A1(a-c)	£64,920.40	£66,760.11
A1d Miscellaneous Receipts			
ICA Affiliation		640.00	650.00
Awards Funding		2,333.33	250.00
Restless Earth Workshops		3,300.00	3,975.00
Conference		7,966.59	10,176.81
Refund		0.00	0.00
	Sub-total	£14,239.92	£15,051.81
	Total Receipts	£79,160.32	£81,811.92

A2 Payments	2024	2023
A2a Direct Charitable Expenditure		
Affiliations and Meetings	3,684.90	4,003.53
Society Meetings (Council, Prog, Memb, Pub)	504.34	252.77
Cartographic Journal (Members Subs)	27,129.94	14,110.50
Cartographic Journal Editorial	2,553.90	4,534.82
Maplines	8,314.17	9,766.86
Cartography - an Introduction	0.00	0.00
Website/Internet	2,536.03	2,778.37
Student Support/Grants	0.00	0.00
Special Interest Groups Expenses	0.00	53.00
Better Mapping Seminars/GeoViz	0.00	165.00
	44,723.28	35,664.85
A2b Other Expenditure		
Publicity	0.00	778.67
Insurance	271.23	409.92
Stationery/Society Printing	10.35	217.26
Software and IT	312.98	122.16
Administrion Fees	11,025.00	13,750.00
Communication Contract	0.00	3,000.00
Restless Earth Co-ordinator Fees	7,150.00	6,550.00
Postage	820.36	1,629.26
Consumables	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Administration	1,910.04	818.23
President's Expenses	127.66	206.46
Commission (From receipts)	917.31	940.25
	22,544.93	28,422.21
Sub-total	A2 (a+b)	
	67,268.21	64,087.06
A2c Payment for other assets		
Fixed Assets	50.00	199.99
GeoViz Co-ordinator	5,710.43	7,960.83
Sub-total	5,760.43	8,160.82

A2d Miscellaneous Payments

Restless Earth Workshops	3,719.00	2,943.85
Society Events and Functions	6,094.35	7,956.29
Conference	9,339.80	3,966.71
Miscellaneous	216.50	192.35
Symposium/Awards	2,222.69	1,005.32

Sub-total 21,592.34 16,064.52

Total Payments £94,620.98 £88,312.40

Surplus (Deficit) (15,460.66) (6,500.48)

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Bank Balance Brought Forward	63,358.12	69,688.53
Bank Balance in Hand	47,167.60	63,358.12

Balance on unrestricted funds (16,190.52) (6,330.41)

Charity Commission Number	Charity Name	Financial Period Ending	
240034	British Cartographic Society	31/12/2024	31/12/2023

Section D Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Monetary Assets

Current Account Balance	41,586.60	58,847.12
Membership Account Balance	5,581.00	4,511.00
Total Bank Balance	£47,167.60	£63,358.12

Non-monetary Assets held for investment purposes

	Number of Units	Cost to Date	Unit Price 31 Dec 2024 (p)		
M&G Charifund	6,471.48	67,010.00	1472.4	95,286.07	92,865.09
M&G Charibond Shares	3,204.31	5,000.00	107.9	3,457.45	3,583.70
				£98,743.52	£96,448.79

Accumulated Surplus at December 31st 2023

Trading Summary	2024	2023
Surplus (Deficit) on all activities	(15,460.66)	(6,500.48)

Accumulated Assets

Bank Balances	47,167.60	63,358.12
VAT Account Balance	(2,154.29)	(2,886.15)
Charifund and Charibond Value	98,743.52	96,448.79
	£143,756.83	£156,920.76

THE BRITISH CARTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 240034

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The Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Registered Charity Number 240034

The British Cartographic Society Annual Report for the Year ended 31 December 2023

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President	Dr S Cassettari
Vice-President	Mr P Naylor
Hon. Secretary	Mr D Sherren
Treasurer	Mr B Anderson

Council Members: Mr C Budas, Mr S Burry, Mr J Goldsmith, Mr H Holbrook, Dr A Kent, Dr J Peaty, Ms C Seldon, Ms E Watts.

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Co-opted Members of Council: Mr K Black, Mrs P Williams. Co-opted Members are not Trustees of the Society.

Honorary Coordinators and other post-holders:

Chair of Membership Committee: Ms E Watts

Chair of Programme Committee: Mr P Naylor

Chair of the Publications Committee: Mr J Goldsmith

Chair of UK Cartography Committee, International Cartographic Association: Dr A J Kent

External Liaison Officer: Mr A Grimwade

Editor, *The Cartographic Journal*, and Chair of the Editorial Board: Dr A J Kent

Editorial team, Maplines: A Vizireanu, C Vrinceanu, G Sahbeni, O Candit, P Vujakovic, J Goldsmith, L Bourne

Editor, Cartographiti: Ms J Fox

Historical Military Mapping Group (HMMG) Convener: Dr J Peaty

Maps and Surveys Editor: Mr P Hesp

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The Trustees' policy is to offer a forum for the exchange of ideas and the sharing of cartographic knowledge, and to inform Members of technical changes and opportunities that affect their professional standing. Volunteer members manage most of the Society activities, apart from:

Society administration is outsourced to Ms R Derby.

Website development and management is undertaken by Dominique Rene. Design of *Maplines*, the Society's membership magazine, is outsourced to Pink Salt Design.

Our Restless Earth programme is run by Jennifer Johnston.

Services Provided

Conferences (Society Annual Conference)

Regular cartographic/GIS-related talks

Society Awards for excellence in cartography

Society Awards Archive

Support for students at the Conference in the form of bursaries

Corporate and Freelancers' Directories (website)

GeoViz Programme to promote innovative cartographic visualisation

Restless Earth Workshops for schools

General cartographic information and advice through the BCS Forum

Society Publications and Resources

The Cartographic Journal (the peer-reviewed academic periodical of the Society - ISSN 0008-7041)

Maplines (the news magazine of the Society)

Cartographiti (the newsletter of the Map Curators' Group)

Maps and Surveys (the newsletter of the Historical Military Mapping Group)

Cartography - an introduction (2nd edition) (ISBN 978-0-904482-25-6)

A Celebration of 50 Years of The British Cartographic Society (ISBN 978-0-904482-24-9)

Careers in Cartography (available on the website)

The Map Curators' Toolbox (available on the website)

Directory of UK Map Collections (available on the website)

Representation on National and International organisations

British and Irish Committee for Map Information and Cataloguing Systems (BRICMICS)

International Cartographic Association (ICA)

UK Committee of the ICA (UK Cartography Committee)

UK GEOForum

World Cartographic Forum

Special Interest Groups

Historical Military Mapping Group

Map Curators' Group

Partnerships and Collaborations

The Society has signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) with the Charles Close Society, the International Map Industry Association (IMIA) and the Association of Geographic Information (AGI) to co-promote each other's aims and activities. It has also signed an MoU with the Geography Profession (GPP) to collaborate on the GeoViz Programme (see below).

The Society remains in discussion with the Defence Surveyors Association (DSA) to establish a closer working relationship.

The Society is a member of the Foundation for Science and Technology and benefits from free advice on legislation.

Review of the Year

Council and Committee Meetings

During the reporting period, Council continued with the established pattern of holding shorter monthly meetings virtually via Google Meet/Zoom. In December 2023 some members of Council attended an in-person meeting in a conference room provided by the Steer Group in London. Other

members of the Committee joined the meeting virtually via Google Meet on a large screen. Committee meetings generally took place on a regular basis allowing a more responsive way of working.

Membership

The BCS membership year runs from 1 January to 31 December. As of 31 December 2023, BCS membership comprised 12 Honorary Fellows, 64 Fellows, 330 Full members, 25 Corporate members, 17 Small Corporate members, 2 Educational, 50 Student and 40 Affiliate members, making a total of 540.

Membership subscriptions are a main source of Society income with recruitment and retention of existing members being a continuous process.

This year has been another exceptional one and following have been introduced:

- In each edition of *Maplines* we showcase one of our members via the 'Members Spotlight'.
- Employees of our corporate members are actively invited to member only events and talks.
- The Society has negotiated a new and additional MoU agreement with the AGI.
- We continue to work closely on events with our MoU partners, particularly the IMIA.
- Mr El-Moustafa Eweda was awarded a Fellowship.
- We created an external events strategy to ensure conference attendance is relevant.

Programme

The BCS Programme Committee is responsible for delivering the Society's Annual Conference and its calendar of events. It has members that report on the Map Curators' Group, the Historical Military Mapping Group, Restless Earth, BCS Awards, Teatime Talks and GeoViz.

In September 2023 we ran our first in-person conference since covid in celebration of the Society's 60-year anniversary. The conference was run in conjunction with the British Antarctic Survey where our annual awards were also awarded. This included a GeoViz hackday and main conference.

Our Teatime Talks continue to be popular and regularly attract 40-50 registrations and this year we introduced Map Memoirs, online presentations for people to present their favourite map(s). Restless Earth continues to be popular amongst schools and we often hold two to three events per month. The Annual Winter Lecture was held virtually in November and brought together Presidents of the British Cartographic Society, Swiss Society of Cartography and German Cartographic Society to discuss what the future holds for modern day cartography. The GeoViz toolkit is almost finished and

will be released later in 2024. In September 2024 our conference will again be in-person.

Awards

In April 2023 the Barbara Petchenik Children's Map Competition UK entries were judged by Dr Alexander Kent, Chair of UK Cartography Committee and Jim Goldsmith, BCS Awards Officer.

The following were selected and sent to ICA as the UK entries.

Category 6-8 years

Peace on Earth by Grace McNaughton (aged 8)

Protect Our Planet by Charlotte Langston (aged 7)

Category 9-12 years

Love our Earth by Hannah Kehoe (aged 11)

Move to the Moon by Veronica Myazin (aged 12)

Save the World, to Save the Bees, to Save the People by Georgia Loughton (aged 10)

The Weight of the World by Harriet Northall (aged 10)

In 2023 awards were presented in the following categories: the Avenza Award for Electronic Mapping, the John C. Bartholomew Award for Thematic Mapping, the Garsdale Design Award for 3D Mapping, the OS Award for Excellence in the Use of Ordnance Survey Data, the Stanfords Award for Printed Mapping and the Peter Jolly Award, which is only open to BCS members and voted for by the 2023 BCS membership. There were no Entries for the Ian Mumford Award in 2023.

The 2023 Awards announcements and presentations took place at the end of the BCS 60th Anniversary Dinner at Christ's College Cambridge, a fantastic venue for the event (and a logistical challenge!). It was well attended but sadly not all the winners were able to be there. The main conference was held at the British Antarctic Survey where we had a room to display all the Award entries. Some were physical and others were shown on posters, and there was a TV running a looping slideshow with all the 2023 entries.

The prestigious BCS Award was presented to the best entry from the winners of the major design awards. The 2023 winner was *Ribbon Mekong* entered by Marko Kallio.

Judges' comments: 'Unusual and fun presentation of a river course. Very original, entertaining details. A simple concept, clearly executed and easy to follow'. There is a Video on the BCS YouTube channel featuring a chat with Marko about his winning entry.

Because of the delays in publishing *The Cartographic Journal*, printed by Taylor & Francis, two Henry Johns awards were announced in 2023.

Henry Johns Award for the Most outstanding Paper Published in The Cartographic Journal

- *The Effect of Display Pixel Density on the Minimum Legible Size of Fundamental Cartographic Symbols* (Volume 58, Number 4, pp. 314-328) by Florian Ledermann was voted by the editorial board of *The Cartographic Journal* as the most outstanding paper published in 2021.
- *Decoupling Slope and Aspect Vectors to Generalize Relief Shading* (Volume 59, Number 2, pp. 136-149) was voted by the editorial board of *The Cartographic Journal* to be the most outstanding paper of 2022.

Full details of all these award categories and the results of the Society's awards can be found on the Society's website and were published in the 2023 winter edition of *Maplines* pages 16-21 and will be included in a future edition of *The Cartographic Journal* in 2023.

Restless Earth Workshops

The British Cartographic Society's Restless Earth programme ran for its tenth year during 2023, with 28 sessions at 15 different schools. The interest this year was well received with a total of 1,642 students taking part.

All the workshops were in-person events and will continue as such into the 2024 school year.

The development of the second case study using the Türkiye/Syria 2023 earthquake has begun involving Richard Martin from MapAction. The current Japanese Earthquake Tsunami workshop is being delivered in a simplified format breaking up the tasks into more manageable chunks and using a reduced number of reference maps to accommodate the current abilities of students.

Once again, we are very grateful to all our volunteers and those who support the workshops. Special thanks to all our volunteers, especially Stephen Dodds, Peter Jones and Chris Barrington Brown and Emily Altham from the Ministry of Defence for their contribution.

Teachers continue to comment on the value of the workshops, impressed by the amount skills and knowledge acquired during a 2-hour period. They express their surprise at the students that excel beyond expectation. The Society intends to continue offering the programme for the foreseeable future.

GeoViz

GeoViz is the direct replacement for our Better Mapping programme of activity and is intended to offer design advice, online resources and the

opportunity to share experiences for people involved in making maps and geographic data visualisations. A GeoViz hackday run in conjunction with the British Antarctic Survey was held as part of the annual conference in 2023 and the GeoViz toolkit is almost complete and ready for publication later this year.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Members of the Society represent a wide range of cartographic interests; they include practical mapmakers, map curators and collectors, academics and teachers, historians, GIS specialists and so on. Corporate Members cover an equally diverse field, including hardware and software manufacturers, government and commercial map publishers, and retailers and national libraries. To cater for these interests there are two main groups. If the need arises, the Society is willing to promote further groups.

Historical Military Mapping Group (HMMG)

The group (founded by Dr Peter Chasseaud FRGS) provides a point of contact and a forum for discussion for those interested in or engaged in research into any aspect of the history of military survey and mapping. A joint webinar was held with the Charles Close Society in March under our MOU. Other planned activities did not take place because of the Convenor's ill health. Extensive discussions were held with the Defence Surveyors Association about a MOU. Though the DSA eventually declined, it was agreed that the HMMG and DSA would continue to co-operate informally.

Map Curators' Group (MCG)

The Map Curators' Group is for librarians, curators, archivists, map historians and map collectors - anyone interested or involved in looking after map collections. It aims to provide a forum for discussion and professional support for all aspects of managing map collections in any format. In September 2023, as part of the Society's Conference, the Group hosted a workshop on the theme of 'Exploring Maps'. This included papers on the practical use of collections of the British Antarctic Survey and The Alpine Club, decolonising collections at the Royal Geographical Society, and machines reading maps. The MCG has also initiated a new discussion group on Diversifying our Map Collections which aims to meet quarterly.

UK Cartography Committee (UKCC)

The BCS is the adhering body for the United Kingdom to the International Cartographic Association (ICA). The Royal Society continues to take an active interest in ICA affairs and contributes to the annual subscription. A sub-committee of BCS Council, the UKCC is responsible for submitting the

UK National Report to the ICA General Assembly and for supporting the UK National Delegate to attend. The UKCC also allows individuals to participate in ICA activities by offering BCS ICA support awards. In this period, the UKCC met to discuss the proposed changes to the ICA Statutes and recommend voting strategies for the UK National Delegate (Alex Kent), who attended the ICA General Assembly in Cape Town during the International Cartographic Conference, where he was supported by David Forrest as the UK's Deputy Delegate.

World Cartographic Forum

An initiative to bring together leaders of national cartographic societies from around the world to discuss common issues such as membership, collaboration and fostering the learning of new mapping skills. The fourth meeting of the World Cartographic Forum took place at ICC2023 in Cape Town, South Africa. Due to an unfortunate clash with the conference programme, fewer attended this time.

Publications

The Cartographic Journal (the peer-reviewed academic periodical of the Society)

The printing and distribution of hardcopies of *The Cartographic Journal* remained delayed throughout 2022, exacerbated by late submissions for the production of the 'bumper' Issue 4 (Special Issue on Soviet Mapping). Nevertheless, the Special Issue was a highlight of Volume 59 and attracted especially good feedback from BCS members.

The Journal's impact factor (IF) dipped slightly for 2022, with its one-year IF standing at 1.0, although the modest drop is commensurate with that of other journals in the field that are published by Taylor & Francis. The number of article downloads has continued to rise markedly, from 57,000 to nearly 64,000 this year. Fewer manuscripts have been submitted during 2022-2023, which will be addressed by greater representation at conferences in cartography (and associated fields) to drive up submissions and attract more authors.

Volume 60 (2023) celebrates the foundation of the BCS and has two Special Issues; the first being the UK National Report to the ICA (Issue 2) and another celebrating the 90th anniversary of the first printing of Beck's Underground map (Issue 4). A planned Special Issue on geospatial ethics will be incorporated into Volume 61, which celebrates 60 years of *The Cartographic Journal*.

Maplines (membership magazine)

The Society's membership magazine was produced by Liz Bourne along with fellow editors Oana Candit, Ghada Sahbeni, Alina Vizireanu, Cristina

Andra Vrînceanu, Peter Vujakovic and Publications Committee Chair, Jim Goldsmith. Printed copies were distributed to all members apart from Student members who received digital versions.

Cartographiti (the newsletter of the Map Curators' Group)

Cartographiti continues to publish twice a year online and has now reached a milestone publication of issue 100 in January 2023. Recent issues have included summaries of papers delivered at the MCG Workshop and at other events. Members and non-members wishing to receive back copies should contact BCS Administration.

Maps and Surveys

The high quality HMMG newsletter *Maps and Surveys* is edited by Paul Hesp and is published quarterly (spring, summer, autumn, winter).

Cartography - an introduction (2nd edition)

The second edition of the Society's practical guide to making better maps by Giles Darkes and Mary Spence MBE was published in June 2017 and is available for purchase on the Society's website.

Directory of UK Map Collections

The Directory is freely published on the BCS website for research purposes only. While efforts have been made to update the Directory, many entries should be considered historic and do not reflect current collection status.

Additions and amendments are collated through:

MCGMapcollections@cartography.org.uk.

Corporate Members' Directory

Accessible to all via the website, the Directory provides an opportunity for all Corporate Members to advertise their work and to list their contact details and areas of expertise. Corporate Members who wish to be included should contact BCS Administration or edit their own profile through the membership platform, Membermojo.

Freelancers' Directory

Promoting the work of self-employed cartographers who are members of the Society, the Freelancers' Directory is available on the website. Members who wish to be included should contact BCS Administration or edit their own profile through the membership platform, Membermojo.

Website

www.cartography.org.uk

The website was updated and maintained by Dominique Rene throughout 2023 and continues to offer useful resources for members and those interested in cartography and geovisualisation.

Social Media

The Society's social media channels have grown by over 1,300 followers to 10,600 since January 2023, and include X, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram and our subscribers on our YouTube Channel. The biggest annual increase (37%) has been on YouTube where our videos have engaged almost 200 additional subscribers to our regular Teatime talks and conference recordings. Engaging via these channels has led to growing membership, and to improved attendance at our online events. This insight allows the Council to focus on events and resources to match our members' needs based on feedback.

X: @bcsmaps

LinkedIn: britishcartographicsociety

Facebook: britishcartographicsociety

Instagram: @bcsmaps

YouTube: British Cartographic Society

Exhibitions and Public Relations

2022 saw a return to in-person external events and we were pleased to be represented at DGI 2023, the GA Conference, Geospatial World Forum, GEOBusiness, the Association for Geographic Information GeoCom event and the Government Geography Profession conference.

Education

Prof. Peter Vujakovic stood down as Committee Chair in April 2022 and the Society is currently seeking to find a replacement. In the meantime the committee remains in abeyance. In addition, the ongoing development of the GeoViz resource should also support teachers and education into the future.

Finance

The principal sources of income for the Society remain membership subscriptions and the revenue from its publications. These are supported by donations, investment interest and Gift Aid claimed on a proportion of membership subscriptions.

The financial policy of the Society remains unchanged – to maintain a minimum level of funds in reserve which is sufficient to cover (a) 18 months

of the cost of production of the Society's publications and its web presence, and (b) an amount equivalent to the cash flow requirement for a 12-month period. At the discretion of Council up to 20% of the reserve may be used to fund a special project on the condition that a plan is put in place to return the level of reserves to their target within a 12-month period. This provision has been used to fund the work of the GeoViz Co-ordinator for the initial year.

Subscription income remains stable with a modest increase compared with the previous year, the donation from Informa (the publishers of the Cartographic Journal) towards the general work of the Society covers two years in the accounts for 2023, other small donations have not made a significant contribution to the Society's funds. Reorganisation of the Society's administration had minimal impact on its finances. Income from Restless Earth Workshops has recovered and provided a surplus on the operating costs of this aspect of the Society's activities. The co-ordinator for these workshops is not funded from this income.

Throughout the period, management of the Society's finances has been in broadly in line with the agreed budget although the higher than anticipated costs incurred to support attendance at events, particularly those outside the UK, have resulted in a deficit over the year. In view of this and the need to ensure that the Society is able to return a small surplus in the future it was decided to increase membership subscriptions commencing in 2024.

The value of the Society's investments declined over the year, from £98,570.28 to £96,448.79, however, this is smaller than in the previous year and it remains the case that the level of accumulated assets is considered adequate to meet the agreed reserves.

The trustees have considered the financial risks to which the Society is exposed and are of the opinion that systems are in place to mitigate any exposure to these.



Signed by Dr G Cassettari (President) for, and on behalf of, the Council of the British Cartographic Society.

12 March 2024

Charity Commission Number	Charity Name	Financial Period Ending	
240034	British Cartographic Society	31/12/2023	31/12/2022
Income		2023	2022
Voluntary Sources			
Membership Subscriptions		26,206.00	25,071.17
Donations		2,041.00	0.00
Gift Aid		2,683.96	2,745.75
	Sub-total	£30,930.96	£27,816.92
Trading Activities			
Cartographic Journal Royalties		20,842.62	21,742.19
Cartographic Journal Editorial Expenses		8,000.00	8,140.39
Cartography - an Introduction		601.69	637.24
Society Events including Fellows Lunch, AGM, Autumn Lecture		0.00	1,342.45
Special Interest Group Activities		0.00	0.00
Misc Income		723.57	343.05
	Sub-total	£30,167.88	£32,205.32
Income from Assets			
Dividends		5,661.27	5,441.82
	Sub-total	£66,760.11	£65,464.06
Miscellaneous Receipts			
ICA Affiliation		650.00	650.00
Awards Funding		250.00	500.00
Restless Earth Workshops		3,975.00	4,500.00
Conference		10,176.81	0.00
Refund		0.00	0.00
	Sub-total	£15,051.81	£5,650.00
	Total Receipts	£81,811.92	£71,114.06

Expenditure	2023	2022
Direct Charitable Expenditure		
Affiliations and Meetings	4,003.53	3,266.49
Society Meetings (Council, Prog, Memb, Pub)	252.77	213.15
Cartographic Journal (Members Subs)	14,110.50	0.00
Cartographic Journal Editorial	4,534.82	6,452.02
Maplines	9,766.86	8,118.20
Cartography - an Introduction	0.00	12.00
Website/Internet	2,778.37	3,996.00
Student Support/Grants	0.00	518.24
Special Interest Groups Expenses	53.00	101.54
Better Mapping Seminars/GeoViz	165.00	0.00
	35,664.85	22,677.64
Other Expenditure		
Publicity	778.67	45.00
Insurance	409.92	409.92
Stationery/Society Printing	217.26	0.00
Software and IT	122.16	244.95
Administrion Fees	13,750.00	18,000.00
Communication Contract	3,000.00	0.00
Restless Earth Co-ordinator Fees	6,550.00	5,500.00
Postage	1,629.26	1,945.95
Consumables	0.00	345.84
Miscellaneous Adminstration	818.23	1,449.71
President's Expenses	206.46	356.96
Commission (From receipts)	940.25	421.11
	28,422.21	28,719.44
Sub-total	64,087.06	51,397.08

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240034	British Cartographic Society	31/12/2023	31/12/2022

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Monetary Assets

Current Account Balance	58,847.12	66,527.53
Membership Account Balance	4,511.00	3,161.00
Total Bank Balance	£63,358.12	£69,688.53

Non-monetary Assets held for investment purposes

	Number of Units	Cost to Date	Unit Price 31 Dec 2023 (p)		
M&G Charifund	6,471.48	67,010.00	1434.99	92,865.09	95,099.69
M&G Charibond Shares	3,204.31	5,000.00	111.84	3,583.70	3,470.59
				£96,448.79	£98,570.28

Accumulated Surplus at December 31st 2023

Trading Summary	2023	2022
Surplus (Deficit) on all activities	(6,500.48)	12,456.68

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British Cartographic Society
Independent Examiner's Report to the
Trustees of the British Cartographic Society
UNDER SECTION 144 OF THE CHARITIES ACT 2011

I report on the accounts of the Society for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out in the preceding pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act) but an independent examination is needed.

I understand that my responsibilities are:

- To examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5b) of the Act.
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention in the examination

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Act
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

Have not been met; or

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

Name of Examiner: *CLASCO Business Services Ltd*

Qualifications *CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS*

Signature



Date: *01.05.2024*

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At the 59th Annual General Meeting on 9 June 2022 (held online), a proposal to extend the terms of service of Officers and Council by six

months was approved. This extension of the terms of service was required due to the change in our financial year and new AGM times.

Co-opted Members of Council: Mrs P Williams.

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External Liaison Officer: Alan Grimwade

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Senior Editor, Maplines: Ms C Robinson (until September 2022)

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Services provided:

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Regular cartographic/GIS-related talks

Society Awards for excellence in cartography

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Representation on National and International organisations:

British and Irish Committee for Map Information and Cataloguing Systems (BRICMICS)

International Cartographic Association (ICA)

UK Committee of the ICA (UK Cartography Committee)

UK GEOForum

World Cartographic Forum

Special interest groups:

Historical Military Mapping Group

Map Curators' Group

Partnerships and Collaborations

The Society has signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) with the Charles Close Society and the International Map Industry Association (IMIA) to co-promote each other's aims and activities. It has also signed an MoU with the Government Geography Profession (GGP) to

collaborate on the GeoViz Programme (see below).

There is currently a draft MoU under consideration with the Association of Geographic Information (AGI) and the Society is in discussion with the Defence Surveyors Association (DSA) to establish a closer working relationship.

The Society is a member of the Foundation for Science and Technology and benefits from free advice on legislation.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Council and Committee Meetings

During the reporting period, Council continued with the established pattern of holding shorter monthly meetings virtually via Google Meet/Zoom. In December 2022 some members of Council attended an in-person meeting in a conference room provided by the Steer Group in London. Other members of the Committee joined the meeting virtually via Google Meet on a large screen. Committee meetings generally took place on a regular basis allowing a more responsive way of working.

Membership

The BCS membership year runs from 1 January to 31 December.

As of 31 December 2022, BCS membership comprised 12 Honorary Fellows, 64 Fellows, 341 Full members, 24 Corporate members, 17 Small Corporate members, 6 Educational, 60 Student and 42 Affiliate members, making a total of 566.

Membership subscriptions are one of the Society's main sources of income and recruitment is a continuous process, as is the retention of existing members. This year has been another exceptional one

with the Society operating in more agile and efficient ways, with the introduction of more online content and events.

The following have taken place or been introduced:

The BCS launched the GeoViz programme to promote the skills development in geospatial data visualization and all its forms, and has recruited a GeoViz coordinator to deliver this initiative.

Related to this the society has entered into an agreement with the Government Geography Profession (GGP) to create and deliver a Toolkit to support civil servants across all government departments to create better and more effective map outputs.

Dr David Forrest was awarded an Honorary Fellowship. He was the BCS President from 2000 to 2002, and in 2000 became the Society's representative on the UK Cartography Committee (UKCC). Over the years David put significant effort into promoting the BCS, and was actively involved in several ICA commissions. In 2021 David stepped down as UKCC Chair, and now retired continues to carry out research and consultancy.

The BCS has entered into agreements with the following external organisations, the Government Geography Profession (GGP) and the Geographical Association, with the intention to foster increased collaboration for the mutual benefit of the partners.

Programme

The BCS Programme Committee is responsible for delivering the Society's Annual Conference and its calendar of events. It has members that report on the Map Curators' Group, the Historical Military Mapping Group, Restless Earth, BCS Awards, Teatime Talks and Geoviz.

In September 2022 we ran our second virtual conference in conjunction with Steer where our annual awards were also awarded. This included a hack day, GeoViz and main conference.

Our Teatime Talks continue to be popular and regularly attract a hundred registrations.

Restless Earth continues to be popular amongst schools and we often hold 2 to 3 events per month.

The Annual Winter Lecture was held virtually in November by Oliver Green.

We have continued to run a number of virtual events with some of our recently adopted MOU organisations such as IMIA and the Charles Close Society.

In September 2023 we will move back to an in-person conference as part of our 60th anniversary celebrations.

Awards

In 2022 awards were presented in the following categories: the Avenza Award for Electronic Mapping, the John C. Bartholomew Award for Thematic Mapping, the Garsdale Design Award for 3D Mapping, the OS Award for Excellence in the Use of Ordnance Survey Data, and the Stanfords Award for Printed Mapping. The new Peter Jolly Award, which is only open to BCS members, this was created as a memorial for Peter Jolly following his untimely death in March 2022.

The Henry Johns Award for the most outstanding paper published in *The Cartographic Journal* was awarded. The Ian Mumford Award for excellence in original research by students was not awarded in 2022 as no entries were received .

The prestigious BCS Award was presented to the best entry from the winners of the major design awards. The 2022 winner was, Atlas of Shanghai (2021 Version) entered by Shanghai Surveying and Mapping Institute. It was the winner of both the John C. Bartholomew and Stanfords Awards. The judging panel said “Very impressive, lavish work with dozens of beautiful and varied thematic maps of many types, covering a wide range of topics. Difficult to judge in detail the

editorial aspects of the book because of its language, but it clearly covers a huge range of information (sometimes perhaps too much) in imaginative ways. The well-designed maps, infographics, images and other artwork all fit together well, and the excellent packaging ensures this is a complete product.”

The announcements for all the awards were included as part of the 2022 Conference in September 2022 which was again an online virtual event. This meant we had to do the awards ceremony in the online format. The awards supporters or BCS officers supplied pre-recorded videos to ensure we could broadcast this as one section on the main conference day.

Full details of all these award categories and the results of the Society’s awards can be found on the Society’s website (www.cartography.org.uk) and were published in the 2022 winter edition of *Maplines* pages 14-19 and in the November edition of the *Cartographic Journal* (issue 4).

Restless Earth Workshops

The British Cartographic Society’s Restless Earth programme ran for its tenth year during 2021-22, with 29 sessions at 17 different schools. The interest this year was immense with a total of 1,651 students taking part. There were 4 sessions held in 2021, with 218 students in attendance, and 25 sessions in 2022 with 1,433 students.

All the workshops were in-person events and will continue as such into the 2023 school year.

The development of the second case study using the Nepal Earthquake of 2015 has been placed on hold due to the increased number of workshops. Progress will resume in August 2023 when there is a break from delivering the Restless Earth workshops. It is apparent from this past year that an easier version of the workshop would be a

useful option.

Once again, we are very grateful to all our volunteers and those who support the workshops. Special thanks to all our volunteers, especially Stephen Dodds and Katherine Ganarin from the Ministry of Defence for their contribution.

Teachers continue to comment on the value of the workshops and express their surprise at the students that excel beyond expectation. The society intends to continue offering the program for the foreseeable future.

GeoViz

GeoViz is the direct replacement for our Better Mapping programme of activity and is intended to offer design advice, online resources and the opportunity to share experiences for people involved in making maps. To date we have run our first GeoViz event as part of the 2021 and 2022 Annual Conference and we now have dedicated web pages for GeoViz content. Geoviz has also appointed a GeoVid lead (Camille Rahier) to drive and grow GeoViz content.

Government Geography Profession

The Society has been working with the UK government's Head of Geography to provide cartographic and geodata visualisation advice and resources that can be used across central and local government. The GeoViz toolkit is being created by the recently appointed GeoViz lead and the first stage will be completed later this year.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Members of the Society represent a wide range of cartographic interests; they include practical mapmakers, map curators and collectors, academics and teachers, historians, GIS specialists and so on. Corporate Members cover an equally diverse field, including hardware and software manufacturers, government and commercial map publishers, and retailers and national libraries. To cater for these interests there are two main groups. If the need arises, the

Society is willing to promote further groups.

Historical Military Mapping Group (HMMG)

The group (founded by Dr Peter Chasseaud FRGS) provides a point of contact and a forum for discussion for those interested in or engaged in research into any aspect of the history of military survey and mapping.

As part of the BCS's Annual Conference (September 2021), the group held a joint online seminar with the Charles Close Society, following the signing of a MOU between the BCS and the CCS. Discussions have been held between the HMMG and the CCS about a joint in person lecture in early 2023. Discussions have been held between the HMMG and the Defence Surveyors Association about a similar MOU.

Map Curators' Group (MCG)

The Map Curators' Group is for librarians, curators, archivists, map historians and map collectors – anyone interested or involved in looking after map collections. It aims to provide a forum for discussion and professional support for all aspects of managing map collections in any format. In September 2022 as part of the Society's Conference, the Group hosted a virtual workshop on the theme of 'Finding Maps'. This included papers on deep mapping, dealing with large physical map donations, and cartobibliography. The MCG also hosted an online training 'Describing maps: a basic map cataloguing workshop' in November led by Paige Andrew, a maps cataloguer at Pennsylvania State University Libraries.

UK Cartography Committee (UKCC)

The BCS is the adhering body for the United Kingdom to the International Cartographic Association (ICA). The Royal Society continues to take an active interest in ICA affairs and contributes to the annual subscription. A sub-committee of BCS Council, the UKCC is responsible for submitting the UK National Report to the ICA General Assembly and for supporting the UK National Delegate to attend. The UKCC also allows individuals to participate in ICA activities by offering

BCS-ICA support awards. In this period, BCS Council member Alex Kent has succeeded David Forrest as Chair of the UK Cartography Committee (UKCC) following the ICA General Assembly at Florence in December 2021. David will continue as UKCC Secretary and succeeds Ken Atherton, who fulfilled the role for many years. The Society is particularly grateful to David and to Ken for ensuring that the UK has been well represented internationally through the ICA.

World Cartographic Forum

An initiative to bring together leaders of national cartographic societies from around the world to discuss common issues such as membership, collaboration and fostering the learning of new mapping skills. The fourth meeting of the World Cartographic Forum will take place at ICC2023 in Cape Town, South Africa, where we hope to again welcome delegates in person. The meeting will provide an opportunity to share experience of how the BCS has introduced measures to retain and grow membership.

Publications

The Cartographic Journal (the peer-reviewed academic periodical of the Society)

Printing and distribution of hardcopies of *The Cartographic Journal* remained severely affected during recovery from the impacts of COVID-19 throughout 2022. Normal production schedules are expected to resume in 2023.

Nevertheless, the Journal's impact factor (IF) increased again for 2021, with its one-year IF now standing at 1.366 (highest yet) and its five-year IF at 1.516. The number of article downloads has also seen a marked increase (from 41,000 to 57,000 this year), which is possibly associated with wider readership trends arising from the

limitations imposed by COVID-19.

The overall number of submissions has risen and appears to have recovered from the slump of the previous year. This will be boosted further by Volume 60 having two Special Issues; one celebrating the 90th anniversary of the first printing of Beck's Underground map and the other focusing on the timely topic of geospatial ethics. Greater representation at conferences in cartography (and associated fields) is playing a key role in driving up submissions and attracting the best new research, which are both major elements of Dr Kent's strategy for advancing the Journal.

Maplines (membership magazine)

The Society's membership magazine was produced by Caroline Robinson as senior editor along with fellow editors Oana Candit, Ghada Sahbeni, Alina Vizireanu, Cristina Andra Vrînceanu and Peter Vuja-kovic, with Liz Bourne as proofreader for the first two issues of the year. Caroline stood down as editor and Liz Bourne managed the production of the final issue of the year, alongside the editors and Publications Committee Chair, Jim Goldsmith.

Cartographiti (the newsletter of the Map Curators' Group):

Cartographiti has moved to online publication and reduced frequency and is available to all MCG Members and by request to non-members. Members and non-members wishing to receive back copies should contact BCS Administration.

Maps and Surveys:

After a gap of some years, in Dec 2021 the group newsletter (*Maps and Surveys*) resumed publication under the editorship of Paul Hesp. It is published quarterly (March, June, September, December).

Cartography – an introduction (2nd edition)

The second edition of the Society's practical guide to making better

maps by Giles Darkes and Mary Spence MBE was published in June 2017.

Directory of UK Map Collections

The latest edition of the Directory is published on the BCS website. It is updated regularly and access is free and unlimited. Additions and amendments are collated through MCGMapcollections@cartography.org.uk.

Corporate Members' Directory

Accessible to all via the website, the Directory provides an opportunity for all Corporate Members to advertise their work and to list their contact details and areas of expertise. Corporate Members who wish to be included should contact BCS Administration or edit their own profile on the BCS website.

Freelancers' Directory

Promoting the work of self-employed cartographers who are Members of the Society, the Freelancers' Directory is available on the website. Members who wish to be included should contact BCS Administration or edit their own profile on the BCS website.

Website (www.cartography.org.uk)

The website was updated and maintained by Dominique Rene throughout 2022 and continues to offer useful resources for members and those interested in cartography and geovisualisation.

Social Media

The Society's social media channels have grown by over 2,000 followers to 9,250 since January 2022, and include Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram and our subscribers on our YouTube Channel. The

biggest annual increase (66%) has been on LinkedIn where our professional networking has engaged over 1,000 additional followers. Engaging via these channels has led to growing membership, and to improved attendance at our online events. This engagement allows Council better insights to focus on events and resources to match our members' needs.

Twitter: @bcsmaps

Facebook: britishcartographicsociety

Instagram: @bcsmaps

LinkedIn: britishcartographicsociety

YouTube: British Cartographic Society

Exhibitions and Public Relations

2022 saw a return to in-person external events and we were pleased to be represented at GISRUK, the GA Conference, Geospatial World Forum, ESRI Conference, GEOBusiness and the Government Geography Conference.

Education

Prof. Peter Vujakovic stood down as Committee Chair in April 2022, but work continued, including developing a useful page of educational resources for teachers etc. on the Society's website.

In addition, the ongoing development of the GeoViz resource will also support teachers and education into the future.

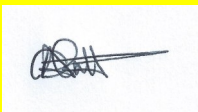
Finance

The Society has two principal sources of income, membership subscriptions and the revenue arising from its publications. These are supplemented by income derived from investments, donations and Gift Aid. Key areas of expenditure are those associated with administering the Society, production of its publications, including maintaining the website, and the fees for the Restless Earth Coordinator.

Despite the untypical circumstances prevailing through the year, which meant that it was not possible to host Society events nor run Restless Earth workshops, both income and expenditure have been broadly in line with budget projections. This has resulted in a further overall surplus of income over expenditure, this amounts to £22,959 as compared with £4,776 in the previous year. However, when the estimated fees payable to Informa (Taylor and Francis) the publishers of *The Cartographic Journal* are taken into account, the surplus is reduced to £7,459.

There has been no change to the policy on financial reserves which states that the minimum level of reserves maintained are (a) 18 months' cost of the production of the Society's publications and maintenance of the website and (b) 12 months' cost of administering and operating the Society and in addition an amount equivalent to the cash flow required by the Society for a 12-month period. There is provision for not more than 20% of the reserve to be used to fund a special project provided that the reserves are restored to the required level within 12 months.

The value of non-monetary assets held for investment purposes by BCS has recovered from the low value of £86,840 at the end of June 2020 to £103,079 at the end of June 2021. As a result of the surplus and the increased value of the investments, the value of accumulated assets has also increased and currently stands at £182,504. Although this figure appears high, it is important to remember that more than 55% of this total depends on the value of non-monetary assets which may decline sharply as they have in previous years. It is also important to be aware that interest from the non-monetary assets provides an income stream.



The trustees are required to make an assessment of the financial risk to which the Society is exposed and they are satisfied that there is adequate provision to mitigate major risks

Signed by Dr G Cassettari (President) for, and on behalf of, the Council of the British Cartographic Society

12 October 2021

Charity Commission Number	Charity Name	Financial Period Ending	
240034	British Cartographic Society	31/12/2022	31/12/2021
A1 Receipts		2022	2020/21
A1a Voluntary Sources			
Membership Subscriptions		25,071.17	34,210.84
Donations		0.00	2,010.00
Gift Aid		2,745.75	4,793.22
	Sub-total	£27,816.92	£41,014.06
A1b Trading Activities			
Charitable Trading			
Cartographic Journal Royalties		21,742.19	22,760.21
Cartographic Journal Editorial Expenses		8,140.39	8,000.00
Cartography - an Introduction		637.24	527.89
Society Events including Fellows Lunch, AGM, Autumn Lecture		1,342.45	40.00
Special Interest Group Activities		0.00	1,134.90
Misc Income		343.05	-
	Sub-total	£32,205.32	£32,463.00
A1c Income from Assets			
Dividends		5,441.82	7,120.27
	Sub-total	£85,464.06	£80,597.33
A1d Miscellaneous Receipts			
ICA Affiliation		650.00	650.00
Awards Funding		500.00	1,100.00
Restless Earth Workshops		4,500.00	0.00
Symposium		0.00	915.00
Refund		0.00	5.31
	Sub-total	£5,650.00	£2,670.31
	Total Receipts	£71,114.06	£83,267.64

A2 Payments	2022	2020/21
A2a Direct Charitable Expenditure		
Affiliations and Meetings	3,266.49	2,686.16
Society Meetings (Council, Prog, Memb, Pub)	213.15	129.56
Cartographiti	0.00	106.87
Cartographic Journal (Members Subs)	0.00	12,287.75
Cartographic Journal Editorial	6,452.02	2,246.81
Maplines	8,118.20	12,958.14
Cartography - an Introduction	12.00	38.70
Website/Internet	3,986.00	6,802.64
Student Support/Grants	518.24	0.00
Special Interest Groups Expenses	101.54	0.00
Better Mapping Seminars/GeoViz	0.00	150.00
	22,677.64	37,606.63
A2b Other Expenditure		
Publicity	45.00	429.09
Insurance	409.92	409.92
Stationery/Society Printing	0.00	175.89
Software and IT	244.95	487.14
Administration Fees	18,000.00	27,000.00
Restless Earth Co-ordinator Fees	5,500.00	9,000.00
Postage	1,945.95	1,967.09
Consumables	345.64	300.39
Miscellaneous Administration	1,449.71	750.68
President's Expenses	356.98	236.27
Commission (From receipts)	421.11	730.46
	28,719.44	41,486.93
Sub-total	A2 (a+b)	
	51,397.08	79,093.56
A2c Payment for other assets		
Fixed Assets	636.61	394.95
A2d Miscellaneous Payments		
Restless Earth Workshops	3,722.70	1,053.80
Society Events and Functions	1,984.32	800.48
Subscription Refunds	75.00	695.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
Symposium/Awards	841.47	1,338.80
	Sub-total	6,823.49
	6,823.49	3,888.08
	Total Payments	£58,657.38
	£58,657.38	£83,376.59
	Surplus (Deficit)	£12,456.68
		(108.95)
A3		
Bank Balance Brought Forward	57,191.24	54,976.98
Bank Balance in Hand	69,688.53	57,191.24
Balance on unrestricted funds	£12,497.29	£2,214.26

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Section D Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Monetary Assets

Current Account Balance	66,527.53	55,500.24
Membership Account Balance	3,161.00	1,691.00
Total Bank Balance	£69,688.53	£57,191.24

Non-monetary Assets held for investment purposes

	Number of Units	Cost to Date	Unit Price 31 Dec 2022 (p)		
M&G Charifund	6471.48	67010	1469.52	95,099.69	100,709.17
M&Gcharibond Shares	3204.31	5000	108.31	3,470.59	3,882.66
				£98,570.28	£104,591.83

Accumulated Surplus at December 31st 2022

Trading Summary	2022	2021
Surplus (Deficit) on all activities	12,456.68	(108.95)

Accumulated Assets

Bank Balances	69,688.53	57,191.24
VAT Account Balance	(2,716.08)	(2,675.47)
Charifund and Charibond Value	98,570.28	104,591.83
	£165,542.73	£159,107.60

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1 July 2020 to 31 December 2021

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Annual Report for the Year ended 31 December 2021

The British Cartographic Society, *c/o Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers) 1 Kensington Gore, London, SW7 2AR*, is registered with the Charity Commission (No. 240034). The Society was founded 28th September 1963 as a Learned Society and the Constitution and By-Laws adopted in September 1964.

This Annual Report covers the 18 months from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2021, following the decision to bring the accounting year in line with the membership year, starting 1 January. This was approved at the 256th meeting of Council on 15 November 2017 and completed by the 282nd Council meeting on 12 October 2021.

All future AGMs will take place around the June period after the end of the accounting year, in accordance with the requirements of the Charity Commission.

All those elected at the 58th AGM held on the 16 November 2021 will serve an 18-month term through to the planned AGM in June 2023 (subject to approval at the AGM in June 2022).

The Charity is administered by the Council of the Society, who are the Trustees, comprising (at 31 December 2021):

President Dr S Cassettari
Vice-President Mr P Naylor
Hon. Secretary Mr D Sherren
Treasurer Mr B Anderson

Council Members: Mr C Budas, Mr S Burry, Mr J Goldsmith, Mr H Holbrook, Dr A Kent, Dr J Peaty, Ms C Seldon, Ms E Watts.

The normal term of office for service on Council shall be one year for Officers and two years for Members. When a Member does not complete the normal term of office, Council may seek to fill the vacancy for the unexpired period by election at an Annual General Meeting.

Co-opted Members are not Trustees of the Society.

At the 57th Annual General Meeting on 24 November 2020 (held online), there being one nomination for each Officer post, a ballot was not required. The following Officers of Council were elected: President (Dr S Cassettari), Vice-President (Mr P Naylor), Hon. Secretary (Mr D Sherren) and Hon. Treasurer (Mr B Anderson). There being five vacancies for Ordinary Members of Council and four nominations, a ballot was not required. Council Members elected: Ms S Bakker (resigned 15 July 2021) and Mr H Holbrook. Council members re-elected: Ms E Watts and Mr C Budas.

Co-opted Members of Council: Dr A J Kent, Ms Caroline Robinson and Mrs P Williams.

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Co-opted Members of Council: Ms Caroline Robinson, Prof P Vuja-kovic and Mrs P Williams.

Honorary Coordinators and other post-holders:

Chair of Membership Committee: Ms E Watts

Chair of Programme Committee: Mr P Naylor

Chair of the Publications Committee: Mr J Goldsmith

Chair of UK Cartography Committee, International Cartographic Association: David Forrest

Corporate Members Liaison: Alan Grimwade (until end February 2021), Laura Caton (from March 2021 until autumn 2021)

External Liaison Officer: Alan Grimwade (from March 2021)

Editor, *The Cartographic Journal*, and Chair of the Editorial Board: Dr A J Kent

Senior Editor, *Maplines*: Ms C Robinson

Acting Editor, *Cartographiti*: Ms J Fox

Historical Military Mapping Group (HMMG) Convener: Dr J Peaty

Maps and Surveys Editor: Paul Hesp
Map Curators' Group Convener: Mrs P Williams
Restless Earth Coordinator: Ms J Johnston
Society Administrator: Ms L Bourne
Society Awards Officer: Mr J Goldsmith

Aims:

The object of the Charity is the promotion of that class of knowledge which distinguishes the Art and Science of Cartography. For that purpose, the Society shall, *inter alia*:

- a. facilitate the exchange of information and ideas amongst the members of the Society and others;
- b. hold meetings and publish periodicals and books;
- c. arrange and participate in national and international conferences;
- d. advance cartographic education and encourage research;
- e. support the maintenance of libraries and collections of maps, books, plans and photographs;
- f. print, publish, sell, lend and distribute communications made to the Society;
- g. provide and award medals and prizes;
- h. do all other things incidental to the Society's object provided that no part of the property or funds of the Society shall be applied other than for charitable purposes.

The Trustees' policy is to offer a forum for the exchange of ideas and the sharing of cartographic knowledge, and to inform Members of technical changes and opportunities that affect their professional standing.

Volunteer members manage most of the Society activities, apart from:

- Society administration is outsourced to Watershed Creative Ltd.
- Website development and management is undertaken by Dominique Rene.
- Design of *Maplines*, the Society's membership magazine, is outsourced to Caroline Robinson.
- Our Restless Earth programme is run by Jennifer Johnston.

Services provided:

Conferences (Society Annual Conference)
Regular cartographic/GIS-related talks
Society Awards for excellence in cartography
Society Awards Archive
Support for students at the Conference in the form of bursaries
Corporate and Freelancers' Directories (website)
General cartographic information and advice
Restless Earth Workshops for schools

Society publications and resources:

The Cartographic Journal (the peer-reviewed academic periodical of the Society – ISSN 0008-7041)

Maplines (the news magazine of the Society)

Cartographiti (the newsletter of the Map Curators' Group)

Maps and Surveys (the newsletter of the Historical Military Mapping Group)

Cartography – an introduction (2nd edition) (ISBN 978-0-904482-25-6)

A Celebration of 50 Years of The British Cartographic Society (ISBN 978-0-904482-24-9)

Careers in Cartography (available on the website)

The Map Curators' Toolbox (available on the website)

Directory of UK Map Collections (available on the website)

Representation on National and International organisations:

British and Irish Committee for Map Information and Cataloguing Systems (BRICMICS)

International Cartographic Association (ICA)

UK Committee of the ICA (UK Cartography Committee)

UK GEOForum

World Cartographic Forum

Special interest groups:

Historical Military Mapping Group

Map Curators' Group

Other affiliations and partnerships

The Society is a member of the Foundation for Science and Technology and benefits from free advice on legislation.

The Society has also formed formal partnerships with the following organisations:

- The Charles Close Society
- International Map Industry Association

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Council and Committee Meetings

During the reporting period, Council met in September and then from December 2020 moved to shorter monthly meetings. Likewise, committee meetings generally took place on a more regular basis allowing a more responsive way of working. These meetings were all held virtually via Google Meet/Zoom and the consequential saving in travel and subsistence allowed the Society to invest in other initiatives.

Membership

The BCS membership year runs from 1 January to 31 December.

As of 31 December 2021, BCS membership comprised 11 Honorary Fellows, 69 Fellows, 319 Full members, 26 Corporate members, 16 Small Corporate members, 6 Educational, 37 Student and 44 Affiliate members, making a total of 528. 139 new members joined during the year of reporting.

The Society recognises the importance of education and outreach activities, including building upon its Restless Earth workshops and furthering the Society's working relationships with the sister bodies such as the Royal Geographical Society (RGS), Royal Scottish Geographical Society (RSGS), the Geographical Association (GA) and the higher education community, as being vital for the future of the discipline and for fostering an interest in cartography in young people.

Membership subscriptions are one of the Society's main sources of income and recruitment is a continuous process, as is the retention of existing members. This year has been another exceptional one with the Society operating in more agile and efficient ways, with the introduction of more online content and events.

The following initiatives have also taken place or have been introduced:

- Corporate and Small Corporate Members are now followed via the BCS social media platforms as part of the Society's on-going support;

- The Corporate and Small Corporate Member webpages contain their company logo, link and a statement of their business activity and are available for updating and amending by the Corporate and Small Corporate members themselves.

- A proposal to change the Fellow post nominal to FBCartS and introduce an Honorary Fellow post nominal of HonFBCartS was agreed by Council and was the subject of a BCS EGM in autumn 2021.

- Peter Jones, a BCS Past President, was made an Honorary Fellow at the AGM in November 2020, which was formally awarded to him at the Conference in 2021.

- The BCS has entered into two agreements with external organisations - the International Map Industry Association (IMIA), and the Charles Close Society (CCS). These are aimed at increasing collaboration for the mutual benefit of the partners.

Programme

The BCS Programme Committee is responsible for delivering the Society's Annual Conference and its calendar of events. It has members that report on the Map Curators' Group, the Historical Military Mapping Group, Restless Earth, BCS Awards, Teatime Talks and Geoviz.

In September 2021 we ran our first virtual conference in conjunction with the British Geological Survey where our annual awards were also awarded.

At the beginning of 2021, the Society launched its Teatime Talks programme of monthly general interest talks lasting about 40 minutes. These virtual talks regularly attract a hundred registrations.

There was also the reinstatement of the Annual Winter Lecture, given in early 2021 by Dr Barbara Bond, and a successful online Fellows event to encourage an increase in fellowship applications.

We have continued to run a number of virtual events with some of our recently adopted MOU organisations such as IMIA and the Charles Close Society and the amount of schools signing up to our Restless Earth programme continues to grow.

Awards

In 2021, awards were presented in all seven categories: the Avenza Award for Electronic Mapping, the John C. Bartholomew Award for Thematic Mapping, the Garsdale Design Award for 3D Mapping, the OS Award for Excellence in the Use of Ordnance Survey Data, and the Stanfords Award for Printed Mapping. The Henry Johns Award for the most outstanding paper published in *The Cartographic Journal* was awarded and the Ian Mumford Award for excellence in original research by students was also awarded.

The prestigious BCS Award was presented to the best entry from the winners of the major design awards. The 2021 winner was *Atlas of the Invisible* by James Cheshire and Oliver Uberti. It was the winner of both the John C. Bartholomew and Stanfords Awards. The judging panel said that “a wide variety of techniques are used, some in very exciting and innovative ways, and it is an impressive range of cartographic styles of presentation that show the information that they are trying to present in the most effective way to the user. To sum it up in one word – brilliant.”

The announcements for all the awards were included as part of the 2021 Conference which was all online, another first-time experience for the Society. This meant we had to do the awards ceremony in a completely new format. The awards supporters supplied pre-recorded videos to ensure we could broadcast this as one section on the main conference day.

Full details of all these award categories and the results of the Society’s awards can be found on the Society’s website (www.cartography.org.uk) and the Winners, Highly Commended and Commended were listed in the 2021 winter edition of *Maplines*, pages 14-17.

Restless Earth Workshops

The British Cartographic Society’s Restless Earth programme ran for its ninth year during 2020–21, with eight sessions of the workshop at six different schools despite many schools having to cancel due to COVID-19. A total of 395 students participated. There were five sessions held in 2020, with 255 students in attendance, and four sessions in 2021 with 218 students. One of the sessions in 2021 was given online at the Geographical Association’s online annual event.

The workshops will continue into the 2022 new school year as an in-person workshop.

The case study on the Japanese earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster of 2011 will remain. A second option of the Nepal earthquake of 2015 is in preparation but due to the difficulty of finding adequate reference maps that can be re-printed, the coordinator has started creating the reference maps from scratch using open-source data.

The Nepal 2015 scenario will be easier as there has been a lot of interest from younger year levels.

Once again, we are very grateful to all our volunteers and to those who support the workshops. Special thanks to our volunteers, especially Matthew Roberts and Stephen Dodds from the Defence Geospatial Centre (DGC).

Teachers continue to comment on the value of the workshops and the society intends to continue offering the programme for the foreseeable future.

GeoViz

GeoViz is the direct replacement for our Better Mapping programme of activity and is intended to offer design advice, online resources and the opportunity to share experiences for people involved in making maps. To date we have run our first GeoViz event as part of the 2021 Annual Conference and we now have dedicated web pages for GeoViz content.

Government Geographer

The Society has been working with the UK government's Head of Geography to provide cartographic and geodata visualisation advice and resources that can be used across central and local government. The resources will link to those created as part of the GeoViz initiative.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Members of the Society represent a wide range of cartographic interests; they include practical mapmakers, map curators and collectors, academics and teachers, historians, GIS specialists, and so on. Corporate Members cover an equally diverse field, including hardware and software manufacturers, government and commercial map publishers, and retailers and national libraries. To cater for these interests there are two main groups. If the need arises, the Society is willing to promote further groups.

Historical Military Mapping Group (HMMG)

The group (founded by Dr Peter Chasseaud FRGS) provides a point of contact and a forum for discussion for those interested in or engaged in research into any aspect of the history of military survey and mapping.

As part of the BCS's Annual Conference, on 8 September 2021 the group held a joint seminar online with the Charles Close Society, following the signing of a MOU between the BCS and the CCS: Chris Going spoke on Luftwaffe night maps of the UK: the Conventer on a deceptive 'going' map which fooled Rommel at Alam Halfa in 1942; Richard Oliver on the OS and geology; Rob Wheeler on OS 25" parish maps. Discussions were held with the Defence Surveyors Association about a similar MOU.

Map Curators' Group (MCG)

The Map Curators' Group is for librarians, curators, archivists, map historians and map collectors – anyone interested or involved in looking after map collections. It aims to provide a forum for discussion and professional support for all aspects of managing map collections in any format. In September 2021, as part of the Society's Conference, the Group hosted a virtual workshop on the theme of 'Learning from lockdown: positive developments for our map collections'. This included papers on creating virtual classrooms, the history of geological mapping and gathering historical place names. The group also took the opportunity to discuss and share ideas for 'Advocating for our Collections'. The MCG continues to plan future training and workshop events.

UK Cartography Committee (UKCC)

The Society is the adhering body for the United Kingdom to the International Cartographic Association (ICA). The Royal Society continues to take an active interest in ICA affairs and contributes to the annual subscription. The UK Cartography Committee (UKCC), chaired by Council member David Forrest, continues to exercise this responsibility, holding an annual meeting and additional meetings focused on ICA General Assemblies. While a sub-committee of BCS Council, UKCC membership represent all facets of cartography in the UK, including commercial, academic and government, along with other appropriate cartographic organisations. The BCS supports the UK National Delegate to attend the ICA General Assembly and individual members to participate in ICA activities by offering BCS-ICA support awards.

World Cartographic Forum

An initiative to bring together leaders of national cartographic societies from around the world to discuss common issues such as membership, collaboration and fostering the learning of new mapping skills. The third meeting of the World Cartographic Forum took place at ICC2021 in Florence, Italy, where delegates from 20 countries attended in person or via Zoom. The meeting provided an opportunity to describe how the BCS has initiated a successful series of online talks and introduced other measures to retain and grow membership.

Publications

The Cartographic Journal (the peer-reviewed academic periodical of the Society)

The publication, printing and distribution of *The Cartographic Journal* was still severely affected by COVID-19 throughout 2021 and schedules are expected to improve by the end of the year.

The Journal's impact factor (IF) increased for 2020, with its one-year IF now standing at 1.311 and its five-year IF at 1.571 (both impact factors are the highest yet for the Journal). According to Taylor & Francis, the readership of the Journal extends to over 180 countries and the number of article downloads remained healthy at around 41,000 for 2020.

The overall number of submissions was lower than expected in the reporting period, although this may have been due to the prolonged influence of COVID-19. Going forward, a greater presence at conferences in cartography (and associated fields) will serve to increase submissions and attract the best research. Dr Kent's strategy for advancing the Journal remains focused on selecting the best manuscripts from new researchers and speeding up turnaround times for manuscript review.

Maplines (the Society news magazine)

Caroline Robinson has been joined by fellow editors Alina Vizireanu and Cristina Andra Vrinceanu, with Liz Bourne as proofreader for the past year. Ghada Sahbeni and Peter Vujakovic grew the team further for the 2021 winter edition of *Maplines*.

Unfortunately OXUNIPrint closed and we have a new printer called Bishops based on the south coast of England. The magazine is consistently 32 pages per edition and often we have more submissions, which then have to go into the following edition.

Images and text from *Maplines* are shared with the Social Media team and posted under the new handle, @bcsmaps.

The standard of journalism and submissions continues to rise and add value to the Society. We are getting more interest from overseas subscribers and authors, as well as interest in connecting topics with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The cover price has risen from £3.50 to £4.50.

There are further plans to include other sections of the BCS, such as Membership, Corporates and Media Pack for Advertisers.

Cartographiti (the newsletter of the Map Curators' Group)

Cartographiti has moved to online publication and reduced frequency and is available to all MCG Members and by request to non-members. Members and non-members wishing to receive back copies should contact BCS Administration.

Maps and Surveys

After a gap of some years, on 6 December 2021 the group quarterly newsletter (*Maps and Surveys*) resumed publication under the editorship of Paul Hesp.

Cartography – an introduction (2nd edition)

The second edition of the Society's practical guide to making better maps by Giles Darkes and Mary Spence MBE was published in June 2017.

Directory of UK Map Collections

The latest edition of the Directory is published on the BCS website. It is updated regularly and access is free and unlimited. Additions and amendments are collated through MCGMapcollections@cartography.org.uk.

Corporate Members' Directory

Accessible to all via the website, the Directory provides an opportunity for all Corporate Members to advertise their work and to list their contact details and areas of expertise. Corporate Members who wish to be included should contact BCS Administration or edit their own profile on the BCS website.

Freelancers' Directory

Promoting the work of self-employed cartographers who are Members of the Society, the Freelancers' Directory is available on the website. Members who wish to be included should contact BCS Administration or edit their own profile on the BCS website.

Website

www.cartography.org.uk

The Society's website was relaunched in January 2021 with improved navigation and user experience. A new membership management platform has been integrated into the site (Membermojo) which allows members to join, renew and update their information more efficiently

Events are listed and, when open to non-members, links are included for easy registration. Users can also view a presentation slideshow of our 2021 Award entries (winners, highly commended and commended). The website also links to the BCS-Forum, a platform for members and non-members to share practical advice and opinions on issues of a cartographic and geovisual nature.

Social Media

The Society's social media channels have grown by almost 2,500 followers to 7,000 since summer 2020, and include Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram. The addition in July 2021 of our YouTube channel is steadily growing subscribers, as more of our recorded talks are hosted there.

Engaging with our followers via these channels has led to growing membership, and to improved engagement with our members. This has allowed Council better insights to focus on events and resources to match our members' needs.

Twitter: @bcsmaps

Facebook: britishcartographicsociety

Instagram: @bcsmaps

LinkedIn: britishcartographicsociety

YouTube: British Cartographic Society

Exhibitions and Public Relations

We were unable to attend many events because of cancellations caused by COVID-19. However, in November we did attend GEO-Business 2021.

Education

During the year, the Society re-established the Education Committee chaired by Prof. Peter Vujakovic. Committee membership includes representatives from the Ordnance Survey, the Geographical Association, primary and secondary teachers and curriculum experts. The Restless Earth programme is now part of the Education Committee activities.

**Independent Examiners Report for the Trustees
The British Cartographic Society**

Our report on the financial statement of the Society for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the Charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is your responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to your attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent Examiners' Statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act, and to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met, or to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Signed by:



SIMON BROOK FCA
Crestal Business Services Ltd
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Independent Examiner

Date: 25.05.2022

Finance

The main sources of income for the Society are membership subscriptions and the revenue from publications. These are supported by donations, investment interest and Gift Aid. The financial policy of the Society remains unchanged - to maintain a minimum level of funds in reserve to cover (a) 18 months costs of production for the Society's publications and its web presence and (b) 12 months operating expenses to cover the running and administration and in addition an amount to cover the cashflow requirement for a 12-month period. At the discretion of Council, up to 20% of the reserve may be used to fund a special project subject to the condition that a plan is put in place to return the level of the reserves to their targeted level within a 12-month period.

It was agreed by Council that the financial year be changed so that it coincided with the membership year and consequently the accounts presented cover an 18-month period rather than the customary 12-month period. As a result income from membership subscriptions is inflated and the cost of the production of *Maplines* has also increased when compared to previous years. The enduring restrictions of social activities and in particular the closure of schools resulted in a total loss of income from *Restless Earth Workshops*.

However, overall, careful management of the Society's finances has been maintained throughout the period and is in line with the agreed budget. Although there is a deficit compared with the previous year's surplus this is small, at £108.95, and it is fully anticipated that for the coming year the Society's finances will return to surplus.

There has been a significant recovery in the value of the BCS investments, and at the end of the reporting period these are now valued at £104,591.83 compared with £86,840.26. As a result the overall value of accumulated assets is adequate to cover the agreed reserves.

The trustees have considered the major financial risks to which the Society is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate any exposure to these.

Bernard Anderson

Bernard Anderson

Date: 10th May 2022

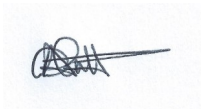
**Receipts & Payments Account and
Statement of Assets & Liabilities
Under Section 42(3) of the Charities Act 1993**

Charity Reference

Charity Name	The British Cartographic Society
Charity Commission Number	240034
For the financial year to	30 June 2021, extended to 31 December 2021

Declaration

The accounts for financial year period ending 31 December 2021 set out on pages 15 to 17 for the original financial year ended on the date above, and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities at that date as set out on page 18 are as approved by the Trustees.



Dr S Cassettari (President)

Date: 6 June 2022

Trustee authorised to sign on behalf of all trustees

Full name: Dr Guiseppe Cassettari

Forwarded by: Mr D Sherren (Hon Secretary)

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Charity Commission Number	Charity Name	Financial Period Ending	
240034	British Cartographic Society	31/12/2021	30/06/2020
A1 Receipts		2020/21	2019/20
A1a Voluntary Sources			
Membership Subscriptions		34,210.84	26,554.67
Donations		2,010.00	3,357.38
Gift Aid		4,793.22	-
	Sub-total	£41,014.06	£29,912.05
A1b Trading Activities			
Charitable Trading			
Cartographic Journal Royalties		22,760.21	23,414.13
Cartographic Journal Editorial		8,000.00	8,000.00
Cartography - an Introduction		527.89	1,535.58
Society Events including AGM, Autumn Lecture		40.00	736.74
Special Interest Group Activities		1,134.90	2,571.09
Misc Sales		-	60.00
	Sub-total	£32,463.00	£36,317.54
A1c Income from Assets			
Dividends		7,120.27	5,461.05
	Sub-total	£80,597.33	£71,690.64
A1d Miscellaneous Receipts			
ICA Affiliation		650.00	650.00
Awards Funding		1,100.00	1,000.00
Restless Earth Workshops		-	1,520.00
Symposium		915.00	0.00
VAT Refund		0.00	130.71
Refund		5.31	-
	Sub-total	£2,670.31	£3,300.71
	Total Receipts	£83,267.64	£74,991.35

A2 Payments	2020/21	2019/20
A2a Direct Charitable Expenditure		
Affiliations and Meetings	2,886.16	1,085.34
Society Meetings (Council, Prog, Memb, Pub)	129.56	2,621.01
Cartographiti	106.87	115.00
Cartographic Journal (Membership Subs)	12,287.75	15,324.90
Journal Editorial Expenses	2,246.81	
Maplines	12,958.14	8,267.21
Cartography - an Introduction	38.70	1,175.58
Website/Internet	6,802.64	1,909.50
Student Support	-	1,203.90
Special Interest Groups Expenses	-	214.99
Better Mapping Seminars/GEOVIZ	150.00	245.20
	£37,606.63	£32,162.63
A2b Other Expenditure		
Publicity	429.09	-
Insurance	409.92	409.92
Stationery/Society Printing	175.89	90.00
Software and IT	487.14	313.59
Administration Fees	27,000.00	23,799.25
Restless Earth Co-ordinator Fees	9,000.00	6,000.00
Postage	1,967.09	1,164.33
Telephone	-	37.80
Consumables	300.39	283.84
Administrator's Travel	-	431.22
Society Printing	0.00	
Miscellaneous Administration	750.68	495.22
President's Expenses	236.27	-
Commission	730.46	78.38
	£41,486.93	£33,103.55
Sub-total A2 (a+b)	£79,093.56	£65,266.18
A2c Payment for other assets		
Purchase of laptop and tablet	394.95	-
A2d Miscellaneous Payments		
Restless Earth Workshops	1,053.80	1,348.76
Society Events and Functions	800.48	1,248.80
Miscellaneous Meetings	0.00	0.00
Subscription Refunds	695.00	725.00
Symposium/Awards	1,338.80	
VAT Payments	0.00	1,626.72
Sub-total	£3,888.08	£4,949.28
Total Payments	£83,376.59	£70,215.46
Surplus (Deficit)	(108.95)	4,775.89
A3		
Bank Balance Brought Forward	54,976.98	45,183.32
Bank Balance in Hand	57,191.24	54,976.98
Balance on unrestricted funds	£2,214.26	£9,793.66

Charity Commission Number	Charity Name	Financial Period Ending	
240034	British Cartographic Society	31/12/2021	30/06/2020

Section D Statement of Assets and Liabilities

D1 Monetary Assets

Current Account Balance		55,500.24	51,490.98
Membership Account Balance		1,691.00	3,486.00
Total Bank Balance		£57,191.24	£54,976.98

D3a Non-monetary Assets held for investment purposes

	Number of Units	Cost to Date	Unit Price at 31 Dec 2021 (p)		
M&G Charifund	6471.48	67,010.00	1556.20	£100,709.17	£82,827.83
M&G Charibond Shares	3,204	5,000.00	121.17	£3,882.66	£4,012.44
				£104,591.83	£86,840.27

Accumulated surplus at December 31st 2021

Trading Summary	2020/21	2019/20
Surplus (Deficit) on all activities	(108.95)	5,431.29

Accumulated Assets

Bank Balances	57,191.24	54,976.98
Vat Account Balance	(2,675.47)	(352.25)
Charifund and Charibond Value	104,591.83	86,840.26
Accumulated assets at 31st Dec 2021	£159,107.60	£141,464.99

Corporate members of the British Cartographic Society

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Defence Geographic Centre
Dennis Maps Ltd
Edward Stanford Ltd
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The Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

Registered Charity Number 240034

Annual Report for the Year ended 30 June 2020

The British Cartographic Society, c/o Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers) 1 Kensington Gore, London, SW7 2AR, is registered with the Charity Commission (No. 240034). The Society was founded 28th September 1963 as a Learned Society and the Constitution and By-Laws adopted in September 1964.

The Charity is administered by the Council of the Society, who are the Trustees, comprising:

President	Mr R Carpenter
Vice-President	Mr M Lubikowski
Hon. Secretary	Mr D Sherren
Treasurer	Dr S Cassettari (interim)

Council Members: Dr D Forrest, Mr J Goldsmith, Mr P Naylor (resigned 4th May 2020), Dr J Peaty, Ms E Watts, Mr C Budas

At the 56th Annual General Meeting on 19th November 2019 there being one nomination for President (Mr R Carpenter) and one nomination for Vice-President (Mr M Lubikowski), a ballot was not required. There were no nominations for the post of Honorary Treasurer. There being six vacancies for Ordinary Members of Council and four nominations, a ballot was not required. Council Members re-elected: Dr D Forrest, Mr J Goldsmith, Mr P Naylor and Dr J Peaty.

The normal term of office for service on Council shall be one year for Officers and two years for Members. When a Member does not complete the normal term of office, Council may seek to fill the vacancy for the unexpired period by election at an Annual General Meeting.

Co-opted Members of Council: Ms M Spence MBE, Dr A J Kent, Mr M Irving and Mrs P Williams. Co-opted Members are not Trustees of the Society.

Honorary Coordinators and other post-holders:

Chairman of Membership Committee: Ms E Watts
 Chairman of Programme Committee: Mr C Budas
 Chairman of the Publications Committee: Mr M Lubikowski
 Chairman of UK Cartography Committee, International Cartographic Association: Dr D Forrest
 Corporate Members Liaison: Mr A Grimwade
 Editor, *The Cartographic Journal*, and Chairman of the Editorial Board: Dr A J Kent
 Senior Editor, *Maplines*: Ms C Robinson
 Acting Editor, *Cartographiti*: Ms J Fox
 Historical Military Mapping Group (HMMG) Convener: Dr J Peaty
 Map Curators' Group Convener: Mrs P Williams

¹At the Council meeting on 20th November, it was agreed to appoint Mr J Nichol as Hon. Treasurer up to 31st December 2019. Dr S Cassettari was co-opted as Hon. Treasurer for the period from 1st January 2020 up to the 2020 AGM.

Restless Earth Coordinator: Ms J Johnston

Society Administrator: Mrs S Cassettari (until 12/19); Ms L Bourne (from 01/20)

Society Awards Officer: Mr J Goldsmith

Aims:

The object of the Charity is the promotion of that class of knowledge which distinguishes the Art and Science of Cartography. For that purpose, the Society shall, *inter alia*:

- facilitate the exchange of information and ideas amongst the members of the Society and others;
- hold meetings and publish periodicals and books;
- arrange and participate in national and international conferences;
- advance cartographic education and encourage research;
- establish and maintain libraries and collections of maps, books, plans and photographs;
- print, publish, sell, lend and distribute communications made to the Society;
- provide and award medals and prizes;
- do all other things incidental to the Society's object provided that no part of the property or funds of the Society shall be applied other than for charitable purposes.

The Trustees' policy is to offer a forum for the exchange of ideas and the sharing of cartographic knowledge, and to inform Members of technical changes and opportunities that affect their professional standing.

Volunteer members manage most of the Society activities. Society administration was outsourced to GeoInforma Ltd until December 2019. It then passed to Watershed Creative Ltd in January 2020.

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Cartographiti (the newsletter of the Map Curators' Group)

BCS Members' Bulletin (the President's e-newsletter to Members)

Cartography – an introduction (2nd edition) (ISBN 978-0-904482-25-6)

A Celebration of 50 Years of The British Cartographic Society (ISBN 978-0-904482-24-9)

Careers in Cartography (available on the website)

Directory of UK Map Collections (available on the website)

Representation on National and International organisations:

British and Irish Committee for Map Information and Cataloguing Systems (BRICMICS)

International Cartographic Association (ICA)

UK Committee of the ICA (UK Cartography Committee)

UK GEOForum

World Cartographic Forum

Special interest groups:

Historical Military Mapping Group

Map Curators' Group

Other affiliations:

The Society is a member of the Foundation for Science and Technology and benefits from free advice on legislation.

Review of the year

Membership

The BCS membership year runs from 1st January to 31st December.

As of 30th June 2020, BCS membership comprised 10 Honorary Fellows, 76 Fellows, 274 Full members, 26 Corporate members, 17 Small Corporate members, 8 Educational, 23 Student and 43 Affiliate members, making a total of 477. 81 new members joined during the year of reporting and 111 members resigned or failed to renew their subscription.

The Society recognises the importance of education and outreach activities, including building upon its Restless Earth workshops and furthering the Society's working relationships with the sister bodies such as the Royal Geographical Society (RGS), the Geographical Association (GA), the higher education community and with geography teachers, as being vital for the future of the discipline and for fostering an interest in cartography in young people. We were delighted to receive a query from a mother about whether the Society accepts Members under the age of 18, to which we responded by sending various goodies (thanks to Jim Goldsmith and the Ordnance Survey) and a Junior Membership category has now been proposed.

Membership subscriptions are one of the Society's main sources of income and recruitment is a continuous process, as is the retention of existing members. This year has been an exceptional one in running the Society in more agile and efficient ways, with the introduction of more online content and

events that have now become a necessity. The following initiatives have also taken place or have been introduced

- A copy of the latest BCS publication *Cartography: an introduction* (2nd edition) is now included in new Member's packs for all membership categories, except the Affiliate category.

- It has been a successful year working with the Corporate and Small Corporate Members and their support of the Society and at BCS events is appreciated. All Corporate Members will be followed via the BCS social media platforms where appropriate.

- We are working on a webpage dedicated to Corporate and Small Corporate Members which will contain their company logo, link and a statement of their business activity.

- The online Freelancers' Directory is currently being updated and improved.

- The Editor of *Maplines* has allocated space for Corporate Members to place their adverts in the publication, as well as space for reports of interest, both of which are free to them.

- The BCS attended the London Book Fair and made contact with the International Map Industry Association (IMIA), which has resulted in an agreement on a closer working relationship between the IMIA and the BCS.

- The BCS attended the (GA) Geographical Conference in April with an exhibition stand. This annual conference is attended by geography teachers and sixth-form students and other exhibitors include the RGS, ESRI, OS, map publishers and other geographical and mapping organisations.

- A BCS Code of Conduct was drafted by the Committee and approved by Council. This states that the Society will not tolerate inappropriate behaviour at any BCS event, meeting or related activity.

- The Society of Cartographers (SoC) held its final meeting on 31st August 2019, following which the BCS agreed to confer BCS Honorary Fellowships on their Honorary Fellows: Chris Board, David A. Wallis, Michael Wood and Terry Garfield.

- The Membership Committee has moved to monthly online meetings, which saves both time and expense.

It is the responsibility of all Society Officers and Council Members to support the ongoing recruitment and retention of our Members, which are the most valuable asset of the Society.

Given the ever-changing landscape of the discipline, any feedback or suggestions for new membership benefits is welcomed by the Membership Committee for consideration. Please get in touch with the Chair (elaine.watts@cartography.org.uk).

UK Cartography Committee (UKCC)

The Society is the adhering body for the United Kingdom to the International Cartographic Association (ICA). The Royal Society continues to take an active interest in ICA affairs and contributes to the annual subscription. The UK Cartography Committee (UKCC), chaired by Council member David Forrest, continues to exercise this responsibility, holding an annual meeting and additional meetings focused on ICA General Assemblies. While a sub-committee of BCS Council, UKCC membership represent all facets of cartography in the UK, including commercial, academic and government, along with other appropriate cartographic organisations. The BCS supports the UK National Delegate to attend the ICA General Assembly and individual members to participate in ICA activities by offering BCS-ICA support awards.

World Cartographic Forum

An initiative to bring together leaders of national cartographic societies from around the world to discuss common issues such as membership, collaboration and fostering the learning of new mapping skills. The third meeting of the World Cartographic Forum is planned for ICC2021 in Florence, Italy.

Programme

The BCS Programme Committee is responsible for delivering the Society's Annual Conference and its calendar of events. It has members that report on the Map Curators' Group, the Historical Military Mapping Group, Restless Earth and BCS Awards. In the reporting period, the Annual Conference took the form of a joint conference with the Society of Cartographers. The formal conference presentation sessions were held at the Ordnance Survey, Southampton on 12th September 2019.

Awards

In 2019, the awards were presented in all five categories: the Avenza Award for Electronic Mapping, the Garsdale Design Award for 3D Mapping, the John C. Bartholomew Award for Thematic Mapping, the Stanfords Award for Printed Mapping and the OS Award for Excellence in the Use of Ordnance Survey Data. The Henry Johns Award for the most outstanding paper published in *The Cartographic Journal* was awarded and the Ian Mumford Award for excellence in original research by students was also awarded.

The prestigious BCS Award was presented to the best entry from the winners of the major design awards. The 2019 winner was 'Streets of Gold' by Warren Vick and Ewan David Eason. "Streets of Gold is a beautiful and stunning map of London created on a base of 24-carat gold leaf. Its complex production method and innovative use of OS data is something the judges had never seen before and it's a map you can just not help but stop and look at."

Sadly, because of the COVID-19 global pandemic the plans for the 2020 awards had to be postponed and the entry forms will remain open until 27th June 2021. The exception to this decision was for the Henry Johns Award. To see the presentation, please visit the British Cartographic Society YouTube channel <https://youtu.be/OQiMejxNwJw>

Full details of all these award categories and the results of the Society's awards may be found on the Society's website (www.cartography.org.uk)

and in the 2019 winter edition of *Maplines* (pages 14–15), while a summary is published in *The Cartographic Journal*.

Restless Earth Workshops

The British Cartographic Society's Restless Earth programme ran for its eighth year during 2019–20, with 16 sessions of the workshop despite schools being closed down on 20th March 2020 due to COVID-19. This resulted in the cancellation of planned Restless Earth workshops for the remainder of the school year. A total of 1,059 students participated, which is only 351 students fewer than the previous year despite having seven fewer workshops and schools being closed three months into 2020. There were 11 sessions held in 2019 with 804 students in attendance and five sessions in 2020 with 255 students.

The workshops will continue to focus on the Japanese earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster of 2011 but with a second option of the Nepal earthquake of 2015. The Japanese earthquake of 2011 has proven to be an ideal scenario to keep the students from using Google Maps on their phones, as the entire area has been rebuilt since the disaster. They are forced to rely on the paper maps that were printed prior to the disaster to find meaningful information related to the exercise. The reference maps being almost entirely in Japanese is also ideal, given the workshops focus on understanding symbology and being able to understand maps regardless of language.

The Nepal 2015 scenario will be slightly easier as there has been a lot of interest from younger year levels. Two workshops have been run with Year 6 students by adapting the Japanese 2011 workshop to a much greater simplicity. It went really well on both occasions. The students were very engaged and keen. The Nepal earthquake 2015 workshop will still touch on plate tectonics as that seems to be a key way for teachers to weave the workshops into their curriculum. The students will be looking at Kathmandu and Mount Everest. Hopefully, simulating sending rescue crews up Mount Everest will be an added exciting element of the workshop for the students. Once again, we are very grateful to all our volunteers and to those who support the workshops. Special thanks to volunteers Stephen Dodds and Craig Coates from the Ministry of Defence and Nick Millea and Stuart Auckland from the Bodleian Library for their enthusiasm and support.

The workshops are open for bookings as of September 2020 in the hope that students will be returning to school for the 2020/21 academic year. So far, two schools are booked in for 2021. Teachers continue to comment on the value of the workshop as helping students to retain more information about the topic than standard classroom teaching. The students themselves comment positively about working with a real-life situation and although they initially struggle to work with maps that are printed in Japanese, they can extract useful information from the resources.

"Just a note to say a massive thank you for today's sessions. The feedback from the girls has been very positive. Thank you for your enthusiasm in working with them.

"We'd love to book in a date with you again next year. What is your availability in January 2021?"

St Helen and St Katherine School, 2020

"I just wanted to say thank you again for another great Restless Earth workshop. I'll be in touch regarding next year."

Langley Prep School, 2020

Better Mapping Seminars

The year started well with the session at the 2019 BCS-SoC Conference where we had a successful and well-received event. The programme included key topics from our regular presenters, as well as some specific case studies from leading cartographers both from the UK and overseas.

This year has proven a bit of challenge in looking for a replacement convener/organiser of Better Mapping. We continue to look for a replacement that would be interested in talking up and driving the activity forward.

We have decided that during this time that it would be a good opportunity while looking for a new lead on this work to evolve the existing Better Mapping programme. This will take the form of a rebranding of Better Mapping with a new name and format. This will aim at building on what has gone before in Better Mapping, but also opening up to new developments and to other people with an interest in visualisation of geodata as well as the existing mapping community.

We intend to have more online offerings to enable people to access material virtually and build up an online repository of knowledge including from talks and webinars. We would also make use of Twitter and other channels to promote events.

We had been preparing to have an event at the 2020 conference, but unfortunately due to COVID-19 this event was unable to go ahead. We intend to have the event though at the rescheduled conference in 2021.

Exhibitions and Public Relations

The BCS has attended a number of exhibitions throughout the year, including DGI (the Defence and Geolnt Conference), and the Geographers in Government Conference. Sadly, this year we have been unable to attend many events because of cancellations caused by COVID-19. We remain in contact with organisers and will resume attendance at events when the situation improves.

Council Meetings

During the reporting period, Council met in September and November in 2019 and in February, April and June in 2020. The first two meetings were held at New Prospect House, in Leake Street, London and the Civil Service Club at Great Scotland Yard, London; the last two were held virtually using Google Meet. We are indebted to Prospect for making their facilities available to the Society.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Members of the Society represent a wide range of cartographic interests; they include practical mapmakers, map curators and collectors, academics and teachers, historians, GIS specialists, and so on. Corporate Members cover an equally diverse field, including hardware and software manufacturers, government and commercial map publishers, and retailers and national libraries. To cater for these interests there are two main groups. If the need arises the Society is willing to promote further groups.

Historical Military Mapping Group (HMMG)

The group provides a point of contact and a forum for discussion for those interested in or engaged in research into any aspect of the history of military survey and mapping. The group has not been able to publish an issue of its newsletter (*Maps & Surveys*) for some time, though the Convener has written/co-written pieces for *Maplines* (most recently in August 2019 on D-Day). Happily, after the Convener circulated a piece around the group on a British operation in the Netherlands in 1944 by new member Paul Hesp, Paul agreed to become Editor and work with the Convener to resurrect *Maps & Surveys*. The founder Convener of the group (Dr Peter Chasseaud FRGS) delivered the Annual Lecture after the AGM at the RAF Club in November 2019 on WWII maps, chaired by the current Convener. Visits by the group to Hughenden Manor and Southwick House were under active consideration before the virus hit. The Convener would welcome volunteers to be Secretary of the group. Ideas for events and activities from members are very welcome.

Map Curators' Group (MCG)

The Map Curators' Group is for librarians, curators, archivists, map historians and map collectors - anyone interested or involved in looking after map collections. It aims to provide a forum for discussion and professional support for all aspects of managing map collections in any format. The 2019 workshop took place pre-conference to the BCS symposium at Ordnance Survey, Southampton, on the theme of map collection development: dispersal, disposal and digital transition. It was followed by the business meeting, chaired by convener Paula Williams, and attended by 20 members. The MCG continues to plan future training and workshop events.

Publications

The Cartographic Journal (the peer-reviewed academic periodical of the Society)

The printing and publication schedules of *The Cartographic Journal* were affected by COVID-19 at the beginning of 2020 and Taylor & Francis duly issued a message to the membership via BCS Administration. Schedules are expected to return to normal by the end of the year.

The Journal's five-year impact factor now stands at 1.246, although its one-year impact factor has decreased to 0.517 (for 2019) since fewer papers have attracted higher numbers of citations. The overall number of submissions remains healthy.

Dr Kent's strategy for advancing the *Journal* remains focused on selecting the best manuscripts from new researchers and speeding up turnaround times for manuscript review.

The *Journal's* editorial staff welcome Dr Andrew Kelly, who will serve as the *Journal's* new Portfolio Manager from Taylor & Francis.

Maplines (the Society news magazine)

Caroline Robinson joined the team in January 2019 and has been working with Martin Lubikowski to create a consistent methodology for providing the society with its membership magazine. Caroline and Martin have been implementing this strategy for almost two years, and this has improved the content and efficiency of delivery considerably.

We have analysed the budget for *Maplines* and have implemented ways to minimise costs and increase value. Working with the new printers OXUNI Print has been successful. We have also used different ways to extend the reach of *Maplines* by offering non-members a copy of their article in print and this has worked.

There are further plans to include other sections of the BCS, such as Membership, Corporates and Media Pack for Advertisers. However, the strategy for these elements are still being examined and will become part of the 2020–2021 strategy.

With the International Women's Day edition (Spring 2020), Caroline has been able to encourage two new members and editors to support the creation of original content for *Maplines*. The new editors are Alina Vizireanu and Cristina Andra Vrînceanu, who have already proven themselves with the Sustainable Development Goals (Summer 2020) edition. Hard work and dedication to raising the profile of journalism within the BCS has been successful.

There are further plans for generating content for the next three editions for 2021 with national and international writers submitting interesting content.

Please note: with Martin Lubikowski stepping down this year as Head of Publications, Caroline and team would like to thank Martin for his dedication, encouragement and years of service to *Maplines*. We wish him well in his new adventures.

Cartographiti (the newsletter of the Map Curators' Group)

Cartographiti continues to be produced in print and is issued free of charge to all MCG Members and by subscription to non-members. The editorship passed to Ms J A Fox in April 2019 due to the long-term illness of Mr A A C da Cruz. Council are currently exploring new formats for this lively and informative publication and it is likely to move to online publication in 2021. Members and non-members wishing to receive back copies should contact BCS Administration.

BCS Members' Bulletin (the bi-monthly e-newsletter to Members)

The newsletter, disseminated to Members by email, presents a short report by the President on BCS activities and promotes Society events, together with a listing of other known events likely to be of interest to members. The 'Passing Interest' section provides a collection of cartographic news and discoveries with hyperlinks, allowing Members to access associated websites.

Cartography - an introduction (2nd edition)

The second edition of the Society's bestselling practical guide to making better maps by Giles Darkes and Mary Spence MBE was published in June 2017. The book is available to Members at the special price of £10 (+ £2 p&p) from the website.

Directory of UK Map Collections

The latest edition of the Directory is published on the BCS website. It is updated regularly and access is free and unlimited. Additions and amendments should be sent to MCGMapcollections@cartography.org.uk.

Corporate Members' Directory

Accessible to all via the website, the Directory provides an opportunity for all Corporate Members to advertise their work and to list their contact details and areas of expertise. Corporate Members who wish to be included should contact BCS Administration or edit their own profile on the BCS website.

Freelancers' Directory

Promoting the work of self-employed cartographers who are Members of the Society, the Freelancers' Directory is available on the website. It is currently being re-designed and will be updated regularly. Members who wish to be included should contact BCS Administration or edit their own profile on the BCS website.

Website and Social Networks

www.cartography.org.uk

twitter.com/@bcswweb

facebook.com/bcswweb

instagram.com/bcswweb

LinkedIn Group (www.linkedin.com/groups/3447480/)

Alongside the website, the BCS has a Social Media Team (SMT) headed by Clare Seldon. Their remit is to promote the Society by means of Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram or any other relevant social media platform. The SMT's task is to support the Society by using social media to promote the work of the Society by disseminating news and information about BCS and its activities and giving readers the opportunity of interacting with us, giving feedback and making a wider public aware of our presence. They also strive to share members' or others' work and events where it is deemed of interest to the wider community.

The Society's Take Down Policy and Social Media Guidelines can be found in the Terms area of the website and the team continue to create guidance for other members involved in contributing via the SMT.

Finance

The Society's main source of income is membership subscriptions and revenue from publications, supported by donations, investment interest and Gift Aid. Financial policy is to maintain a minimum reserve at the following level, (a) 18 months' costs of production for the Society's publications and maintaining our web presence, and, (b) 12 months' costs of running/administering the Society, plus an amount to cover the cashflow requirement of the society over a 12-month period. At the discretion of Council, up to 20% of the reserve may be spent on a special project, provided that a plan is agreed for returning the reserves to their targeted level within a 12-month period.

Careful financial management of the Society's monetary assets was maintained throughout the year. Total income from subscriptions and the *Journal* were in line with budget and overall income was consistent with expectations. The main reason for the drop from the previous year was the lower level of donations and the gift aid income which fell into the current year.

Overall expenditure was in line with budget and significantly down on the prior year. This resulted in an overall surplus of £4,776, against the previous loss of £4,851.

The main change was in the value of the BCS investments, which declined from £106,771 to £86,840. Towards the end of the financial period there was a small recovery in overall value but the Society will have to make sure the overall accumulated assets of £141,465 continue to meet its reserves policy.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Trust, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the Society's exposure to those major risks.



Signed by Mr Richard Carpenter (President) for, and on behalf of, the Council of the British Cartographic Society

12 October 2020

Independent Examiners Report for the Trustees The British Cartographic Society

Our report on the financial statement of the Society for the year ended 30 June 2020 which are set out on pages 17 to 23.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the Charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43 (2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is your responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to your attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent Examiners' Statement

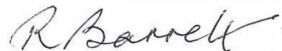
In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act, and to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met, or to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understanding of the financial statements

Signed by:



Richard Paden
Hon. Independent Examiner

Date: 10th Sept 2020



Richard Barrett
Hon. Independent Examiner

Date: 17 - Sept 2020

**Receipts & Payments Account and
Statement of Assets & Liabilities
Under Section 42(3) of the Charities Act 1993**

Charity Reference

Charity Name	The British Cartographic Society
Charity Commission Number	240034
For the financial year to	30 June 2020

Declaration

The account set out on pages 15 to 17 for the financial year ended on the date above, and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities at that date as set out on page 18 are as approved by the Trustees.



Mr R Carpenter (President)

Date: 12 October 2020

Trustee authorised to sign on behalf of all trustees

Full name: Mr Richard Carpenter

Forwarded by: Mr D Sherren (Hon Secretary)

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Charity Commission Number

Charity Name

Financial Year Ending

240034

The British Cartographic Society

30 June 2020

A1 Receipts

	2018/19	2019/20
	£	£
A1a Voluntary Sources		
Membership Subscriptions	28,541.33	26,554.67
Donations	12,150.00	3,357.38
Gift Aid	4,813.33	-
	45,504.66	29,912.05

A1b Trading Activities

Charitable Trading:

The Cartographic Journal - Subscriptions	29,543.29	31,414.13
Maplines - Advertising	-	-
Cartographiti - Subscriptions	-	-
Cartography - an introduction	2,437.63	1,535.58
50th Anniversary Book	-	-
Society Events including Fellows Lunch, AGM, Autumn Lecture	-	736.74
Special Interest Group activities	-	2,571.09
Misc Sales	-	60.00
	31,980.92	36,317.54

A1c Income from Assets

Bank interest	-	-
Dividends	5,315.44	5,461.05
	5,315.44	5,461.05

Sub total A1 (a+b+c)

82,801.02

71,690.64

A1d Miscellaneous Receipts

ICA Affiliation	644.74	650.00
Awards Funding	750.00	1,000.00
Restless Earth Workshops	2,090.00	1,520.00
Miscellaneous - VAT refund	-	130.71
	3,484.74	3,300.71

Total Receipts for Section A1 (a+b+c+d)

86,285.76

74,991.35

A2 Payments	2018/19	2019/20
A2a Direct Charitable Expenditure	£	£
Affiliations & Meetings	(225.00)	(1,085.34)
Society Meetings (Council/Prog/Memb/Pub)	(8,334.12)	(2,621.01)
50th Anniversary Book	-	-
Cartographiti	-	(115.00)
The Cartographic Journal	(36,442.04)	(15,324.90)
Maplines	(7,264.12)	(8,267.21)
Cartography: an introduction	(1,109.65)	(1,175.58)
Website/Internet	(1,136.77)	(1,909.50)
Student Support/Society Awards	(751.72)	(1,203.90)
Society Library	-	-
Special Interest Group - expenses	-	(214.99)
Better Mapping Seminars	(555.88)	(245.20)
	(55,819.30)	(32,162.63)
A2b Other Expenditure		
Publicity	(3,899.28)	-
Insurance	(409.92)	(409.92)
Society Printing, Stationery etc.	(92.80)	(90.00)
Maintenance/Repairs	(24.99)	(313.59)
Administration Fees	(18,000.00)	(23,799.25)
Restless Earth Coordinator Fees	(6,000.00)	(6,000.00)
Postage	(1,926.68)	(1,164.33)
Telephone	(384.19)	(37.80)
Consumables - Paper, envelopes etc.	(437.07)	(283.84)
Administrator's Travel Expenses	-	(431.22)
Miscellaneous Administration	1,067.98	(495.22)
President's Expenses	180.80	-
WorldPay charges	369.39	(78.38)
	(32,793.10)	(33,103.55)
Sub Total A2 (a+b)	(88,612.40)	(65,266.18)
A2c Payments for Other Assets		
Purchase of Office Equipment	-	-
A2d Miscellaneous Payments		
Restless Earth Workshops	(1,954.56)	(1,348.76)
Society Events/Functions	-	(1,248.80)
Refunds - Members Subs	(270.00)	(725.00)
Miscellaneous	(300.00)	(1,626.72)
Rebranding—New Website	-	-
	(2,524.56)	(4,949.28)
Total Payments for Section A2	(91,136.96)	(70,215.46)
Surplus/(Deficit) on Unrestricted Activities (A1-A2)	(4,851.20)	(4,775.89)
A3		
Bank balances brought forward	51,596.49	45,183.32
Bank balances in hand (Section D1a)	45,183.32	54,976.98
Balance on Unrestricted Funds	(6,413.17)	9,793.66

Section B**Restricted Funds****B1 Receipts**

	2018/19	2019/20
B1a Voluntary Sources (specify restriction)	£	£
Annual Symposium - Sponsorships	500.00	250.00
Annual Symposium - Receipts	-	3,580.66
Total Receipts for Section B1	500.00	3,830.66

B2 Payments**B2a Direct Charitable Expenditure**

Annual Symposium - Venue and Committee Expenses	-	(3,175.26)
Annual Symposium - Speakers Expenses	(293.00)	-
Annual Symposium - Other	(1,883.60)	-
Total Payments for Section B2	(2,176.60)	(3,175.26)

Surplus/(Deficit) on Restricted Activities (B1-B2)	(1,676.60)	655.40
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B3

Bank balances brought forward	5,081.71	4,781.71
Bank balances in hand (Section D1a)	4,781.71	-
Balance on Restricted Funds	(300.00)	(4,781.71)

Surplus/(Deficit) on All Activities (A2 + B2)	(6,527.80)	5,431.29
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Balance on all Funds (A3 + B3)	(6,713.17)	5,011.95
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Section D

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

D1 Monetary Assets

D1a Cash Balances carried forward (at 30 June 2020)	General	Restricted	2018/19		2019/20	
	£	£	£		£	£
Current Account Balance	51,490.98		35,345.86		51,490.98	
Membership Account Balance	3,486.00		9,837.46		3,486.00	
Symposium Account Balance		-	4,781.71		-	
Total Bank Balances	54,976.98	-	49,965.03		54,976.98	

D3a Non-Monetary Assets

D3a Held for Investment Purposes	Fund	No of units held	Cost to Date £	Unit price at	2018/19		2019/20	
				30 June 2020 (p)	£		£	
M&G Charifund	General	6,471,480	67,010.00	1,279.89	102,800.11		82,827.83	
M&G Charibond Shares	General	3,204,310	5,000.00	125.22	3,970.78		4,012.44	
					106,770.89		86,840.26	

		2018/19		2019/20	
Office equipment	General			-	-

Accumulated surplus at 30 June 2020

	2018/19	2019/20
	£	£

Trading Summary

Surplus/deficit on all activities	(6,527.80)	5,431.29
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Accumulated Assets

Net fixed asset value	-	-
Bank balances	49,965.03	54,976.98
VAT account balance	213.55	(352.25)
Charifund and Charibond value	106,770.89	86,840.26
Accumulated Assets at 30 June 2020	156,949.47	141,464.99



Mr R Carpenter President



Dr G Cassettari Treasurer

12 October 2020

Notes to the Account

Unrestricted Funds

2018/19		2019/20		
£	Income from voluntary sources	Deposit £	Payment £	Balance £
28,541.33	Membership Subscriptions	26,554.67	-	26,554.67
(270.00)	Subscription Refunds	-	(725.00)	(725.00)
12,150.00	Donations	3,357.38	-	3,357.38
4,813.33	Gift Aid	-	-	-
45,234.66		29,912.05	(725.00)	29,187.05
Income from Assets				
5,225.72	Dividends: Charifund	5,371.33	-	5,371.33
89.72	Dividends Charibond	89.72	-	89.72
-	Interest	-	-	-
5,315.44		5,461.05	-	5,461.05
Administration & Management				
(409.92)	Admin: Insurance	-	(409.92)	(409.92)
(92.80)	Admin: Printing	-	(90.00)	(90.00)
(1,067.98)	Admin: Miscellaneous	-	(495.22)	(495.22)
(18,000.00)	Management: Administrator's Fees	-	(23,799.25)	(23,799.25)
-	Management: Administrator's T&S	-	(431.22)	(431.22)
(6,000.00)	Management: Restless Earth Coordinator Fees	-	(6,000.00)	(6,000.00)
(437.07)	Management: Consumables	-	(283.84)	(283.84)
(1,926.68)	Management: Postage	-	(1,164.33)	(1,164.33)
(384.19)	Management: Phone	-	(37.80)	(37.80)
(369.39)	Management: Worldpay charges	-	(78.38)	(78.38)
-	Management: Capital expenditure	-	-	-
(24.99)	Equipment maintenance	-	(313.59)	(313.59)
(180.80)	President's expenses	-	-	-
(28,893.82)		-	(33,103.55)	(33,103.55)
Fund Raising & Publicity				
(3,899.28)	Publicity	-	-	-
-	Miscellaneous Sales	-	-	-
(3,899.28)		-	-	-
Society Events				
-	Fellows Lunch/AGM and Lecture	736.74	(1,248.80)	(512.06)
-	SIG talks and visit	-	-	-
-		736.74	(1,248.80)	(512.06)
Affiliations				
644.74	Affiliations: ICA	650.00	-	650.00
(190.00)	Foundation for Science & Tech.	-	(195.00)	(195.00)
(35.00)	Other	-	-	-
(419.74)		650.00	(195.00)	455.00

2018/19 £	Meetings	2019/20		
		Deposit £	Payment £	Balance £
(3,735.51)	Meetings: Council	-	(1,573.61)	(1,573.61)
(499.64)	Meetings Other BCS Committees	-	(292.98)	(292.98)
(3,477.68)	Meetings: UKCC/ICA	-	(890.34)	(890.34)
(671.29)	Meetings: Other (AGI, GeoForum, etc)	-	(754.42)	(754.42)
(8,334.12)		-	(3,511.35)	(3,511.35)

Publications

The Cartographic Journal

(2,754.04)	Journal: Editorial expenses	-	(79.90)	(79.90)
(33,688.00)	Journal: Printing & Distribution	-	(15,245.00)	(15,245.00)
29,543.29	Journal: Subscribing Members	31,414.13	-	31,414.13
(6,898.75)		31,414.13	(15,324.90)	16,089.23

Maplines

(160.91)	Maplines: Editorial Expenses	-	(3,171.02)	(3,171.02)
(7,103.21)	Maplines: Printing & Distribution	-	(5,096.19)	(5,096.19)
-	Maplines: Advertising	-	-	-
(7,264.12)		-	(8,267.21)	(8,267.21)

Other Publications

1,327.98	Cartography an introduction	1,535.58	(1,175.58)	360.00
-	50th Anniversary Book	-	-	-
-	Cartographiti	-	(115.00)	(115.00)
(1,136.77)	Internet & Web pages	-	(1,909.50)	(1,909.50)
(191.21)		1,535.58	(3,200.08)	(1,664.50)

Society Services

-	GIS SIG	-	-	-
-	Map Design Group	-	-	-
-	Map Curators' Group	886.80	(214.99)	671.81
-	Historic Military Mapping Group	-	-	-
(555.88)	Better Mapping Seminars	1,684.29	(245.20)	1,439.09
135.44	Restless Earth Workshops	1,520.00	(1,348.76)	171.24
(420.44)		4,091.09	(1,808.95)	2,282.14

2018/19		Receipt	2019/20 Payment	Balance
£	Awards	£	£	£
(1.72)	Awards expenses	1,000.00	(1,203.90)	(203.90)
(1.72)		1,000.00	(1,203.90)	(203.90)
Misc Income and Expenditure				
(300.00)	Other	60.00	-	60.00
-	VAT	130.71	(1,626.72)	(1,496.01)
(300.00)		190.71	-	(1,436.01)
(4,851.20)	Total Unrestricted Activities	74,991.35	(68,588.74)	4,775.89

Restricted Funds

2018/19		Receipt	2019/20 Payment	Balance
£	Symposium Account	£	£	£
-	Symposia - Committee Expenses	-	(45.31)	(45.31)
500.00	Symposia - Corporate Sponsorship	250.00	-	250.00
-	Symposia - Registrations & Misc Receipts	3,580.66	-	3,580.66
-	Symposia - Venue expenses		(3,129.95)	(3,129.95)
(293.00)	Symposia - Speakers' expenses	-	-	-
(1,883.60)	Symposia - Other	-	-	-
(1,676.60)	Total Symposium Account	3,830.66	(3,175.26)	655.40
(1,676.60)	Total Restricted Activities	3,830.66	(3,175.26)	655.40

(4,851.20)	Total Unrestricted Activities	74,991.35	(68,588.74)	4,775.89
(1,676.60)	Total Restricted Activities	3,830.66	(3,175.26)	655.40
(6,527.80)	Total All Activities	78,822.01	(71,764.00)	5,431.29

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