

THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

England & Wales · Charity number 258854

Details

Other names BSHS

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [00562208](#)

Registered 1969-06-27

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE AND FURTHER THE STUDY OF THE HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE IN ALL ITS BRANCHES AND BY ANY AND EVERY MEANS. (FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE CLAUSE 3 OF THE MEMORANDUM).

Activities: The society promotes and furthers the study of the history and philosophy of science through providing facilities, arranging meetings, promoting research and the publication of papers.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£121,044	£111,231	-	-
2023-12-31	£92,495	£88,171	-	-
2022-12-31	£73,487	£116,878	-	-
2021-12-31	£110,349	£77,893	-	-
2020-12-31	£88,532	£76,771	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Chiara Ambrosio	Chair	2015-09-01
Dr Adam Mosley		2025-09-01
Dr Alice White		2021-09-01
Dr Amanda Rees		2019-09-01
Dr Ben Marsden		2024-09-01
Dr Brigitte Stenhouse		2023-09-01
Dr Daniel Margocsy		2024-09-01
Dr Elaine Leong		2024-09-01
Dr Katalin Straner		2023-09-01
Dr Michael Barany		2025-09-01
Dr Nathan Bossoh		2023-09-01
Dr Rebecca Martin		2025-09-01
Dr Rebekah Higgitt		2025-09-01
Dr Sam Robinson		2025-09-01
Prof Jonathan Topham		2023-09-01

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Accounts

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**Report of the trustees and
Unaudited financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

For

**British Society for the History of
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for the year ended 31 December 2024**

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**Report of the trustees
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2024

Introduction

Report of the Directors

In accordance with Article 45 of the Articles of Association, Members of Council are the Directors of the Company by which the Society is known for purposes of registration under Company Law. The Report of Council is the Report of the Directors for the year 2024.

Report of the Trustees

In accordance with Article 45 of the Articles of Association, Members of Council are the Trustees of the Registered Charity by which the Society achieves its charitable objectives. The Report of Council is the Report of the Trustees for the year 2024. It conforms to the Charity Commission's Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP).

Objects & Mission Statement

The primary objective for which the Society is established is to promote and further the study of the history and philosophy of science. Secondary objectives include the provision of facilities, the arrangement of meetings, the promotion of research and the publishing of papers; full details of all the objectives may be found in the Society's Memorandum of Association.

The above objectives have been expressed in a mission statement form: to foster the understanding of the history and social impact of science, technology and medicine (HSTM) in all their branches in the academic and wider communities, and to provide a national focus for the discipline.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Policies

The main policy of the Society is to provide the infrastructure to gain its objectives and in approved cases to provide financial assistance by which its members and others may benefit in some aspect of their activities whilst helping to achieve the objects of a learned Society. To achieve this overall policy, the Society maintains a world-wide membership, issues several publications, chief of which is the British Journal for the History of Science, holds regular meetings and conferences on the history of science, technology and medicine, and contributes where appropriate to debate at governmental and other levels on scientific and educational issues. In terms of direct financial benefits, membership for students, the retired and unemployed is subsidized, and reduced charges and bursaries are available for student members attending conferences. Travel costs, especially for overseas meetings, are sometimes met for individual members and others. An investment policy is in force that defines the conditions under which the Society selects and maintains its investments. Risks are reviewed and reported upon to Council annually. Reserves are built up to provide a fund in reserve against uncertainties and to give income towards the running costs of the Society not borne by members. By publishing the British Journal for the History of Science, income is created for commitments and for a reserve of charitable money.

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Organisation

The controlling body of the Society is its Council. Committees are responsible to Council for various activities outlined below and several members of Council have an Officer post designated for specific responsibility. The Officers are the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor. The Conferences Committee organises a wide range of events for the Society and manages the BSHS Butler Eyles scheme; the Outreach and Engagement Committee is concerned with coordinating and directing the Society's efforts to promote the understanding of HSTM in a wide range of educational contexts; the Finance Committee acts as the general source of advice for the Treasurer; the Grants Committee is responsible for assessing applications for the Society's various grant schemes, for making awards, and for keeping the operation of the grant schemes under review. In addition, an advisory Editorial Board continues to support the Journal Editor. Council can be advised by a number of Advisory Officers in specialist roles, and by the Executive Secretary, who is not a member of the Society. The Executive Secretary is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Society, including keeping the accounts. The Executive Secretary is under contractual terms, reviewed annually by the Council. No member of Council or the Society receives any remuneration for services to the Society but expenses are paid.

Prizes

A number of prizes are awarded, of which three are named awards, each awarded biennially. There is an essay competition, the winner of which is awarded the BSHS Singer Prize. The BSHS Hughes Prize is awarded for the best recent history of science book aimed at a general audience. The BSHS Pickstone Prize is awarded for the best history of science book aimed at a scholarly audience. Other prizes, such as the BSHS Ayrton Prize for outstanding digital projects are awarded for exhibitions and digital projects relating to the history of science. All prizes are open to members and non-members, but not to members of Council.

Review of Activities

Public Benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in s4 Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. The trustees believe that the educational and research objectives of the Society are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Council Nominations for 2024-2025 (Trustees and directors of the company)

Officers

President: Professor Chiara Ambrosio, Vice-President: Professor James Secord, Secretary: Dr Alice White, Journal Editor: Dr Amanda Rees, Treasurer: Dr Ben Marsden*

Ordinary Members

The members of the Council during the year were Dr C Ambrosio, Dr M J Barany (appointed 1 September 2025), Dr N Bossoh, Dr R F Higgitt (appointed 1 September 2025), Dr E Leong (appointed 1 September 2024), Dr D Margocsy (appointed 1 September 2024), Dr B Marsden (appointed 1 September 2024), Dr R Martin (appointed 1 September 2025), Dr A J Mosley (appointed 1 September 2025), Dr A J Rees, Dr S Robinson (appointed 1 September 2025), Dr B Stenhouse, Dr K Straner, Professor J R Topham, Dr A V White, Dr S Qidwai (resigned 1 September 2024), and Dr J Gouyon (resigned 1 September 2024).

Council: The Society's Council met on three occasions: 27 January, 27 April, and 19 October.

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Activities of Council Committees

Conferences Committee: The main activities of the Committee were organising the BSHS Postgraduate Online Conference in April 2024 at the University of Warwick and the Annual Conference of the Society at Aberystwyth University in July 2024. Over 150 people attended the meeting in Aberystwyth, and it was a great success. The next Annual Conference will be held in July 2025 at the University of Cambridge.

Conference Support: In the academic year 2023/24, the Conferences Committee ran two rounds of the Small Conference and Workshop Grants Scheme: the first in September 2023 and the second in January 2024. Each round received nine applications (a total of eighteen applications across both rounds). We asked two applicants from the September round to re-apply in the January round, and both received funding in January. Overall, we funded nine events (five in September and four in January), providing a total of £4,481.92 of support. The events we funded were as follows:

- a. "Archives of IT Forum on Histories of the Internet", Venue: Worshipful Company of Information Technicians Hall, London. Organiser Dr Thomas Abram (Archives of IT Director), date of event 09/01/2024.
- b. "Working with Charles Lyell" Venue: University of Edinburgh. Organiser: Professor Emeritus Charles Withers. Date of event 08/02/2024 - 09/02/2024.
- c. "Global Recipes in Early Modern Worlds: Ingredients, Actors, Exotica", venue: University of Cambridge. Organiser Lavina Gambini (PhD Candidate, University of Cambridge). Date of event, 29/05/2024 - 30/05/2024.
- d. "Beyond the Ocean's Depths: Revisiting the Challenger Expedition (1872-1876) Interdisciplinary Conference". Venue: National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London. Organiser: Dr Erika Jones (Curator of Navigation and Oceanography, National Maritime Museum Greenwich). Date of event 07/11/2023 - 08/11/2023.
- e. "Covid-19 Oral Histories: Recording the experiences of healthcare workers during the pandemic." Venue: Royal College of Physicians, London. Organiser: Sarah Lowry (Oral History Project Officer, Royal College of Physicians). Date of event 13/05/2024.
- f. "Health and Environmental Humanities: Handbook Workshop." Venue: University of Bristol. Organiser: Victoria Bates (Associate Professor in Modern Medical History, University of Bristol). Date of event 13/08/2024 - 16/08/2024.
- g. "Climate Change and the Beginning of the Crisis Decades (North)". Venue: University of Manchester. Organiser: Dr Robert Naylor (Lecturer, CHSTM, University of Manchester). Date of event 29/08/2024 - 30/08/2024.
- h. "Atmospheric Humanities Workshop." Venue: University of Cambridge. Organiser: Thomas Banbury (PhD Candidate, University of Cambridge). Date of event, 21/05/2024.
- i. "Eugenics in the Academy." Venue: University of Oxford. Organiser: Dr Alex Aylward (Lecturer, Faculty of History, University of Oxford). Date of event 10/05/2024.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee met regularly to discuss future strategy, discuss budget, expenses, staff pay and investments. Particular attention was paid to budgetary issues resulting from the shift by the Society's publisher (Cambridge University Press) to an Open Access model, potentially reducing annual income to the society. Responsibility for the budgets of BSHS Committees remains with the respective Chairs.

Grants Committee: The Grants Committee awarded funding for Master's study and research projects of various kinds, on the basis of applications submitted for the deadlines of 15 June, 31 March and 30 September.

Outreach and Engagement Committee:

Project Grants

OEC offers project grants of up to £500 to support engagement and outreach projects in the history of science, technology and medicine. Previous OEC Project Grant initiatives have included public events, the development of materials for schools, and work with collections and heritage sites. However, we are always hoping to be surprised by new ideas and formats.

The February 2024 Grant was awarded to Compound Chemistry, for a biomedicine infographics series aimed at schools on the history of cancer therapies and of women in biomedicine.

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The May Project Grant was awarded to The University of Reading for 'Medicine and Magic: healthcare in the ancient world', which utilised material from the Ure Museum's collections for an exhibition, museum trail and engagement activity day.

The September Project Grant was awarded to The Searchlight: Cool Experiments for Future Scientists a "history of science resource for children aged 9 to 11, inspired by a set of manuscript magazines produced by teenage girls from 1912 to 1914. Studying at the North London Collegiate School, these girls were passionate about science and made their own magazine, The Searchlight. Three editions of the magazines survive; each contains stories, experiment reports, poetry and illustrations. Some of the girls who signed their name to the magazine grew up to be successful scientists and doctors, such as Frances Mary Hamer, Ellie Knaggs and Mary Dilys Glynne".

The Ayrton Prize

The Ayrton Prize was delayed in being awarded in 2024 - it will now be awarded in 2025.

Publications and Communications

BJHS: Four issues (Vol.56) of the British Journal for the History of Science were published in 2024. Dr Amanda Rees continued as editor and Mrs Sarah Thompson continued as Managing Editor. Book Reviews Editors were Dr Joseph Martin and Dr Coreen McGuire (Durham University). The editorial board is as follows: Professor Gowan Dawson, University of Leicester, UK, Dr Vanessa Heggie, University of Birmingham, UK, Professor Daryn Lehoux, Queen's University, Canada, Professor Omar Nasim, University of Regensburg, Germany, Dr Jahnavi Phalkey, Science Gallery Bengaluru, India, Professor Jennifer M. Rampling, Princeton University, USA, Professor Jessica Riskin, Stanford University, USA, Dr Anna Marie Roos, University of Lincoln, UK, Dr Richard Staley, University of Cambridge, UK, Professor Justin Stearns, New York University, USA, Dr James Sumner, University of Manchester, UK, Professor Zuoyue Wang, California State Polytechnic University Pomona, USA. The BJHS is published for the Society by Cambridge University Press.

Themes: Volume 9 (on 'The history of science, the 'big picture' and the politics of scale') was published and guest edited by James Poskett. Contributors included James A Secord, Gianamar Giovannetti-Singh, Rory Kent, Liza Ruth Rand, Thomas Simpson, John Tresch, Michael Bycroft, Aleksandra Kaye, Duygu Yildirim, Sarah Qidwai, Howard Chiang, Elise K. Burton and Sayori Ghoshal. General Editor: Dr Jahnavi Phalkey. Mrs Trish Hatton continued as BJHS Themes Editorial Assistant.

Viewpoint: Three issues of Viewpoint Magazine were published in 2024. These included:

Issue for Schools 1: Exploration and Discovery

Issue 132: Illusive Subjects

Issue 133: Networks of Contagion & Classification

Joe Holloway continued as the editor of Viewpoint magazine.

Committees

The Committees of Council were as follows (as at the year-end):

Conferences Committee: Sam Robinson (Chair), Sarah Qidwai (Deputy Chair), Nathan Bossoh (Programmes Coordinator), Iwan Morus ('24 Conference Organiser), Grace Exley (Postgraduate Rep/Conference Committee Secretary).

Finance Committee: Finance Committee: Ben Marsden (Chair), James Secord, Chiara Ambrosio, Alice White, Rebekah Higgitt, Jon Topham, Erin Beeston

Outreach & Engagement Committee: Ross MacFarlane (Chair), Deborah Cohen, Lauren Deere, Allan Jones, Lenka Sediva, Heather Bennett
(Rosanna Evans stepped down from OEC in December 2024)

Grants Committee: James Secord (Chair), Chiara Ambrosio, Rebekah Higgitt, Subhadra Das, Brigitte Stenhouse.

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Advisory Members of Council

Archivist: Alexander Aylward

Administration

The British Society for the History of Science Limited is a Private Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital. It is registered in England as a company, Registered No 562208 and also a registered Charity No 258854. The governing document of the Company and the Charity is its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The registered address is 3rd Floor, Marlborough House, 298 Regents Park Road, London, N3 2SZ.

Executive Secretary

Lucy Santos was Executive Secretary for the Company during the year 2024

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of British Society for the History of Science for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b. Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d. State whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- e. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

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Trustee/Director Recruitment, Appointment and Training

Recruitment to Council is achieved by taking nominations from the Society's membership and from Council. Annually at the Extraordinary General Meeting, members of the Society elect Council members and officers from those nominated. Ordinary Council members are appointed for a term of 3 years and officers generally for a minimum of 3 years depending on role. All Council newcomers are issued with the Society's rules and procedures which covers all the practices to be adopted for the smooth and consistent operation of the Society, the Charity Commission's guidelines for trustees, the constitution and the last Annual Report and Accounts.

Reserves Policy

1. Council has approved a policy for the maintenance of sufficient investments and savings to provide a fund in reserve against uncertainties and to provide income towards the running costs of the Society not borne by members.
2. The Society works within the Charity Commission's guidelines on the subject as expressed in the current SORP.
3. Using these guidelines, Council has agreed that a level of cash reserves (to be held on one of the Society's Savings Accounts) appropriate to its situation should be no less than 12 months of normal operating costs as listed in budget and accounts under the heading of Operating Costs. This allows, in the unlikely event of closure of the Society, for activities and obligations to be brought to an orderly conclusion.
4. The Society also maintains reserves in the form of a managed investment account (The General Account). The purpose of this account is to enable the Society to weather short/medium term fluctuations in income by utilising the income generated or, in severe situations, proceeds of sale of part of the assets, to maintain its normal level of charitable activity. Where conditions permit, the Society will seek to grow these reserves, through fund raising or charitable donation.

This policy first became effective from 2008 and is reviewed every three years; it has been reviewed and amended or reconfirmed in 2011, 2014, 2017, 2020 and 2023.

Investment Aims

The income generated by the Society's investment portfolios, the General and Wheeler Funds, continues to be paid monthly into the Society's bank accounts, reflecting the charitable role of the Society to use its income to fund its activities. Income from the Wheeler Fund helps fund the open access journal, BJHS Themes. Income from the General Fund goes into the general bank account and is used toward Committee spending. The investment portfolios continue to be overseen by Rathbones Greenbank, who are instructed to adopt a medium risk strategy, bearing in mind the Society's liquidity. The Treasurer and Executive Secretary receive quarterly statements from the managers, which are reported to Council. The Finance Committee reviews performance of the portfolios annually and reports their findings to Council.

Risks

The Society's Risk Register was approved in January 2024. Investment risk continues to be reduced by using professional fund managers to actively manage the investment portfolio and the Society continues to maintain reserves equivalent to one year's operating expenditure and wind up costs, in the form of liquid reserves in savings accounts. The Trustees believe the few major risks to which the charity is exposed have been identified and that action has been taken to mitigate those risks. However, it remains essential to keep a close eye on the changes to profits from BJHS resulting from CUP's changing models of subscription and approach to open access. The impact of the pandemic and rising costs of living, in a context of precarious employment, remain a risk to income, and a risk of increasing operating costs, and impacting investment income.

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Financial Activities

Notice to Members of the Society

The Annual Report is sent to all members of the Society. In accordance with the Companies Act 2006, notice is hereby given that, despite the resolution in force that the company elects to dispense with laying the accounts and reports before a general meeting, every member of the Society has the right to require the laying of accounts and reports before a general meeting. If requested to do so, the Executive Secretary will advise any member of the procedure to be adopted.

Bankers

Lloyds, Brunel Centre Swindon, 82 Regent Street, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN1 1JZ

Investment Managers

Rathbones Greenbank, 8 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2M 7AZ

Accountants

Duncan & Toplis Limited, 3rd Floor, Marlborough House, 298 Regents Park Road, London, N3 2SZ

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Reference and administrative details

Registered Company number

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Registered Charity number

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Trustees

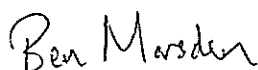
Dr C Ambrosio
Dr M J Barany (appointed 1/9/2025)
Dr N Bossoh
Dr R F Higgitt (appointed 1/9/2025)
Dr E Leong (appointed 1/9/2024)
Dr D Margoosy (appointed 1/9/2024)
Dr B Marsden (appointed 1/9/2024)
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Dr S Robinson (appointed 1/9/2025)
Dr B Stenhouse
Dr K Straner
Professor J R Topham
Dr A V White
Dr S Qidwai (resigned 1/9/2024)
Dr J Gouyon (resigned 1/9/2024)

Independent Examiner

Stephen Hunt FCA
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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12th November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Dr B Marsden - Trustee

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
British society for the History of
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of British Society for the History of Science ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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

Stephen Hunt

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Date: *12-11-2025*

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**Statement of financial activities
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	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Income and endowments from					
Generation of funds	3	76,598	-	76,598	71,283
Conferences	4	40,147	-	40,147	2,190
Investment income	5	<u>3,200</u>	<u>1,099</u>	<u>4,299</u>	<u>19,023</u>
Total		<u>119,945</u>	<u>1,099</u>	<u>121,044</u>	<u>92,496</u>
Expenditure on					
Resources expended	6	111,231	-	111,231	88,172
NET INCOME		8,714	1,099	9,813	4,324
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>253,501</u>	<u>89,907</u>	<u>343,408</u>	<u>339,084</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>262,215</u>	<u>91,006</u>	<u>353,221</u>	<u>343,408</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance sheet
31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Fixed assets					
Investments	9	155,356	91,006	246,362	247,732
Current assets					
Debtors	10	2,540	-	2,540	12,608
Cash at bank		<u>139,973</u>	-	<u>139,973</u>	<u>102,222</u>
		142,513	-	142,513	114,830
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(35,654)</u>	-	<u>(35,654)</u>	<u>(19,154)</u>
Net current assets		<u>106,859</u>	-	<u>106,859</u>	<u>95,676</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>262,215</u>	<u>91,006</u>	<u>353,221</u>	<u>343,408</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>262,215</u>	<u>91,006</u>	<u>353,221</u>	<u>343,408</u>
Funds	12				
Unrestricted funds				262,215	253,501
Restricted funds				<u>91,006</u>	<u>89,907</u>
Total funds				<u>353,221</u>	<u>343,408</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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Balance sheet - continued
31 December 2024

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 12.11.25.....
and were signed on its behalf by:

Ben Marsden

.....
B Marsden - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**British Society for the History of
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**Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

1. General information

The British Society for the History of Science Limited is a Private Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a share capital registered in England. The registered office of the charity is Marlborough House, 298 Regents Park Road, London N3 2SZ.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£). All amounts are rounded to the nearest £1, unless otherwise indicated.

2. Accounting policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

As permitted by the Companies Act 2006, the charity has varied the standard formats in that act for the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. Departures from the standard formats are to comply with the requirements of the Charities SORP and are in compliance with section 4.7, 10.6 and 15.2 of that SORP.

Income

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

Expenditure

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

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

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

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

Fixed asset investments

Listed investments are investments in equity instruments, debt and other financial instruments, other than investments in associates, that are traded on a market and in respect of which a quoted price is available. These investments are revalued at year-end based on their market price.

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3. Generation of funds	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	1,176	1,176
Grants received	757	757
Membership Subscription	19,735	17,936
BJHS Royalties	49,191	40,377
BJHS Editing Contribution	<u>5,739</u>	<u>11,037</u>
	<u>76,598</u>	<u>71,283</u>
Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:		
	2024	2023
	£	£
Grants committee	<u>757</u>	<u>757</u>
4. Conferences	2024	2023
	£	£
Annual conference income	<u>40,147</u>	<u>2,190</u>
5. Investment income	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	273	194
General fund dividends, gains & interest	2,927	12,110
Wheeler fund dividends, gains & interest	<u>1,099</u>	<u>6,719</u>
	<u>4,299</u>	<u>19,023</u>

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6. Resources expended

Committee activities	2024	2023
	£	£
Conference committee expenses	7,095	11,204
Conference expenses	28,745	-
Outreach and engagement committee	3,975	7,287
Grants committee	9,797	17,487
Prizes	<u>200</u>	<u>300</u>
	<u>49,812</u>	<u>36,278</u>
Operating expenses	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examination fee	1,140	-
Web costs	923	869
Office and day to day costs	1,764	1,549
Miscellaneous	2,123	1,483
Freelance and professional fee	29,626	32,320
Bank charges	1,222	341
Travelling and meeting costs	<u>1,622</u>	<u>787</u>
	<u>38,420</u>	<u>37,349</u>
Publications	2024	2023
	£	£
Journals	18,309	10,390
Magazine	<u>4,690</u>	<u>4,155</u>
	<u>22,999</u>	<u>14,545</u>
Aggregate amounts	<u>111,231</u>	<u>88,172</u>

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7. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

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

Trustees' expenses

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

8. Comparatives for the statement of financial activities (for year end 31 December 2023)

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
Income and endowments from			
Generation of funds	71,283	-	71,283
Conferences	2,190	-	2,190
Investment income	<u>12,304</u>	<u>6,719</u>	<u>19,023</u>
Total	<u>85,777</u>	<u>6,719</u>	<u>92,496</u>
Expenditure on			
Resources expended	<u>88,172</u>	-	<u>88,172</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(2,395)	6,719	4,324
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	<u>255,896</u>	<u>83,188</u>	<u>339,084</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u>253,501</u>	<u>89,907</u>	<u>343,408</u>

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9. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Market value	
At 1 January 2024	247,732
Movement	<u>(1,370)</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>246,362</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2024	<u>246,362</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>247,732</u>

The historic cost was £245,146

10. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	1,840	7,479
Prepayments	<u>700</u>	<u>5,129</u>
	<u>2,540</u>	<u>12,608</u>

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	7,048	11,474
Accruals and deferred income	<u>28,606</u>	<u>7,680</u>
	<u>35,654</u>	<u>19,154</u>

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12. Movement in funds

	At 1/1/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	253,501	8,714	262,215
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	89,907	1,099	91,006
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>343,408</u>	<u>9,813</u>	<u>353,221</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	119,945	(111,231)	8,714
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	1,099	-	1,099
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>121,044</u>	<u>(111,231)</u>	<u>9,813</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	255,896	(2,395)	253,501
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	83,188	6,719	89,907
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>339,084</u>	<u>4,324</u>	<u>343,408</u>

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12. Movement in funds - continued

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	85,777	(88,172)	(2,395)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	6,719	-	6,719
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>92,496</u>	<u>(88,172)</u>	<u>4,324</u>

13. Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024 or 2023.

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**Detailed statement of financial activities
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	2024 £	2023 £
Income and endowments		
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Total incoming resources	121,044	92,496
Expenditure		
Committee activities		
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Outreach and engagement committee	3,975	7,287
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Prizes	<u>200</u>	<u>300</u>
	49,812	36,278
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	2024	2023
	£	£
Operating expenses		
Brought forward	35,576	36,221
Bank charges	1,222	341
Travelling and meeting costs	<u>1,622</u>	<u>787</u>
	38,420	37,349
Publications		
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Net income	<u>9,813</u>	<u>4,324</u>

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THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

England & Wales - Charity number 258854

Accounts



ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

2023

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REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2023

Introduction

Report of the Directors

In accordance with Article 45 of the *Articles of Association*, Members of Council are the Directors of the Company by which the Society is known for purposes of registration under Company Law. The Report of Council is the Report of the Directors for the year 2023.

Report of the Trustees

In accordance with Article 45 of the *Articles of Association*, Members of Council are the Trustees of the Registered Charity by which the Society achieves its charitable objectives. The Report of Council is the Report of the Trustees for the year 2023. It conforms to the Charity Commission's Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2005.

Objects & Mission Statement

The primary objective for which the Society is established is to promote and further the study of the history and philosophy of science. Secondary objectives include the provision of facilities, the arrangement of meetings, the promotion of research and the publishing of papers; full details of all the objectives may be found in the Society's *Memorandum of Association*.

The above objectives have been expressed in a mission statement form: to foster the understanding of the history and social impact of science, technology and medicine (HSTM) in all their branches in the academic and wider communities, and to provide a national focus for the discipline.

Policies

The main policy of the Society is to provide the infrastructure to gain its objectives and in approved cases to provide financial assistance by which its members and others may benefit in some aspect of their activities whilst helping to achieve the objects of a learned Society. To achieve this overall policy, the Society maintains a world-wide membership, issues several publications, chief of which is the *British Journal for the History of Science*, holds regular meetings and conferences on the history of science, technology and medicine, and contributes where appropriate to debate at governmental and other levels on scientific and educational issues. In terms of direct financial benefits, membership for students, the retired and unemployed is subsidized, and reduced charges

and bursaries are available for student members attending conferences. Travel costs, especially for overseas meetings, are sometimes met for individual members and others. An investment policy is in force that defines the conditions under which the Society selects and maintains its investments. Risks are reviewed and reported upon to Council annually. Reserves are built up to provide a fund in reserve against uncertainties and to give income towards the running costs of the Society not borne by members. By publishing the *British Journal for the History of Science*, income is created for commitments and for a reserve of charitable money.

Organisation

The controlling body of the Society is its Council. Committees are responsible to Council for various activities outlined below and several members of Council have an Officer post designated for specific responsibility. The Officers are the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor. The Conferences Committee organises a wide range of events for the Society and manages the BSHS Butler Eyles scheme; the Outreach and Engagement Committee is concerned with coordinating and directing the Society's efforts to promote the understanding of HSTM in a wide range of educational contexts; the Finance Committee acts as the general source of advice for the Treasurer; the Grants Committee is responsible for assessing applications for the Society's various grant schemes, for making awards, and for keeping the operation of the grant schemes under review. In addition, an advisory Editorial Board continues to support the Journal Editor. Council can be advised by a number of Advisory Officers in specialist roles, and by the Executive Secretary, who is not a member of the Society. The Executive Secretary is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Society, including keeping the accounts. The Executive Secretary is under contractual terms, reviewed annually by the Council. No member of Council or the Society receives any remuneration for services to the Society but expenses are paid.

Prizes

A number of prizes are awarded, of which three are named awards, each awarded biennially. There is an essay competition, the winner of which is awarded the BSHS Singer Prize. The BSHS Hughes Prize is awarded for the best recent history of science book aimed at a general audience. The BSHS Pickstone Prize is awarded for the best history of science book aimed at a scholarly audience. Other prizes, such as the BSHS Ayrton Prize for outstanding digital projects are awarded for exhibitions and digital projects relating to the history of science. All prizes are open to members and non-members, but not to members of Council.

Review of Activities

Public Benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in *s4 Charities Act 2006* to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. The trustees believe that the educational and research objectives of the Society are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Officers

President: Professor James Secord, Vice -President: Dr Chiara Ambrosio, Secretary: Dr Alice White, Journal Editor: Dr Amanda Rees.

Ordinary Members

Dr Erin Beeston, Dr Nathan Bossoh*, Subhadra Das, Dr Jean-Baptiste Gouyon, Sarah Qidwai, Dr Brigitte Stenhouse*, Dr Katalin Stráner*, Professor Jon Topham*, Dr Alice White.

Honorary Members

Treasurer: Professor Pratik Chakrabarti

*New for 2023-2024

Council: The Society's Council met on three occasions: 14 January, 29 April, and 21 October.

Activities of Council Committees

Conferences Committee: The main activities of the Committee were organizing the BSHS Postgraduate Online Conference in April 2024 at the University of Warwick and the Annual Conference of the Society at Aberystwyth University in July 2024. Over 150 people attended the meeting in Aberystwyth, and it was a great success. The next Annual Conference will be held in July 2025 at the University of Cambridge.

Conference Support: In the academic year 2023/24, the Conferences Committee ran two rounds of the Small Conference and Workshop Grants Scheme: the first in September 2023 and the second in January 2024. Each round received nine applications (a total of

eighteen applications across both rounds). We asked two applicants from the September round to re-apply in the January round, and both received funding in January. Overall, we funded nine events (five in September and four in January), providing a total of £4,481.92 of support. The events we funded were as follows:

- "Archives of IT Forum on Histories of the Internet", Venue: Worshipful Company of Information Technicians Hall, London. Organiser Dr Thomas Abram (Archives of IT Director), date of event 09/01/2024.
- "Working with Charles Lyell" Venue: University of Edinburgh. Organiser: Professor Emeritus Charles Withers. Date of event 08/02/2024 – 09/02/2024.
- "Global Recipes in Early Modern Worlds: Ingredients, Actors, Exotica", venue: University of Cambridge. Organiser Lavina Gambini (PhD Candidate, University of Cambridge). Date of event, 29/05/2024 – 30/05/2024.
- "Beyond the Ocean's Depths: Revisiting the Challenger Expedition (1872-1876) Interdisciplinary Conference". Venue: National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London. Organiser: Dr Erika Jones (Curator of Navigation and Oceanography, National Maritime Museum Greenwich). Date of event 07/11/2023 – 08/11/2023.
- "Covid-19 Oral Histories: Recording the experiences of healthcare workers during the pandemic." Venue: Royal College of Physicians, London. Organiser: Sarah Lowry (Oral History Project Officer, Royal College of Physicians). Date of event 13/05/2024.
- "Health and Environmental Humanities: Handbook Workshop." Venue: University of Bristol. Organiser: Victoria Bates (Associate Professor in Modern Medical History, University of Bristol). Date of event 13/08/2024 – 16/08/2024.
- "Climate Change and the Beginning of the Crisis Decades (North)". Venue: University of Manchester. Organiser: Dr Robert Naylor (Lecturer, CHSTM, University of Manchester). Date of event 29/08/2024 – 30/08/2024.
- "Atmospheric Humanities Workshop." Venue: University of Cambridge. Organiser: Thomas Banbury (PhD Candidate, University of Cambridge). Date of event, 21/05/2024.
- "Eugenics in the Academy." Venue: University of Oxford. Organiser: Dr Alex Aylward (Lecturer, Faculty of History, University of Oxford). Date of event 10/05/2024.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee met regularly to discuss future strategy, discuss budget, expenses, staff pay and investments. Particular attention was paid to the budgetary issues which are going to be effective from 2024 as part of the OA policies. Responsibility for the budgets of BSHS Committees remains with the respective Chairs.

Grants Committee: The Grants Committee awarded funding for Master's study and research projects of various kinds, on the basis of applications submitted for the deadlines of 15 June, 31 March and 30 September.

Outreach and Engagement Committee:

Project Grants

OEC offers project grants of up to £500 to support engagement and outreach projects in the history of science, technology and medicine. Previous OEC Project Grant initiatives have included public events, the development of materials for schools, and work with collections and heritage sites. However, we are always hoping to be surprised by new ideas and formats.

The **February 2023 Grant** was awarded to the Royal Astronomical Society for an event called **‘The curious case of the missing stars’**, which took place during their ‘Courtyard Late’ in May 2023. Visitors to Burlington House were invited to learn about the first Astronomer Royal, John Flamsteed, and the later contributions of Caroline Herschel, who found several hundred stars missing from Flamsteed’s catalogue. The event was notable for the inclusion of dramatizations using professional actors.

The **May Project Grant** was split between two projects: giving **£300 to ‘Empire Paints Back’** and **£200 to ‘Sensing Volcanoes’**. The first of these relates to an event to be held in summer 2024 when artworks created by British engineers building India’s first railways will be juxtaposed with the work of Indian artists. (Since the grant was awarded, the exhibition has been retitled as ‘Paper Cuts: *Art, Bureaucracy, and Silenced Histories in Colonial India*: <https://www.bbk.ac.uk/research/centres/peltz-gallery/current-exhibition/>) ‘Sensing Volcanoes’ concerned on historical seismic activity in the Eastern Caribbean including early instruments for detecting sound and seismicity.

Rather anomalously, the submitters of the ‘Sensing Volcanoes’ application did not claim their £250 prize money, despite having had reminders.

The September Project Grant was split between ‘VR tools, RR technology: 3D-modelling a Rhodesian Railways sleeper car’

The **September 2023 Project Grant** was again split between joint winners **‘VR tools, RR technology: 3D-modelling a Rhodesian Railways sleeper car’**, which uses advanced modelling techniques to highlight the complex narratives associated with this carriage from the collections of the Science Museum and the colonial society in which it was used; and **‘Insect Week at the National Museum of Scotland: Following in the Footsteps of Women Bug Hunters’**, which uncovers some of the overlooked work of female entomologists.

Engagement Fellowships 2023

Nine Applications were received for the engagement fellowships in 2023 and after review from the committee, **Alfred Denny Museums, University of Sheffield and St George’s University of London, Museum and Archives were selected for fellowship funding.**

Both host institutions have recruited their fellows and research projects have begun.

Lauren D and Rosanna E also produced a session at the BSHS Digital Festival 2023, ‘Creating Partnerships with Museums to Engage Public Audiences’, which reviewed the benefits and opportunities of partnership, through lessons learned from recent awards.

Hughes Prize 2023

The 2023 BSHS Hughes Prize was awarded to Prof Keith Wailoo for *Pushing Cool. Big Tobacco, Racial Marketing, and the Untold Story of the Menthol Cigarette*. (OEC member Deborah Cohen served as a member of the judging panel).

Prof Wailoo gave an online lecture in Oct 2023 to make the award of the prize (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4wF-7OM6320>)

BSHS Exhibiting Excellence Prize 2022 (announced Spring 2023)

Jodrell Bank was awarded the Large Exhibition category prize for their exhibition **First Light**. BSHS judges praised bringing in existing projects that provide accessible science communication such as working with the Tactile Universe; its structure of short 'chapters' that give publics a way into different dimensions; and the integration of architecture and science infrastructure into the exhibition.

The Whipple Museum of the History of Science was awarded the Small Exhibition category prize for their exhibition **Craftswomen**. The BSHS judges were particularly impressed by the way the exhibition knitted HSTM scholarship into the content of the exhibition - foregrounding the stories of women instrument makers through objects and interpretation.

Publications and Communications

BJHS: Four issues (Vol.56) of the British Journal for the History of Science were published in 2023. Dr Amanda Rees continued as editor. Mrs Trish Hatton was replaced as BJHS Managing Editor by Mrs Sarah Thompson, and Dr Sam Robinson (Southampton) was replaced as Book Reviews Editor by Dr Joseph Martin and Dr Coreen McGuire (Durham University). The editorial board is as follows: Professor Gowan Dawson, University of Leicester, UK, UK, Dr Vanessa Heggie, University of Birmingham, UK, Professor Daryn Lehoux, Queen's University, Canada, Professor Omar Nasim, University of Regensburg, Germany, Dr Jahnavi Phalkey, Science Gallery Bengaluru, India, Professor Jennifer M. Rampling, Princeton University, USA, Professor Jessica Riskin, Stanford University, USA, Dr Anna Marie Roos, University of Lincoln, UK, Dr Richard Staley, University of Cambridge, UK, Professor Justin Stearns, New York University, USA, Dr James Sumner, University of Manchester, UK, Professor Zuoyue Wang, California State Polytechnic University Pomona, USA. The BJHS is published for the Society by Cambridge University Press.

Themes: Volume 8 (on 'Histories of Artificial Intelligence: A Genealogy of Power') was published. This issue was guest edited by Dr. Syed Mustafa Ali, Professor Stephanie Dick, Professor Sarah Dillon, Professor Matthew L Jones, Dr Jonnie Penn and Professor

Richard Staley, while Dr. Rohan Deb Roy was replaced as General Editor by Dr Jahnvi Phalkey. Mrs Trish Hatton continued as BJHS Themes Editorial Assistant.

Viewpoint: Three issues of Viewpoint Magazine were published in 2023. These included:

Issue 129: Racial Bias and Science

This month we're focusing on a critical topic facing the history of science, medicine, and technology: racism and racial bias.

Issue 130: Natural Science

In this issue we set out to explore all the ways the history of science, medicine and technology intersect with the natural world, and our contributors for this issue certainly reflect the breadth of the field.

Issue 131: Science, bodies and health

This issue introduces some of the crosslinks between the history of science and the history of our bodies and health.

The editor also polled audiences through social media about future content for Viewpoint, and as a result there is a clear desire for more opinion pieces in Viewpoint during 2024.

The pilot School's edition continues to develop, with all authors approving the inclusion of their articles in the pilot issue.

Jen Farquharson stepped down as Editor, and Joe Holloway was appointed the new editor for magazine.

Committees

The Committees of Council were as follows (as at the year-end):

Conferences Committee: Sam Robinson (Chair), Sarah Qidwai (Deputy Chair), Nathan Bossoh (Programmes Coordinator), Iwan Morus ('24 Conference Organiser), Grace Exley (Postgraduate Rep/Conference Committee Secretary).

Finance Committee: Pratik Chakrabarti (Chair), Sarah Qidwai, Rebekah Higgitt, James Secord, Emma Spary

Outreach & Engagement Committee: Ross MacFarlane (Chair), Deborah Cohen, Rosanna Evans, Lauren Deere, Allan Jones, Lenka Sediva, Heather Bennett, Dr Jean-Baptiste Gouyon.

Grants Committee: Chiara Ambrosio (Chair), James Secord, Pratik Chakrabarti, Rebekah Higgitt, Subhadra Das, Brigitte Stenhouse.

Advisory Members of Council

Archivist: Alexander Aylward

Administration

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Executive Secretary

Lucy Santos was Executive Secretary for the Company during the year 2023.

Responsibility for Accounts

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. As Directors and Trustees, Members of Council are required to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the charity for that year. In preparing those accounts, the Members of Council are required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently, to make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent and to prepare the accounts on a going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business or the charity in operation.

The Members of Council are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985 and the recommendations of the Charity Commissioners in SORP 2005. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the company's auditors are unaware; and each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

Trustee/Director Recruitment, Appointment and Training

Recruitment to Council is achieved by taking nominations from the Society's membership and from Council. Annually at the Extraordinary General Meeting, members of the Society elect Council members and officers from those nominated. Ordinary Council members are appointed for a term of 3 years and officers generally for a minimum of 3 years depending on role. All Council newcomers are issued with the Society's rules and procedures which covers all the practices to be adopted for the smooth and consistent operation of the Society, the Charity Commission's guidelines for trustees, the constitution and the last Annual Report and Accounts.

Reserves Policy

1. Council has approved a policy for the maintenance of sufficient investments and savings to provide a fund in reserve against uncertainties and to provide income towards the running costs of the Society not borne by members.
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3. Using these guidelines, Council has agreed that a level of cash reserves (to be held on one of the Society's Savings Accounts) appropriate to its situation should be no less than 12 months of normal operating costs as listed in budget and accounts under the heading of Operating Costs. This allows, in the unlikely event of closure of the Society, for activities and obligations to be brought to an orderly conclusion.
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For the year ended 31 December 2023

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Basis of preparation and Audit exemption

For the year ending 31st December 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

Respective responsibilities of trustees and accountant

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purpose of company law) are responsible with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to compile the financial statements in order to assist you to fulfil your statutory responsibilities, from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require.

Andrew Gibbins
For and on behalf of Aston Shaw Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants
The Union Building
51-59 Rose Lane
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Dr Rebekah Higgitt
Treasurer

Signature 

Date of Signature 03/07/24

The British Society for the History of Science
For the Year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Income and Expenditure					
Incoming Resources					
Generation of Funds					
Membership Subscription		17,936	-	17,936	18,069
BJHS Royalties		40,377	-	40,377	36,804
BJHS Editing Contribution		11,037	-	11,037	10,944
Misc Publishing Income		-	-	-	25
Conferences					
Annual Conference Income		2,190	-	2,190	39,982
Investments					
General Fund Dividends, Gains and Interest		12,110	-	12,110	-
Wheeler Fund Dividends, Gains and Interest		-	6,719	6,719	-
Grants					
Grants Received		757	-	757	757
Donations and Fundraising					
Donations Received		1,176	-	1,176	1,195
Interest					
Interest Receivable (Current Account)		194	-	194	11
Total Income Resources		85,776	6,719	92,495	73,487
Resources Expended					
Committee Activities					
Conference Committee	1	11,204	-	11,204	34,255
Outreach and Engagement Committee	2	7,287	-	7,287	10,000
Grants Committee	3	17,487	-	17,487	15,549
Prizes	4	300	-	300	200
Publications					
Journals	5	10,390	-	10,390	13,987
Magazine	6	4,155	-	4,155	7,638
Operating Expenditure					
Office and Day to Day Costs	7	1,549	-	1,549	2,149
Web Costs	8	869	-	869	532
Freelance and Professional Fees	9	32,320	-	32,320	30,767
Travelling and Meeting Costs		787	-	787	-
Bank Charges		340	-	340	1,211
Miscellaneous		1,483	-	1,483	589
Total Resources Expended		88,171	-	88,171	116,878
Net Incoming Resources	-	2,395	6,719	4,324	-
Total funds brought forward		255,896	83,188	339,084	382,475
Total funds carried forward		253,501	89,907	343,408	339,084

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Balance Sheet

		2023	2022
Fixed Assets			
Investments	9	247,732	233,654
		<u>247,732</u>	<u>233,654</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	10	12,608	10,190
Cash at Bank		102,222	109,027
		<u>114,830</u>	<u>119,217</u>
Creditors			
Amounts due within one year	11	19,154	13,787
		<u>19,154</u>	<u>13,787</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>19,154</u>	<u>13,787</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>343,408</u>	<u>339,084</u>
Net Assets		<u>343,408</u>	<u>339,084</u>
Income Funding			
Unrestricted Funds			
Unrestricted funds	12	253,501	255,896
Restricted funds	13	89,907	83,188
		<u>343,408</u>	<u>339,084</u>

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1. Conference Committee

	2023	2022
BSSH Annual Conference	-	32,302
BSSH Post Graduate Conference	6,152	23
Strategic Conferences	5,052	1,930
	11,204	34,255

2. Outreach and Educational Committee

	2023	2022
OEC Activity Grant	1,205	1,500
OEC Fellowship Grant	6,082	8,500
	7,287	10,000

3. Grants Committee

	2023	2022
Masters Bursary	12,000	8,000
Research Grant	5,137	7,163
Butler Eyes Grant	350	386
	17,487	15,549

4. Prizes

	2023	2022
Singer Prize	-	200
Hughes Prize	300	-
	300	200

5. Journal

	2023	2022
BJHS Editing Costs	9,543	7,773
Theme Editing Costs	847	6,214
	10,390	13,987

6. Magazine

	2023	2022
Viewpoint Distribution Costs	4,155	7,638
	4,155	7,638

7. Office and Day to Day Costs

	2023	2022
Postage and Courier	-	35
Storage	-	1,430
Bookkeeping Costs	270	270
Insurance	517	197
Translation Services	600	-
IT software & consumables	162	217
	1,549	2,149

8. Freelance and Professional Fees

	2023	2022
Audit and Accountancy Fees	1,840	2,864
Administration Fees	30,481	27,903
	<u>32,320</u>	<u>30,767</u>

9. Investments

	2023	2022 Value
UK Quoted Investments	247,732	233,654
	<u>247,732</u>	<u>233,654</u>
Historical Cost (Booking Costs)	219,879	216,339
Narrow Range	247,732	233,654
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Market Value 01.01.2022	233,654	271,803
Increase/Decrease in investments	9,531	- 38,149
Market Value 31.12.2023	<u>243,185</u>	<u>233,654</u>
Investments consist of:		
General Portfolio	148,585	147,526
Wheeler Portfolio	94,600	86,127
Total Investments	<u>243,185</u>	<u>233,654</u>

10. Debtors

	2023	2022
Trade Debtors	7,479	6,019
Prepayments	5,129	4,171
	<u>12,608</u>	<u>10,190</u>

11. Creditors

	2023	2022
Trade Creditors	11,473	6,705
Accruals & deferred income	7,680	7,082
	<u>19,154</u>	<u>13,787</u>

12. Analysis of Net Assets

Fund Balances at 31.12.2023	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
Investments	157,825	147,526
Current Assets	114,830	122,157
Current Liabilities	- 19,154	- 13,787
Total Net Assets	<u>253,501</u>	<u>255,897</u>

13. Restricted Funds

Funds consist of:

Wheeler Bequest	89,907	75,415
Current Assets	-	7,773
Total funds held	<u>89,907</u>	<u>75,415</u>

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REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2021

Introduction

Report of the Directors

In accordance with Article 45 of the *Articles of Association*, Members of Council are the Directors of the Company by which the Society is known for purposes of registration under Company Law. The Report of Council is the Report of the Directors for the year 2021.

Report of the Trustees

In accordance with Article 45 of the *Articles of Association*, Members of Council are the Trustees of the Registered Charity by which the Society achieves its charitable objectives. The Report of Council is the Report of the Trustees for the year 2021. It conforms to the Charity Commission's Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2005.

Objects & Mission Statement

The primary objective for which the Society is established is to promote and further the study of the history and philosophy of science. Secondary objectives include the provision of facilities, the arrangement of meetings, the promotion of research and the publishing of papers; full details of all the objectives may be found in the Society's *Memorandum of Association*.

The above objectives have been expressed in a mission statement form: to foster the understanding of the history and social impact of science, technology and medicine (HSTM) in all their branches in the academic and wider communities, and to provide a national focus for the discipline.

Policies

The main policy of the Society is to provide the infrastructure to gain its objectives and in approved cases to provide financial assistance by which its members and others may benefit in some aspect of their activities whilst helping to achieve the objects of a learned Society. To achieve this overall policy, the Society maintains a world-wide membership, issues several publications, chief of which is the *British Journal for the History of Science*, holds regular meetings and conferences on the history of science, technology and medicine, and contributes where appropriate to debate at governmental and other levels on scientific and educational issues. In terms of direct financial benefits, membership for students, the retired and unemployed is subsidized, and reduced charges

and bursaries are available for student members attending conferences. Travel costs, especially for overseas meetings, are sometimes met for individual members and others. An investment policy is in force that defines the conditions under which the Society selects and maintains its investments. Risks are reviewed and reported upon to Council annually. Reserves are built up to provide a fund in reserve against uncertainties and to give income towards the running costs of the Society not borne by members. By publishing the *British Journal for the History of Science*, income is created for commitments and for a reserve of charitable money.

Organisation

The controlling body of the Society is its Council. Committees are responsible to Council for various activities outlined below and several members of Council have an Officer post designated for specific responsibility. The Officers are the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor. The Conferences Committee organises a wide range of events for the Society and manages the BSHS Butler Eyles scheme; the Outreach and Engagement Committee is concerned with coordinating and directing the Society's efforts to promote the understanding of HSTM in a wide range of educational contexts; the Finance Committee acts as the general source of advice for the Treasurer; the Grants Committee is responsible for assessing applications for the Society's various grant schemes, for making awards, and for keeping the operation of the grant schemes under review. In addition, an advisory Editorial Board continues to support the Journal Editor. Council can be advised by a number of Advisory Officers in specialist roles, and by the Executive Secretary, who is not a member of the Society. The Executive Secretary is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Society, including keeping the accounts. The Executive Secretary is under contractual terms, reviewed annually by the Council. No member of Council or the Society receives any remuneration for services to the Society but expenses are paid.

Prizes

A number of prizes are awarded, of which three are named awards, each awarded biennially. There is an essay competition, the winner of which is awarded the BSHS Singer Prize. The BSHS Hughes Prize is awarded for the best recent history of science book aimed at a general audience. The BSHS Pickstone Prize is awarded for the best history of science book aimed at a scholarly audience. Other prizes, such as the BSHS Ayrton Prize for outstanding digital projects are awarded for exhibitions and digital projects relating to the history of science. All prizes are open to members and non-members, but not to members of Council.

Review of Activities

Public Benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in *s4 Charities Act 2006* to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. The trustees believe that the educational and research objectives of the Society are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Extraordinary General Meeting 2021

At the Extraordinary General Meeting held online as part of the BSHS Festival on 9th July 2021, the following Officers and Ordinary Members of Council were elected.

Officers

<i>President</i>	Professor Charlotte Sleigh
<i>Vice President</i>	Professor James Secord*
<i>Secretary</i>	Dr Chiara Ambrosio
<i>Treasurer</i>	Dr Rebekah Higgitt
<i>Journal Editor</i>	Dr Amanda Rees

Ordinary Members

Dr Mary Augusta Brazelton, Professor Matthew Cobb, Dr Rohan Deb Roy, Dr Louisiane Ferlier, Dr William R. Macauley, Dr Emma Spary, Dr James Sumner, Sarah Qidwai*, Dr Alice White*

*New for 2021-2022

Council: The Society's Council met on three occasions: 16 January, 17 April, 16 July and 9 October.

Activities of Council Committees

Conferences Committee: The main activities of the Committee were organizing the BSHS Postgraduate Online Conference in March 2022 and the Annual Conference of the Society at Queen's University Belfast in July 2022. Over 120 people attended the meeting in Belfast and it was a great success. The committee is now actively planning a virtual festival for the summer of 2023 along the lines of the meeting held in 2020.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee met regularly to discuss and agreed to review and update the Risk Register, consider future strategy, review the Reserves Policy in the light of Charity Commission guidance, discuss budget, expenses, staff pay and investments. Responsibility for the budgets of BSHS Committees remains with the respective Chairs.

Grants Committee: The Grants Committee awarded funding for Master's study and research projects of various kinds, on the basis of applications submitted for the deadlines of 15 June, 31 March and 30 September.

Outreach and Engagement Committee:

BSHS Ayrton Prize 2021

The 2021 Ayrton Prize was awarded to Typhoidland led by University College Dublin and University of Oxford. Typhoidland is an international research and engagement project that uses approaches from history, the social sciences, and digital humanities to engage global publics about typhoid and collective responsibility for disease control.

The digital exhibition, Our Journey, Our Story: History and Memory of Sickle Cell Anaemia in Britain, 1950-2020, was highly commended. This digital exhibition was developed by the Centre for History of Medicine, University of Warwick and Sickle Cell Society and hosted by the Black Cultural Archives. It was part of a wider HLF-funded project which aimed to collect and preserve the archives and voices of the history of the condition, and this exhibition brought these together to communicate what it is like to live with SCA, the activism and campaigning that pushed for SCA services in the National Health Service, and to exhibit art created by people living with the condition.

Engagement Fellowships 2021

We received a record-breaking twenty-eight applications for this year's Engagement Fellowships. Normally we fund two applicants a year, but given the strength of the proposals and unused funds from 2020 we decided to fund fellowships at the following institutions:

The Old Operating Theatre to improve the accessibility and online use of their collection catalogue.

UK Antarctic Heritage Trust to research and present some of the stories of Antarctic science and discovery by women and people from less well represented groups.

Framework Knitters Museum to highlight the key characteristics of knitted materials and how each contributes to our daily lives.

Project Grants 2021

OEC offers project grants of up to £300 to support engagement and outreach projects in the history of science, technology and medicine. Previous OEC Project Grant initiatives have included public events, the development of materials for schools, and work with collections and heritage sites. However, we are always hoping to be surprised by new ideas and formats.

February's grant was awarded to Tenner Films to fund a school outreach programme connected to their documentary 'The Atom: A Love Affair', which explores the social and political history of nuclear power in the UK, USA, France & Germany over the past seventy-five years.

The May Grant was awarded to 'Chronicles of a humble interplanetary dildo: a roundtable and zine of sex in space'. The grant will fund a publicly accessible digital workshop, that will serve as a point of departure for further research on sex technologies and space.

'Stories of the supercontinent: Hidden histories from the theory of continental drift', from University of Leeds were awarded the October Project Grant. The funding supported two creative writing workshop with participants in Leeds, based on hidden stories and voices associated with the discovery, collection and transport of fossils that underpinned Alfred Wegner's theory of continental drift.

BSHS Hughes Prize 2021

The BSHS Hughes Prize, formerly the BSHS Dingle Prize, is awarded every two years to the best book in the history of science, technology or medicine published in English which is accessible to a wide audience of non-specialists.

The 2021 Hughes Prize was awarded to Jaipreet Virdi's Hearing Happiness: Deafness Cures in History. The book was commended for its unique mixture of personal insight and perceptive historical analysis of a fascinating and understudied topic – the development of technology to cure deafness in the USA and UK.

The OEC would like to thank the judging panel who happily gave up their weekends and evenings to shortlist and score the high-quality submissions.

The jury were:

Prof. Matthew Cobb (Chair)
Dr. Ellie Armstrong
Dr. Alice Bell
Prof. Sanjoy Bhattacharya
Dr. Mary Brazelton
Katherine McAlpine

The full shortlist was:

Timothy Barnard, *Imperial Creatures: Humans and Other Animals in Colonial Singapore 1819-1942* (NUS Press, 2019)

Seb Falk, *The Light Ages: A Medieval Journey of Discovery* (Penguin, 2021)

Lucy Jane Santos, *Half Lives: The Unlikely History of Radium* (ICON, 2020)

Angela Saini, *Superior: The Return of Race Science* (Beacon, 2019)

Samanth Subramanian, *A Dominant Character: The Radical Science and Restless Politics of J.B.S. Haldane* (Atlantic, 2019)

Jaipreet Viridi, *Hearing Happiness: Deafness Cures in History* (UCP, 2020)

Publications and Communications

BJHS: Four issues (Vol.54) of the *British Journal for the History of Science* were published in 2021. Dr Amanda Rees continued as editor, as did Mrs Trish Hatton as BJHS Managing Editor and Dr Sam Robinson (Cambridge) as Book Reviews Editor . The editorial board is as follows: Professor Gowan Dawson, University of Leicester, UK, Dr Jim Endersby, University of Sussex, UK, Dr Vanessa Heggie, University of Birmingham, UK, Professor Daryn Lehoux, Queen's University, Canada, Professor Omar Nasim, University of Regensburg, Germany, Dr Jahnvi Phalkey , Science Gallery Bengaluru, India, Professor Jennifer M. Rampling, Princeton University, USA, Professor Jessica Riskin, Stanford University, USA, Dr Anna Marie Roos, University of Lincoln, UK, Dr Richard Staley, University of Cambridge, UK, Professor Justin Stearns, New York University, USA, Dr James Sumner, University of Manchester, UK, Professor Zuoyue Wang , California State Polytechnic University Pomona, USA. The BJHS is published for the Society by Cambridge University Press.

Themes: Volume 6 (on 'Descent of Darwin: Race, sex and human nature') was published. This issue was guest edited by Professor Erika Lorraine Milam and Professor Suman Seth. Professor Simon Werrett served as the General Editor for Volume 6. His term came to an end this year, Meanwhile, Dr. Rohan Deb Roy continued as General Editor, as did Mrs Trish Hatton as BJHS Themes Editorial Assistant.

Viewpoint: Jennifer Farquharson took over as Editor from Hazel Blair, and oversaw the production of three issues in 2021. These included:

- No. 123 (February 2021): Industrial innovation
- No. 124 (June 2021): Travelling science

- No. 125 (October 2021): The science of everything

A new Assistant Editor was recruited, Santiago Guzman. The role was adapted to focus as much on training and development as support for the editor, and Santiago is learning the editorial and proofing process as part of his role.

Committees

The Committees of Council were as follows (as at the year-end):

Conferences Committee: Dr Sam Robinson (Chair), Dr Sarah Qidwai (Council Member), Professor Iwan Morus (Programmes Co-ordinator), Dr Stuart Matthison ('22 Conference Organiser), Grace Exley (Postgraduate Rep/Conference Committee Secretary).

Finance Committee: Dr Rebekah Higgitt (Chair), Dr Chiara Ambrosio, Professor Pratik Chakrabarti, Dr Miles Parker, Professor James Secord, Professor Charlotte Sleigh, Dr Emma Spary

Outreach & Engagement Committee: Dr Rachel Boon (Chair), Dr Eleanor Armstrong, Rosanna Evans, Lauren Deere, Dr Allan Jones, Katherine McAlpine, Lenka Sediva, Dr James Sumner.

Advisory Members of Council

Conferences Committee Chair: Dr Sam Robinson

Archivist: Dr Rebecca Fallas

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Executive Secretary

Lucy Santos was Executive Secretary for the Company during the year 2021.

Responsibility for Accounts

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The Members of Council are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985 and the recommendations of the Charity Commissioners in SORP 2005. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the company's auditors are unaware; and each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

Trustee/Director Recruitment, Appointment and Training

Recruitment to Council is achieved by taking nominations from the Society's membership and from Council. Annually at the Extraordinary General Meeting, members of the Society elect Council members and officers from those nominated. Ordinary Council members are appointed for a term of 3 years and officers generally for a minimum of 3 years depending on role. All Council newcomers are issued with the Society's rules and procedures which covers all the practices to be adopted for the smooth and consistent operation of the Society, the Charity Commission's guidelines for trustees, the constitution and the last Annual Report and Accounts.

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Basis of preparation and Audit exemption

For the year ending 31st December 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

Respective responsibilities of trustees and accountant

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purpose of company law) are responsible with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to compile the financial statements in order to assist you to fulfil your statutory responsibilities, from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require.

Andrew Gibbins
For and on behalf of Aston Shaw Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants
The Union Building
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Rebekah Higgitt
Treasurer

Signature 

Date of Signature 1/5/22

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	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
Income and Expenditure					
Incoming Resources					
Generation of Funds					
Membership Subscription		£19,106	£0	£19,106	£17,740
BJHS Royalties		£44,495	£0	£44,495	£43,157
BJHS Editing Contribution		£10,944	£0	£10,944	£5,405
Misc Publishing Income		£99	£0	£99	£71
Miscellaneous Income		£0	£0	£0	£0
Conferences					
Annual Conference Income		£582	£0	£582	£750
Investments					
General Fund Dividends, Gains and Interest		£20,286	£0	£20,286	£11,839
Wheeler Fund Dividends, Gains and Interest		£0	£11,899	£11,899	£6,944
Grants					
Grants Received		£760	£0	£760	£760
Donations and Fundraising					
Donations Received		£2,176	£0	£2,176	£1,859
Interest					
Interest Receivable (Current Account)		£2	£0	£2	£7
Total Income Resources		£98,449	£11,899	£110,349	£88,532
Resources Expended					
Committee Activities					
Conference Committee	1	£1,567	£0	£1,567	£1,995
Outreach and Engagement Committee	2	£4,900	£0	£4,900	£2,600
Grants Committee	3	£18,921	£0	£18,921	£16,869
Prizes	4	£300	£0	£300	£1,325
Publications					
Journals	5	£7,003	£7,992	£14,995	£15,748
Magazine	6	£8,137	£0	£8,137	£3,175
Operating Expenditure					
Office and Day to Day Costs	7	£2,275	£0	£2,275	£3,663
Web Costs		£393	£0	£393	£720
Freelance and Professional Fees	8	£24,411	£0	£24,411	£27,458
Travelling and Meeting Costs		£0	£0	£0	£1,242
Bank Charges		£197	£0	£197	£195
Miscellaneous		£1,796	£0	£1,796	£1,779
Total Resources Expended		£69,901	£7,992	£77,893	£76,771
Net Incoming Resources		£28,549	£3,907	£32,456	£11,761
Total funds brought forward		£257,869	£92,151	£350,020	£338,259
Total funds carried forward		£286,418	£96,058	£382,476	£350,020

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Balance Sheet

	Note	2021	2020
Fixed Assets			
Investments	9	271,803	242,721
		<u>271,803</u>	<u>242,721</u>
Current Assets			
Stock		0	0
Debtors	10	5,126	4,899
Cash at Bank		112,756	109,574
		<u>117,882</u>	<u>114,473</u>
Creditors			
Amounts due within one year	11	7,210	7,174
		<u>7,210</u>	<u>7,174</u>
Net Current Assets			
		<u>382,475</u>	<u>350,020</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>382,475</u>	<u>350,020</u>
Net Assets			
		<u>382,475</u>	<u>350,020</u>
Income Funding			
Unrestricted Funds			
Other Charitable Fund		286,417	257,869
		<u>286,417</u>	<u>257,869</u>
Restricted Funds			
	13	96,058	92,151
		<u>382,475</u>	<u>350,020</u>

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1. Conference Committee

	2021	2020
BSHS Annual Conference	£1,567	£1,995
	£1,567	£1,995
	£1,567	£1,995

2. Outreach and Educational Committee

	2021	2020
OEC Activity Grant	£900	£600
OEC Fellowship Grant	£4,000	£2,000
	£4,900	£2,600
	£4,900	£2,600

3. Grants Committee

	2021	2020
Masters Bursary	£16,000	£12,000
Research Grant	£2,921	£4,869
	£18,921	£16,869
	£18,921	£16,869

4. Prizes

	2021	2020
Pickstone Prize	£0	£525
Singer Prize	£0	£500
Hughes Prize	£300	£300
	£300	£1,325
	£300	£1,325

5. Journal

	2021	2020
BJHS Editing Costs	£6,981	£7,224
Theme Editing Costs	£7,992	£8,204
BJHS Handling and Distribution	£22	£320
	£14,995	£15,748
	£14,995	£15,748

6. Magazine

	2021	2020
Viewpoint Production Costs	£7,047	£1,586
Viewpoint Distribution Costs	£1,090	£1,590
	£8,137	£3,175
	£8,137	£3,175

7. Office and Day to Day Costs

	2021	2020
Executive Secretary Expense	£0	£63
Postage and Courier	£0	£76
Stationery	£0	£77
Storage	£1,330	£1,430
Bookkeeping Costs	£270	£330
Insurance	£63	£809
Legal Expenses	£77	£13
Phone and Internet	£72	£48
IT software & consumables	£464	£637
Translation Series		£180
	<u>£2,275</u>	<u>£3,663</u>

8. Freelance and Professional Fees

	2021	2020
Audit and Accountancy Fees	£1,099	£1,482
Communication Officer	£0	£3,013
Administration Fees	£23,312	£22,964
	<u>£24,411</u>	<u>£27,458</u>

9. Investments

	2021 Value	2020 Value
UK Quoted Investments	£271,803	£242,721
	<u>£271,803</u>	<u>£242,721</u>
Historical Cost (Booking Costs)	£216,339	£215,982
Broad Range	£0	£0
Narrow Range	£271,803	£242,721
	<u>£271,803</u>	<u>£242,721</u>
Market Value 01.01.2020	£242,721	£226,661
Additions to Investment	£29,082	£16,060
Market Value 31.12.2021	<u>£271,803</u>	<u>£242,721</u>
Investments consist of:		
General Portfolio	£171,382	£153,051
Wheeler Portfolio	£100,421	£89,670
Total Investments	<u>£271,803</u> As at 31.12.21	<u>£242,721</u>

10. Debtors

	2021	2020
Prepayments	£5,126	£4,899
	<u>£5,126</u>	<u>£4,899</u>

11. Creditors

	2021	2020
Trade Creditors	£5,909	£5,909
Accruals	£1,300	£1,265
	<u>£7,210</u>	<u>£7,174</u>

12. Analysis of Net Assets

Fund Balances at 31.12.2021	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Investments	£171,382	£100,421	£271,803
Current Assets	£122,245	-£4,363	£117,882
Current Liabilities	-£7,210	£0	-£7,210
Total Net Assets	<u>£286,417</u>	<u>£96,058</u>	<u>£382,475</u>

13. Restricted Funds

Funds consist of:

Wheeler Bequest	£100,421
Total funds held	<u>£100,421</u>