

# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	01	July	2021		30	June	2022

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address   
  
  
 Postcode

### 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	Philip Webber	Chair		
2	Alan Cottey	Secretary		
3	Jenny Nelson	Treasurer		
4	Vanessa Spedding			
5	Tim Foxon			
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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

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Deed of trust
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	In accordance with the Trust Deed, there must be at least three and not more than nine trustees. Trustees have a wide network of contacts and from time to time invite new trustees who have a track record of work in a similar field of charitable activity or who have specific skills relevant to charitable governance. This may include members of the Martin Ryle family.

### 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.

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

To fund scientific research and education on any aspects of reducing violence between states.

**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)**

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy in the year

The Trust pursues its aims chiefly through support of the organisational development, and education and advocacy activities, of Scientists for Global Responsibility (SGR) (SGR General Purpose Fund).

### **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.

The Trust envisages that further applications for funding will be made to meet its general objects and specifically it will support organisations such as SGR and the Nuclear Information Service which are committed to the Trust's aims. The Trust actively supports the charitable work of Scientists for Global Responsibility (SGR), a membership organisation promoting responsible science and technology. Examples of this type of work are research, education and advocacy centred around the military and other major corporate influences on science, design and technology in education and universities, information for young people on ethical career choices, providing briefings about security and disarmament, climate change and energy, science and technology policy, emerging technologies and conferences and other educational events and publications covering these areas of work.

## **Section D**

## **Achievements and performance**

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Trust has also facilitated funding for SGR's charitable work on avoiding nuclear conflict (no first use and global zero); wider impacts of militarism with the Conflict and Environment Observatory (CEOBS) and the UNGA First Committee; a wide range of work in support of the Conference of the Parties (COP26) climate negotiations in Glasgow; opposition to expansion of fossil fuel extraction in the UK.

### 1. Science Oath for the Climate

The Science Oath for the Climate, launched in November 2020, now has more than 500 signatories from around the globe, 155 of them in the UK,<sup>1</sup> building support for climate scientists and academics to speak out more publicly on climate change. SGR staff and signatories have been publicising the oath via email, public events, and social media. The oath pages of the SGR website have yielded over 5,000 page-views since its launch. Events and activities which have publicised the oath include the following:

- A 1.5-hour webinar on "Science and activism: acting with the face of evidence" at the COP26 People's Summit for Climate Justice (November 2021). Organized by SGR, the webinar included speakers from Scientists for XR and Scientists Warning, as well as SGR's Liz Kalaugher. This event had a live audience of nearly 100 and many more viewed the video afterwards on YouTube.
- The latest edition of SGR's *Responsible Science* journal (April 2022), which included a series of articles on 'science activism' and how the oath is a key element of this. This has also achieved a good reach, being sent to SGR's 700 members and individual articles being published on SGR's website and promoted via social media.
- SGR's assistant director Andrew Simms has promoted the oath at numerous high-profile events, including demonstrations by Extinction Rebellion (XR), an NGO event at the intergovernmental summit 'Stockholm+50', a speaker session at the Glastonbury Music Festival, the launch of a related campaign initiative Faculty for a Future, a webinar organized by the influential Prospect magazine, and numerous seminars for the Rapid Transition Alliance. Simms will also be promoting the oath at the British Science Festival in September.

### 2. Professional science and engineering organisation financial ties

The project wrote reports on the financial ties to the fossil fuel and arms industries of the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining (IOM3), Institute of Physics (IOP), Royal Meteorological Society, Geological Society, Royal Society, Energy Institute, and Institution of Mechanical Engineers. As the war in Ukraine complicated the situation regarding international arms transfers, additional reports on the Institution of Engineering and Technology, and Royal Academy of Engineering focused only on fossil fuels. These reports on each organisation were updates of the appendices produced as part of the original 'Irresponsible Science?' report. We then wrote letters to each of the organisations calling on them to take further action. All letters, reports and any responses are publicly available to download at the bottom of the web-page under the heading '2021 updates on progress' at

<https://www.sgr.org.uk/publications/irresponsible-science>

<sup>1</sup> For the latest list of signatories, see: <https://www.sgr.org.uk/projects/science-oath-climate-text-and-signing>

Initially, the project examined progress since the first Irresponsible Science report in October 2019. At that time, only two professional engineering or science organisations (PESOs) had investment policies. Now a further five of the 15 investment-holding professional organisations first contacted have investment policies, of varying stringency, bringing the total proportion of organisations with investment policies to almost half. Following approaches from SGR, the Royal Meteorological Society, Geological Society, and Institution of Materials, Minerals and Mining all either implemented ethical investment policies including exclusions of some or all fossil fuel and arms companies or divested from at least some fossil fuel and arms companies in practice. The Energy Institute, Institution of Engineering and Technology, and Royal Academy of Engineering instigated investment policies without such exclusions.

The IOP told us that it has “made good progress with our investment advisors looking at a revision to our ethical investment policy”. The IOP Council has decided to consult the membership on “some of the thoughts and definitions that would sit at the heart of any policy”. As a result of this insight into the IOP’s plans, SGR organized two letters to the editor of *Physics World* magazine, one about investments in fossil fuels and one about investments in arms, signed by IOP members who are oath signatories or SGR members with the aim of promoting support by other members to include these two categories in IOP’s investment policy.

The IOP also told us it is working with “several of the larger learned society and professional bodies across science and engineering to set our more clearly our EDI [equality, diversity and inclusion], ethics and sustainability commitments, and the connection between them”. The IOP feels that “a clear statement through something like a charter clarifying our commitments as organisations and as a sector would be helpful”. The group of organisations is hoping to release more information later this year. As a result of the reports, SGR was invited to hold a meeting with the new CEO of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, who was interested in how the institution ranked against its peers. SGR will use this insight in applications for follow-on funding.

The Royal Society told us it was waiting for updated investment guidance from the Charity Commission before deciding on further action in this area. Once the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts won their case against the Commission and gained permission to make their investments compatible with the 1.5 degree Paris goal, we followed up with the Royal Society, which we believe may have as much as £14 m invested in fossil fuels. The Society told us it is awaiting the Charity Commission’s response to the tribunal. We’ve also requested that trustees of the charities involved in the case write to trustees of the Royal Society regarding its investments, to apply some “peer pressure” and we are investigating whether we can encourage some science activists to demonstrate outside Royal Society premises.

An article summarising the findings of the reports on the professional bodies was published in SGR’s *Responsible Science* journal in April.

### **3. Behaviour change project**

Following extensive research work and consultation, a menu of behaviours compatible with the 1.5°C climate target, for scientists and the public to commit to, has been finalized. Work is now ongoing to make the menu live on the SGR website, with launch expected over the summer.

#### **Future plans**

At the time of writing, work in all three project areas is continuing, funded internally by SGR for a short period. We believe we have built a strong basis for applying for further grants to extend our successes, and these are now actively being pursued.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trust has a policy of keeping reserves to a minimum, but to retain sufficient to cover recurring administrative expenses such as the independent examination of the accounts and operating costs. Funds are available in the General Unrestricted Fund to cover these. The Trustees have agreed that it is prudent to retain enough to cover the equivalent of 3 years costs, as it is difficult to raise funds for these purposes, but they are essential to ensure that the Trust can continue its work and comply with statutory obligations. This is estimated to be £4,000. At the end of this financial year the Trust set aside £5000 in this fund to cover future admin costs.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/a

### 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.

#### Fund movements in the year

The **Unrestricted Funds** ended the year at £36,713 Part of this (from two legacies) has been designated by the trustees to be available for grant making purposes. The balance will be used for MRT administration expenses.

**Restricted funds** - The SGR General Purposes Fund ended the year with a balance of £8901.

## Section F

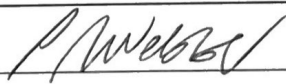
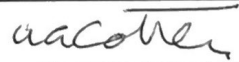
## Other optional information

## 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)	Philip Webber	Alan Cottey
Position (eg Secretary, Chair etc)	Chair	Secretary

Date

6 March 2023



Charity Name The Martin Ryle Trust	No (if any) 327946
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1st July 2021	To	Period end date 30th June 2022
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants and donations	23,378		-	23,378	18,310
Income tax recovered	-	2,779	-	2,779	500
Other receipts	-	4	-	4	-
Legacy	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>23,378</b>	<b>2,783</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,161</b>	<b>18,810</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>23,378</b>	<b>2,783</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,161</b>	<b>18,810</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Grants paid	18,744		-	18,744	50,019
Running costs	1,246		-	1,246	435
Administrator fees	750	-	-	750	1,650
Independent examiner fees			-	-	50
Event costs	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>20,740</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,740</b>	<b>52,154</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>20,740</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,740</b>	<b>52,154</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>2,638</b>	<b>2,783</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,421</b>	<b>- 33,344</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>33,306</b>	<b>6,887</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,193</b>	<b>73,537</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>36,713</b>	<b>8,901</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,614</b>	<b>40193</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	CAF Bank account	36,713	8,901	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>36,713</b>	<b>8,901</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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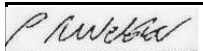
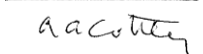
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

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

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

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	PHILIP WEBBER	14-Mar-23
	ALAN COTTEY	14-Mar-23



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
The Martin Ryle Trust

On accounts for the year  
ended

30<sup>th</sup>. June 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

327946

Set out on pages

One to two

Respective  
responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. 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.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent  
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent  
examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

*Alan A Clements*

Date:

15<sup>th</sup>. March 2023

Name:

Rev'd. A. A. Clements MA, ACIB, FCIE.

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

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