

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 00502705
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 262247

**The Society of Leather Technologists and Chemists
Limited**

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

Unaudited Financial Statements

31 December 2021

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Council of Management Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2021

The members, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	The Society of Leather Technologists and Chemists Limited
Charity registration number	262247
Company registration number	00502705
Principal office and registered office	8 Copper Leaf Close Moulton Northampton NN3 7HS

The members

Mr M Abbott	
Ms M De Wet	(Resigned 24 April 2021)
Mr D Sherwood	(Resigned 24 April 2021)
Dr S Davis	
Mr M R Gummer	(Resigned 24 April 2021)
Mr K Macdonald	
Dr W R Wise	
Mr L Irwin	
Mr J Hubbard	
Mr S P Duffin	
Mr J J Osgood	
Dr C M Anscombe	(Appointed 24 April 2021)
Mr J Avery	(Appointed 24 April 2021)
Dr A Ballantyne	(Appointed 24 April 2021)
Ms D A Taylor	(Appointed 24 April 2021)

Elected or Ex Officio

B Jonsson	(President, South African Section)
N Phipps	(Hon. Secretary, South African Section)
M.K. Leafe	Editor

Officers invited to attend Council Meetings but without voting rights

Mrs P Potter	(General Secretary)
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Company secretary	Mrs P Potter
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Independent examiner	Mr David Kelland Meadows & Co Limited Headlands House 1 Kings Court Kettering Parkway Kettering NN15 6WJ
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Council of Management Annual Report (continued)

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee, and is therefore governed by a memorandum and articles of association.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objective and its principal activity continues to be that of assisting and encouraging the application of science and technology to the manufacture and utilisation of leather and related products and by the publication of journals and the holding of meetings, to further the development of scientific knowledge in the leather industry.

Policies adopted to achieve the society's objectives

1. To set subscription rates for members and subscribers at a level consistent with the ability to fulfil the objectives of the Society and to attract members from industry, organisations and libraries.
2. To publish the Journal of the Society of Leather Technologists and Chemists, a recognised international journal which has been published monthly or bi-monthly since 1917. To originate other publications of a scientific or technological nature where appropriate to further the objectives of the Society.
3. To devise analytical methods for publication as Official Methods of the Society and to collaborate with the other organisations in the formulation of International Methods for the Analysis of Leather and related products.
4. To hold meetings, if possible, on an annual basis, and to encourage and support regional meetings held by local groups and overseas sections.

Strategic report

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form the strategic report of the charity.

Achievements and performance

The deficit for the year was £14,330 (2020: £11,239 deficit), leaving total funds to be carried forward of £84,129 (2020: £98,459).

The Council of Management does not consider that there have been any important events affecting the Society between the date of the balance sheet and the date that this report was signed.

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Financial review

During 2021 there was a gradual easing of lockdown restrictions and the Society began to get back to normal. In April we held a very successful online conference which was free to attend for delegates around the world. This was done in recognition of the very difficult situation that many people found themselves in following a year of lockdowns, furloughs and depressed business confidence. Following this successful event the planned 2022 conference will be a hybrid event with attendees joining us once again at The University of Northampton to be able to finally visit and tour the new ICLT facility and joining us for the first annual dinner dance since 2019 and hopefully others participating from around the globe remotely. However, this year this will be a charged for event but one we feel will be of enormous value to the industry.

In addition, the Society has continued to support Leather Naturally as it spreads a positive message about the industry to counter the claims from those sectors that are both trying to criticise the industry on numerous fronts but also use the language of leather to promote alternative materials in the luxury markets by focussing on very narrow areas of concern.

The SLTC website is pleased to be able to host a series of online learning modules which have been developed by Richard Daniels to promote education in the industry and this alongside the development work we are carrying out to bring together more leather information into an online library.

I am grateful to the support of Council who have continued to meet remotely and carry out the work of the Society including promoting membership, planning the conference and considering the current needs and future developments of the Journal which is the flagship of the Society. This includes the elected council members and the valuable work done by the Secretary, Editor and Technical Co-ordinator.

At conference this year Mat Abbot will be stepping down as the Vice-President following the completion of his extended term and we are grateful for all the work he has done steering the Society through these unprecedented times.

Whilst the current economic and geopolitical climate is still volatile we hope with the return of more events such as exhibitions and conferences the industry will be able to bounce back and the Society looks forward to being a part of that growth

The council of management annual report and the strategic report were approved on 12/5/2022 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr J Hubbard
President

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of The Society of Leather Technologists and Chemists Limited

Year ended 31 December 2021

I report to the members on my examination of the financial statements of The Society of Leather Technologists and Chemists Limited ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The trustees are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and
- the accounts do not accord with those records, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met, or

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

Mr David Kelland
Independent Examiner

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 December 2021

		Unrestricted funds	2021 Restricted funds	Total funds	2020 Total funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	18,984	—	18,984	17,272
Other trading activities	6	10,728	—	10,728	17,389
Investment income	7	90	—	90	468
Total income		<u>29,802</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>29,802</u>	<u>35,129</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	8	22,655	—	22,655	17,235
Expenditure on charitable activities	9,10	12,477	9,000	21,477	29,133
Total expenditure		<u>35,132</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>44,132</u>	<u>46,368</u>
Net expenditure		<u>(5,330)</u>	<u>(9,000)</u>	<u>(14,330)</u>	<u>(11,239)</u>
Transfers between funds		(5,806)	5,806	—	—
Net movement in funds		<u>(11,136)</u>	<u>(3,194)</u>	<u>(14,330)</u>	<u>(11,239)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		84,699	13,760	98,459	109,698
Total funds carried forward		<u>73,563</u>	<u>10,566</u>	<u>84,129</u>	<u>98,459</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	16		211		601
Current assets					
Stocks	17	607		675	
Debtors	18	55		—	
Cash at bank and in hand		90,969		102,821	
		<u>91,631</u>		<u>103,496</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	19	<u>7,713</u>		<u>5,638</u>	
Net current assets			83,918		97,858
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>84,129</u>		<u>98,459</u>
Net assets			<u>84,129</u>		<u>98,459</u>
Funds of the charity					
Restricted funds			10,566		13,760
Unrestricted funds			73,563		84,699
Total charity funds	20		<u>84,129</u>		<u>98,459</u>

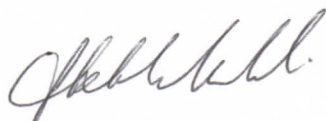
For the year ending 31 December 2021 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr J Hubbard
President



Mr D Miller
Trustee

The notes on pages 7 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2021

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is 8 Copper Leaf Close, Moulton, Northampton, NN3 7HS.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

3. Accounting policies

Public benefit

The Trustees of The Society of Leather Technologists and Chemists Limited understand the need to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the members for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

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3. Accounting policies (continued)

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

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3. Accounting policies (continued)

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Plant and machinery etc - 20% straight line

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Stocks

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the stock to its present location and condition.

4. Limited by guarantee

The Society of Leather Technologists and Chemists Limited is a company limited by guarantee and thus has no share capital.

5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Sponsorship				
Members and associates	15,032	15,032	14,908	14,908
Subscriptions				
Subscriptions and application fees	3,952	3,952	2,364	2,364
	<u>18,984</u>	<u>18,984</u>	<u>17,272</u>	<u>17,272</u>

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6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Sales of publication and sundry receipts	758	758	689	689
Conference income	250	250	4,805	4,805
Journal income	9,720	9,720	11,895	11,895
	<u>10,728</u>	<u>10,728</u>	<u>17,389</u>	<u>17,389</u>

7. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Bank interest receivable	90	90	468	468

8. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Opening stock	675	675	750	750
Journal printing	12,175	12,175	9,900	9,900
Closing stock	(607)	(607)	(675)	(675)
Honorarium - editor	6,739	6,739	6,544	6,544
Conference expenditure	3,322	3,322	343	343
Subscription - IULTCS	351	351	373	373
	<u>22,655</u>	<u>22,655</u>	<u>17,235</u>	<u>17,235</u>

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9. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Heritage project - archiving	–	9,000	9,000
Payment to Northampton University	–	–	–
Raymond Blakey Fund	–	–	–
Support costs	12,477	–	12,477
	<u>12,477</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>21,477</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Heritage project - archiving	–	11,700	11,700
Payment to Northampton University	–	1,411	1,411
Raymond Blakey Fund	1,746	4,405	6,151
Support costs	9,871	–	9,871
	<u>11,617</u>	<u>17,516</u>	<u>29,133</u>

10. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2021 £	Total fund 2020 £
Heritage project - archiving	9,000	–	9,000	11,700
Payment to Northampton University	–	–	–	1,411
Raymond Blakey Fund	–	–	–	6,151
Governance costs	–	12,477	12,477	9,871
	<u>9,000</u>	<u>12,477</u>	<u>21,477</u>	<u>29,133</u>

11. Analysis of support costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Staff costs	5,317	5,317	4,802
Communications and IT	2,652	2,652	849
General office	516	516	–
Finance costs	2,106	2,106	2,512
Travelling and meeting	17	17	53
Sundry expenses	133	133	133
Depreciation	390	390	318
Bank charges	366	366	301
Postage and carriage	745	745	638
Other legal and professional	235	235	264
	<u>12,477</u>	<u>12,477</u>	<u>9,870</u>

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12. Net expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021	2020
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	390	318

13. Independent examination fees

	2021	2020
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	2,391	2,372

14. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	12,056	11,346

The average head count of employees during the year was 2 (2020: 2). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2021	2020
	No.	No.
Administration staff	2	2

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2020: Nil).

15. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees

16. Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery etc £
Cost	
At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021	10,348
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2021	9,747
Charge for the year	390
At 31 December 2021	10,137
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2021	211
At 31 December 2020	601

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17. Stocks

	2021	2020
	£	£
Raw materials and consumables	607	675

18. Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	55	—

19. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	329	312
Accruals and deferred income	7,182	5,129
Social security and other taxes	202	197
	<u>7,713</u>	<u>5,638</u>

20. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>84,699</u>	<u>29,802</u>	<u>(35,132)</u>	<u>(5,806)</u>	<u>73,563</u>

	At 1 January 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>87,038</u>	<u>35,129</u>	<u>(28,852)</u>	<u>(8,616)</u>	<u>84,699</u>

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20. Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

Restricted funds

	At 1 January 2021	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2021 £
Heritage Fund	3,198	—	—	(3,198)	—
Amanda Michel fund	—	—	—	—	—
Raymond Blakey fund	10,562	—	(9,000)	9,004	10,566
	<u>13,760</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(9,000)</u>	<u>5,806</u>	<u>10,566</u>

	At 1 January 2020	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2020 £
Heritage Fund	6,976	—	(11,700)	7,922	3,198
Amanda Michel fund	1,411	—	(1,411)	—	—
Raymond Blakey fund	14,273	—	(4,405)	694	10,562
	<u>22,660</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(17,516)</u>	<u>8,616</u>	<u>13,760</u>

Heritage fund

This project was started during 2018 with the objective of archiving SLTC's scientific knowledge for future generations.

Amanda Michel fund

Stewardship of this fund is now finalised. This very successfully project is now educating students in Amanda's field of Microscopy and will continue to do so for many years to come.

21. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	211	—	211
Current assets	81,065	10,566	91,631
Creditors less than 1 year	(7,713)	—	(7,713)
Net assets	<u>73,563</u>	<u>10,566</u>	<u>84,129</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	601	—	601
Current assets	89,736	13,760	103,496
Creditors less than 1 year	(5,638)	—	(5,638)
Net assets	<u>84,699</u>	<u>13,760</u>	<u>98,459</u>