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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
Science
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**Report of the trustees
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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

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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

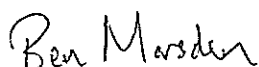
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Dr A V White
Dr S Qidwai (resigned 1/9/2024)
Dr J Gouyon (resigned 1/9/2024)

Independent Examiner

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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').

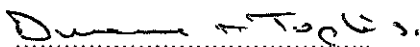
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').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



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Date: 12-11-2025

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**Statement of financial activities
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| | | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted fund £ | 2024 Total funds £ | 2023 Total funds £ |
|--|-------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Notes | | | | |
| 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 | <u>111,231</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>111,231</u> | <u>88,172</u> |
| 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><u>262,215</u></u> | <u><u>91,006</u></u> | <u><u>353,221</u></u> | <u><u>343,408</u></u> |

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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>-</u> | <u>139,973</u> | <u>102,222</u> |
| | | 142,513 | - | 142,513 | 114,830 |
| Creditors | | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year | 11 | (35,654) | - | (35,654) | (19,154) |
| Net current assets | | <u>106,859</u> | <u>-</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.

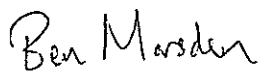
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Balance sheet - continued
31 December 2024

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 on12.11.25.....
and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
B Marsden - Trustee

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**Notes to the financial statements
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1. General information

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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>-</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 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| 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 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| 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 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| 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 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| 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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| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| Income and endowments | | |
| Generation of funds | | |
| Donations | 1,176 | 1,176 |
| Grants received | 757 | 757 |
| Membership Subscription | 19,735 | 17,936 |
| BJHS Royalties | 49,191 | 40,377 |
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| Conferences | | |
| Annual conference income | 40,147 | 2,190 |
| Investment income | | |
| 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> |
| Total incoming resources | 121,044 | 92,496 |
| Expenditure | | |
| Committee activities | | |
| Conference committee expenses | 35,840 | 11,204 |
| Outreach and engagement committee | 3,975 | 7,287 |
| Grants committee | 9,797 | 17,487 |
| Prizes | <u>200</u> | <u>300</u> |
| | 49,812 | 36,278 |
| Operating expenses | | |
| 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 |
| Carried forward | 35,576 | 36,221 |

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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 | | |
| Journals | 18,309 | 10,390 |
| Magazine | <u>4,690</u> | <u>4,155</u> |
| | <u>22,999</u> | <u>14,545</u> |
| Total resources expended | <u>111,231</u> | <u>88,172</u> |
| Net income | <u><u>9,813</u></u> | <u><u>4,324</u></u> |

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