



# SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF NATURAL HISTORY

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and financial statement of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2019.

### MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS 31 December 2019

**REGISTERED CHARITY NAME:** The Society for the History of Natural History  
**CHARITY NUMBER:** 210355

c/o The Natural History Museum  
Cromwell Road  
London  
SW7 5BD

**TRUSTEES:** Dr Isabelle Charmantier  
Prof Peter Davis  
Ms Gina Douglas  
Mr Jan Freedman  
Mr Geoff Hancock  
Ms Jo Hatton  
Ms Eleanor Larsson  
Mr William Noblett  
Mr Herman Reichenbach  
Dr Geraldine Reid  
Ms Margaret Reilly  
Ms Felicity Roberts  
Dr Stanislav Strekopytov  
Ms Ann Sylph

#### Reference and administrative details

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of members of the board and professional advisers above.

#### Trustees

The trustees who served the charity during the year are the Officers and Council members as listed above. Dr Charmantier resigned from Council in January 2020 so she served only for first half of the period between the Annual General Meetings.

#### Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The Society for the History of Natural History requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Society's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the charity will not continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law and the Society's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Society and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**For the year ended 31st December 2019**

	Total Funds 2018 £	Total Funds 2019 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
Conferences and Meetings	3195.00	5732.78
Donation	500.00	00.00
EUP	10270.33	11361.07
Other incoming resources <sup>1</sup>	1511.83	15.00
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<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>15477.16</b>	<b>17108.85</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		
Archives	3280.62	2496.36
Awards and Prizes <sup>2</sup>	930.00	581.70
Bank Charges	60.00	62.00
Conferences & Meetings <sup>3</sup>	2655.75	6606.40
Council Administration	1788.33	1063.19
Medals & engraving	173.51	147.50
Newsletter <sup>4</sup>	3152.77	4348.53
Overpayment	100.00	00.00
Postage	734.84	324.12
Website	1576.12	1648.37
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<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>14451.94</b>	<b>17178.17</b>
<b>Net Incoming Resources</b>	<b>1025.22</b>	<b>(69.32)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>		
Totals brought forward	14188.35	15213.57
Total funds carried forward	15213.57	15144.25
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash at Bank	<b>15213.57</b>	<b>15144.25</b>

**Notes to the 2019 Accounts**

1. Sale of three copies of *History and Mystery*.
2. Includes payment to the Stearn Essay winner, sponsorship of the NHM Graduate Students' meeting, sponsorship of two student delegates to the York AGM and a Wheeler Bursary.
3. Includes £1673.60 payment for the 2018 AGM at Liverpool Museum. This payment was delayed because of an accounting problem at the Museum. In normal circumstances this payment would have appeared in the 2018 accounts.
4. This figure reflects the final move from the NHM to a different distributor only partially reflected in the 2018 accounts.

**A result of Coronavirus will be no expenditure on a 2020 AGM and lower spending on 2020 Council meetings.**