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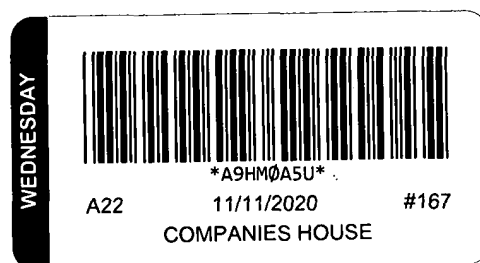
Society of Professional Economists

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 30 June 2020

Blue Spire Limited
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Cawley Priory
South Pallant
Chichester
West Sussex
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Company Information

Directors	K J Daly (Chairman) Dame K M Barker G E Buckley (Vice Chairman) J H Lambert (Honorary Treasurer) S Curtis (Honorary Secretary) C V Connolly U Hotopp S Krishnan S Meredith I Mulheirn M T Pisani A Rowlatt
Company secretary	S Curtis
Registered office	Cawley Priory South Pallant Chichester West Sussex PO19 1SY
Auditors	Blue Spire Limited Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors Cawley Priory South Pallant Chichester West Sussex PO19 1SY

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Directors' Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2020

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2020.

Directors of the company

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

K J Daly (Chairman)

Dame K M Barker

G E Buckley (Vice Chairman)

J H Lambert (Honorary Treasurer)

S Curtis (Honorary Secretary)

C V Connolly

U Hotopp (appointed 1 April 2020)

S Krishnan

A Majumdar (resigned 31 March 2020)

S Meredith

I Mulheirn

R Newton-Smith (resigned 31 March 2020)

M T Pisani (appointed 1 April 2020)

A Rowlatt

Directors' reappointment

At the Society's AGM on 25 November 2019 Kevin Daly, Adrian Majumdar, Stephen Meredith and Ian Mulheirn retired by rotation. Kevin Daly, Adrian Majumdar, Stephen Meredith and Ian Mulheirn were eligible and offered themselves for re-election. Additionally Catherine Connolly offered herself for election. The election of all candidates passed unanimously.

At the Society's forthcoming AGM on 23 November 2020 Sandra Curtis, James Lambert, Sunil Krishnan and Amanda Rowlatt will retire by rotation. Sandra Curtis, James Lambert, Sunil Krishnan and Amanda Rowlatt are eligible and have offered themselves for re-election.

Disclosure of information to the auditors

Each director has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information. The directors confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditors are unaware.

Reappointment of auditors

In accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution for the re-appointment of Blue Spire Limited as auditors of the company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

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Directors' Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2020

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board on 2 November 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

Sandra Curtis

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S Curtis
Company secretary

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Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Society of Professional Economists

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Society of Professional Economists (the 'company') for the year ended 30 June 2020, which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, and Notes to the Financial Statements, 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 FRS 102 Section 1A 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 June 2020 and of its profit 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 Companies Act 2006.

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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC'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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

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Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Directors' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities [set out on page 4], the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors 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 directors are responsible for assessing the company'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 directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 auditor's 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.

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 auditor's report.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Society of Professional Economists

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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Geoffrey Frost BSc(Hons) FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Blue Spire Limited, Statutory Auditor

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09 November 2020
Date:.....

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Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 30 June 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Turnover		73,610	57,285
Administrative expenses		(84,894)	(91,163)
Other operating income		<u>37,375</u>	<u>44,849</u>
Operating surplus		<u>26,091</u>	<u>10,971</u>
Other interest receivable and similar income		<u>5,192</u>	<u>6,406</u>
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Surplus before tax		31,283	17,377
Taxation		<u>(29)</u>	<u>(12)</u>
Surplus for the financial year		<u><u>31,254</u></u>	<u><u>17,365</u></u>

The above results were derived from continuing operations.

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Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	4	-	11
Other financial assets	5	185,737	203,615
		<u>185,737</u>	<u>203,626</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	6	7,018	1,325
Cash at bank and in hand		106,915	57,023
		<u>113,933</u>	<u>58,348</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(25,895)</u>	<u>(24,348)</u>
Net current assets		<u>88,038</u>	<u>34,000</u>
Net assets		<u>273,775</u>	<u>237,626</u>
Capital and reserves			
Revaluation reserve		106,398	101,503
Profit and loss account		<u>167,377</u>	<u>136,123</u>
Total equity		<u>273,775</u>	<u>237,626</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved and authorised by the Board on 2 November 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

Kevin Daly

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K J Daly (Chairman)

Director

James Lambert

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J H Lambert (Honorary Treasurer)

Director

The notes on pages 11 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Equity for the Year Ended 30 June 2020

	Revaluation reserve £	Profit and loss account £	Total £
At 1 July 2019	101,503	136,123	237,626
Surplus for the year	-	31,254	31,254
Other comprehensive income	4,895	-	4,895
Total comprehensive income	4,895	31,254	36,149
At 30 June 2020	106,398	167,377	273,775
	Revaluation reserve £	Profit and loss account £	Total £
At 1 July 2018	111,285	118,758	230,043
Surplus for the year	-	17,365	17,365
Other comprehensive income	(9,782)	-	(9,782)
Total comprehensive income	(9,782)	17,365	7,583
At 30 June 2019	101,503	136,123	237,626

The notes on pages 11 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2020

1 General information

The company (reg. no. 00667616) is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the company in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

Cawley Priory
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These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board on 2 November 2020.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the company and rounded to the nearest £1.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

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

Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 Section 1A - 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared using the historical cost convention except that as disclosed in the accounting policies certain items are shown at fair value.

Revenue recognition

Turnover comprises the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the sale of goods and provision of services in the ordinary course of the company's activities. Turnover is shown net of sales/value added tax, returns, rebates and discounts.

The company recognises revenue when:

The amount of revenue can be reliably measured;
it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity;
and specific criteria have been met for each of the company's activities.

Tax

The tax expense for the period comprises current tax. Tax is recognised in profit or loss, except that a change attributable to an item of income or expense recognised as other comprehensive income is also recognised *directly in other comprehensive income*.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date in the countries where the company operates and generates taxable income.

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Tangible assets

Tangible assets are stated in the statement of financial position at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

The cost of tangible assets includes directly attributable incremental costs incurred in their acquisition and installation.

Depreciation

Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost of assets, other than land and properties under construction over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Office Equipment	4 years straight line

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the company does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

3 Auditors' remuneration

	2020 £	2019 £
Audit of the financial statements	1,900	1,900
Other fees to auditors		
All other non-audit services	3,200	3,200

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2020

4 Tangible assets

	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation		
At 1 July 2019	414	414
At 30 June 2020	414	414
Depreciation		
At 1 July 2019	403	403
Charge for the year	11	11
At 30 June 2020	414	414
Carrying amount		
At 30 June 2020	-	-
At 30 June 2019	11	11

5 Other financial assets (current and non-current)

	Listed investments at fair value through profit and loss £	Unlisted investments at fair value through profit and loss £	Total £
Non-current financial assets			
Valuation			
At 1 July 2019	74,700	128,915	203,615
Fair value adjustments	18,900	-	18,900
Fair value adjustments	-	(6,640)	(6,640)
Disposals	-	(30,138)	(30,138)
At 30 June 2020	93,600	92,137	185,737
Impairment			
Carrying amount			
At 30 June 2020	93,600	92,137	185,737

The market value of the listed investments at 30 June 2020 was £93,600 (2019 - £74,700).

The market value of the unlisted investments at 30 June 2020 was £92,137 (2019 - £128,915).

The historic cost of the listed investments is £2,567 (2019 - £2,567) and the unlisted investments is £76,772 (2019 - £99,545).

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2020

6 Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade debtors	4,200	-
Other debtors	2,818	1,325
	<u>7,018</u>	<u>1,325</u>

7 Creditors

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Due within one year		
Trade creditors	5,566	604
Accruals and deferred income	1,900	2,700
Other creditors	18,429	21,044
	<u>25,895</u>	<u>24,348</u>

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Detailed Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 30 June 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Turnover (analysed below)	<u>73,610</u>	<u>57,285</u>
Gross surplus (%)	100%	100%
Administrative expenses		
Establishment costs (analysed below)	(484)	(504)
General administrative expenses (analysed below)	(55,316)	(54,421)
Finance charges (analysed below)	(3,113)	(2,300)
Depreciation costs (analysed below)	(11)	(138)
Other expenses (analysed below)	<u>(25,970)</u>	<u>(33,800)</u>
	(84,894)	(91,163)
Other operating income (analysed below)	<u>37,375</u>	<u>44,849</u>
Operating surplus	26,091	10,971
Other interest receivable and similar income (analysed below)	<u>5,192</u>	<u>6,406</u>
Surplus before tax	<u><u>31,283</u></u>	<u><u>17,377</u></u>

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Detailed Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 30 June 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Turnover		
Membership subscriptions	<u>73,610</u>	<u>57,285</u>
Establishment costs		
Insurance	<u>484</u>	<u>504</u>
General administrative expenses		
Secretarial service fees	47,229	44,228
Computer expenses	192	-
Printing, postage and stationery	310	20
Website costs	2,244	1,746
Sundry expenses	228	-
Travel and subsistence	-	257
Auditors remuneration - current year	1,900	1,900
Auditors' remuneration - non audit work	3,200	3,200
Consultancy fees	-	3,000
Legal and professional fees	<u>13</u>	<u>70</u>
	<u>55,316</u>	<u>54,421</u>
Finance charges		
Bank charges and credit card charges	<u>3,113</u>	<u>2,300</u>
Depreciation costs		
Depreciation of office equipment (owned)	<u>11</u>	<u>138</u>
Other expenses		
Conferences and dinners	17,743	18,023
Yearbook	1,688	1,997
Rybczynski prize expenses	3,000	3,000
Irrecoverable VAT	10,904	10,780
(Gain)/loss on disposal of fixed asset Investments - held for sale	<u>(7,365)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>25,970</u>	<u>33,800</u>
Other operating income		
Sponsorship of Rybczynski prize	3,000	6,000
Conferences and dinners	33,650	35,849
Advertising (SBE)	<u>725</u>	<u>3,000</u>
	<u>37,375</u>	<u>44,849</u>
Other interest receivable and similar income		
Bank interest receivable	150	75
Dividend income	<u>5,042</u>	<u>6,331</u>
	<u>5,192</u>	<u>6,406</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements.