

# THE BRITISH ACADEMY OF FORENSIC SCIENCES

England & Wales · Charity number 299875

## Details

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**Other names** BAFS

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1988-08-15

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1. TO ENCOURAGE THE STUDY, IMPROVE THE PRACTICE AND ADVANCE THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE FORENSIC SCIENCES, RELATING TO MEDICINE, SCIENCE AND THE LAW.2. TO IMPROVE AND DEVELOP THE EDUCATION AND KNOWLEDGE OF BOTH THOSE ACTIVELY CONCERNED IN THE PRACTICE OF THE FORENSIC SCIENCES AND OF THE PUBLIC GENERALLY.

**Activities:** The Academy is an information and education charity that exists to encourage the study, improve the practice and advance the knowledge of Forensic Sciences in Science, Medicine and the Law.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£38,250	£43,121	-	-
2023-12-31	£36,255	£51,003	-	-
2022-12-31	£52,075	£94,354	-	-
2021-12-31	£27,722	£23,252	-	-
2020-12-31	£26,834	£23,079	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>John William Francis Kennedy</b>	Chair	2025-11-13
Andrew Stevenson		2024-03-18
David Kennedy		2024-10-29
Dr Andrew Forrester		2019-01-22
Dr Claire Power		2025-11-13
Dr Piyal Sen		2023-10-24
Leisa Nichols-Drew		2021-09-29
Leslie Millin		2019-10-17
Lorna Hackett		2021-09-29
Paul Dainty		2022-11-22
Peter Watson		2021-09-29
Professor DENISE SYNDERCOMBE COURT		
Professor Peter Vanezis		2021-09-29
Tracy Alexander		2013-04-22

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# Accounts

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BRITISH ACADEMY OF FORENSIC SCIENCES

The 66th Annual General Meeting on Thurs. 13th November 2025

Worshipful Society of Apothecaries, Black Friars Lane, London EC4V 6EJ

**Treasurer's Report – an item on the Agenda prepared for the AGM on Thurs. 13th Nov. 2025**

*(I became Treasurer in November 2023; I have personally inspected the accounts.)*

a. Year-end accounts

**Financial year: 1st January 2024 – 31st December 2024 [BAFS account ending \*6154]**

Balance of account @ 31st December 2024	<u>£5,272</u>	<i>net assets/income – expenditure</i> <i>[cf. £6,053 @ 31st Dec. 2023]</i>
Total Income	£36,407	[gross profit] <i>[cf. £35,517 1 Jan–31 Dec. '23]</i>
Total Expenditure	£42,871	[all expenses] <i>[cf. £50,405 1 Jan–31 Dec. '23]</i>
<b>Instant updating view for year 2025:</b>	.	.
Account @ 31st October 2025	£13,158.18	[sent to independent auditor]

b. **Full & Associate Membership Subscriptions:** Exec. universally agreed to increase annual membership fees from £60 to £80. Denise asks that standing orders are amended – copy attached.

c. **Investment:** The valuation (no fee to exit) of our long-term investment fund is now £24,704 (cf. £22,315 on 31st Dec. 2024). Tracy and I are the trustees of BAFS investment portfolio fund. We put £35,000 in the fund in August 2022. We took out £15,000 in Sept 2023 (before my tenure).

In August 2022, BAFS instructed as its investment manager [Quilter Cheviot](#), a Charity Authorised Investment Fund (CAIF) specifically for charities qualifying for UK tax relief. Charles Mesquita is our manager. Our investment has consistently delivered a higher return than cash / gov. bonds.

On Wed. 5th Nov. 2025, at 6pm, our fund-manager spoke directly to the exec. & answered qs. This put the exec. in the picture re options to consider (as permitted by the Charity Commission) and the timing of this review aligned with our three-year FCA-suggested fund review. There are especially important considerations for investing charity funds – inc. the imperative (minimally) to choose a reputable, regulated investment fund, to preserve the investment, and aim for growth. This is in contrast to investing on the open market (where growth/profit is the sole aim).

Abigail Bright  
TREASURER

Wed. 5th November 2025

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**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st December 2024**

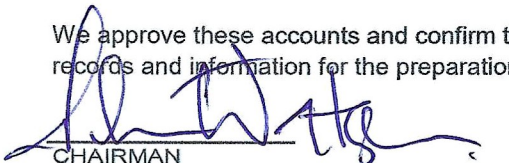
	2023		2024
£	£	£	£
	<b>INCOME</b>		
	9212 Subscriptions		7592
	17379 Royalties		20846
	472 Investment Income		1843
	0		5099
	9192 Events		2870
	<u>36255</u>		<u>38250</u>
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
2208	Student Prizes	300	
12019	Events	14910	
375	Printing, Stationery & Postage	582	
484	Office Expenses	542	
576	Insurance	607	
21251	Staff, PAYE & Agency Costs	16897	
7200	M S & L Costs	7200	
250	Depreciation	250	
0	Professional Services	0	
1902	Donation	0	
750	Accountancy	750	
3988	Website	1083	
	<u>51003</u>		<u>43121</u>
	<b>-14748 Deficit for the year</b>		<b>-4871</b>
	<u><u>          </u></u>		<u><u>          </u></u>

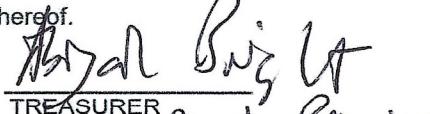
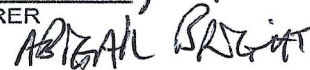
**THE BRITISH ACADEMY OF FORENSIC SCIENCES**

**BALANCE SHEET as at 31st December 2024**

	2023		2024
£	£		£
		<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	
909		Office Equipment	659
<u>250</u>	659	Less : Depreciation	<u>250</u>
			409
		<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	
11599		Cash at Bank - Current Account	5135
20472		Investment	22315
<u>0</u>		Debtors & Prepayments	<u>0</u>
32071			27450
		<b>Less : CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	
<u>725</u>		Creditors	<u>725</u>
	<u>31346</u>		<u>26725</u>
	32005		27134
	<u><u>          </u></u>		<u><u>          </u></u>
		<b>REPRESENTED BY :</b>	
46753		Balance as at 1st January 2024	32005
<u>14748</u>		Less : Deficit for the year	<u>4871</u>
	<u>32005</u>		<u>27134</u>
	<u><u>          </u></u>		<u><u>          </u></u>

We approve these accounts and confirm that we have made available all the relevant records and information for the preparation thereof.

  
CHAIRMAN

  
TREASURER  


**ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT TO THE BRITISH ACADEMY OF FORENSIC SCIENCES**  
on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

With regard to these accounts there is no requirement for a formal audit.

My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept 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 concerning any such matters.

I am pleased to confirm that the Academy has kept proper accounting records for the year ended 31st December 2024 and that the accounts as at that date give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Academy as at the end of the financial year and of its deficit for the financial year.

Signed



Date

29/10/25

Peter Walker  
6 Aspin Lane  
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## Secretary-General's Report 2025

Our last year's AGM was held on 29 October 2024 at The Worshipful Society of Apothecaries.

Since the last AGM in October of last year the Executive Council has met on four occasions with our President, Peter Watson the chair.

Professor Andrew Forrester, our journal editor, continues to raise the profile of Medicine, Science and the Law. Our impact factor has increased to 1.7 which has put us in the top 25% of law related journals, worldwide. We reject around 75% of all submissions, some of which are completely unsuitable and others not of sufficient quality. This has helped increase the quality of the journal which has increased its institutional value. However our contract with the publishers, Sage, is due for renewal in 2026, and they will expect a higher level of funding to continue its publication. This is a very important part of what BAFS offers its members across the world and we have discussed, and will propose, an increase to our membership fee to help support that increase.

Funding, however, continues to be a problem for BAFS and costs associated with administration and running the website are not inconsiderable if we were to maintain the sort of website that many other organizations can support

This year we awarded the King's Science prize for 2024-25 to Michael Menear. His project was 'A deeper insight into the transfer, persistence, prevalence and recovery mechanisms of body fluid-associated mRNA markers'. Our legal prize, awarded through the City Law School, goes to Jonathan Waghorne for his Crown Court Practice Elective. Both Michael and Jonathan have received their monetary prize and will be present at the dinner tonight so that we can congratulate them and give them their certificates.

In the past we have awarded a medical prize and a national law prize in litigation through the University of Law. Neither have been awarded for the last two or more years. Coordination of an appropriate assessment that might reach a more representative body across the UK, along with the necessary examination will require significant effort from our membership but we welcome ideas for the future.

We have had several meetings over the past year and have discussed the possibilities of putting out webinars; this has not moved forward and we will continue to discuss this as a possibility in the future as they are of wide interest. It requires some commitment from members, not only a willingness to provide the material, but also a significant financial input. Please let us know if anyone is interested in helping to make this happen.

We have held a joint meeting with the RSM last year in November: 'Death by GPS and other human factors in accident cases and a clinical adverse event'. Sadly, possibly because of the short notice, this was not well attended by our members. We will engage with the RSM again through our new president and I would ask all members to consider attending our events as they are not only really interesting, but a great opportunity for networking.

In some contrast, our new president, John Kennedy, organized a highly successful meeting on AI 'The Application of AI within our Justice System' in April, which many of us attended. Thank you to John for that.

In December we will hold the Lund Lecture. Sir Thomas Lund gives his name to our biennial BAFS lecture. A medic and then a solicitor he was one of the prime movers in the design of the legal aid system in 1949. He was our second resident in 1961 and died in 1981. We will honour him when Professor Fiona Wilcox, His Majesty's Senior Coroner for Inner West London, gives her lecture on the 'Air India Plane Crash, Role of the Coroner in DVI'. This will be on 10 December at 18:30 in Bush House. The booking for this is available on the website: please make every effort to attend what will be an extremely interesting lecture.

Tonight, we will hear from Professor Seena Fazel, who is the Professor of Forensic Psychiatry at the University of Oxford, talking about 'Autism, diminished responsibility, and the complicated epidemiology of violent crime'. We are looking forward to that.

My thanks go especially to our current Treasurer, Abigail Bright, and to Lesley Nott, our administrator, who works tirelessly, successfully managing the events, introducing and administering our meetings. Lesley gathers a team of students who help us at events so I would also like to thank them for their assistance. In her role as treasurer, Abigail will be asking you about an increase in our membership fees. The proposed increase will still place membership of BAFS at a level below organizations that other might belong to, such as the Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences, and the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine.

Finally, I want to thank our outgoing President, Peter Watson. Peter has arranged meetings in his native Scotland which we warmly welcome and we hope that we can undertake more events north of the border. We are welcoming our new President, John Kennedy, who is a forensic imagery expert and we look forward to his lead for BAFS in the future. Although somewhat out of turn in our specialisms: medicine, science and the law, John was such an ideal candidate for the position that we felt justified in moving him forward and we can look for a representative of medicine perhaps in two years' time.

I am standing down as Secretary-General and handing over to another member of the EC, Andy Stevenson, who I hope you will warmly welcome. I am not going away, however, and hope to be elected as an EC member and support Andy in his new role.

I hope everyone enjoys tonight

Denise Syndercombe Court

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THE BRITISH ACADEMY OF FORENSIC  
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BALANCE SHEET as at 31st December 2023

	2022		2023
	<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	909	
1409	Office Equipment	250	659
500	909 Less : Depreciation		
	<b>CURRENT ASSETS 11569</b>	11599	
	Cash at Bank - Current Account	20472	
35000	Investment	<u>0</u>	
<u>0</u>	Debtors & Prepayments	32071	
46569		725	
	<b>Less : CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
725	Creditors	31346	
			<u>31346</u>
45844			
			<u>32005</u>
<u>46753</u>			
	<b>REPRESENTED BY : 89032</b>	46753	
	Balance as at 1st January 2023	14748	
42279	Less : Deficit for the year		32005
<u>46753</u>			

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CHAIRMAN



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TREASURER

THE BRITISH ACADEMY OF FORENSIC SCIENCES

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st December 2023

	2022		2023
£	£		£
		<b>INCOME</b>	
	10372	Subscriptions	9212
	17922	Royalties	17379
		0 Investment Income	472
	23781	Events	9192
	<u>52075</u>		<u>36255</u>
		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
300		Student Prizes	2208
44911		Events	12019
793		Printing, Stationery & Postage	375
1068		Office Expenses	484
558		Insurance	576
30224		Staff, PAYE & Agency Costs	21251
10800		M S & L Costs	7200
500		Depreciation	250
60		Professional Services	0
575		Donation	1902
500		Accountancy	750
4065		Website	3988
	<u>94354</u>		<u>51003</u>
		<b>-42279 Deficit for the year</b>	<u><u>-14748</u></u>

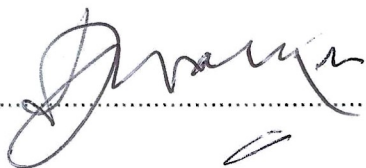
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on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

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Signed .....



Date .....

6/9/24

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**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st December 2022**

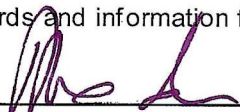
2021		2022	
£	£	£	£
	<b>INCOME</b>		
	8362 Subscriptions		10372
	16851 Royalties		17922
	<u>2509</u> Events		<u>23781</u>
	27722		52075
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
1200	Student Prizes		300
3640	Events		44911
406	Printing, Stationery & Postage		793
367	Office Expenses		1068
389	Insurance		558
11794	Staff, PAYE & Agency Costs		30224
3000	M S & L Costs		10800
0	Depreciation		500
0	Professional Services		60
0	Donation		575
500	Accountancy		500
<u>1956</u>	<u>Website</u>		<u>4065</u>
	<u>23252</u>		<u>94354</u>
	4470 <b>Deficit for the year ( 2021 Surplus )</b>		<u><u>-42279</u></u>

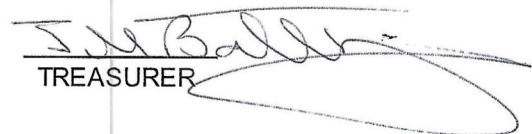
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**BALANCE SHEET as at 31st December 2022**

2021		2022	
£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
1409			1409
<u>0</u>	1409	<u>500</u>	909
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
88348			11569
0			35000
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
88348			<u>46569</u>
<b>Less : CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
<u>725</u>		<u>725</u>	
	<u>87623</u>		<u>45844</u>
	89032		46753
<b>REPRESENTED BY :</b>			
84562			89032
4470			42279
<u>89032</u>		<u>46753</u>	

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CHAIRMAN

  
TREASURER

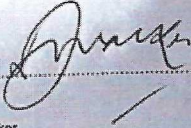
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Signed



Date

23/3/23

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## **THE BRITISH ACADEMY OF FORENSIC SCIENCES**

**The 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting was held at 17:30 on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 at the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries.**

The meeting was opened by the President, Tracy Alexander who thanked everyone for attending.

### **1. Apologies for absence:**

Apologies were received from Ms Jill Battley

### **2. Minutes from the previous meeting and matters arising:**

There were no matters arising.

### **3. Secretary General's Report**

Our last year's AGM was held on 29 September 2021 at the Barber-Surgeons' Hall. The first in-person meeting for many, although we continue to hold our council meetings on line and some other events we can hold both online live and in person.

We are very sad to report the death of two of our very active members. Professor Nigel Eastman was an elected member of Council and very active in the organization of our meetings. In his honour we held a memorial lecture in October at Bush House at which his colleagues Dr Gwen Adshead and Professor Gill Mezey came to speak about his memories of Nigel. He will be sadly missed by us all. Alec Samuels, a retired lawyer and past leader of Southampton Council, died at the age of 92 in the last few weeks. Alec was active in many fields and continued publishing in our journal and widely elsewhere. He had been a member of BAFS for many years, attending most of our meetings and always giving us helpful feedback. We will miss them both, especially tonight.

Since the last AGM in November of last year the Executive Council has met on three occasions with our President, Tracy Alexander in the chair.

Professor Andrew Forrester, our journal editor, has significantly increased the standing of Medicine, Science and the Law and our impact factor has increased again from 1.266 to 2.05. Nigel has been working on our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Academy Diamond issue, which has just been published. I hope you have all had a copy and enjoy the contents.

This year we awarded the 2022 City Law School Bar Professional Training Prize to Will Ferguson and the King's College Science prize for 2021 was awarded to Ria Chittaranjan Sarkar. We have not awarded a medical prize for some time. Although we advertised the prize last year we only had one submission and efforts are ongoing to advertise this to a wider medical audience.

We have had many meetings over the past year. Solicitor Ian Kelcey gave us a talk at the Friends' Dinner about Daniel Restivo, the 'Italian Barber' – and murder!. Michael Mulford, a journalist, came in December and gave us a talk on Jack the Ripper, to explain his thesis about who Jack really was.

In January our collaborative meeting with the Royal Society of Medicine covered the difficult subject of Female Genital Mutilation from a multi-disciplinary point of view. This was followed in March by our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner and lecture from Dame Cressida Dick. This was followed by an International Conference on Neuroscience and the Law which we held at Grays Inn and on line. On 8<sup>th</sup> July we hosted a one day international conference on blood pattern analysis in conjunction with their society.

Other event are planned as well as tonight. On 14<sup>th</sup> November Mark Glover is going to come and talk to us about Operation Naseby and the joint RSM meeting will be about mass disaster victim identification.

Finally I want to thank our President, Tracy, for the hard work she has put in in, our new treasurer for taking on this role and really getting to understand our finances, and I would particularly like to thank Lesley Nott, our administrator, who works tirelessly, successfully managing the events, introducing and administering our meetings. We will have a new website in January and we hope you will look forward to looking at the changes we are making.

#### **4. Elections**

**The following Officers were re-elected:**

President: Ms Tracy Alexander  
Secretary General: Professor Denise Syndercombe Court  
Treasurer: Jill Battley

**The following Officer was elected:**

Website Officer: Andy Edwards

**The following Members were elected to Council:**

Mr Paul Dainty  
Professor Fiona Wilcox

**The following elected Members retired from Council:**

Professor Keith Rix

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer was happy with the audited accounts. With the possibility of earning interest on our bank account some of the funds were invested.

#### **6. Election of Auditor**

It was proposed that Peter Walker would remain as auditor of the accounts. This was proposed and seconded at the meeting.

**7. Any other business**

The Diamond Anniversary Edition of Medicine Science and the Law was published in October and we welcomed an increase in our impact factor.

**8. To close the meeting**

The President, Tracy Alexander, thanked everyone and closed the meeting.

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# Accounts

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**THE BRITISH ACADEMY OF FORENSIC SCIENCES**

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st December 2021**


2020			2021	
£	£		£	£
		<b>INCOME</b>		
	8092	Subscriptions		8362
	18742	Royalties		16851
	<u>0</u>	Events		<u>2509</u>
	<b>26834</b>			<b>27722</b>
		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
954		Student Prizes	1200	
68		Committee Expenses	0	
2344		Events	3640	
0		Printing, Stationery & Postage	406	
0		Office Expenses	367	
0		Insurance	389	
12106		Staff, PAYE & Agency Costs	11794	
6000		M S & L Costs	3000	
547		Zoom Costs	0	
700		Accountancy	500	
<u>360</u>		Website	<u>1956</u>	
	<u>23079</u>			<u>23252</u>
	3755	<b>Surplus for the year</b>		<b>4470</b>
	<u><u>3755</u></u>			<u><u>4470</u></u>

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Signed  Date 8/8/22

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**BALANCE SHEET as at 31st December 2021**

2020			2021	
£	£		£	£
		<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
1709		Office Equipment	1409	
<u>300</u>	1409	Less : Depreciation	<u>0</u>	1409
		<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
83878		Cash at Bank - Current Account	88348	
<u>0</u>		Debtors & Prepayments	<u>0</u>	
83878			88348	
		<b>Less : CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
<u>725</u>		Creditors	<u>725</u>	
	<u>83153</u>			<u>87623</u>
	84562			<u>89032</u>
		<b>REPRESENTED BY :</b>		
80807		Balance as at 1st January 2021	84562	
<u>3755</u>		Add : Surplus for the year	<u>4470</u>	
	<u>84562</u>			<u>89032</u>

We approve these accounts and confirm that we have made available all the relevant records and information for the preparation thereof.

Tony Alexander  
PRESIDENT name

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Sinn BATZLEY  
TREASURER name

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO  
BALANCE SHEET - 31/03/2012

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The above information is provided for informational purposes only and should not be used for any other purpose.

  
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 President

  
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 Treasurer

  
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**THE BRITISH ACADEMY OF FORENSIC SCIENCES**

England & Wales - Charity number 299875

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# Accounts

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## Secretary-General's Report 2020-21

Before getting into the body of my report I want to pay tribute to two of our members who have both died of COVID19 related illnesses in the early days of the pandemic.

Dr Eddie Josse, an expert in forensic medicine, was an active member of the Academy for over fifty years, was elected onto our Council on two occasions and attended most of our events with his wife, Yvonne and so we feel his loss, and will do more so when we are able to return to our in-person events where there are opportunities for good social conversations.

Terry Keating was a former Metropolitan Police Officer who, after he retired, became involved as a civilian in the Specialist Crime Group. Terry was a long-standing member of BAFS and joined the Council to help us develop our website; he remained a member until he died at the end of March this year. Terry was always on hand with balanced advice to the committee and we will miss his good humour that lightened our meetings. We plan to be able to commemorate them both at an event when things are back to normal.

Since the last AGM in October of last year the Executive Council has met on four occasions with our President, Tracy Alexander in the chair. Last year we decided to regularize our AGM to this time in future ongoing. We had planned to have it coincide with either a Lund or Ormrod lectures, and certainly we would look to do that in the future, because of the need to respond to the pandemic through arranging virtual meetings, we have planned a series of online events throughout the autumn for our members and visitors until we can get back together.

Dr Andrew Forrester, our journal editor, has significantly increased the standing of Medicine, Science and the Law. With over 300 papers submitted annually we can only publish around 25% of them and that also means that the quality of journal articles is increasing over time. I would specially like to thank Andrew for the large amount of work he has been undertaking on our behalf.

Our decision to institute a Medical prize has been excellent and last December we awarded prizes to Sidharthan Llangovan of Queen Mary University of London, and Thomas Harrison from the Northern General Hospital in Sheffield. Sidharthan talked about the effect of spit hoods on breathing during exercise and Thomas gave us a presentation on the forensic opportunities from whole genome sequencing of the tuberculosis bacterium. Again because of the current circumstances we have delayed the examination until March, and we will shortly be advertising this opportunity to interested parties. We award two legal prizes annually but, because of the delay in these examinations, they are yet to be announced. The Forensic Science Prize for the best Masters in Forensic Science Project was awarded to Poppy Lawrence for her work of developing fingerprints on pangolin scales.

In November last year we had a joint meeting with the Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences, held in the medical school in Charterhouse Square, on the Judicial System and Forensic Science, and Jo Millington delighted us all with her informative talk on blood pattern analysis. Jo will be talking on this subject to us on 3<sup>rd</sup> December so please check the website and join us for that.

In January of this year we held a joint meeting with the Royal Society of Medicine on Bias, which was well-attended, and several members spoke. We have another joint meeting planned for this coming January, but we are yet to decide whether this will be in person or online.

Our programme has been significantly impacted because of the pandemic. Our Family Law Day had to be abandoned for the second time. Tracy and Kristiina Reed had spent a lot of time organizing speakers for this event which had to be cancelled previously because of low registration and again because of the pandemic. We had planned an interesting talk by a journalist on Jack the Ripper, and our popular Friend's Dinner when we had planned a talk on the case of Restivo, a hair fetishist. The dinners are one of the highlights of our year and we hope we can reinstate them in 2021. In the meantime, like today, we are down to Zoom meetings. While not being able to replace our normal event programme, they are proving successful opportunities to continue to offer educational opportunities for our members and to interest others in the Academy, especially students. Tracy has worked hard in organizing a series of events to take us to the end of the year: Leslie Millin gave a talk on Inquests, Angela Shaw will be talking after this meeting on gun shot residue, and Jo Millington in December. Don't worry if you miss any of these events because we are recording them, and they will be available on the website.

Finally I want to thank our President, Tracy, for the hard work she has put in in what has turned out to be a difficult year; I hope that next year will be different and we can offer more social events in the future, and perhaps continue some online offering now that we are all familiar with the technology. I would particularly like to thank Lesley Nott, our administrator, who works tirelessly, successfully managing the events and administering our meetings, and Alvaro Varella Morillas who helps and the website and promoting us through social media. And of course, thank you also to our members, who continue to support us, and members of Council who are the driving force behind the events we all enjoy.

Denise Syndercombe Court

**THE BRITISH ACADEMY OF FORENSIC SCIENCES**

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st December 2020**


2019		2020
£		£
	<b>INCOME</b>	
8482	Subscriptions	8092
15227	Royalties	18742
7065	Dinners - Friends	0
2637	Events	0
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33411		26834
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
1697	Student Prizes	954
813	Committee Expenses	68
7843	Dinners - Friends	0
0	Events	2344
48	Printing, Stationery & Postage	0
198	Symposium Sponsorship	0
389	Insurance	0
7760	Staff, PAYE & Agency Costs	12106
6355	M S & L Costs	6000
0	Zoom Costs	547
700	Accountancy	700
9840	Website	360
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-2232	<b>Surplus for the year (2019- Deficit)</b>	<b>3755</b>
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**THE BRITISH ACADEMY OF FORENSIC SCIENCES**

**BALANCE SHEET as at 31st December 2020**

2019			2020	
£	£		£	£
		<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
994		Office Equipment	1709	
<u>300</u>	694	Less : Depreciation	<u>300</u>	1409
		<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
80838		Cash at Bank - Current Account	83878	
<u>0</u>		Debtors & Prepayments	<u>0</u>	
80838			83878	
		<b>Less : CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
<u>725</u>		Creditors	<u>725</u>	
	<u>80113</u>			<u>83153</u>
	80807			<u>84562</u>
		<b>REPRESENTED BY :</b>		
83039		Balance as at 1st January 2020	80807	
<u>-2232</u>		Add : Surplus for the year (2019 - Deficit)	<u>3755</u>	
	<u>80807</u>			<u>84562</u>

We approve these accounts and confirm that we have made available all the relevant records and information for the preparation thereof.

SIGN  DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIRMAN - PRESIDENT  
TRACY ALEXANDER

SIGN  DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
TREASURER  
GARY HARVEY



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*Audited Accounts*

Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020



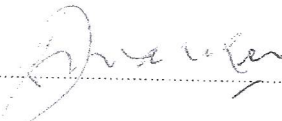
**ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT TO THE BRITISH ACADEMY OF FORENSIC SCIENCES**  
on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020

With regard to these accounts there is no requirement for a formal audit.

My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept 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 concerning any such matters.

I am pleased to confirm that the Academy has kept proper accounting records for the year ended 31st December 2020 and that the accounts as at that date give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Academy as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus/deficit for the financial year.

Signed



Date

20/9/21

Peter Walker  
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