Secretary's Report for the Palaeontographical Society AGM, 6th May 2026.

Held at University of Southampton.

Thank you all for coming to Southampton today, it's wonderful to be able to welcome you to our AGM and Annual Lectures. I'll be combining the Treasurer's Report and Secretary's Report, as our Treasurer Tim can't be here to read his report out.

Our last year has been busy as usual. Our Council work hard to donate their time to our charitable cause, supporting palaeontological research on UK and Irish fossils.

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This year we are saying goodbye to quite a few members of council whose terms have coincidentally come up at the same time. We're very sad to see them go. There has been lots of interest in our council positions, especially ordinary member. I think this demonstrates a real increase in engagement with the society.

Our Social media presence is still strong, and we plan to build on that in the coming year or two. We've moved away from Twitter and embraced Instagram, and our following is steadily growing. We hope to tailor more content for this channel, and of course our most popular channel, which is Facebook.

We supported a number of conferences and independent research and science communication projects. In March we paid £500 in sponsorship of the upcoming 12th European Conference on Echinoderms at UCL in July. We also sponsored work by Alice Leavey & Laura Porro

for exhibit 'Immortalising Natural History in 3D', a Royal Society exhibition. We sponsored the Andy Currant Memorial Event.

Our membership remains steady, and we are enormously grateful for the support of our members. For those of you in the audience who are not yet members, we hope you enjoy today's AGM and Annual Lectures, and that you'll consider joining us, to enable us to continue our work supporting the Palaeontological Community in the UK. We produce a newsletter – which I apologise, was delayed in distribution this year, apologies.

Our Society's focus is on fossils from the UK and Ireland, especially through our series of monographs, which have a history stretching back to the mid 1800s. Monographic work underpins our discipline – it isn't considered sexy at the moment in terms of publishing, but it is vital, and the quality of our monographs makes them stand out among a busy publishing crowd. We paid Ash Print £5181 for type setting issue 674 Gale Part 3, and we have monographs lined up for the next few years, and always welcome further proposals. Our Editors are friendly and diligent, please approach them to ask questions about publishing with us. We also have a Fund to help pay for the production of images for our monographs, The Bulman Fund. This can also be used for micro-CT scanning, so it is very useful.

This year we received a large number of applications for our Richard Owen Award, so competition was very stiff. However, we received no nominations for our Early Career Award, the Edward Forbes Prize. Please consider nominating next year! You can nominate others, or yourself, and is based on publication excellence - it comes with a cash prize! On the plus side, we decided to award 4 Richard Owen Awards instead of our usual 1-2, so we are ensuring we still support as many people as possible. As you are about to see, our winners come from different career stages, proving the versatility of this award in supporting researchers from non-professional to established researchers.

Read by Secretary, Dr Elsa Panciroli

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By Tim McCormick

Income and Expenditure Account for the Financial Year 2025 (ending 31/12/2025)

Income (£)	**2025**	**2024**	**2023**
Members subscriptions[1]	£2,547.37	£2,627.69	£2,336.52
Stocks and shares dividends	£7,264.98	£6,487.66	£6,174.98
"Hands on Palaeo" royalty	-	-	£101.76
CUP royalty	-	-	£128.60
Informa UK royalty	£5,146.92	£5,427.21	£4,960.21
Informa UK Editors Fund	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
Informa UK Typesetting contribution	£10,000.00	£10,000.00	£16,666.00
Informa UK contribution to EA Gray Award	-	£500.00	-
Bequest	£500.00	-	-
	£26,959.27	**£26,542.56**	**£31,868.07**

Expenditure (£)	**2025**	**2024**	**2023**
Annual Report printing & mailing[2]	£448.94	£904.52	-
Monograph typesetting	£12,210.00	£21,450.00	£5,464.80
T&F Print Monographs	£3,255.00	£2,975.00	-
E Forbes Prize	£250.00	£250.00	£250.00
R Owen Research Fund	£1,963.00	£589.30	£910.00
Progressive Palaeontology sponsorship (2023)	-	£500.00	-
NHM Dinosaur Conference sponsorship	-	£1,000.00	-
Toarcian Symposium sponsorship	-	£300.00	-
Here & Worcs Earth sponsorship	-	£500.00	-
Individual Sponsorship	£325.60	-	-
Pal Soc Medal	-	£31.20	-
Printing for Marsh Prize Exhibition	-	£70.00	-
PalAss Annual Meeting field trip sponsorship	£2,000.00	-	£1,000.00
AGM / Annual Address	£424.80	£197.10	£829.80
Council expenses[3]	£3,567.20	£4,364.32	£2,949.34
Website expenses[4]	£816.00	£1,044.00	-
Gray Portraits	£868.00	-	-
Legal Advice	£888.00	-	-
	£27,016.54	**£34,175.44**	**£11,403.94**

		2025	**2024**	**2023**
Balances carried forward at year start:	Current A/C	£110,957.51	£120,243.58	£101,187.47
	PayPal	£18,016.18	£16,362.99	£14,954.97
Income (see above):		£26,959.27	£26,542.56	£31,868.07
		£155,932.96	**£163,149.13**	**£148,010.51**

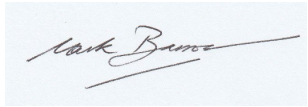
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Income over expenditure:	-£57.27	-£7,632.88	£20,464.13

Schedule of Investments and Income for 2025

	Cost (£)	**Market Value (£)**	**2025 Income (£)**
Wide Range			
8262.755 units M&G Charifund	£62,645.78	£142,742.40	£3,759.56
57797.805 units M&G Managed Growth Fund	£1,187.70	£91,089.34	£1,610.25
868 units Shires Income PLC 50p ordinary shares	£910.51	£2,747.22	£27.77
5920 units Securities Trust of Scotland Ordinary Shares	£655.27	£14,074.21	£93.89
	£65,399.26	£250,653.17	£5,491.47
SR Units			
3126.21 COIF Charity, Invest Inc	£20,061.55	£60,404.32	£1,773.51
Total Investments	£85,460.81	£311,057.49	£7,264.98
Income from Bulman Fund (extracted from above account)			
719.69 units M&G Charifund	£7,807.77	£12,435.57	£327.53
639 units M&G Charifund	£748.91	£11,041.33	£290.81
	£8,556.68	£23,476.90	£618.34

I have examined the above account, have compared it with the vouchers, books and records presented to me, and find it to be correct.



Mr A J M Barron, Examiner
29-Apr-26

Notes:

1. Subscriptions are accounted for in the year in which they are credited to the current account.
2. The cost of the 2023 Annual Report appears in the accounts for 2024.
3. Holding the 2024 AGM in Glasgow resulted in increased Council expenses.
4. Website expenses (migration & hosting) for 2023 appears in the accounts for 2024.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Palaeontographical Society

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Palaeontographical Society for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

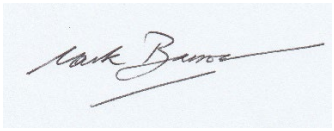
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed: 

Name: A J Mark Barron

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: 20 Highbury Road, Keyworth, Notts NG12 5JB

Date: 29th April 2026