

The British Trauma Society

Charity Number: 328436

Unaudited Accounts

for the year ended

30th April 2024

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The British Trauma Society

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The British Trauma Society
Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 30th April 2024

The Trustees present their annual report and the unaudited financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 30th April 2024. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the Charity.

Structure, governance and management

The British Trauma Society known as "The BTS" is a Charitable Trust, charity number 328436.

The Charity is governed by its Constitution, which was last amended in 2007, except for minuted alterations in the AGM.

The BTS had a committee consisting of the following at year end:

President	-	Mr Ansar Mahmood
Past President	-	Mr AD Patel
Treasurer	-	Mr Rory Bonner and ex-officio Mr Stuart Matthews
Secretary	-	Dr Sarafina Vatharkar
Education Director & Deputy	-	Professor Ian Pallister & Ms Justine Lee
Medical Student Liaison Officer	-	Dr Jamie Large
Comms Officer	-	Mr Paul Andrzejowski
International Liaison	-	Mr Uday Mahajan

The Trustees are re-elected on an annual basis by the Members of the Association and are authorised to appoint new trustees to fill vacancies arising through resignation or death of an existing trustee.

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

The aim of the BTS is to promote multi-disciplinary education and research into the care of the injured patient.

In the past the main activity is the peripatetic Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM). This is open to members and non-members of different medical specialities, nursing and professions allied to medicine to submit and present their clinical or scientific research into matters relating to injured patients. Financial prizes are awarded for the best presentations in a variety of categories to support and encourage further research.

The meeting is generally held over 2 days and is preceded by educational courses on a variety of trauma related topics with key speakers of internationally renowned workers in the field of trauma care.

Attendance at the ASM brings Continuing Professional Development points (CPD), available to all attendees and is essential for the revalidation of doctors.

The BTS may provide financial support to members and will consider non-members on application, for either the purposes of visiting other trauma units or supporting research projects. In return, there is an expectation that a presentation be made regarding the completed visit or research.

The benefits to the public are indirect via the education and knowledge of the medical professions allied to medicine in order to improve the care of the injured patient as well as supporting scientific and clinical research to improve survival after injury and outcomes following survival.

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

The BTS is affiliated to the British Orthopaedic Society and is a member of the Board of Specialist Societies of the British Orthopaedic Association, notwithstanding their multidisciplinary membership. The BTS is also allied with ESTES the European Society of Trauma & Emergency.

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Achievements and performance

The Charity's funding comes from the following main sources:

- Membership
- Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) – attending delegates
- Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) – supporting trade companies
- Educational Workshops

i) **Membership:**

Membership is open to all medical specialists that deal with trauma at all grades of seniority, including medical students. Membership is also open to all professions & scientists allied to medicine who have an interest in managing the injured patient.

Benefits for membership include concessionary rates for the ASM as well as free educational content and subsidised training courses. Due to global pandemic concessionary membership rates were offered of only £20 to become a new member of the society and this will continue throughout 2024 for new members only for the first year only, while increasing discounted rates to existing members for all the educational content very significantly, in some cases providing it for free.

ii) **ASM:**

The annual scientific meeting of the society was in Cardiff and ran as a hybrid international meeting, with UK delegates in-person but an online live link for international delegates.

The founding member's vision was to form a society to serve the purposes of the care of the injured patient through participation of a multiple relevant specialties in a multidisciplinary approach, and this idea was reinforced at this meeting with keynote speakers of renown from many disciplines and leading scientists presenting updates on their research in the field of trauma which very well received indeed.

iii) **Grant/Research Funding:**

No grant applications were received during the course of the year.

iv) **Other activity:**

ESTES Member of the BTS

BTS have now joined with European Society Trauma and Emergency Surgery (ESTES). This organisation is made up of 30 national societies and institutions related to the field of trauma and emergency surgery with a combined membership of over 9,000. This relationship has continued at the same level for this year.

Educational course

A fully booked and in fact over-subscribed pre-conference course was structured and run with excellent feedback from delegates who were mostly trainee doctors but also some allied healthcare professionals.

Financial Review

The results for the year can be seen on page 5. The Charity has increased its reserves for the second time running, with the increase last year being the first in a number of years, now holding general funds of £84,294 as at 30th April 2024 (2023: £55,347). The trustees are satisfied that these are sufficient to support the future aims of the charity.

Trustees

The following trustees held office during the year and since the year end:

Mr A D Patel, Consultant Orthopaedic & Trauma Surgeon
The Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital, Norfolk NR4 7UY

Mr Ansar Mahmood, Consultant Trauma & Orthopaedic Surgeon
Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham B15 2TH

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This report was approved by the Trustees on 27th February 2025 and signed by:

Mr Ansar Mahmood
On behalf of the Trustees

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The British Trauma Society

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th April 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the 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.

**B Hayes FCA, Partner
Wenn Townsend
Chartered Accountants
Oxford**

27th February 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 30th April 2024

	Total 2024	Total 2023
Income from:		
Sponsorship	34,510	12,430
Membership fees	14,474	12,795
Surplus from the annual clinical meeting	-	2,398
Bank interest	192	35
Total income	<u>49,176</u>	<u>27,658</u>
Expenditure on:		
Deficit on annual clinical meeting	7,795	-
Accountancy	900	960
Research grants and prizes	1,500	1,350
Database and website	3,259	2,923
ESTES/BSS meeting costs	2,081	483
Dinners, travel and guest speakers	3,832	1,322
Administration and advertising	862	1,372
Total expenditure	<u>20,229</u>	<u>8,410</u>
Net income	28,947	19,248
Total funds brought forward	<u>55,347</u>	<u>36,099</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u>£ 84,294</u>	<u>£ 55,347</u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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**Balance Sheet
30th April 2024**

	Note	2024	2023
Current assets			
Debtors – prepayments		1,525	5,487
Cash at bank and in hand		83,669	50,760
		<u>85,194</u>	<u>56,247</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	4	<u>(900)</u>	<u>(900)</u>
Net current assets		<u>84,294</u>	<u>55,347</u>
Net assets		<u>£ 84,294</u>	<u>£ 55,347</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>£ 84,294</u>	<u>£ 55,347</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 27th February 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

A Mahmood
Trustee

The notes on pages 7 to 8 form part of these accounts

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Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 30th April 2024

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation of the accounts

The British Trauma Society is a charitable trust in England. The address of the principal office is given in the charity information page these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are as noted in the Trustees' Report.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

b) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds 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.

c) Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

d) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

e) Irrecoverable VAT

The Charity is not registered for VAT and hence is unable to recover VAT on expenditure incurred. All costs are shown inclusive of VAT on them.

(f) Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

(g) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

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**Notes to the Accounts (continued)
for the year ended 30th April 2024**

2. Independent examiner's remuneration

The independent examiner's remuneration amounted to £900 (2023: £960).

3. Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year (2023: £nil).

The charity does not have any employees. The Trust therefore considers its key management personnel comprise the trustees.

The trustees were reimbursed for travelling, meeting and software licence expenses totalling £476 during the year (2023: £557).

4. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
Accruals	£ 900	£ 900
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