

CONFLICT RESEARCH SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 306136

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1967-02-28

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE RESEARCH INTO AND THE EXTENSION OF KNOWLEDGE IN THE FIELD OF CONFLICT RESEARCH

Activities: The Conflict Research Society fosters research and knowledge about the processes, methods and effectiveness of conflict, and the potential for cooperation and reconciliation. It provides information about conflict research through the website and brings together academics and practitioners for an annual conference on conflict and peace research.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- City Of London
- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£52,201	£49,736	-	-
2023-12-31	£31,741	£34,352	-	-
2022-12-31	£26,817	£20,052	-	-
2021-12-31	£11,194	£10,886	-	-
2020-12-31	£2,112	£6,038	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALAN HUGH MIALL	Chair	
Dr Christine Cheng		2016-04-23
Dr Jennifer Hodge		2024-01-12
Dr Kristin Bakke		2014-03-01
Hilary Janet Adams		2018-06-25

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		Period start date			Period end date		
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	1	January	2024		31	December	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Conflict Research Society

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 306136

Charity's principal address

45 Ethelbert Road
Canterbury
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Kristin M. Bakke	Chair	04.09.24-present	CRS Council
2	Hugh Miall	President		CRS Council
3	John Gledhill	Membership Secretary		CRS Council
4	Hilary Adams	Treasurer		CRS Council
5	Jennifer Hodge	Strategic director		CRS Council
6	Imrana Alhaj Buba	Secretary	01.10.24-present	CRS Council
7	Christine Cheng	Council Member		CRS Council
8	Kit Rickard	Council Member		CRS Council
9	Teresa Dumasy	Council Member		CRS Council
10	Valerie Sticher	Council Member		CRS Council
11	Corinne Barra	Council Member	05.09.24-present	CRS Council
12	Sebastian van Baalen	Council Member	01.10.24-present	CRS Council
13	Robert Nagel	Chair (interim)	01.01.24-03.09.24	CRS Council
14	Allard Duursma	Council Member	01.01.24-04.09.24	CRS Council
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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Section C Objectives and activities

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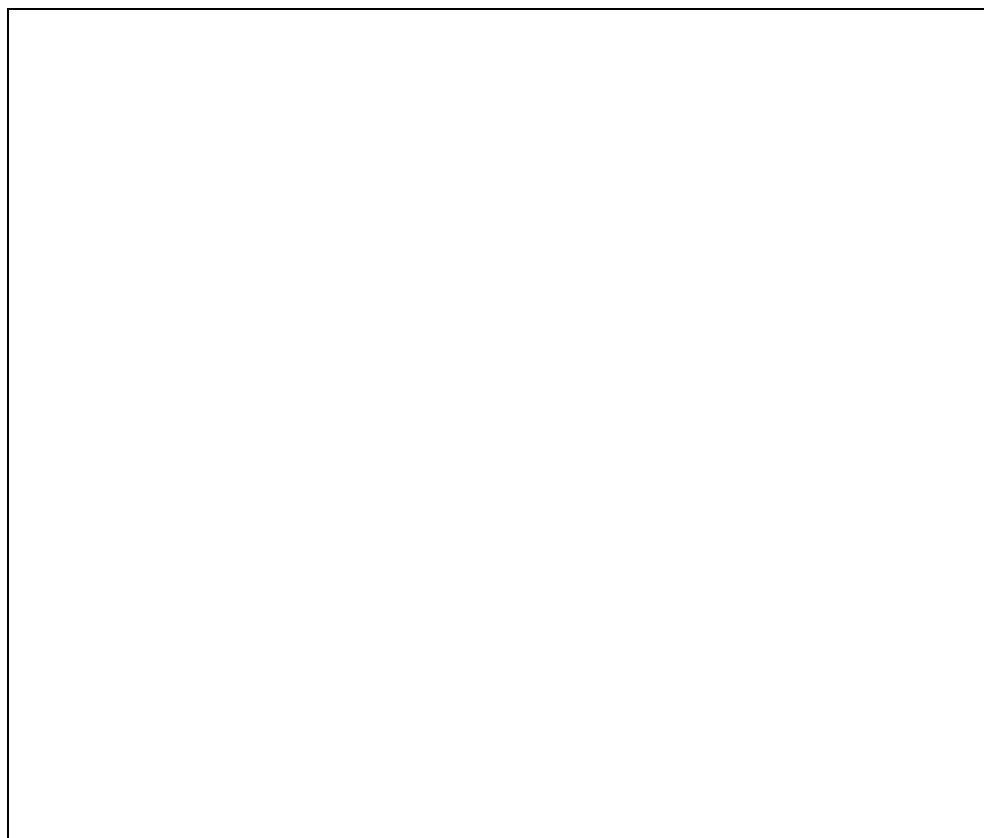
In organizing these activities the trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

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- contribution made by volunteers.



Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The 2024 conference, held at Edinburgh School of Law and in collaboration with PeaceRep, was a huge success, with around 235 participants, from 137 institutions and 6 continents. This was our most international and diverse CRS conference to date.

We received outstanding feedback from participants once more- with multiple people suggesting again that this was the best conference that they had attended, and certainly one of the best CRS conferences in the history of the society.

Participants were delighted by the quality of the work, and the mixture of different disciplinary approaches that together makes the discussion and atmosphere at CRS particularly special.

This year, we were also very pleased to note a high attendance rate of practitioners, making up around 20 percent of attendees.

The feedback we received indicates that the CRS conference continues to be a particularly good conference for PhDs to attend.

The conference opened with a welcome from newly elected CRS Chair, Kristin M. Bakke, followed by a Keynote address by Roger Mac Ginty and a presentation of the PA-X Tracker by Tim Epple and Niamh Henry.

As Chair, Kristin's welcome emphasised the continued commitment of the CRS to interdisciplinary, different methodologies, and the links to policy and practice, as well as the warm, friendly and welcoming ethos of the CRS. Roger Mac Ginty's keynote, titled "Peace Fragmentation: Maybe That's a Good Thing," offered provocative insights into how fragmentation within peace processes can present both challenges and opportunities for conflict resolution. Questions raised by this keynote were alluded to throughout the conference in later panels. In this slot, the PeaceRep team also launched the PA-X Tracker: Peace and Transition Process Tracker. With the mix of academics, practitioners and policymakers at the CRS, the conference offered a particularly good opportunity for launch of this innovative tool.

The conference also continued to recognise outstanding contributions to the field. Imrana Alhaji Buba was awarded the Cedric Smith Prize for the best piece of research by a PhD candidate or someone having recently passed their PhD defense, for the paper, "Civilian Protection Payment and the Escalation of Violence against Civilians in Northwestern Nigeria."

The CRS Book of the Year Prize, which honours research that is contemporary, exceptional and world-leading, went to Peer Schouten for "Roadblock Politics: The Origins of Violence in Central Africa." Despite an unfortunately timed fire alarm, attendees were happy to return to hear his outstanding keynote speech, which discussed how the use of roadblocks can explain much broader patterns of conflict and state building in Central Africa.

This year, the CRS medal for outstanding contribution to the CRS was presented to former CRS Chair, Govinda Clayton. Although Govinda was not able to attend this year's CRS, remarks by Kristin Bakke in presenting the CRS medal drew attention to the long history of dedication and commitment that Govinda has demonstrated to the CRS, and his role in transforming the CRS into a household name amongst peace and conflict scholars and practitioners in the UK, Europe, and beyond. Congratulations again to Govinda.

For the first time, PeaceRep-funded scholarships were also awarded to seven participants from countries eligible for Official Development Assistance (ODA). These scholarships, designed to foster global dialogue, diversity, and inclusivity, enabled scholars from underrepresented regions to attend and contribute to the conference. We were delighted to support the participation of these scholars and practitioners and welcomed the scholars with a lunch on Wednesday of the conference. Feedback from the scholars – for whom all disclosed this was their first visit to the UK – indicated that this opportunity was incredibly valuable in expanding their networks and that they were delighted to participate in world-leading discussions on peace and conflict research and practice at the CRS conference.

During the conference the CRS also conducted a council meeting. New Chair Kristin Bakke was warmly welcomed into her new role.

The council shared its deep gratitude to Hilary Adams, for her invaluable work as treasurer.

John Gledhill presented the membership report, which showed a record number of members.

Throughout the year the Council continued to meet online and discuss matters by email, and individual Council members and members of the Society participated in a wide range of activities which promote conflict research and practice; we heard a round-up of these activities in our Council meetings.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Society made a surplus in the current year of £2,465 which when added to the surplus brought forward of £47,383 leaves a balance to carry forward of £49,848. The Society holds £2,702.24 of restricted funds as the balance unspent of the PeaceRep ODA Scholarship grant for 2024. PeaceRep has agreed this amount can be rolled over to fund a PeaceRep ODA scholar at the 2025 CRS Conference.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Kristin M. Bakke</i>	
Full name(s)	Prof. Kristin M. Bakke	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	

Date 25.03.25



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Conflict Research Society

No (if any)
306136

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1.1.24	To	Period end date 31.12.24
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Conference fees	29,749		-	29,749	28,125
Membership	1,566		-	1,566	1,406
Grant		20,000	-	20,000	2,210
Interest	886		-	886	-
	-		-	-	-
	-		-	-	-
	-		-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	32,201	20,000	-	52,201	31,741
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	32,201	20,000	-	52,201	31,741
A3 Payments					
Awards & prizes	347	-	-	347	356
Website	-	-	-	-	288
Newsletter & admin	1,690	-	-	1,690	1,300
Conference costs	29,725	17,298	-	47,023	31,682
Bank & paypal charges	676	-	-	676	726
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
Sub total	32,438	17,298	-	49,736	34,352
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	32,438	17,298	-	49,736	34,352
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 237	2,702	-	2,465	- 2,611
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	47,383		-	47,383	49,994
Cash funds this year end	47,146	2,702	-	49,848	47,383

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyd bank	41,511	2,702	-
	Paypal	5,068	-	-
	Coop Bank	567	-	-
	Total cash funds	47,146	2,702	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Conflict Research Society

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2024

**Charity no
(if any)** 306136

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2024**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

Date:

16/04/2025

Name:

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

Fellow Chartered and Certified Accountant

Address:

23 Belsize Avenue,
London, NW3 4BL

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

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10	Kristin M. Bakke	Council Member		CRS Council
11	Oliver Ramsbotham	Council Member		CRS Council
12	Tom Woodhouse	Council Member		CRS Council
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Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Hilary Adams	
Kristin M. Bakke	

	Christine Cheng	
	Jennifer Hodge	
	Hugh Miall	

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Type of adviser	Name	Address

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The 60th anniversary conference of the CRS, was held at King's College London, and was a huge success, with 280 participants from over 100 institutions.

The conference showcased a mixture of different disciplinary and methodological approaches, and with a range of different participants – scholars, academics, practitioners and policymakers – to discuss the latest research and practice on peace and conflict.

After a full day of workshops on the first day of the conference, Christine Cheng chaired an open panel on “Unravelling the Russia-Ukraine Conflict: Perspectives and Prospects”, inviting both CRS participants and the general public into this timely discussion.

The second day of the conference opened with a high level panel, chaired by CRS Chair Govinda Clayton, on “The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly, the Current State of International Peacemaking.” The panel epitomised the ethos of CRS, bringing together senior partitioners and policy makers into discussion, including: Teresa Whitfield (Former Director of the Policy and Mediation Division at the United Nations Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs); Katia Papagianni (Director of Mediation Support and Policy Unit, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue) and Steve Ainsworth (Deputy Head - Negotiations and Peace Process Department, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office).

To round off the excellent day of panels, we were delighted to hear Jelke Boesten’s keynote speech on the “Intimacies of Violence and the Affective Life of War.”

The conference continued to recognise outstanding contributions to the field. Noyonika Das was awarded the 2023 Sydney Bailey Fund, a grant that is intended to support research activities for a PhD student’s dissertation.

Sigrid Weber was awarded the Cedric Smith Prize for the best piece of research by a PhD candidate or someone having recently passed their PhD defense, for the paper, “Controlling a Moving World: Territorial Control, Displacement and the Spread of Civilian Targeting in Iraq”.

The CRS Book of the Year Prize, which honours research that is contemporary, exceptional and world-leading, went to Julia Zulver for her book, “High-Risk Feminism in Colombia: Women’s Mobilization in Violent Contexts.” On the final day of the conference her keynote speech drew questions from a range of academics and practitioners.

This year, the CRS medal for outstanding contributions to the CRS was presented to Gordon Burt. The Council agreed that Gordon's contribution to the CRS has been unparalleled. He almost single-handedly ran all aspects of the society for several years. His vision and ambitious agenda with regards to building the team and the conference set out the path to a stronger more vibrant society that the CRS community have enjoyed in recent times. Congratulations again to Gordon on this achievement.

During the conference the CRS also conducted a Council meeting. During the meeting current Chair Govinda Clayton indicated his plans to step down, and there was a discussion about the process to elect the next Chair. Rob Nagel was appointed to act as Interim Chair, and oversee the electoral process.

The council shared its deep gratitude to Hilary Adams, for her invaluable work as treasurer.

John Gledhill presented the membership report, which showed a record number of members.

Jennifer Hodge updated the council on the conference this year, which had a record number of participants.

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Section E

Financial review

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The Society made a deficit in the current year of £2,611 which when added to the surplus brought forward of £49,994 leaves a balance to carry forward of £47,383. The Society holds no restricted funds and keeps all its funds in a bank account.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Kristin M. Bakke

Full name(s)

Prof. Kristin M. Bakke

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

12.09.24



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Conflict Research Society	No (if any) 306136
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1.1.23	To	Period end date 31.12.23
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Conference fees	28'125		-	28'125	25'023
Membership	1'406		-	1'406	794
Grant	2'210		-	2'210	1'000
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	31'741	-	-	31'741	26'817
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	31'741	-	-	31'741	26'817
A3 Payments					
Awards & prizes	356	-	-	356	210
Website	288	-	-	288	434
Newsletter & admin	1'300	-	-	1'300	1'672
Conference costs	31'682	-	-	31'682	17'068
Bank & paypal charges	726	-	-	726	668
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
Sub total	34'352	-	-	34'352	20'052
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	34'352	-	-	34'352	20'052
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2'611	-	-	- 2'611	6'765
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	49'994		-	49'994	43'229
Cash funds this year end	47'383	-	-	47'383	49'994

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyd bank	41'985		-
	Paypal	5'087	-	-
	Coop Bank	311	-	-
	Total cash funds	47'383	-	-
	<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Conflict Research Society

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

306136

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

Date:

04/03/2024

Name:

Lu Li

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

Fellow Chartered and Certified Accountant

(if any):

Address:

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

CONFLICT RESEARCH SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 306136

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From		Period start date			To		Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		
	1	January	2022		31	December	2022		

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Conflict Research Society

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

306136

Charity's principal address

45 Ethelbert Road
 Canterbury

Postcode CT1 3NF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Govinda Clayton	Chair		CRS Council
2	Hugh Miall	President		CRS Council
3	John Gledhill	Membership Secretary		CRS Council
4	Hilary Adams	Treasurer		CRS Council
5	Christine Cheng	Council Member		CRS Council
6	Corinne Barra	Council Member		CRS Council
7	Gordon Burt	Council Member		CRS Council
8	Andrew Thomson	Council Member		CRS Council
9	Kit Rickard	Secretary		CRS Council
10	Kristin Bakke	Council Member		CRS Council
11	Oliver Ramsbotham	Council Member		CRS Council
12	Tom Woodhouse	Council Member		CRS Council
13				
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20				

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity’s trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Association
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	Annual election to Council by membership at AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees’ consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the Society are to promote research, practice and the extension of knowledge in the fields of Peace and Conflict Research. By the term ‘Peace and Conflict Research’ is meant the investigation and study on a systematic basis of the following:

a) The CONDITIONS AND DYNAMICS of cooperation and conflict at all levels, with special reference to large-scale violent conflicts, including war.

b) The FACTORS within and across social systems which cause them to approach or avoid constructive or destructive conflicts. This requires a multi-disciplinary pooling of knowledge.

c) The PROCESS of preventing, managing, resolving and transforming conflicts and building peace, including such specific proposals as the modification of existing social or political institutions or the creation of new ones. 'Building peace' includes research into underlying asymmetries and inequalities and their implications. It also includes research and activities related to exploration of the creative dimensions of what has been termed positive peace.

d) The LIKELY CONSEQUENCES of particular policies and proposals intended to avoid, resolve or control conflicts, or to increase cooperation between groups of individuals, the steps necessary to realise such proposals, and possible obstacles in their way. This includes research into the link between theory and practice.

e) Any other problems directly relevant to conflict and cooperative behaviour. The investigation and study is directed as far as possible towards finding factual evidence and objective criteria for testing theories and hypotheses. This includes the aim of relating quantitative and qualitative data.

To this end the Society organizes an annual conference and occasionally other meetings. It publishes a newsletter for the benefit of members. It gives an annual Book Prize to the most outstanding book in its field every year, and awards a prize for the best piece of PhD research. It occasionally offers small travel grants to PhD researchers in its area. It promotes the exchange of news and information in the conflict research and practice field through its website, twitter feed and networking.

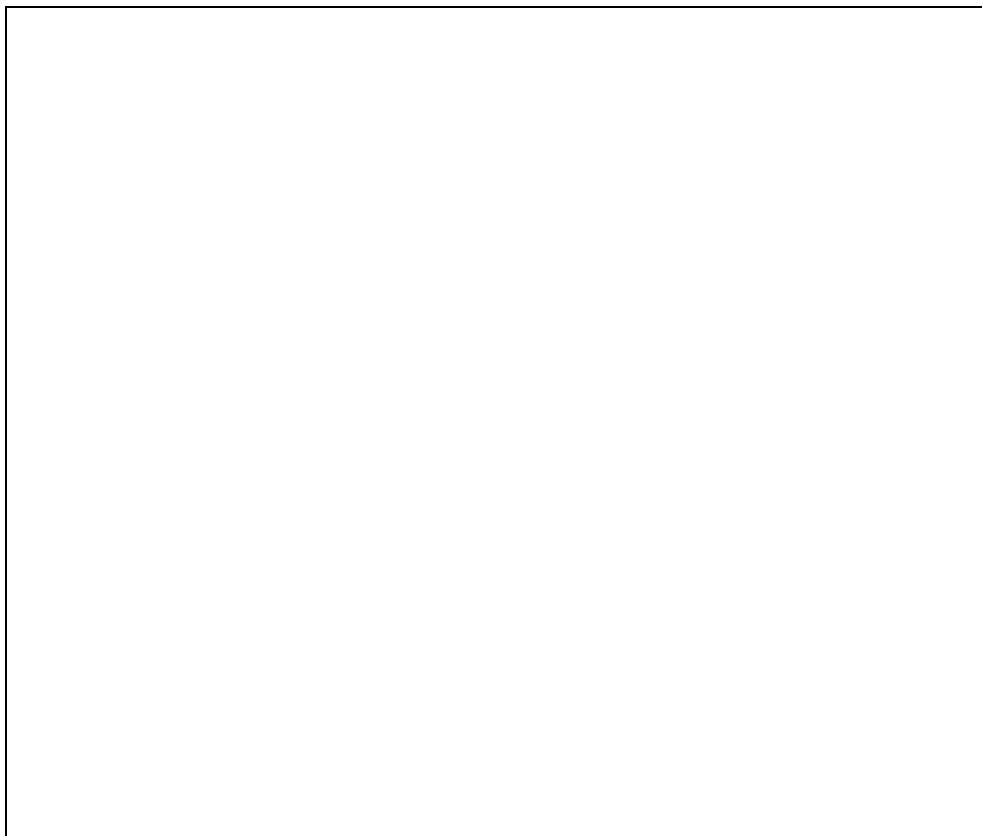
In organizing these activities the trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The 2022 conference was a huge success, with around 200 participants, from more than 100 institutions. This was a hybrid event, with one online and two in-person days, which allowed participants to attend from across the world.

Across the board the feedback we received was that this was the best CRS conference many had ever attended, and multiple people suggested this was perhaps their best ever conference experience

The quality of the work presented was incredible, and the warm and welcoming environment that has become the hallmark of the CRS was back stronger than ever.

The conference opened with a Keynote address by Richard English. This was the perfect start to the event, in particular the emphasis on interdisciplinary, the reference to research using different methods, and the clear link to policy and practice. It is hard to imagine a talk more in keeping with the ethos of the CRS.

A highlight for many was the lunchtime keynote conversation between Pat Magee (a former member of the IRA who was jailed for his part in the Brighton bombing) and Jo Berry (the daughter of one of his victims). This was an emotional and powerful event, that brought in an important (and often missing from academic conferences) human dimension.

The prize giving ceremony involved an impressive online presentation from this years book prize winner - Paul Staniland.

It also featured the inaugural presentation of the CRS medal for outstanding contribution to the CRS - to Oliver Ramsbotham. This was one of the highlights of the conference for me, as Oliver offered some pitch perfect remarks, reflecting on the development of conflict/peace studies, and the role of the CRS - in particular drawing attention to the return of the CRS to the forefront of the discipline. These short remarks really helped to demonstrate the lineage and longstanding role of the CRS, which I think was very powerful for new members to feel part of the an established and important community. Congratulations again to Oliver. I am now very excited that this award will become a regular feature of the conference in the years ahead.

During the conference the CRS also conducted a council meeting. During this meeting the council passed on their most sincere gratitude to Kit Rickard for all of his work managing the website (while also serving a secretary). With the growing size, and increased reliance on technology, this has become a significant role, thus moving forward we will need to consider ways of sharing this work around.

The council also shared its deep gratitude to Hilary Adams, for her invaluable work as treasurer.

John Gledhill presented the membership report, which showed record number of members.

The council also approved a new governance structure.

Throughout the year the Council continued to meet online and discuss matters by email, and individual Council members and members of the Society participated in a wide range of activities which promote conflict

research and practice; we heard a round-up of these activities in our Council meetings.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Society made a surplus in the current year of £6,765 which when added to the surplus brought forward of £43,229 leaves a balance to carry forward of £49,994. The Society holds no restricted funds and keeps all its funds in a bank account.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F


Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Dr Govinda Clayton	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	10.07.23	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Conflict Research Society	No (if any) 306136
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01. Jan 22	To	Period end date 31. Dez 22
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Conference fees	25'023		-	25'023	9'628
Membership	794		-	794	1'566
Grant	1'000		-	1'000	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	26'817	-	-	26'817	11'194
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	26'817	-	-	26'817	11'194
A3 Payments					
Awards & prizes	210	-	-	210	100
Website	434	-	-	434	298
Newsletter & admin	1'672	-	-	1'672	1'018
Conference costs	17'068	-	-	17'068	9'153
Bank & paypal charges	668	-	-	668	317
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
Sub total	20'052	-	-	20'052	10'886
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	20'052	-	-	20'052	10'886
Net of receipts/(payments)	6'765	-	-	6'765	308
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	43'229		-	43'229	42'921
Cash funds this year end	49'994	-	-	49'994	43'229

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Bank	22'357		-
	Paypal	27'637	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	49'994	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/12/2022

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Signed:

Date:

24/05/2023

Name:

Lu Li

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

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London, NW3 4BL

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