

The Society for the Study of Behavioural Phenotypes

**Report of the Trustees and Financial
Statements for the Year ended 31st December 2024**

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for the Year ended 31st December 2024**

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Charity Information for the Year ended 31 December 2024

Charity commission number: 1013849

Principal address: 32 Willows Road
Bourne End
Bucks
SL8 5HG

Governing document: Constitution adopted 20 November 1991

Trustees & Governors:

<u>Name of Trustee</u>	<u>Office Held</u>
Prof P Howlin	Life President
Prof P de Vries	President
Assc Prof H Heussler	Chairperson
Dr A Jansen	Hon. Secretary
Dr J Waite	Hon. Treasurer

Accountants: Hardcastle Burton LLP
Chartered Accountants
Lake House
Market Hill
Royston
Hertfordshire
SG8 9JN

Bankers: HSBC
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Peckham
London
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The Society for the Study of Behavioural Phenotypes
Trustees Report
for the Year ended 31 December 2024

The Trustees submit their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. The Society is registered as a charity in the UK (No. 1013849). Its objective is the relief of persons suffering from biologically determined neurodevelopmental disorders, in particular by promoting research into the effects and treatment of such disorders.

Trustees

The trustees who have served during the whole of the period from 1 January 2024 to the date of this report are as follows:

Assoc Prof H Heussler
Dr A Jansen
Prof P Howlin
Dr J Waite

Prof P de Vries was appointed as a trustee after 31 December 2024 but prior to the date of this report.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Society is governed by a constitution and managed on a day-to-day basis by an administrator, an executive committee and 5 Trustees (as listed on page 1).

New Trustees are appointed and approved by the existing board as and when required.

During the year the Society voted to establish the position of Life President as well as having a President. The Life President would also be a Trustee of the charity.

Public Benefit

The trustees have had due regard for the Charity Commission's published guidance on public benefit.

Trustees' responsibilities

Law applicable to Charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year that summarise the charity's receipts and payments during the year and its assets and liabilities at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements the Trustees should follow best practice and:

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Objectives and activities

In order to achieve compliance with the statement of policy, the Society for the Study of Behavioural Phenotypes has set the following objectives:

- to advance knowledge by the promotion and facilitation of research into the behavioural aspects of organic disorders of the brain occurring in early life;
- to organise scientific meetings with the specific objective of bringing together active research workers in the range of disciplines that contribute to the aims of the Society;
- to foster and support those aspects of the work of other charitable organizations and learned societies that are relevant to the aim of the Society;
- to disseminate by publications or by other suitable means, information that shall further the above objectives and promote awareness of behavioural phenotypes;
- to ensure that research promoted by or reported through the Society conforms to the highest ethical standards;
- to raise funds and invite and receive contributions from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscriptions and otherwise provided that the Society shall not undertake permanent trading activities in raising funds for the same object.

Achievements and Performance

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, in accordance with the provisions of the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees are pleased with the success of the 2024 conference in Bali. Whilst it was always expected that a conference in this location would not generate a profit, it was important that the SSBP conferences should be held in different parts of the world, particularly in areas where local attendees may not otherwise be able to travel to Europe. Valuable connections have been made with Malaysian and Indonesian attendees.

Financial Review

At 31 December 2024 the Society had £103,106 in assets. The present assets represent a reasonably strong position. This is due to the careful planning and budgeting of the Society's conferences. Members' subscriptions also provide an important source of steady income to the Society, and we need to sustain or increase these, without losing sight of the Society's distinctive family atmosphere.

Reserves

The Charity's principal source of income are fees received from individuals for attendance at the annual conference. The Charity is not dependant on the support of any one individual.

The Charity aims to generate sufficient funds to meet its charitable objectives and expenses. Any funds generated in excess of outgoings will be used to accumulate reserves.

The Trustees believe that the Charity's available resources are adequate to ensure that it can continue to achieve its aims and objectives.

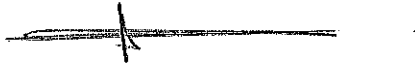
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Plans for Future Periods

The assets reported are consistent with the Reserves Policy agreed by the Committee, to allow the Society to withstand a major loss on a conference and maintain the administration to allow the Society to mount a successful conference in the following year. Currently the Society's annual scientific meeting represents by far its greatest recurring financial outlay. The Committee works closely with the local organisers in developing the budget for the meeting, and the Treasurer continues to monitor progress. However, in the event of unforeseen over-expenditure, the society remains financially exposed.

The Trustees are extremely grateful to Executive Committee members and others for volunteering their time and expertise to maintain and develop the Society.

This report was approved by the Trustees on ...~~3~~...~~SEPTEMBER~~ 2024

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Dr A Jansen (Hon. Secretary)

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Report of the Independent Examiners
for the Year ended 31 December 2024

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

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').

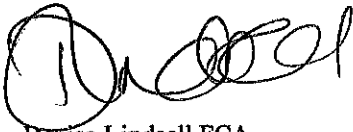
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiners' 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

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.



Denise Lindsell FCA
for and behalf of Hardcastle Burton LLP
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor
Lake House
Market Hill
Royston
Herts SG8 9JN

Date: 29/9/2025

The Society for the Study of Behavioural Phenotypes
Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31 December 2024

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Year ended</u> <u>31.12.2024</u> £	<u>Year ended</u> <u>31.12.2023</u> £
<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
Membership fees		5,734	4,688
Donations and conference fees	2.1	32,257	10,830
Deposit account interest		2,344	1,574
Other		-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>40,335</u>	<u>17,092</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>			
GENERAL			
SSBP conference & general administrators' invoices		11,720	11,720
Bank charges & paypal fees		493	367
Other		185	97
Travel grants		1,500	-
Audit & accountancy		2,394	2,280
Website	2.2	-	583
		<u>16,292</u>	<u>15,047</u>
CONFERENCE EXPENSES	2.3		
Speaker expenses		1,860	-
Bank charges for speaker expenses		150	-
Venue and catering		24,773	-
Conference admin costs		3,382	-
Conference prog etc		1,130	1,155
On-line hosting expenses		-	410
Bursaries, prizes and awards		1,594	766
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>49,181</u>	<u>17,378</u>
Excess payments over receipts		(8,846)	(286)
Opening cash funds		<u>111,952</u>	<u>112,238</u>
Closing cash funds		<u><u>103,106</u></u>	<u><u>111,952</u></u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2024

	<u>31.12.24</u>	<u>31.12.23</u>
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank accounts		
HSBC Current	14,522	21,915
HSBC Deposit	48,831	47,897
PAYPAL	2,553	6,350
Virgin Money Deposit	37,200	35,790
	<u>103,106</u>	<u>111,952</u>
Closing cash funds	<u>103,106</u>	<u>111,952</u>

Dr J Waite  (Hon. Treasurer)

Assoc Prof H Heussler  (Chairperson)

Date: 3/9/2025

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Accounting Policies

1 Basis of Accounting

1.1 These financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the provisions of the Charities Act 2011.

2 Receipts and Expenditure

2.1 Conference fee income increased due to the 2024 event being held in-person. Donations were higher as no sponsorship was received for the virtual event in 2023.

2.2 The charity accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, the website provider only invoices every other year therefore the 2025 accounts will include the website costs for 2024.

2.3 Conference costs are significantly higher than 2023 as the 2024 event was held in person in Bali, Indonesia. 2023 was a virtual event therefore no venue costs were incurred only the online hosting platform

3 Trustees' Expenses

The trustee's received expenses totalling £0 (2023: £0).