



British Association for South Asian Studies

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ANNUAL REPORT

**THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION
FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES**

REPORT WITH SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st JANUARY 2021

The 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held via Zoom to ensure adherence to current Covid-19 Government guidelines.

The meeting will take place at 1:30pm on 23rd April 2021

to receive this Annual Report,
and to
transact any other business proper to the AGM.

THE COUNCIL 2020/2021

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PROF ANINDITA GHOSH (from Nov 2020)

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DR JOHN ZAVOS

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DR PHILIPPA WILLIAMS (Co-opted)

COUNCIL'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 2021

Significant information

The British Association for South Asian Studies (BASAS) supports advanced research in the humanities and social sciences of South Asia. Originally, one of the overseas organisations grant-aided by The British Academy, it is now a self-financed charity registered with the Charity Commission under Registration Number 264591.

BASAS is one of the world's leading learned societies for the study of South Asia. It was established in 1986 and is now the largest UK interdisciplinary academic association for the study of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives, and the South Asian diaspora. The Association was first established in 1972 as The Society for Afghan Studies. The Association expanded its remit from 1979, becoming The Society for South Asian Studies. On 1 October 2007 the Society merged with The British Association for South Asian Studies. The new organisation combines the grant-giving and overseas research project roles of The Society for South Asian Studies with the representative and advocacy roles of The British Association for South Asian Studies. The aim of the new merged Association is to advance, encourage, support and undertake the study and research of the geography, economics, politics, history, antiquities, archaeology, sociology, ethnography, languages, literature, art, culture, customs, and inter-disciplinary study of the countries and people of South Asia.

BASAS organises an annual conference, workshops and lectures, held at different locations each year in the UK and welcomes participants from all academic disciplines in the Humanities and Social Sciences. The Association is particularly keen to promote the careers of graduate and early career researchers working on South Asia and organises workshops and conference panels with their needs in mind. It publishes *South Asian Studies*, a bi-annual journal, and partners with the journal *Contemporary South Asia*. The Association has sponsored research projects in South Asia, as well as programmes of exchange and training, and engages in advocacy work, for instance through its membership of UKCASA (UK Council for Area Studies Associations).

Enquiries about the Association's activities should be directed to the Assistant Secretary, The British Association for South Asian Studies, 27 Old Gloucester Street, Bloomsbury, London WC1N 3AX. Email: basas@basas.org.uk.

Organisation and Structure

The Association is governed by a Council and is administered by certain members of Council appointed as Executive Officers and Council members, assisted at present by a paid part-time Assistant Secretary.

Officers

The Officers who served during the year ended 31st January 2021 were:

Prof Anindita Ghosh

Chair (from Nov 2020)

Prof Patricia Jeffery

Chair (Nov 2014-Nov 2020)

Prof Andrea Major

Treasurer (from Nov 2019)

Dr Priti Mishra

Secretary (from Jan 2016)

The ex officio officers who served during the year ended 31st January 2021 were:

Dr. Deborah Sutton

South Asian Studies Journal Editor

Dr. John Zavos

Contemporary South Asia Journal Editor

All Officers serve as members of Council and are members of the committees which advise Council on the awards it makes and monitor the Association's projects.

Members of Council

The following served on Council during the year ended 31st January 2021:

Dr Ketan Alder (GEC*) (from Nov 2017)

Dr Edward Anderson (from Sept 2015)

Dr Filippo Boni (from Nov 2018)

Prof Pratik Chakrabarti (from Nov 2020)

Dr Thomas Chambers (from Nov 2019)

Dr Angela Eyre (from Nov 2019)

Prof Anindita Ghosh (as Chair from Nov 2020)

Dr Deana Heath (from Nov 2019)

Prof Patricia Jeffery (as Chair from Nov 2014-Nov 2020)

Dr Diego Maiorano (GEC*) (from Nov 2017-Nov 2020)

Prof Andrea Major (as Treasurer from Nov 2019)

Dr Priti Mishra (as Secretary from Jan 2016)

Dr Jeevan Sharma (from Nov 2019)

Dr Philippa Williams (co-opted from April 2019)

Dr John Zavos (Contemporary South Asia Editor)

Dr Deborah Sutton (South Asian Studies Editor)

*These roles were created in 2009 to represent Graduate and Early Career researchers.

Members of the Council constitute the Trustees of the Association for the purposes of the Charities Act.

The Executive Officers and Members of the Council are elected in terms of Rule 7 of the 2017 Constitution with vacancies being filled by vote upon nominations.

Reserves Policy

The Council reviews regularly the Association's activities and future commitments.

It has been established that a reserve of £20,000 would be needed to wind up the Association's affairs and to meet any outstanding commitments. Council has therefore determined that the minimum level of the Association's reserves should be £20,000 and that no commitments should be entered into which would bring the reserves below this level. Given the termination of British Academy funding

from 2012 the Council once again recognises that the Association's reserves should not fall below £20,000.

Risk management

Since the withdrawal of all funding from The British Academy, the Association is undergoing a period of transition with regards to its funding streams. Systems and procedures have been established to review the Association's financial structure whilst continuing to maintain and improve the quality of the Association's work, along with accurate reporting, and tight financial control. Council is responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Association and taking all reasonable steps for the detection and prevention of fraud and other irregularities. Financial procedures are reviewed regularly.

The Association faces another risk in common with many smaller charities where the week-to-week financial activities of the Association are dealt with by the Treasurer and the Assistant Secretary alone. With no staff, it is not possible to expect the level of internal financial controls, particularly the division of duties, to match those that would be expected within a larger organisation. However, in recognition of this risk, the Council has determined that all payments from the Association's bank account of over £1,000.00 should bear the signatures of two Council Members.

Bankers

CAF Bank Limited
Kings Hill Avenue
West Malling,
Kent ME19 4JQ

Accounting Matters

The Association's accounts were externally examined by Christos Tzitzikas, a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

In 2020/2021, the activities of the association have been adversely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. However, the council has continued to work towards broadening its contribution to the field. I am very happy to note that we have continued to sponsor an MA Dissertation Prize in South Asian Studies. We received several stellar submissions this year and the winner will be announced at the annual conference at Edinburgh. In addition, we would also like to announce the inauguration of the BASAS Book Prize. The Book Prize will celebrate outstanding first books by scholars of South Asian Studies. The call for submissions for the inaugural 2021 round is now open. I would like to thank Dr John Zavos, Dr Deborah Sutton, Prof Andrea Major, Dr Tom Chambers, Dr Aparna Balachandran, Dr Raphael Susewind and Dr Jeevan Sharma for their work on this project.

Our council members in charge of GEC matters – Dr Fillipo Boni and Dr Ketan Alder – have continued to do great work on providing our early career members with a cohesive sense of online community. In particular, the GEC Researcher's Corner in depth profile on individual members has brought to light some of the exciting and cutting-edge research that is being done in the field.

In the last year we have put together two new academic and outreach initiatives that will take place in 2021. The BASAS Black Lives Matter webinar series set to start in April 2021 will engage with scholars of South Asia to explore what the BLM movements across the world provoke in our thinking about South Asian minority political activism. Furthermore, in summer 2021, we will launch our first GEC writing workshop on the theme of violence. We hope to draw together GEC scholars of South Asia to collectively work on their writing on everyday violence in South Asia.

The BASAS council has seen a few changes in the last year. In November 2020, we said goodbye to Prof Patricia Jeffery who has served as the Chair of BASAS since 2014. Under her able stewardship, BASAS was able to build its scant resources and consolidate its position as an important home for British South Asian studies. She has led the organization with enormous generosity and commitment. We are deeply grateful for her years of service to this Association. We are very happy to welcome Prof Anindita Ghosh of the University of Manchester who has taken over as the new Chair of BASAS as of November 2020. In the July 2020 election Prof Andrea Major was formally elected as the Treasurer. We would also like to thank Dr Diego Maiorano for their service as they have stepped down from the council after a productive three-year term. We also welcome Prof Pratik Chakrabarty and Dr Phillipa Williams to council following their respective appointments.

Unfortunately, the 2020 conference that was to be held at Southampton had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. We would like to thank the conference organizing team at Southampton for their efforts. Delegates were assured that their papers will be considered for inclusion in the program of the 2021 conference which will be held at Edinburgh. We hope that the upcoming 2021 conference at Edinburgh will restore our annual research conversations to their usual fervor. Over 200 delegates have registered for the online conference in Edinburgh. We thank the organizing team for their herculean efforts to put together such an exciting program under such difficult circumstances. In 2022, the annual conference will return to Southampton and we look forward to your participation there.

Dr Priti Mishra

Secretary, 5 April 2021

REPORT FROM THE EDITOR OF SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

The year has been a good one for submissions though the reviewing process has slowed down noticeably and considerably. I assume this is a result of covid-related disruption to normal teaching and research lives and reviewing work is being squeezed. I look forward to an on-line interface being introduced for submissions and reviewing. I think this will help co-ordinate and streamline the reviewing process.

We appointed two new Associate Editors, Suman Ghosh from Bath Spa and Megha Chand Inglis from Bartlett School of Architecture in London. We also appointed two new members of the Editorial Board, Supriya Verma from JNU and Nayanjot Lahiri from Ashoka University in Delhi. We were also joined by a new, UK-based book reviews editor (who joins Aparna Balachandran, who is based in India): Laxshmi Greaves, who is an art historian based at Cardiff University. These appointments consolidate our commitment to visual and material cultures and expand our capacity to deal with submissions on archaeology.

The next, Spring, issue will be slightly delayed in print production but also contains five very exciting papers on darshan – in art, text and architecture.

This is my final year as Editor of South Asian Studies, my contract ends in October 2021. I would recommend that we start looking for a replacement in the coming weeks.

Dr Deborah Sutton

Editor, *South Asian Studies*, 10 March 2021

REPORT FROM EDITOR OF CONTEMPORARY SOUTH ASIA

This report covers the calendar year 2020, during which *Contemporary South Asia* published the four issues of volume 28, as scheduled. My thanks to the whole team who have worked on the journal this year – Raphael Susewind, the Book Reviews Editor, Gabriele Parussini, the Book Reviews Editorial Assistant, the members of the Editorial Board, the production team at Taylor and Francis, and all our contributors. We managed to bring everything out, as planned, despite everything.

This volume consists of two special and two general issues. One of our general issues this year also included a special section. The special section in issue 28'3 was focused on the BASAS conference 2019, which was held in Durham. Tom Widger, one of the organisers of the Durham conference, guest edited our special section. The section includes three articles by scholars who presented their material at Durham: Tim van de Meerendonk, Itay Noy and Sandhya Fuchs.

Issue 28'4 was a special issue called Calcutta Characters, guest edited by James Bradbury and Atreyee Sen. This innovative issue presents a range of ethnographic portraits drawn from the metropolis of Kolkata. Scholars' work is 'paired', to produce a kind of creative tension in the portraits, which cover issues such as sexuality, gender, labour and politics through the stories of individuals encountered in research. Issue 28'2 was a special issue on the 2019 Indian elections, guest edited by Christophe Jaffrelot and Gilles Verniers, and including a range of articles analyzing the results and the campaign during this election.

28'2 also carried a Book Forum feature on Shandana Khan Mohmand's monograph *Crafty Oligarchs, Savvy Voters*, featuring contributions from Christophe Jaffrelot, Thibaud Marcesse, Nicolas Martin and a response from Shandana Khan Mohmand. Many thanks to our Book Reviews Editor Raphael Susewind for again coordinating and bringing to fruition this very stimulating feature of CSA.

In addition to these themed features, CSA carried a wide range of articles in our general issues, ranging from Felix Pal's exploration of 'Why Muslims join the Muslim wing of the RSS' in 28'3, to Shameem Black's analysis of the cultural politics of yoga in 28'1, 'Yoga by the Book'; from a focus on water and social exclusion in Nepal, in 'The hydro-dynamics of exclusion and water insecurity of Dalits in peri-urban Kathmandu Valley, Nepal', by Anushiya Shrestha, Deepa Joshi and Dik Roth (28'3) to health and reproductive politics in Sri Lanka, in 'Respectability and rights. Sexual and reproductive health and rights of Sri Lankan women formerly involved in prostitution', by Malin Jordal, Ann Öhman and Kumudu Wijewardene (28'1).

In addition to the Book Forum, Raphael Susewind continues to manage our thriving book review section. Don't forget that if you are interested in contributing to this section by reviewing a book, you should contact Raphael by mail at csa-reviews@kcl.ac.uk. To see current books available for review, please visit https://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/pdf/reviewers/CCSA_Book_Reviews.PDF.

Equally, please consider submitting research articles, shorter viewpoint pieces or research notes through our website (www.tandf.co.uk/journals/ccsa). If you would like to discuss a possible submission, or you have ideas for a special issue or section in the journal, please do drop me a line at john.zavos@manchester.ac.uk. My thanks as always to the BASAS community for continuing to support the journal as contributors and readers.

Dr John Zavos

Editor, *Contemporary South Asia*, 26 February 2021

TREASURER'S REPORT

In accordance with previous years the accounts for BASAS have been prepared on a cash received, cash paid basis.

It has been an unusual year, with COVID-19 and the postponement of the Southampton conference. Exposure to significant loss was prevented by the timely cancellation of the event, but we did not realise the potential additional income that is usually generated by the conference and also had to carry the cost of membership refunds as a result. These costs have been offset in the overall financial data by a reduction in spending and the timing of receipt of outstanding payments from the 2019-20 financial year (including from the 2019 conference).

While, as always, these figures reflect some disparities in the timing of when specific income and expenditure is actually incurred versus when it is received/paid out to our accounts, it may be noted that despite the challenges of FYE 2020, our income has increased and cash expenditure has reduced compared to the previous year. As a result, a notable surplus of £14,336 has been generated.

This surplus represents the fifth consecutive year that the Association has made a cash surplus and further corrects the run of cash deficits that had occurred in each of the three years to 2016. As such greater levels of financial stability have been achieved and no proposed increases to the rate of membership subscriptions are proposed.

An analysis of the financial results for the year ended 31st January 2021 are provided below:

Overview of income, expenses, and net of income/(expenses) FYE 2016-2021:

	YE 2016	YE 2017	YE 2018	YE 2019	YE 2020	YE 2021
Income	£12,600	£24,100	£40,479	£30,606	£22,013	£28,003
Expenses	£18,900	£18,800	£9,109	£7,793	£18,006	£13,667
Net of income/(expenses)	-£6,300	£5,300	£31,370	£22,813	£4,007	£14,336

For the FYE 2021, the opening bank balance was £127,879, and the closing bank balance was £142,216.

Income

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £24,467 and restricted funds stood at £3,536, making a grand total £28,003.

The largest four income streams were:

- £7,319 membership dues
- £8,000 corporate sponsorship, and
- £4,657 profit from the 2019 Conference in Durham (receipt of which was delayed from the previous financial year)

- £4,300 royalties from sales of *South Asian Studies*

In terms of membership income, this has remained largely stable compared to the FYE 2020. An overall increase in membership receipts of £315 was negated by refunds following the cancellation of the Southampton conference to the value of £530 – meaning that our overall membership income was down by £215. This does not tell the whole story, however, as this year has seen both a downturn in memberships ahead of the cancelled Southampton conference and a subsequent upsurge (ongoing after the cut off for the financial reporting) ahead of the online event hosted by Edinburgh in 2021. To maintain our membership income at this level (c. £6,790 after refunds) in the face of the challenges posed by COVID-19 was impressive. It is also worth noting that, though not included in the report for financial year 2020-21, memberships have been buoyant over the last couple of months in the run up to the 2021 conference, and this bodes well for next year's accounts.

The Association's continues to benefit from the arrangement with Taylor and Francis, including the payment of £8,000 in recognition of the Association's support for promoting *Contemporary South Asia*. Publishing arrangements concerning *South Asian Studies* are currently being reviewed and plans to move to supplying digital journal access for members by default are being trialled this year, with potential financial and environmental benefits envisaged.

The organisation also benefitted from the profit of £4,657 generated by the very successful Durham conference in 2019, which after an administrative delay was received into its accounts in FYE 2021.

Expenditure

The expenditure figures for 2020 have also been affected by COVID-19. There has been a reduction in overall costs relating to travel, events, grants and awards.

Regarding the payments made to the Publisher for dispatching *Contemporary South Asia* and *South Asian Studies*, these are significantly reduced compared to last year, but this mainly reflects the timing of invoicing for this cost (which as noted in last year's report spiked in FYE 2020 due to the timing of invoices both at the beginning and end of the year). With that in mind (and considering the reduced membership activity in the first half of FYE 2020) the typical cost for this expense line should even out at the expected c. £3,000 per annum over the longer term.

With regard to other expenditure, plans to use the ringfenced funds to support workshops and events that will benefit *South Asian Studies* have been hampered by the current situation, but editorial assistance has been secured for the journal (paid for from the journal's restricted funds). The BASAS administrator laptop has been updated and we have had the unexpected cost of membership refunds. Overall, however (and bearing in mind the extent to which timing of invoices that distorts the overall view of 'real terms' savings) expenditure has been reduced this year and BASAS has weathered a challenging year in good financial shape.

Given the stable and improving financial position in which BASAS is emerging from this challenging period, Council have been discussing potential ways to capitalise on this strong foundation to enhance the activities of the organisation. The MA Dissertation prize continues and BASAS has recently launched its new Book Prize. Work on improving/redesigning the BASAS website and a resumption of existing activities around networks, grants and GEC events all seem likely in the coming year.

Summary

In summary the accounts for FYE 2020 reflect another satisfactory financial outcome, with expenditure maintained within income earned and a significant surplus further adding to the organisation's coffers. Having established and sustained the organisation's financial position through careful management over the last few years, sufficient financial headroom now both secure the future of the organisation and provides opportunities for some new categories of expenditure to be pursued to further enhance the Association's charitable activities.

Prof Andrea Major

Treasurer, 2 April 2021



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name				No (if any)			CC16a
British Association for South Asian Studies				264591			
Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from		Period start date	To	Period end date			
		01/02/2020		31/01/2021			
Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds		Last year	
to the nearest £		to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £		to the nearest £	
6,915		-	-		6,915		6,690
404		-	-		404		315
4,657		-	-		4,657		-
8,000		3,536	-		11,536		11,536
4,300		-	-		4,300		3,398
191		-	-		191		74
24,467		3,536	-		28,003		22,013
7,774		-	-		7,774		6,806
700		-	-		700		1,108
125		-	-		125		724
90		-	-		90		198
975		-	-		975		3
150		-	-		150		1,621
178		-	-		178		147
531		-	-		531		-
1,078		2,067	-		3,144		7,399
11,600		2,067	-		13,667		18,006

<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	12,867		1,469		-		14,336		4,007
A5 Transfers between funds	-		-		-		-		-
A6 Cash funds last year end	113,920		13,959		-		127,879		123,872
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	126,787		15,428		-		142,216		127,879
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period									
Categories	Details				Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Endowment funds
					to the nearest £		to the nearest £		to the nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank				115,721		15,428		-
	Cash at PayPal				11,067		-		-
					-		-		-
	<i>Total cash funds</i>				126,788		15,428		-
					Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Endowment funds
	Details				to the nearest £		to the nearest £		to the nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets					-		-		-
					-		-		-
					-		-		-
					-		-		-
					-		-		-
					-		-		-
	Details				Fund to which asset belongs		Cost (optional)		Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets							-		-
							-		-
							-		-
							-		-

				-	-
	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Details		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature		Print Name		Date of approval



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

British Association for South Asian Studies

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 January 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

264591

Set out on pages

**Respective responsibilities
of trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave 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.

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

Signed:



Date:

19/04/2021

Name:

Christos Tzitzikas

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

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

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Egham

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH

The British Association for South Asian Studies promotes study and research into the humanities and social sciences of Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh. Details of the Association's activities are available on the Association's website.

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BECOME A MEMBER OF THE BASAS COMMUNITY

BASAS is renowned for being an accessible and supportive community that represents a broad spectrum of individuals ranging from professors to postgraduate students, and policy makers to independent researchers. Membership is continually expanding, in the UK and in Asia, Europe and USA.

BASAS is a vibrant networking hub; rich in disciplinary diversity, an international membership, and a broad range of professionals at different stages in their respective careers.

The BASAS Annual Conference is one of the highlights of the South Asian Studies calendar, attracting academic and independent scholars and practitioners from around the world.

WHY JOIN BASAS?

1. **Free journal subscription** to one of two leading South Asian studies journals: *South Asian Studies* or *Contemporary South Asia*
2. **Online access** for members about the latest jobs, funding and research opportunities
3. **Regular newsletter** updating you on recent developments in South Asian studies, opportunities and news from the BASAS community
4. **Annual Conference** for BASAS members
5. **BASAS postgraduate article competition** open to members only
6. **Publicity platform** for your latest research and publications, courses and opportunities
7. **Online networking** with BASAS members through the members' directory
8. **Graduate and Early Career network** and support specific to the needs of postgraduate and early career researchers

Apply now

Joining BASAS is easy; just follow the links in the "Join BASAS" section of our website at <http://basas.org.uk/become-a-member/fees/>

Payment

Individuals can join BASAS or renew their existing membership using three principal methods: by setting up a standing order payment, by bank transfer, or by using PayPal. Either of the first two methods is preferred by BASAS as such arrangements are more cost effective, given that they are usually free to both the payer and recipient.

The membership fees for 2021 are listed below:

Individual membership rate	£45
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Individual concessionary rate	£25
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Bank Details

For individuals wishing to pay their membership fee by setting up a standing order or by bank transfer, BASAS bank account details are as follows:

Name of Banker:	CAF Limited
Sort Code:	40-52-40
Account Number:	00006793
IBAN:	GB82CAFB40524000006793