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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

FOR

BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

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REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2025

Introduction

Report of the Directors
In accordance with Article 45 of the Articles of Association, Members of Council are the Directors of the Company by which the Society is known for purposes of registration under Company Law. The Report of Council is the Report of the Directors for the year 2025.

Report of the Trustees
In accordance with Article 45 of the Articles of Association, Members of Council are the Trustees of the Registered Charity by which the Society achieves its charitable objectives. The Report of Council is the Report of the Trustees for the year 2025. It conforms to the Charity Commission's Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2005.

Objects & Mission Statement
The primary objective for which the Society is established is to promote and further the study of the history and philosophy of science. Secondary objectives include the provision of facilities, the arrangement of meetings, the promotion of research and the publishing of papers; full details of all the objectives may be found in the Society's Memorandum of Association.

The above objectives have been expressed in a mission statement form: to foster the understanding of the history and social impact of science, technology and medicine (HSTM) in all their branches in the academic and wider communities, and to provide a national focus for the discipline.

Public benefit
The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Policies
The main policy of the Society is to provide the infrastructure to gain its objectives and in approved cases to provide financial assistance by which its members and others may benefit in some aspect of their activities whilst helping to achieve the objects of a learned Society. To achieve this overall policy, the Society maintains a world-wide membership, issues several publications, chief of which is the British Journal for the History of Science, holds regular meetings and conferences on the history of science, technology and medicine, and contributes where appropriate to debate at governmental and other levels on scientific and educational issues. In terms of direct financial benefits, membership for students, the retired and unemployed is subsidized, and reduced charges and bursaries are available for student members attending conferences. Travel costs, especially for overseas meetings, are sometimes met for individual members and others. An investment policy is in force that defines the conditions under which the Society selects and maintains its investments. Risks are reviewed and reported upon to Council annually. Reserves are built up to provide a fund in reserve against uncertainties and to give income towards the running costs of the Society not borne by members. By publishing the British Journal for the History of Science, income is created for commitments and for a reserve of charitable money.

BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

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Organisation
The controlling body of the Society is its Council. Committees are responsible to Council for various activities outlined below and several members of Council have an Officer post designated for specific responsibility. The Officers are the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor. The Conferences Committee organises a wide range of events for the Society and manages the BSHS Butler--Eyles scheme; the Outreach and Engagement Committee is concerned with coordinating and directing the Society's efforts to promote the understanding of HSTM in a wide range of educational contexts; the Finance Committee acts as the general source of advice for the Treasurer; the Grants Committee is responsible for assessing applications for the Society's various grant schemes, for making awards, and for keeping the operation of the grant schemes under review. In addition, an advisory Editorial Board continues to support the Journal Editor. Council can be advised by a number of Advisory Officers in specialist roles, and by the Executive Secretary, who is not a member of the Society. The Executive Secretary is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Society, including keeping the accounts. The Executive Secretary is under contractual terms, reviewed annually by the Council. No member of Council or the Society receives any remuneration for services to the Society but expenses are paid.

Prizes
A number of prizes are awarded, of which three are named awards, each awarded biennially. There is an essay competition, the winner of which is awarded the BSHS Singer Prize. The BSHS Hughes Prize is awarded for the best recent history of science book aimed at a general audience. The BSHS Pickstone Prize is awarded for the best history of science book aimed at a scholarly audience. Other prizes, such as the BSHS Ayrton Prize for outstanding digital projects are awarded for exhibitions and digital projects relating to the history of science. All prizes are open to members and non-members, but not to members of Council.

Review of Activities

Public Benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in s4 Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. The trustees believe that the educational and research objectives of the Society are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Council Nominations for 2025-2056 (Trustees and directors of the company)
Officers
President: Prof Chiara Ambrosio, Vice -President: Dr Rebekah Higgitt*, Secretary: Dr Alice White, Journal Editors: Dr Amanda Rees & Dr Adam Mosley*, Treasurer: Dr Ben Marsden

Ordinary Members
Dr Michael Barany,* Dr Daniel Belteki, Dr Nathan Bossoh, Dr Elaine Leong, Dr Becky Martin*, Dr Daniel Margócsy, Dr Sam Robinson*, Dr Brigitte Stenhouse, Dr Katalin Stráner, Prof Jon Topham.

*New for 2025-2026

Council: The Society's Council met on three occasions: 1 February, 26 April and 18 October.

Activities of Council Committees
Conferences Committee: The main activities of the Committee was organising the Annual Conference.

In 2025, the BSHS Annual Conference was held at the Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge, from 8-10 July, with a substantial programme of panels, accepted papers, a Presidential Address, a keynote lecture, and a reception at the Whipple Museum. The Society also supported the annual BSHS Postgraduate Conference at the University of Leeds, 25-26 April, which brought postgraduate researchers together for presentations, object-based sessions, a keynote address, networking, and community-building across the history of science, technology and medicine. The Society awarded four £500 small conference grants to Rebekah Higgitt (National Museums Scotland) for 'How much? Global histories and material cultures of accountancy and metrology; Stephanie Holt (Oxford and NHM) for 'Gilbert White and his Contexts'; Simon Werrett (UCL) for 'Experimental Histories of Science'; Elisabeth Yang (Leeds) for 'The Entangled Histories of Science, Medicine, Technology, and Childhood'. Additionally, twelve grants were made under the Butler-Eyles scheme to support attendance at the Postgraduate conference in Leeds.

Finance Committee: met before the three main BSHS Council meetings to discuss matters including: the BSHS annual budget, the BSHS annual accounts, honoraria and staff payment levels, annual and postgraduate conference budgeting, investment strategy and returns, and BSHS subscription levels. In collaboration with the BJHS Editor, particular attention continued to be devoted to the financial impact of the shift by the Society's publisher (Cambridge University Press) to an Open Access model. Responsibility for the budgets of BSHS Committees remains with the respective Chairs.

Grants Committee: The Grants Committee awarded two bursaries for Master's study and funding of up to £500 to support research projects of various kinds, on the basis of applications submitted for the deadlines of 31 March and 30 September.

Outreach and Engagement Committee:

Project Grants
OEC offers project grants of up to £500 to support engagement and outreach projects in the history of science, technology and medicine. Previous OEC Project Grant initiatives have included public events, the development of materials for schools, and work with collections and heritage sites. However, we are always hoping to be surprised by new ideas and formats.
It's pleasing to report that this year saw a rise in the number of entries to each round of the grant compared to recent years.

The **February 2025** Grant was awarded to 'Re-interpreting natural science collections for the climate & biodiversity crisis: Student-led tempo rary trail at the Great North Museum Hancock' (Dr Kristin Hussey and Dr Clare Hickman, Newcastle University).

"The project will consist of the development and delivery of a new museum trail inspired by environmental history, including 20-25 new interpretive labels for permanent display objects. These labels will be tied together by a printed leaflet and an online platform, ensuring accessibility for remote audiences. This initiative will engage second-year Undergraduate history students from Newcastle University in collaboration with the Great North Museum Hancock Learning and Public Engagement teams".

The **May 2025** Project Grant was awarded "Three Hidden History Songs" (Helen Arney, Jenni Pinnock, Brian Mackenwells) In this project we will research, write, perform and record three songs about under-represented women from STEM history aspart of our musical about science students at 1880s Girton College: "The Cambridge First All-Ladies Fire Brigade".

The funding we are applying for will specifically support the recording, editing and accessible captioning of three songs and shareable videos, and cover travel costs for research trips and rehearsal days. The subjects for our three proposed songs are: Charlotte Scott: Mathematician and first woman to be awarded "Eighth Wrangler" in the Cambridge Mathematical Tripos. She taught at Girton before co-founding the mathematics department (and Fire Brigade) at Bryn Mawr in the United States, where she made important contributions to teaching and research despite her gradual hearing loss. Annie Maunder (nee Russell): Astronomer now widely recognised for her skills in solar photography, data analysis and science communication, who worked at the Royal Observatory before being forced to give up paid work on her marriage to EW Maunder. Ida Freund: Chemist most known for her work in education as the first full time woman Chemistry professor. Author of two key textbooks and creator of the first Periodic Table of Cupcakes, she was also known for having lost a leg in a childhood accident, and for enjoying an eccentric dress sense.

The **September 2025** Project Grant was awarded to was awarded to Inland Waterways Association of Ireland Newry and Portadown Branch for a working canal lock model for the Sluice keeper's Cottage Heritage Centre on the Newry Canal at Acton, Co Armagh, Northern Ireland(Dr Jeff Brown)."This model will complement our current collection of informative and educational storyboards, artifacts and models telling the story of our almost 300-year-old Newry Canal, the first summit canal built in the British Isles, bui lding of which commenced in 1731, completing in 1742".

The **Ayrton Prize** (delayed from 2024) was awarded to the HPS Podcast.
Highly commended for its novelty and creativity was also the Making and Knowing Project.
The judging was led by Heather Bennett.

The Exhibiting Excellence Prize 2025 has two categories, for large and small exhibitions.
The Large Exhibitions category had two joint winners: Measuring Difference, Collection of Historical Scientific Instruments (CSHI), Harvard, and Breaking Grounds, Oxford Museum of Natural History.

In the Small Exhibitions category, the winner was Capturing the Stars: The Untold Story of Women at Yerkes Observatory, University of Chicago Library.
The judging was led by Deborah Cohen.

Hughes Prize
The 2025 BSHS Hughes Prize was awarded to Renée Bergland, for the book Natural Magic: Emily Dickinson, Charles Darwin, and the Dawn of Modern Science (Princeton University Press).

The winner delivered an online lecture on her winning title on 2nd December - a recording of the lecture will be uploaded to our YouTube channel soon. (The lecture was hosted on Zoom and advertised through Eventbrite. We had over 120 people signing up to the lecture. However, there were technical problems reported with regards to signing in to Eventbrite on the evening).
The judging panel for the Hughes Prize was Alice White and Subhadra Das (co-chairs) Hana Aayoob, Xine Yao, Hira Asif, and Oliver Carpenter.

Engagement Fellowships
Due to the capacity of OEC members, the Engagement Fellowships by OEC have not been in operation of late. We are hoping to relaunch the scheme in 2026.

Membership
We were delighted to welcome to the OEC in 2025 Alice White on a temporary basis and also to Rebecca Martin who joined us from BSHS Council.
I would to thank all members of OEC for their continued efforts to support the work of the committee, particularly in 2025 with a heavier capacity than normal.

Publications and Communications
BJHS: Four issues (Vol.57) of the British Journal for the History of Science were published in 2025. Professor Amanda Rees continued as editor, joined by Dr Adam Mosley (Swansea University) as part of the BSHS' plan to move to a triumvirate editorial model. Mrs Sarah Thompson continued as Managing Editor. Book Reviews Editors were Dr Joseph Martin and Dr Coreen McGuire (Durham University). The editorial board is as follows: Professor Gowan Dawson, University of Leicester, UK, Dr Vanessa Heggie, University of Birmingham, UK, Professor Daryn Lehoux, Queen's University, Canada, Professor Omar Nasim, University of Regensburg, Germany, Dr Jahnavi Phalkey , Science Gallery Bengaluru, India, Professor Jennifer M. Rampling, Princeton University, USA, Professor Jessica Riskin, Stanford University, USA, Dr Anna Marie Roos, University of Lincoln, UK, Dr Richard Staley, University of Cambridge, UK, Professor Justin Stearns, New York University, USA, Dr James Sumner, University of Manchester, UK, Professor Zuoyue Wang , California State Polytechnic University Pomona, USA. The BJHS is published for the Society by Cambridge University Press.

Viewpoint: Three issues of Viewpoint Magazine were published in 2025. These included:
Issue 135: Afterlives and Artifacts

Issue 136: Time and Nature
Joe Holloway continued as the editor of Viewpoint magazine.

Committees
The Committees of Council were as follows (as at the year-end):

Finance Committee: Ben Marsden (Chair), James Secord (until EGM 2025), Chiara Ambrosio, Alice White, Rebekah Higgitt, Jon Topham, Erin Bees ton (until EGM 2025).

Outreach & Engagement Committee: Ross MacFarlane (Chair), Heather Bennett, Deborah Cohen, Allan Jones, Rebecca Martin, Lenka Sediva.

Grants Committee : Rebekah Higgitt (Chair), Chiara Ambrosio, Ben Marsden, Elaine Leong, Daniel Margocsy.

Archivist: Alexander Aylward

Administration
The British Society for the History of Science Limited is a Private Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital. It is registered in England as a company, Registered No 562208 and also a registered Charity No 258854. The governing document of the Company and the Charity is its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The registered address in 2026 was Duncan & Toplis, Marlborough House, 298 Regents Park Road, London, N3 2SZ

Executive Secretary
Lucy Santos was Executive Secretary for the Company during the year 2025

Responsibility for Accounts
The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. As Directors and Trustees, Members of Council are required to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the charity for that year. In preparing those accounts, the Members of Council are required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently, to make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent and to prepare the accounts on a going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business or the charity in operation.

The Members of Council are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985 and the recommendations of the Charity Commissioners in SORP 2005. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the company's auditors are unaware; and each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

Trustee/Director Recruitment, Appointment and Training
Recruitment to Council is achieved by taking nominations from the Society's membership and from Council. Annually at the Extraordinary General Meeting, members of the Society elect Council members and officers from those nominated. Ordinary Council members are appointed for a term of 3 years and officers generally for a minimum of 3 years depending on role. All Council newcomers are issued with the Society's rules and procedures which covers all the practices to be adopted for the smooth and consistent operation of the Society, the Charity Commission's guidelines for trustees, the constitution and the last Annual Report and Accounts.

Reserves Policy

1. Council has approved a policy for the maintenance of sufficient investments and savings to provide a fund in reserve against uncertainties and to provide income towards the running costs of the Society not borne by members.
2. The Society works within the Charity Commission's guidelines on the subject as expressed in the current SORP.
3. Using these guidelines, Council has agreed that a level of cash reserves (to be held on one of the Society's Savings Accounts) appropriate to its situation should be no less than 12 months of normal operating costs as listed in budget and accounts under the heading of Operating Costs. This allows, in the unlikely event of closure of the Society, for activities and obligations to be brought to an orderly conclusion.
4. The Society also maintains reserves in the form of a managed investment account (The General Account). The purpose of this account is to enable the Society to weather short/medium term fluctuations in income by utilising the income generated or, in severe situations, proceeds of sale of part of the assets, to maintain its normal level of charitable activity. Where conditions permit, the Society will seek to grow these reserves, through fund raising or charitable donation.

This policy first became effective from 2008 and is reviewed every three years; it has been reviewed and amended or reconfirmed in 2011, 2014, 2017, 2020 and 2023.

Investment Aims

The income generated by the Society's investment portfolios, the General and Wheeler Funds, continues to be paid monthly into the Society's bank accounts, reflecting the charitable role of the Society to use its income to fund its activities. Income from the Wheeler Fund helps fund the open access journal, BJHS Themes. Income from the General Fund goes into the general bank account and is used toward Committee spending. The investment portfolios continue to be overseen by Rathbones Greenbank, who are instructed to adopt a medium risk strategy, bearing in mind the Society's liquidity. The Treasurer and Executive Secretary receive quarterly statements from the managers, which are reported to Council. The Finance Committee reviews performance of the portfolios annually and reports their findings to Council.

Risks

The Society's Risk Register was approved in January 2025. Investment risk continues to be reduced by using professional fund managers to actively manage the investment portfolio and the Society continues to maintain reserves equivalent to one year's operating expenditure and wind up costs, in the form of liquid reserves in savings accounts. The Trustees believe the few major risks to which the charity is exposed have been identified and that action has been taken to mitigate those risks. However, it remains essential to keep a close eye on the changes to profits from BJHS resulting from CUP's changing models of subscription and approach to open access. Impact of rising cost of living, in a context of precarious employment, remain risks to income, will increase operating costs and impact investment income.

Financial Activities

Notice to Members of the Society

The Annual Report is sent to all members of the Society. In accordance with the Companies Act 2006, notice is hereby given that, despite the resolution in force that the company elects to dispense with laying the accounts and reports before a general meeting, every member of the Society has the right to require the laying of accounts and reports before a general meeting. If requested to do so, the Executive Secretary will advise any member of the procedure to be adopted.

Bankers

Lloyds, Brunel Centre Swindon, 82 Regent Street, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN1 1JZ

Investment Managers

Rathbones Greenbank, 8 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2M 7AZ

Accountants

Beavis Morgan LLP, Marlborough House, 298 Regents Park Road, London, N3 2SZ.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

00562208 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

258854

Registered office

3rd Floor Malborough House
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Trustees

Dr M J Barany Director (appointed 1.9.2025)
Prof C Ambrosio Director
Dr E Beeston Director (resigned 31.8.2025)
D Belteki Director (resigned 31.8.2025)
Dr N Bossoh Director
Dr R F Higgitt Director (appointed 1.9.2025)
Dr E Leong Director
Dr D Margocsy Director
Dr B Marsden Director
Dr R Martin Director (appointed 1.9.2025)
Dr A J Mosley Director (appointed 1.9.2025)
Dr A J Rees Director
Dr S Robinson Director (appointed 1.9.2025)
Dr B Stenhouse Director
Dr K Straner Director
Prof J R Topham Director
Dr A V White Director
Dr E C Spary (resigned 1.9.2025)
Prof J A Second (resigned 31.8.2025)

Independent Examiner

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17th October 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Ben Marsden

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Dr B Marsden - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of British Society for the History of Science ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2025.

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.

Beavis Morgan LLP

Stephen Hunt FCA

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Date: 21-10-26

BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Charitable activities	5				
Charitable activities		74,975	-	74,975	76,598
Conferences	3	47,171	-	47,171	40,147
Investment income	4	11,250	3,065	14,315	4,299
Total		133,396	3,065	136,461	121,044
EXPENDITURE ON					
Resources expended	6	120,616	-	120,616	111,231
NET INCOME		12,780	3,065	15,845	9,813
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		262,215	91,006	353,221	343,408
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		274,995	94,071	369,066	353,221

The notes form part of these financial statements

BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	9	160,616	94,071	254,687	246,362
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	1,840	-	1,840	2,540
Cash at bank		123,965	-	123,965	139,973
		125,805	-	125,805	142,513
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(11,426)	-	(11,426)	(35,654)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		114,379	-	114,379	106,859
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		274,995	94,071	369,066	353,221
NET ASSETS		274,995	94,071	369,066	353,221
FUNDS	12				
Unrestricted funds				274,995	262,215
Restricted funds				94,071	91,006
TOTAL FUNDS				369,066	353,221

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 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.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 DECEMBER 2025

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 17th October 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

Ben Marsden

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B Marsden - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The British Society for the History of Science Limited is a Private Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a share capital registered in England. The registered office of the charity is Marlborough House, 298 Regents Park Road, London N3 2SZ.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£). All amounts are rounded to the nearest £1, unless otherwise indicated.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

As permitted by the Companies Act 2006, the charity has varied the standard formats in that act for the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. Departures from the standard formats are to comply with the requirements of the Charities SORP and are in compliance with section 4.7, 10.6 and 15.2 of that SORP.

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.

Fixed asset investments
Listed investments are investments in equity instruments, debt and other financial instruments, other than investments in associates, that are traded on a market and in respect of which a quoted price is available. These investments are revalued at year-end based on their market price.

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3. CONFERENCES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Annual conference income	47,171	40,147

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	156	273
General fund dividends, gains & interest	8,939	2,927
Wheeler fund dividends, gains & interest	5,220	1,099
	14,315	4,299

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025 Charitable activities	2024 Total activities
	£	£
Donations	1,576	1,176
Grants received	757	757
Membership Subscription	21,689	19,735
BJHS Royalties	39,015	49,191
BJHS Editing Contribution	11,938	5,739
	74,975	76,598

6. RESOURCES EXPENDED

Committee activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Conference committee expenses	44,784	30,840
Outreach and engagement committee	1,946	3,975
Grants committee	14,364	9,797
Prizes	900	200
Postgraduate conference support	5,000	5,000
	66,994	49,812

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6. RESOURCES EXPENDED - continued

Operating expenses

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent examination fee	1,200	1,140
Web costs	1,016	923
Office and day to day costs	864	1,764
Miscellaneous	287	2,123
Freelance and professional fee	35,043	29,626
Bank charges	1,787	1,222
Travelling and meeting costs	714	1,622
	40,911	38,420

Publications

	2025	2024
	£	£
Journals	9,398	18,309
Magazine	3,313	4,690
	12,711	22,999
Aggregate amounts	120,616	111,231

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2025 nor for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2025 nor for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (YEAR END 31/12/24)

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	76,598	-	76,598
Conferences	40,147	-	40,147
Investment income	3,200	1,099	4,299
Total	119,945	1,099	121,044
EXPENDITURE ON			
Resources expended	111,231	-	111,231
NET INCOME	8,714	1,099	9,813
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	253,501	89,907	343,408
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	262,215	91,006	353,221

9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 January 2025	246,362
Movement	8,325
At 31 December 2025	254,687
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2025	254,687
At 31 December 2024	246,362

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10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	1,840	1,840
Prepayments	-	700
	1,840	2,540

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	8,526	7,048
Accruals and deferred income	2,900	28,606
	11,426	35,654

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.25	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	262,215	12,780	274,995
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	91,006	3,065	94,071
TOTAL FUNDS	353,221	15,845	369,066

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	133,396	(120,616)	12,780
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	3,065	-	3,065
TOTAL FUNDS	136,461	(120,616)	15,845

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.24	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted fund	253,501	8,714	262,215
Restricted fund			
Restricted fund	89,907	1,099	91,006
TOTAL FUNDS	343,408	9,813	353,221

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted fund	119,945	(111,231)	8,714
Restricted fund			
Restricted fund	1,099	-	1,099
TOTAL FUNDS	121,044	(111,231)	9,813

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2025.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Conferences		
Annual conference income	47,171	40,147
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	156	273
General fund dividends, gains & interest	8,939	2,927
Wheeler fund dividends, gains & interest	5,220	1,099
	14,315	4,299
Charitable activities		
Donations	1,576	1,176
Grants received	757	757
Membership Subscription	21,689	19,735
BJHS Royalties	39,015	49,191
BJHS Editing Contribution	11,938	5,739
	74,975	76,598
Total incoming resources	136,461	121,044
EXPENDITURE		
Committee activities		
Conference committee expenses	44,784	30,840
Outreach and engagement committee	1,946	3,975
Grants committee	14,364	9,797
Prizes	900	200
Postgraduate conference support	5,000	5,000
	66,994	49,812
Operating expenses		
Independent examination fee	1,200	1,140
Web costs	1,016	923
Office and day to day costs	864	1,764
Miscellaneous	287	2,123
Freelance and professional fee	35,043	29,626
Bank charges	1,787	1,222
Travelling and meeting costs	714	1,622
	40,911	38,420

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	2025	2024
	£	£
Operating expenses		
Publications		
Journals	9,398	18,309
Magazine	3,313	4,690
	12,711	22,999
Total resources expended	120,616	111,231
Net income	15,845	9,813