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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1015921

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020
FOR
SURGICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY**

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SURGICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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SURGICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Principle Objectives

The charity's principal objective as set out in its Memorandum of Association is the advancement of public education in the fields of surgery and clinical practice and their attendant sciences, by the conduct of research into such subjects and the publication of such research.

The following have been adopted in order to further the charity's principal objective:-

- a) To provide for the interchange of information about research related to surgery and surgical disease.
- b) To foster interchange between surgical science and clinical practice.
- c) To promote humanity and high ethical standards in clinical and experimental research.
- d) To comment on the standard, place and educational value of surgical research in the training of surgeons.
- e) To maintain high standards of scientific evaluation of surgical research by ensuring that the format, quality of slides and illustrations, clarity of presentation and ability to respond to questioning of presentations to the society are of the highest quality.
- f) To promote surgical research by providing travelling scholarships and/or research grants.
- g) To promote the interchange of information internationally through collaboration with other national surgical societies.
- h) To maintain low subscriptions and registration fees to encourage young research workers in surgery to participate in the activity of the society.

Development activities and achievements

The remit of the Society is to foster surgical research that encompasses all surgical specialties and 2020 was another successful year.

The 2020 SARS Annual Meeting was held on line despite COVID and was hosted by the President Professor Arnold Hill with significant administrative support from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. A significant sum of money was raised from industry and for the first time we held a Dragon's Den session which heard presentations from collaborations throughout the UK and Ireland. A prize fund of 4000 was available for the same. In addition to this prizes were awarded for all sessions during the online conference which ran every Tuesday and Thursday evening during the month of October 2020.

The Society has continued to promote the interchange of information internationally through presentations at our sister societies in Europe, South Africa and America and we also welcomed representatives from these societies to our on-line meeting.

The financial pressures on the Society continue but it remains committed to its members and so has maintained very low membership fees, which is reflected in the Society's income. SARS Council would like to acknowledge the significant administrative support that is provided by Marie-Louise Brennan at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland free of charge.

There is still a healthy reserve of funds which can be accessed if needed in the near future.

Public benefit

All our charitable activities explained above are undertaken to further the advancement of public education in the fields of surgery by the conduct of research, for the public benefit.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment policy and objectives

The Charity's powers of investment are governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain a break-even position year on year based on normal activities. The unrestricted reserves brought forward represent surpluses arising in previous years and are to be used to cover shortfalls on years where a break-even position is not attained, and also to provide for one-off grants, including research fellowships, should a suitable project arise.

At 31 December 2020, unrestricted funds were £135,184 (2019 £129,154).

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review of the transactions and financial position of the charity

The charity generated a deficit for the year of £38 before the realised losses on investments of £4,088, and the unrealised gains on investments amounting to £10,156. The resulting net surplus for the year of £6,030 has been added to reserves brought forward.

The directors have continued to explore the possibility for obtaining charitable donations from industry.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, its Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a charitable company limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The directors are appointed according to the Article of Association and are referred to as the "Council of Management".

Organisation

The charity is managed by the Council of Management. There are no paid employees and secretarial services are paid for on a six monthly basis through the Royal College of Surgeons of England, which also provides the postal address.

The sub-committees of the society continue to include;

Programme Committee

Membership Committee

Education/Professional Development Committee

The secretariat based at the Royal College of Surgeons of England continues to be a success with continued improvement in the administration of the Society.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 4 November 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Professor S White - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SURGICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Surgical Research Society ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

Miss P. A. Richards F.C.A., D.Ch.A
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4 November 2021

SURGICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

		2020 Unrestricted fund £	2019 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies		11,414	9,568
Investment income	2	<u>2,655</u>	<u>3,021</u>
Total		14,069	12,589
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	3	1,205	1,201
Charitable activities	4		
Meetings & Journals		12,902	9,663
Total		<u>14,107</u>	<u>10,864</u>
Net gains on investments		<u>6,068</u>	<u>15,340</u>
NET INCOME		6,030	17,065
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		129,154	112,089
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>135,184</u>	<u>129,154</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

SURGICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY (REGISTERED NUMBER: 02767055)

**BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Notes	2020 Unrestricted fund £	2019 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	8	129,065	124,388
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	9	-	2,901
Cash at bank		<u>22,274</u>	<u>9,297</u>
		22,274	12,198
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(16,155)	(7,432)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>6,119</u>	<u>4,766</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		135,184	129,154
NET ASSETS		<u>135,184</u>	<u>129,154</u>
FUNDS	11		
Unrestricted funds		<u>135,184</u>	<u>129,154</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>135,184</u>	<u>129,154</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 4 November 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

S White - Trustee

SURGICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds. It is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2020	2019
	£	£
Investment income	2,652	3,015
Deposit account interest	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
	<u><u>2,655</u></u>	<u><u>3,021</u></u>

3. RAISING FUNDS

Investment management costs

	2020	2019
	£	£
Investment advice	<u><u>1,205</u></u>	<u><u>1,201</u></u>

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4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs £	Totals £
Meetings & Journals	<u>8,136</u>	<u>4,766</u>	<u>12,902</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Trustees' expenses

Two trustees were reimbursed a total of £432 for travel and incidental expenses incurred during the year.

6. STAFF COSTS

The charity does not directly employ staff, but pays fees for secretarial services provided.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	9,568
Investment income	<u>3,021</u>
Total	<u>12,589</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	1,201
 Charitable activities	
Meetings & Journals	9,663
Total	<u>10,864</u>
Net gains on investments	<u>15,340</u>
NET INCOME	<u>17,065</u>
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	112,089
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>129,154</u></u>

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8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed Investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 January 2020	124,388
Additions	45,318
Disposals	(46,709)
Realised losses	(4,088)
Unrealised gains	10,156

At 31 December 2020	129,065
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NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2020	129,065
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At 31 December 2019	124,388
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The historical cost of the fixed asset investments was £106,497 at 31st December 2020 (2019 - £106,519).

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>-</u>	<u>2,901</u>

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Accruals and prepaid income	<u>16,155</u>	<u>7,432</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	129,154	6,030	135,184
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>129,154</u>	<u>6,030</u>	<u>135,184</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	14,069	(14,107)	6,068	6,030
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>14,069</u>	<u>(14,107)</u>	<u>6,068</u>	<u>6,030</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	112,089	17,065	129,154
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>112,089</u>	<u>17,065</u>	<u>129,154</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	12,589	(10,864)	15,340	17,065
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>12,589</u>	<u>(10,864)</u>	<u>15,340</u>	<u>17,065</u>

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2020.

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