

Charity registration number: 267625

The British Society For The Philosophy of Science

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Dr Robert Northcott
	Dr Adrian Currie
	Dr Kirsten Walsh
	Prof Alexander Bird
	Prof Alastair Wilson
	Prof Rachel Cooper, President
	Dr James Read
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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Trustees

Dr Robert Northcott

Dr Adrian Currie

Dr Kirsten Walsh

Prof Alexander Bird

Prof Alastair Wilson

Dr Johanna Wolff (resigned 6 July 2021)

Prof Rachel Cooper, President (appointed 8 September 2020)

Dr James Read (appointed 8 September 2020)

Dr Jonathan Birch (resigned 8 September 2020)

Professor Helen Beebe (resigned 8 September 2020)

Dr Karim Pierre Yves Thebault (resigned 8 September 2020)

Dr Juha Saatsi (resigned 8 September 2020)

Dr Elselijn Kingma (resigned 17 July 2020)

Dr Lina Jansson (resigned 8 September 2020)

Professor Simon Saunders (resigned 8 September 2020)

Dr Mazviita Chirumuuta (appointed 6 July 2021)

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The principal object of the charity is to study the logic, the methods, and the philosophy of science, as well as those various special sciences, including the social sciences.

The BSPS holds an annual conference on the philosophy of science with invited speakers and contributed papers. (NB: this conference was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19, and was held online in 2021).

The BSPS holds several ordinary meetings over the course of the academic year.

The BSPS awards doctoral studentships for doctoral work in the philosophy of science at a UK university.

The BSPS makes small grants to support conferences relevant to research and education in its areas of study.

The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science is published by Oxford University Press on behalf of the BSPS. (NB: From 2021 onwards, the British Journal for the Philosophy of Science is published by Chicago University Press).

Other activities are decided by the committee from time to time.

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Public benefit

Activities benefit the public through supporting and disseminating research in the logic, the methods, and the philosophy of science.

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.

Achievements and performance

The BSPS 2020 Annual Conference was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Society did not offer a Doctoral Scholarship during this period, due to financial uncertainty. However, it was agreed to revisit the scholarship, and ideally return to offering it, in future years.

The Society's journal continued to be published by Oxford University Press under Editors-in-Chief Steven French and Wendy Parker. Prof. French completed his term as Editor-in-Chief; the Society appointed Rob Rupert to replace him (Prof. Parker continues).

The Popper Prize for 2020 was awarded by the Committee, in conjunction with the Editors-in-Chief, to Jessica Laimann for her BJPS paper "Capricious Kinds".

The Society also offered financial support to conferences falling within its areas of interest.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is operated under the rules of its trust deed adopted in 1960 and most recently amended 7th June 2010.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees (members of the BSPS committee) who are elected by Members of the society at the AGM.

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Trustees' Report

Financial review

Policy on reserves

The society's policy is to maintain reserves approximately equal to three years' expenditure. This is being reviewed against the ability to pay out all obligations should there be a 50% drop in journal income.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on~~27/9/21~~.. and signed on its behalf by:

Rachel Cooper

Prof Rachel Cooper, President
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The British Society For The Philosophy of Science

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The British Society For The Philosophy of Science

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The British Society For The Philosophy of Science (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE, employee of Community Accounting Plus
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

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Date: 28/9/21

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

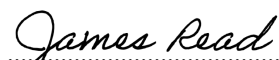
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Charitable activities	2	115,958	115,958	115,023
Investment income	3	18	18	12
Total Income		<u>115,976</u>	<u>115,976</u>	<u>115,035</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	<u>(144,564)</u>	<u>(144,564)</u>	<u>(118,199)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(144,564)</u>	<u>(144,564)</u>	<u>(118,199)</u>
Gains/losses on investment assets		<u>3,935</u>	<u>3,935</u>	<u>18,296</u>
Net movement in funds		(24,653)	(24,653)	15,132
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>271,422</u>	<u>271,422</u>	<u>256,290</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>246,769</u></u>	<u><u>246,769</u></u>	<u><u>271,422</u></u>

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(Registration number: 267625) Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	8	118,097	114,162
Current assets			
Debtors	9	88,484	87,423
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>82,486</u>	<u>118,205</u>
		170,970	205,628
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(42,298)</u>	<u>(48,368)</u>
Net current assets		<u>128,672</u>	<u>157,260</u>
Net assets		<u><u>246,769</u></u>	<u><u>271,422</u></u>
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>246,769</u>	<u>271,422</u>
Total funds		<u><u>246,769</u></u>	<u><u>271,422</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 6 to 12 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 27/09/2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Dr James Read
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The British Society For The Philosophy of Science meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Income and endowments

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregates similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Office Equipment	25% straight line

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

2 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total	Total
	£	2020	2019
		£	£
Share of surplus on sale of journal & membership fees	115,958	115,958	112,084
Other fees & sales	-	-	2,939
	<u>115,958</u>	<u>115,958</u>	<u>115,023</u>

3 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total	Total
	£	2020	2019
		£	£
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>12</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total	Total
	£	2020	2019
		£	£
Grants, bursaries & scholarships	63,881	63,881	74,089
Journal costs	76,094	76,094	34,260
Annual conference	858	858	3,514
Other expenditure	45	45	1,225
Governance	-	-	927
Professional fees	1,080	1,080	1,080
Depreciation	-	-	238
Subscriptions	949	949	985
Management charge on investments	475	475	490
Trustee expenses	1,182	1,182	1,391
	<u>144,564</u>	<u>144,564</u>	<u>118,199</u>

5 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

Dr Lina Jansson

Dr Lina Jansson received remuneration of £Nil (2019: £101) during the year.

Travel

Dr Robert Northcott

Dr Robert Northcott received remuneration of £1,182 (2019: £1,217) during the year.

Remuneration and expenses for the role of assistant

Dr Johanna Wolff

£Nil (2019: £73) of expenses were reimbursed to Dr Johanna Wolff during the year.

Travel

6 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

7 Independent examiner's fees

During the period, the fees payable (excluding VAT) to the charity's independent examiner are analysed as follows:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Independent examination	<u>900</u>	<u>900</u>

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8 Fixed asset investments

	2020 £	2019 £
Other investments	<u>118,097</u>	<u>114,162</u>

Other investments

	Listed investments £	Total £
Cost or Valuation		
At 1 January 2020	114,162	114,162
Revaluation	<u>3,935</u>	<u>3,935</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>118,097</u>	<u>118,097</u>
Net book value		
At 31 December 2020	<u>118,097</u>	<u>118,097</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>114,162</u>	<u>114,162</u>

9 Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Other debtors	<u>88,484</u>	<u>87,423</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Other creditors	1,080	1,080
Accruals	<u>41,218</u>	<u>47,288</u>
	<u>42,298</u>	<u>48,368</u>

11 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.