
BRITISH MASS SPECTROMETRY SOCIETY

AUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Charity for the 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

The British Mass Spectrometry Society (BMSS) is a registered charity (registration number 281330). The charity's governing document is its Constitution and Byelaws, adopted in September 1978, with further amendments thereafter.

RELEVANT INFORMATION

The principal office is located at: 25 Burwardsley Way, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 8WN.

The Auditors for the BMSS are: WR Partners, Drake House, Gadbrook Way, Gadbrook Park, Northwich, Cheshire CW9 7RA.

The Bankers for the BMSS are the HSBC Bank plc.

Objectives and activities

a. Charitable purpose of the charity

The BMSS aims to advance the science of Mass Spectrometry and to offer a forum for open discussion on all aspects of Mass Spectrometry (as stated under item 2 'Purpose' in its Constitution).

b. Main activities undertaken to further the Charity's purposes for the public benefit

The BMSS Executive Committee is pleased to report that its efforts to further knowledge and advancement of mass spectrometry, to maximise impact in its application, and to publicise the image of this field of science, continue unabated. Feedback from its membership, events delegates, and other organisations and societies with which the BMSS interacts continues to be positive and there is a good awareness of the society both amongst individuals and organisations in the sphere of mass spectrometry. The BMSS Executive Committee considers that the society continues to make a very worthwhile contribution to the mass spectrometry community in accordance with the objectives of the society.

The BMSS Executive Committee regards that through the running of its meetings, and the awarding of Summer Studentships, Research Support Grants, John Beynon Travel and Conference Fund, Carer Support Grants, and Outreach Scholarship, the society provides a benefit to both its members and the wider-MS community in the education and promotion of the science. Reduced membership fees for students, unwaged members, and retired members, leading to reduced meeting registration fees for BMSS-organised as well as certain affiliated society meetings, also ensures that the BMSS is accessible to all in its community. In addition, the BMSS website offers access to all who may require a contact point or information regarding mass spectrometry as a one-off enquiry. The BMSS Lectureship helps to take mass spectrometry out of the existing community and introduce the science and its applications to a wider audience.

The BMSS Executive Committee remains confident that the society will continue to play a major role in the field of mass spectrometry within the UK. This is exemplified by the BMSS Critical MASS UK project in which a BMSS initiative produced a community-backed, evidence-based vision for the future of Mass Spectrometry in the UK to support EPSRC, UKRI, and HMG in the strategic planning, prioritization, and funding of the science of mass spectrometry in the foreseeable future.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Achievements and performance

a. Review of activities

In pursuance of its Charitable Purpose, the BMSS carried out the following activities in 2023:

General Meetings

General Scientific Meeting (BMSS Annual Meeting 2023 – BMSS43):

Note: Due to a change in the cycle of the International Mass Spectrometry Conference (IMSC) meetings from every three years to every two years back in 2012, it was decided that the society could not afford to just run a General Scientific Meeting only in the years when the IMSC was not organised, as had been the case in the past. Furthermore, the decision was taken in mid-2014 that rather than holding a smaller meeting (2-day, single session) in an IMSC year, it would be in the interests of the charity to hold a full annual meeting (2.5-day, multiple sessions) irrespective of whether it was an IMSC year or not. The society had organised a full annual meeting every year thereafter.

The BMSS held its full scientific meeting in September 2023 at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester. A Meetings Subcommittee, steered by the Meetings Secretary and comprising of BMSS Officers and the BMSS Administrator, was assembled to organise the event. A selection of high-profile UK-based and international-based speakers were invited to participate in delivering a top-quality scientific programme, as overseen by the BMSS Papers Secretary.

As usual, a vendor exhibition was also held alongside the main meeting. In an effort to reduce outgoings and maximise the surplus figure, rather than employing an external service provider, the management of the 2023 exhibition was again led by the BMSS Meetings Secretary (assisted in part by the BMSS Administrator).

The 2023 meeting was considered to be a great success with positive feedback from both delegates and exhibitors. The exhibition was well supported with 38 exhibitors and 420 delegates.

A Careers Workshop was also held in conjunction with the main meeting. This was primarily aimed at providing guidance on how to secure a role in the field to student delegates looking to establish a career in Mass Spectrometry.

The meeting included an asynchronous remote access option. The reason for this was twofold: to give delegates who were not able to attend in-person the opportunity to access the lectures virtually post-meeting, and to also provide in-person delegates with the opportunity to review presentations that they were unable to attend at the in-person meeting due to them attending another session.

The BMSS Executive Committee are pleased to report that the meeting and associated events generated a respectable surplus of just over £51K. It is the BMSS Executive Committee's intention to begin to build momentum on the success of this meeting and to deliver meetings year-on-year with great science at its heart for its community to attend and benefit from.

Special Interest Group (SIG) Meetings:

Several in-person meetings were held in 2023, organised by the following SIG's: Ambient Ionisation, Imaging and MALDI, Biomacromolecular Structure, and the newly incorporated London Biological Mass Spectrometry Discussion Group (LBMSDG). The SIG meetings continue to attract delegates from their respective sub-areas of Mass Spectrometry and provide a unique opportunity for experts to discuss and share experiences with fellow members of the Mass Spectrometry community.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

The previously disbanded Stable Isotope Tracer SIG was resurrected in 2023. This SIG had been removed from the BMSS's SIG portfolio in 2015 due to a lack of activity. The BMSS Committee felt it would be a positive move to try to reengage with a 'non-traditional' MS group.

Affiliated Meetings with indirect BMSS Involvement:

The BMSS organised a session at (via the EFA SIG) and assisted in advertising the SinS meeting (4th-6th July Cardiff).

Other Activities

C-Mass UK Project:

Context: In 2019 the BMSS EC formed a subcommittee with the remit to engage with the wider UK scientific community to develop an evidence-based vision for the future of Mass Spectrometry in the UK, and would support EPSRC, UKRI, and HMG in the strategic planning, prioritization, and funding of the science of Mass Spectrometry for the foreseeable future. This BMSS initiative to capture the community vision has worked steadily through various stages of development including 3 rounds of an iterative DELPHI study and a number of face-to-face meetings (prior to COVID), drawing in participation from UK and international experts, along with contributions from scientists who, as MS users, have research dependent on the future developments of this technology.

Timeline of activity:

Activities in 2023: During this period, representatives of the C-MASS coordinating team consulted UKRI, HEIs, learned societies and industry to gather support for the project. Support was obtained from 33 HEIs in the form of letters from senior managers at Pro-Vice Chancellor level and 20 MS manufacturers. Following consultation with Research Councils it was advised that a bid for <£50M from the Infrastructure Fund would be much more likely to be successful than the original £100M, which had been identified from the DELPHI study and Statement of Need developed by BMSS previously. The difficult decision to reduce the value of the bid was approved by a majority of the coordinating team. In June 2023 the bid for was submitted to the Infrastructure Fund on behalf of the UK MS community (note: this was not a bid by the BMSS, but BMSS acted as a route to consulting/updating the community). The bid was taken up and modified by UKRI to become their application to HMT for funding through via the Infrastructure Advisory Committee, who met in November and recommended the bid for funding.

Activities in 2024: In March of this year, a formal announcement of funding for C-MASS of £49.35M was announced.

<https://www.ukri.org/news/major-research-and-innovation-infrastructure-investment-announced/>.

It is hoped that UKRI will begin briefings on criteria for open-call applications by would-be participants in 2025 with first spend anticipated in 2026 or 2027.

Next steps: the BMSS will continue to keep the UK MS community up to date on developments as it hears about them from UKRI.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

BMSS Newsletter:

The BMSS newsletter, MassMatters, (published between 2-4 times a year) continues to be well received by the membership. The newsletter includes excellent articles relating to the field of mass spectrometry and includes reports from members who have been awarded BMSS grants. It also includes news of specific events in areas related to Mass Spectrometry of interest to its membership as well as interviews with members of the MS community covering a selection of career paths and at various career stages. Due to the pandemic, in 2020 MassMatters had been circulated to the members in a digital format. Subsequent feedback from the membership indicated that the majority would be happy to continue to receive MassMatters in a digital format for reasons of improved environmental impact overprinting and posting paper versions and so MassMatters is now a fully digital publication (made available to members only).

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, GRANTS AND STUDENTSHIPS 2023

The BMSS continued with its endeavours to raise its profile amongst the Mass Spectrometry community, with particular emphasis on students, early career scientists and those new to the whole remit of MS industries.

On-going activities

John Beynon Travel and Conference Fund:

The John Beynon Travel and Conference Fund expended a total of £15,863 in 2023 in to assist members to present their research at both national and international scientific meetings returned to pre-pandemic levels in 2023 provided by the society to 49 members in 2023. This compares to a figure of £16,929 in 2022 (to 54 members) and a pre-pandemic figure of £14,374 provided to 44 members in 2019.

Summer Studentships:

The BMSS Executive Committee, in conjunction with its funding partner: The Chromatographic Society, made the decision to again organise the Summer Studentship funding scheme in 2023. Agreement was reached between the two societies to fund five projects: three projects being fully funded by the BMSS and two being fully funded by the Chromatographic Society. The BMSS contributed a combined figure of £5,839 to fund three summer studentships. This compares to a figure of £7,922 in respect of the three fully funded and two co-funded summer studentships in 2022, and a pre-pandemic figure of £6,140 in 2019.

Following on from the successful trial in 2019 which aimed to provide additional support to Summer Students and encourage them to choose MS as a longer-term career path, the 2023 BMSS-funded summer students were also offered the following additional enhancements: (1) a complimentary place on the next Introduction to MS Course; (2) complimentary registration for the next BMSS Annual Meeting; (3) an award of a John Beynon Travel and Conference Fund grant; (4) complimentary 5-year membership of the BMSS. All of which were funded by the BMSS.

Research Support Grants:

The society continued to offer Research Support Grants to members, the aim of the grant being to facilitate small, proof-of-principle research projects to generate pump priming data. £7,100 was awarded in 2023 in respect of two successful applications. £1,100 of this was drawn down from the ring-fenced Brian Green Legacy (£50,000 was very generously donated to the society by Brian's estate in 2022). This compares to £1,464 awarded in 2022 in respect of one successful application. (cf. £9,060 awarded in 2019 to two successful applicants).

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Achievements and performance (continued)

BMSS Lecturer:

The BMSS Lecturer series was paused for review in 2023 due to a lack of interest. As a result, it was decided that the BMSS Lectureship should undergo a review. A new BMSS lecturer was also to be sought in 2024.

BMSS Introduction to Mass Spectrometry Course:

Having been cancelled in 2020, again as a result of the pandemic, the Education Subcommittee, with assistance from MS Community peers, used the pause in 2021 as an opportunity to continue to carry out a full course review; the aim being to update and improve the content and delivery of the course thus ensuring that it addressed the current and future needs of UK MS Community. The course was relaunched in December 2021 in a digital-only format. The course forms a significant part of the society's income. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the 2023 course had to be postponed and was rolled over to run in April 2024. As a result, it has been proposed that the course be run over two iterations in 2024, with the second iteration taking place in December 2024.

Student Textbook:

The society continued to fund a Mass Spectrometry textbook (sent to all student members since 2003) by purchasing volumes of the textbook and despatching a copy to each new student member as they join the BMSS. As membership numbers started to recover again this was reflected in the expenditure figure for textbooks, with an overall cost to the society of £2,190 in 2023 compared to £2,559 in 2022 (*cf.* £1,701 in 2021).

b. Achievements and performance

Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion:

The BMSS EDI Subcommittee continued to look at ways to proactively enhance the BMSS's commitment in this area. This included the implementation of a questionnaire for distribution at in-person events to help assess the level of diversity within the society; and the continuation of the LGBTQ+ social event at BMSS annual scientific meetings (2023). Going forward, it is the intention of the EDI Subcommittee to review BMSS policies and awards and consider where improvements can be made.

Membership:

On the back of a series of successful annual meetings, membership numbers had been on the rise in 2019 with a combined end-of-the-year total that year of 618 members (*cf.* 523 members in 2018). The pandemic led to a steep decline in membership renewals and new members joining in 2020 with a resulting 25% reduction in income from subscriptions. This reduction in members was partially attributed to the reduction in BMSS in-person meetings as these activities tend to show a corresponding uplift in membership renewals and new members joining the society. As restrictions started to ease in 2021, the society started to see a small uplift in membership numbers towards the final quarter of the year with a total figure of 565 members as of 31st December 2021. This upward trend continued in 2022 with an end-of-year figure of 672 members. Membership numbers remain on the increase with the recorded membership figure at the end of 2023 being 756 members.

The BMSS Executive Committee remain committed to looking at ways to increase membership. This includes widening the audience and encourage people to join the society who may not necessarily see themselves as mass spectrometrists i.e., MS users. As such, a specific subcommittee has been formed and given a remit to develop a short and long-term membership strategy for the society.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

BMSS Website:

After much research, the BMSS Executive Committee replaced the website with a bespoke Society Management System. The system introduced new functionalities such as:

- Areas for member-only content
- Events management tools including easy event registration and conference papers submission for delegates, and easy on-going communications to delegates
- Improved format for relaying key information to members and the wider society through regular news items and updates
- Interactive funding applications system for members
- Advanced administrative tools to better operate the Society.

The new system was launched at the very end of 2018 and embedded fully throughout 2019. This flexible and adaptable system was central to the success of improving the level of communication and support that the BMSS is able to offer the MS community. The system significantly eased the administrative burden of running the BMSS and continues to meet the ongoing requirements of a modern membership/meetings-focused society.

Xero Accountancy Platform:

To aid in streamlining everyday accountancy tasks, thus making the process of maintaining the BMSS's accounts and preparing them for audit more efficient, the BMSS Executive Committee, in consultation with its accountants – WR Partners, began the process of considering the various digital accountancy platforms on the market. An ongoing subscription to, and associated training for, the Xero automated accountancy software package was ultimately set in place. The initial set-up and training took part during the final third of 2021. 2022 represents the first full year of the society's accounts being managed using Xero. The platform continues to greatly assist in helping to the society to manage its core accounting functions.

Links with other Societies:

The BMSS continued to foster links and build up new collaborations with other affiliated societies/organisations including the Chromatographic Society, the British Society for Proteome Research (BSPR), and the Royal Society of Chemistry (and sub-groups e.g., the Northwest Analytical Division). As ever the BMSS retains its strong link to the international MS community through its affiliation to the International Mass Spectrometry Foundation. The BMSS Executive committee voted in 2023 to approve plans to hold a combined 'Super Meeting' with BSPR in 2024.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Financial review

Generation of Income:

The level of BMSS funds is usually maintained through surpluses made on meetings, membership subscriptions, interest on monies invested, and advertising on its website and in its newsletter.

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Level of Funds 2023:

The BMSS net income had continued to mirror the trend as predicted in its most recent financial modelling exercise and reserves had remain steady, balancing out between years when the BMSS Annual Meeting runs alongside the IMSC and those years when there is no IMSC meeting. Both 2020 and 2021 bucked the trend due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Net funds stand at £508,124 as of the 31st December 2023. This is in comparison with a figure of £507,666 at the end of 2022 (cf £447,089 in 2021, and £459,118 in 2020). Note the 2022 figure were bolstered by the £50,000 Brian Green Legacy which the society was generously bequeathed in this year.

As budgets across industry and academia fell, donations also dropped and demand for BMSS funding e.g. Research Support Grants, increased. General running costs also continued to increase. Noting this, the BMSS Committee have developed plans (see Risk Management) to ensure that the risk to BMSS funds is limited as far as possible. It is vital that the BMSS keeps its net assets healthy in order to protect the society and its Trustees (who are personally financially liable) against a crisis e.g., pandemic/economic, which could severely impact the society's revenue streams.

c. Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Free reserves at the year end amounted to £508,124 (2022: £507,666), this is equivalent to 34 months expenditure.

d. Financial risk management objectives and policies

In 2009 the BMSS took the decision to move £200k from its HSBC Money Market Account, where it had held £428.5k, and place it into two separate accounts with £100k at Carter Allen Bank and £100k at CCLA. This arrangement continued into 2012 until Carter Allen Bank merged with Santander Bank and closed the investment account at the end of its term (June 2012). As Carter Allen Bank were no longer offering investment options new investment opportunities with Santander were explored but no suitable alternative was identified. The BMSS Executive Committee therefore agreed to instead re-invest £100k of funds in a one-year bond with Scottish Widows. Opportunities for investing this £100k with other appropriate financial organisations have been explored periodically in subsequent years but with limited options available, it has been decided on each review to continue to hold the funds with Scottish Widows.

The BMSS continues safeguarding of its monies by not holding it all with one bank and thus maximises financial security in the event of a banking collapse, as this was deemed to be of higher importance than earning additional interest by depositing all the £200k with one organisation.

Investments are periodically reviewed by the BMSS Treasurer who solicits comments from BMSS Executive Committee colleagues. In addition, prudent financial control is practised with income and expenditure being closely monitored and reported at committee meetings. Income trends are monitored and linked to planned meeting activities to ensure the BMSS monies remain around their current level. With the continuing volatile economic climate and subsequent poor return on its investments set to continue, the BMSS Executive Committee is aware that it will need to review its investment strategy on an ongoing basis.

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Due to the continued exceptionally low interest rate levels, the BMSS reserves do not generate the monies that were forthcoming in earlier years. Interest rates at the end of 2008 fell sharply from around 4% on the Money Market account to less than 1% as at December 2008 and has continued to remain low for some years thereafter. In line with increasing interest rates in 2023, interest earned in 2023 has bounced back to a much more respectable figure of £10,186. This compared to £2,750 in 2022. (cf £1,351 in 2019).

A review of the financial situation resulted in the BMSS Executive Committee requesting the BMSS Treasurer to investigate alternative investment opportunities. A subsequent plan to form a steering group, chaired by the BMSS Treasurer, and to include members from both the BMSS Committee and BMSS membership (with experience in financial investments) had to be postponed due to an unplanned changeover in BMSS Treasurers in 2018, and again in 2019 due to the ongoing work commitments of the new BMSS Treasurer, who was heavily involved in the Critical Mass project. This, combined with global uncertainties brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic meant a further delay in 2020/2021. 2022 saw a changeover of Treasurer. The incoming BMSS Treasurer has resurrected the project and as part of the first stage of the process, has set about assembling a subcommittee whose remit will be to draft up a set of proposed options and recommendations to facilitate the prudent financial management of BMSS assets for the medium-long term.

The BMSS Executive Committee recognises that one of its biggest risks would be if one of its major meetings were not to take place or failed (due to lack of delegates for instance). In the worst-case scenario, it could face a potential expenditure of between £90,000-£110,000 to cover the committed expenditure to the venue and exhibition without any significant income. Whilst the BMSS carries insurance to cover other elements of risk, there is only so far it can go to insure against lack of attendance. Therefore, it must ensure that it has sufficient reserves to cover these outgoings any time it is running such a meeting.

The BMSS also recognises the need to monitor its future costs and income. In view of this, the financial model for fund management will need to be continually reviewed. Furthermore, so as to maintain BMSS funds at or around their present levels, the BMSS may, in time, need to consider whether to revise some of its activities or find new ways of generating income, however, it may also have to accept that, in the short term, funds may slowly start to deplete.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

British Mass Spectrometry Society is a registered charity, number 281330. The charity's governing document is its Constitution and Byelaws, adopted in September 1978, with further amendments thereafter.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The members of the BMSS Executive Committee, as listed in the BMSS Accounts for 2023, are the trustees of the charity.

BMSS Executive Committee members (the trustees of the society) are elected from and by the membership, with the results being announced at the AGM of the BMSS.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The BMSS Executive Committee, which comprises Officers and General Members, are responsible for the activities and governance of the society. The Chair, Vice-Chair, General Secretary and Treasurer have overall responsibility for ensuring that the society operates within its constitution and byelaws as well as overseeing all financial transactions. Other BMSS Executive Committee Members (Officers) have individual responsibilities for various activities. Officer roles include: Meetings Secretary; Publicity Secretary; Papers Secretary; Education Officer; Special Interest Group (SIG) Coordinator; and Digital Communication Officer. One General Member is also tasked to represent the interests of early career scientists.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

The Chair and Vice Chair of the BMSS EC each hold office for a period of two years. At the end of the two-year period the Vice Chair moves into the role of BMSS Chair, and the outgoing Chair assumes the ex-officio post of Immediate Past Chair. The IPC offers guidance to the BMSS Executive Committee as well as acting as Chair of the Advisory Board of the BMSS in accordance with the BMSS Executive Committee's directive.

Officers hold their stated period of office for four years before retiring from the committee, unless taking up another Officer post. General Members serve on the committee for four years at which point they step down unless taking up an Officer post. Nominations for election to the committee are sought from the within the BMSS membership. If more nominations than vacancies are received a ballot is held, with the results being announced at the next AGM.

The BMSS EC may also appoint up to three Co-opted Members, who serve for one year up to the next AGM, to help with more specialised activities being pursued by the Committee.

The BMSS Committee meets a minimum of twice a year in-person (usually four times a year) to review its operation, to consider any requests for financial and/or practical assistance from SIG's or affiliated societies, and to consider future plans and projects. The BMSS Executive Committee has increased the use of video conferencing over recent years as a means of conducting its affairs, however, the aim remains for the committee to meet in-person a minimum of twice a year. In exceptional circumstances, and for the continuity of society business e.g., when a decision cannot wait until the next committee meeting, voting may be carried out by electronic means, however, such electronic decisions require a majority approval from the BMSS Executive Committee, as set out in the byelaws and is overseen by the Immediate Past Chair in their capacity of Chair of the Advisory Board.

Smaller groups, *i.e.*, subcommittees (Chaired by a BMSS Executive Committee member) and special interest groups (SIG's – led by SIG Leaders who must be current members of the BMSS) can be set up to organise and oversee specific aspects of the BMSS activities such as education, publicity and marketing, general scientific meetings, or specialist subject areas within the area of Mass Spectrometry. The subcommittees and SIGs are empowered to progress various plans but must report back to the BMSS Executive Committee at regular intervals for approval (EDI, policy, budget proposal, post-meeting feedback).

The last major review of the BMSS Constitution was approved by the membership at a Special General Meeting held in April 2014, the previous version with minor amendments having been in place for over 20 years. These minor amends enabled small changes and clarifications; however, the current constitution had become outdated over time and did not address some of the more recent Charity Commission requirements. Concurrently, the BMSS Executive Committee had been discussing how best to organise the running of the society and encourage greater membership involvement. The combination of the constitutional amendments arising from both these needs resulted in an opportunity for comprehensive updating of the constitution. Changes included allowing for more up-to-date methods of communication as well as allowing for the predicted future needs of the society. A handful of minor amends to the constitution have taken place over subsequent years.

The bulk of the administration for the BMSS is undertaken by the BMSS Administrator, whose duties include, but are not limited to: (i) overseeing the membership database; (ii) membership liaison; (iii) maintenance of BMSS accounts and preparation for audit; (iv) administrative responsibility for BMSS meetings (including the General Scientific Meeting); (v) and upkeep of the website, amongst other more general administrative functions. The Administrator reports to the General Secretary and liaises closely with the BMSS Committee to ensure the smooth organisation and running of the society.

The BMSS has an Advisory Board comprising of five members, one of which is the Immediate Past Chair. Of the remaining four Advisory Board members, one must reside outside of the UK. The Advisory Board provides the BMSS Executive Committee with guidance and advice on items such as major grants and awards made by the society (see section under Activities/Achievements of the Society), however, all final decisions remain the responsibility of the BMSS Executive Committee.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

In pursuance of its charitable purpose, the BMSS runs scientific meetings with the aim of promoting the use of Mass Spectrometry, sharing knowledge in differing scientific applications, and providing a platform for students and early career scientists to present their work and to network with fellow scientists. These meetings can be either large broad-based or smaller more focused 'Special Interest Group' meetings. The BMSS also provides financial support by way of awarding funding (subject to the member meeting the eligibility criteria for the grant) to its members with a particular focus on those studying Mass Spectrometry within the education system, members in the early days of pursuing a career in Mass Spectrometry, and members who are new to the area of Mass Spectrometry. It also provides funding to help support small research endeavours (Research Support Grants) and funding to support travel for collaborative research and conference attendance (John Beynon Travel and Conference Fund). The BMSS undertakes a variety of educational activities to promote the science of Mass Spectrometry. This includes the provision of funding for students undertaking Mass Spectrometry-based project work over the summer months (Summer Studentships).

Committee Meetings:

The BMSS Committee held four committee meetings in 2023 (in February, May, September, and November) to discuss matters affecting the society. In 2023 these were conducted as face-to-face meetings, or via video conferencing, or a hybrid of the two. Video Conferencing has proved to be an effective platform in which to conduct BMSS business. It was noted online meetings lead to a general improvement in the attendance of committee members. For the same reason, the 2023 AGM (held in September) was also held via Zoom.

Advisory Board:

The Advisory Board continued to provide advice to the BMSS Executive Committee on request in areas such as reviewing funding applications and recommending awards as well as undertaking other duties in pursuance of the aims of the society.

Administrative Support:

The BMSS Administrator (as a self-employed service provider) continues to support the BMSS by undertaking administrative services, including but not limited to managing the accounts, keeping up to date with Charity Commission requirements, and maintaining the BMSS's Society Management System..

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Plans for future periods

FUTURE ACTIVITIES IN 2023 AND BEYOND

General activities and educational ventures:

The scientific mission of the BMSS continues.

The BMSS Executive Committee are pleased to report that SIG meetings continue to be popular and arrangements for the 2024 General Scientific Meeting (BMSS-BSPR Super Meeting) are on track.

The BMSS Executive Committee continued to invest in a high-capacity Zoom account to support online seminars, committee meetings, and subcommittee meetings. The success of the online format for the Introduction to Mass Spectrometry course in 2022 means that this BMSS event will remain online for the foreseeable future.

As part of its science and education mission the BMSS continues to operate a range of grants: Summer Studentships, Research Support Grants, John Beynon Travel and Conference Fund, (travel grants), Carers Support Grants, and the Outreach Scholarship; the funding having all been pre-approved by the BMSS Executive Committee. Six Summer Studentships have been funded by the BMSS in 2024, four of which have been fully funded by the BMSS and two cofounded (50/50) with the Chromatographic Society funded. Three Research Support Grants have also been funded in 2024.

The BMSS Committee believe it is more important than ever to support and encourage scientific endeavours as the MS community emerges from the consequences of the global pandemic and continues to navigate the current global financial crisis. The impact of the society's commitments in these areas and ongoing community engagement will be shared at future meetings.

Other meetings:

The BMSS will continue to look to work with and support other societies and groups in organising collaborative meetings (in-person, virtually, or hybrid) whether they are being organised directly by the BMSS, by organising a BMSS-based session, or by providing administrative and/or financial support.

Mass Matters:

The newsletter will continue to be used as a vehicle for providing its members with community news, scientific articles, and important diary dates.

Governance:

The BMSS Executive Committee will continue to monitor its activities and the changing environment of Mass Spectrometry so that it continues to deliver on its charitable purpose. The BMSS Executive Committee will also meet its governance obligations by continuing to hold a minimum of two committee meetings and an AGM a year in either a face-to-face or video conferencing format.

Administrative Support:

The BMSS will continue to review its activities and the requirements from the Administrator.

BRITISH MASS SPECTROMETRY SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees 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).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales 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 its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and 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 Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. They 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.

Disclosure of information to auditors

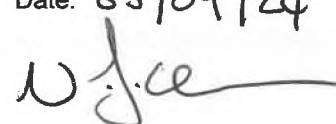
Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, WR Partners, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Date: 05/09/24


BRITISH MASS SPECTROMETRY SOCIETY

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BRITISH MASS SPECTROMETRY SOCIETY

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of British Mass Spectrometry Society (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

BRITISH MASS SPECTROMETRY SOCIETY

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BRITISH MASS SPECTROMETRY SOCIETY (CONTINUED)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

BRITISH MASS SPECTROMETRY SOCIETY

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BRITISH MASS SPECTROMETRY SOCIETY (CONTINUED)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

The audit team obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Charity and determined that the most significant are those that relate to the reporting framework (Charities SORP (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2019 and the Charities Act 2011), the relevant tax compliance regulations, Health and Safety Regulations and the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

We understood how the Charity is complying with these frameworks by making enquiries of management and those responsible for legal and compliance procedures and by reviewing relevant documentation and correspondence and considering the results of our testing in other areas.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by meeting with key management to understand where they considered there may be susceptibility to fraud. Based on our understanding our procedures involved enquiries of management and those charged with governance, manual journal entry testing, cashbook reviews for large and unusual items and the challenge of significant accounting estimates used in preparing the financial statements.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

BRITISH MASS SPECTROMETRY SOCIETY

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BRITISH MASS SPECTROMETRY SOCIETY
(CONTINUED)**

WR Partners

WR Partners
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors
Drake House
Gadbrook Way
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Cheshire
CW9 7RA

Date: 24.9.24

WR Partners are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

BRITISH MASS SPECTROMETRY SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	3	31,356	31,356	85,778
Charitable activities	4	161,366	161,366	148,605
Investments	5	10,186	10,186	2,750
Other income	6	803	803	1,811
Total income		203,711	203,711	238,944
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	8	146,826	146,826	133,795
Other expenditure	9	56,427	56,427	44,572
Total expenditure		203,253	203,253	178,367
Net movement in funds		458	458	60,577
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		507,666	507,666	447,089
Net movement in funds		458	458	60,577
Total funds carried forward		508,124	508,124	507,666

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 20 to 32 form part of these financial statements.

BRITISH MASS SPECTROMETRY SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Stocks	13	240	461
Debtors	14	19,948	6,539
Cash at bank and in hand		524,919	527,040
		<u>545,107</u>	<u>534,040</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(29,815)	(20,518)
Net current assets		<u>515,292</u>	<u>513,522</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>515,292</u>	<u>513,522</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	16	(7,168)	(5,856)
Total net assets		<u>508,124</u>	<u>507,666</u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	17	-	-
Unrestricted funds	17	508,124	507,666
Total funds		<u>508,124</u>	<u>507,666</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Date:

The notes on pages 20 to 32 form part of these financial statements.

M.A. McDonald,
05/09/24

BRITISH MASS SPECTROMETRY SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. General information

British Mass Spectrometry Society is a Charity (charity number 281330), registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. It was established by constitution in 1978 to promote the science of mass spectrometry through the running of its meetings, courses and other educational activities. The charity's registered address is 25, Burwardsley Way, Northwich, CW9 8WN.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

British Mass Spectrometry Society 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.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

BRITISH MASS SPECTROMETRY SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Expenditure (continued)

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.5 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks.

2.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

BRITISH MASS SPECTROMETRY SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.10 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations and gifts	5,100	5,100	9,476
Legacies	-	-	50,000
Membership fees	26,256	26,256	26,302
	<u>31,356</u>	<u>31,356</u>	<u>85,778</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>85,778</u>	<u>85,778</u>	

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Meeting fees	105,640	105,640	85,369
Exhibition fees	44,113	44,113	42,150
Course fees	-	-	11,286
Conference dinner	11,613	11,613	9,800
	<u>161,366</u>	<u>161,366</u>	<u>148,605</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>148,605</u>	<u>148,605</u>	

BRITISH MASS SPECTROMETRY SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

analysis of split between activities

	BMSS Annual meeting 2023 £	Other meetings 2023 £	BMSS Courses 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Registration fees	96,849	6,541	-	103,390	85,369
Exhibition fees	39,775	4,338	-	44,113	42,150
Course fees	-	-	-	-	11,286
Conference dinner	11,613	-	-	11,613	9,800
Total 2023	148,237	10,879	-	159,116	148,605
<i>Total 2022</i>	<i>117,654</i>	<i>19,665</i>	<i>11,286</i>	<i>148,605</i>	

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Interest receivable	10,186	10,186	2,750
<i>Total 2022</i>	<i>2,750</i>	<i>2,750</i>	

6. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
* Advertisements	-	-	626
European journal of MS income	803	803	1,185
	803	803	1,811
<i>Total 2022</i>	<i>1,811</i>	<i>1,811</i>	

BRITISH MASS SPECTROMETRY SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

6. Other incoming resources (continued)

7. Analysis of grants

	Grants to Institutions 2023 £	Grants to Individuals 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Grants, Provision of grants to assist members to present their research at both national and international scientific meetings	-	15,863	15,863	16,929
Grants, Provision of grants to support research in the field of Mass Spectrometry	12,940	-	12,940	9,386
	<u>12,940</u>	<u>15,863</u>	<u>28,803</u>	<u>26,315</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>9,386</u>	<u>16,929</u>	<u>26,315</u>	

The Charity has made the following material grants to institutions during the year:

	2023 £
Name of institution	
Sheffield Hallam University	1,982
University of Birmingham	2,000
University of Oxford	6,000
Warwick University	1,857
Loughborough University	1,100
Newcastle University	1
	<u>12,940</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Advancement of the science of mass Spectrometry	22,067	22,067	22,981
Provision of grants to assist members to present their research at both national and international scientific meetings	15,863	15,863	16,929
Provision of grants to support research in the field of Mass Spectrometry	12,940	12,940	9,386
Meeting related expenses	95,956	95,956	84,499
	<u>146,826</u>	<u>146,826</u>	<u>133,795</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>133,795</u>	<u>133,795</u>	

9. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Admin Costs	40,855	40,855	34,182
Postage, Stationery & Telephone Costs	3,672	3,672	1,852
Subscriptions	1,909	1,909	1,285
Bank Fees/Card Charges	7,505	7,505	5,408
Awards & Prizes	2,486	2,486	1,845
	<u>56,427</u>	<u>56,427</u>	<u>44,572</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>44,572</u>	<u>44,572</u>	

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Grant funding of activities 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Advancement of the science of mass Spectrometry	9,397	-	12,670	22,067	22,981
Provision of grants to assist members to present their research at both national and international scientific meetings	-	15,863	-	15,863	16,929
Provision of grants to support research in the field of Mass Spectrometry	-	12,940	-	12,940	9,386
Registration fees	95,956	-	-	95,956	84,499
	<u>105,353</u>	<u>28,803</u>	<u>12,670</u>	<u>146,826</u>	<u>133,795</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>94,627</u>	<u>26,315</u>	<u>12,853</u>	<u>133,795</u>	

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Advanceme nt of the science of mass Spectrometr y 2023 £	Meeting related expenses 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Newsletter	1,410	-	1,410	1,200
Student books	2,190	-	2,190	2,559
Software	5,164	-	5,164	5,097
Administration expenses	193	1,252	1,445	1,846
Venue research and hire	-	88,299	88,299	79,439
Speaker's expenses	-	6,405	6,405	4,077
Advertising and design	440	-	440	409
	<u>9,397</u>	<u>95,956</u>	<u>105,353</u>	<u>94,627</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>10,128</u>	<u>84,499</u>	<u>94,627</u>	

Analysis of support costs

	Advanceme nt of the science of mass Spectrometr y 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Audit fees	5,520	5,520	4,714
Governance administration	6,410	6,410	7,083
BMSS meeting expense	740	740	1,056
	<u>12,670</u>	<u>12,670</u>	<u>12,853</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>12,853</u>	<u>12,853</u>	

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

11. Auditors' remuneration

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fees payable to the Charity's auditors for the audit of the Charity's annual accounts	6,600	4,620

12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2022 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 December 2023, trustee travel expenses totalling £264 were reimbursed by the charity (2022 - £347).

13. Stocks

	2023	2022
	£	£
Medals	240	461

The cost of medals awarded as an expense for the year was £490 due to two medals being awarded (2022 - £Nil).

14. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	3,938	2,859
Other debtors	-	1,500
Prepayments and accrued income	16,010	2,180
	19,948	6,539

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15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank overdrafts	-	5
Trade creditors	4,819	1,363
Other creditors	413	483
Accruals and deferred income	24,583	18,667
	<u>29,815</u>	<u>20,518</u>

	2023 £
Deferred income at 1 January 2023	9,972
Resources deferred during the year	6,144
Amounts released from previous periods	(4,116)
	<u>12,000</u>

16. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>7,168</u>

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17. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
Designated funds				
Legacy Funds	50,000	-	(1,100)	48,900
General funds				
General Funds - all funds	457,666	203,711	(202,153)	459,224
Total Unrestricted funds	507,666	203,711	(203,253)	508,124

The designated 'Legacy Fund' has been set aside to use to top up the pre-agreed annual budgets for RSGs and SSs until it is fully drawn down.

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Legacy Funds	-	-	-	50,000	50,000
General funds					
General Funds	447,089	238,944	(178,367)	(50,000)	457,666
Total Unrestricted funds	447,089	238,944	(178,367)	-	507,666

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18. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Current assets	545,107	545,107
Creditors due within one year	(29,815)	(29,815)
Creditors due in more than one year	(7,168)	(7,168)
Total	508,124	508,124

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Current assets	534,040	534,040
Creditors due within one year	(20,518)	(20,518)
Creditors due in more than one year	(5,856)	(5,856)
Total	507,666	507,666

19. Related party transactions

Three trustees, R Owen, H Britt and L Heaney, were awarded grants and studentships from BMSS during the year, amounting to a sum of £7,450 (2022: grants totalling £2,290 to two trustees). There were no balances outstanding at year end.