

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From		Period start date			To			Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1	January	2022		31	December	2022				

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Conflict Research Society

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

306136

Charity's principal address

45 Ethelbert Road	
Canterbury	
Postcode	CT1 3NF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Govinda Clayton	Chair		CRS Council
2	Hugh Miall	President		CRS Council
3	John Gledhill	Membership Secretary		CRS Council
4	Hilary Adams	Treasurer		CRS Council
5	Christine Cheng	Council Member		CRS Council
6	Corinne Barra	Council Member		CRS Council
7	Gordon Burt	Council Member		CRS Council
8	Andrew Thomson	Council Member		CRS Council
9	Kit Rickard	Secretary		CRS Council
10	Kristin Bakke	Council Member		CRS Council
11	Oliver Ramsbotham	Council Member		CRS Council
12	Tom Woodhouse	Council Member		CRS Council
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity’s trusts

Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	Association
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	Annual election to Council by membership at AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees’ consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the Society are to promote research, practice and the extension of knowledge in the fields of Peace and Conflict Research. By the term ‘Peace and Conflict Research’ is meant the investigation and study on a systematic basis of the following:

a) The CONDITIONS AND DYNAMICS of cooperation and conflict at all levels, with special reference to large-scale violent conflicts, including war.

b) The FACTORS within and across social systems which cause them to approach or avoid constructive or destructive conflicts. This requires a multi-disciplinary pooling of knowledge.

c) The PROCESS of preventing, managing, resolving and transforming conflicts and building peace, including such specific proposals as the modification of existing social or political institutions or the creation of new ones. 'Building peace' includes research into underlying asymmetries and inequalities and their implications. It also includes research and activities related to exploration of the creative dimensions of what has been termed positive peace.

d) The LIKELY CONSEQUENCES of particular policies and proposals intended to avoid, resolve or control conflicts, or to increase cooperation between groups of individuals, the steps necessary to realise such proposals, and possible obstacles in their way. This includes research into the link between theory and practice.

e) Any other problems directly relevant to conflict and cooperative behaviour. The investigation and study is directed as far as possible towards finding factual evidence and objective criteria for testing theories and hypotheses. This includes the aim of relating quantitative and qualitative data.

To this end the Society organizes an annual conference and occasionally other meetings. It publishes a newsletter for the benefit of members. It gives an annual Book Prize to the most outstanding book in its field every year, and awards a prize for the best piece of PhD research. It occasionally offers small travel grants to PhD researchers in its area. It promotes the exchange of news and information in the conflict research and practice field through its website, twitter feed and networking.

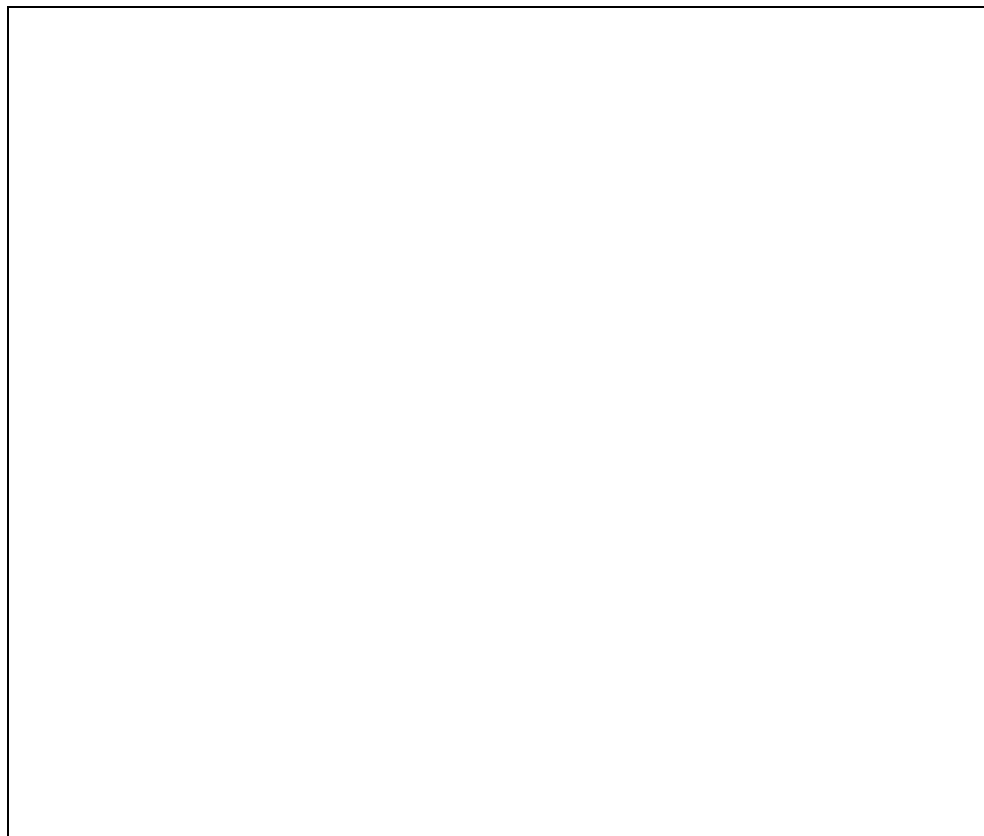
In organizing these activities the trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The 2022 conference was a huge success, with around 200 participants, from more than 100 institutions. This was a hybrid event, with one online and two in-person days, which allowed participants to attend from across the world.

Across the board the feedback we received was that this was the best CRS conference many had ever attended, and multiple people suggested this was perhaps their best ever conference experience

The quality of the work presented was incredible, and the warm and welcoming environment that has become the hallmark of the CRS was back stronger than ever.

The conference opened with a Keynote address by Richard English. This was the perfect start to the event, in particular the emphasis on interdisciplinary, the reference to research using different methods, and the clear link to policy and practice. It is hard to imagine a talk more in keeping with the ethos of the CRS.

A highlight for many was the lunchtime keynote conversation between Pat Magee (a former member of the IRA who was jailed for his part in the Brighton bombing) and Jo Berry (the daughter of one of his victims). This was an emotional and powerful event, that brought in an important (and often missing from academic conferences) human dimension.

The prize giving ceremony involved an impressive online presentation from this years book prize winner - Paul Staniland.

It also featured the inaugural presentation of the CRS medal for outstanding contribution to the CRS - to Oliver Ramsbotham. This was one of the highlights of the conference for me, as Oliver offered some pitch perfect remarks, reflecting on the development of conflict/peace studies, and the role of the CRS - in particular drawing attention to the return of the CRS to the forefront of the discipline. These short remarks really helped to demonstrate the lineage and longstanding role of the CRS, which I think was very powerful for new members to feel part of the an established and important community. Congratulations again to Oliver. I am now very excited that this award will become a regular feature of the conference in the years ahead.

During the conference the CRS also conducted a council meeting. During this meeting the council passed on their most sincere gratitude to Kit Rickard for all of his work managing the website (while also serving a secretary). With the growing size, and increased reliance on technology, this has become a significant role, thus moving forward we will need to consider ways of sharing this work around.

The council also shared its deep gratitude to Hilary Adams, for her invaluable work as treasurer.

John Gledhill presented the membership report, which showed record number of members.

The council also approved a new governance structure.

Throughout the year the Council continued to meet online and discuss matters by email, and individual Council members and members of the Society participated in a wide range of activities which promote conflict

research and practice; we heard a round-up of these activities in our Council meetings.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Society made a surplus in the current year of £6,765 which when added to the surplus brought forward of £43,229 leaves a balance to carry forward of £49,994. The Society holds no restricted funds and keeps all its funds in a bank account.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F


Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Dr Govinda Clayton	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	10.07.23	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Conflict Research Society	No (if any) 306136
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01. Jan 22	To	Period end date 31. Dez 22
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Conference fees	25'023		-	25'023	9'628
Membership	794		-	794	1'566
Grant	1'000		-	1'000	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	26'817	-	-	26'817	11'194
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	26'817	-	-	26'817	11'194
A3 Payments					
Awards & prizes	210	-	-	210	100
Website	434	-	-	434	298
Newsletter & admin	1'672	-	-	1'672	1'018
Conference costs	17'068	-	-	17'068	9'153
Bank & paypal charges	668	-	-	668	317
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
Sub total	20'052	-	-	20'052	10'886
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	20'052	-	-	20'052	10'886
Net of receipts/(payments)	6'765	-	-	6'765	308
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	43'229		-	43'229	42'921
Cash funds this year end	49'994	-	-	49'994	43'229

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Bank	22'357		-
	Paypal	27'637	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	49'994	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Conflict Research Society

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/12/2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

**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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

24/05/2023

Name:

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**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

ACCA

Address:

23b Belsize Avenue,

London, NW3 4BL

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

