

Annual Report and Financial Statements

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Reference and administrative details of the Society, its Trustees and advisers

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Prof J Dillon (appointed 14 July 2021)
Ms J Flitcroft
Dr H Gordon
Mr T Jones (appointed 21 June 2021)
Mr C Kavanagh (resigned 1 June 2021)
Mr R P Lanyon
Mrs R Lloyd
Dr M Lockett
Dr A McKinlay
Dr D S McPherson (resigned 21 June 2021)
Dr B Oates (appointed 1 June 2021)
Dr I Penman
Prof A Stanley (appointed 21 June 2021)
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Report from the BSG Chair of the Trustees



I am pleased to present the annual report on behalf of the Trustees alongside the financial statements of the British Society of Gastroenterology (the 'Society' or BSG) and its subsidiary company BSG Limited (together the 'Group' or 'consolidated') for the year ended 31 December 2021.

This report has been prepared in accordance with Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011 and constitutes a director's report for the purposes of company legislation.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 34 to 39 of the attached financial statements and comply with the charitable company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, applicable laws and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

GOVERNANCE, STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The British Society of Gastroenterology is a charitable company limited by guarantee (Company Number 08124892 (England and Wales), Charity Number 1149074). The Memorandum and Articles of Association is BSG's governing document.

The charity controls the subsidiary entity, BSG Limited (Company Number 3021266 (England and Wales)).

The purpose of the British Society of Gastroenterology is the promotion of good health through high standards of patient care, clinical service provision, research and education in gastrointestinal and liver disease in the United Kingdom and internationally.

CHARITABLE OBJECTS

The Society primarily pursues its charitable objects by giving support to its members in their professional capacities. Its purpose is achieved through a series of work streams related to its charitable objects of research, education and training, clinical standards and membership support.

Research

The BSG promotes the discovery and dissemination of scientific knowledge by supporting its membership to participate in clinical and basic research; encouraging clinicians to undertake research; defining research priorities for investigation, working with other national stakeholders and by the publication of research in our scientific journals (GUT, Frontline Gastroenterology and BMJ Open Gastro).

Education and Training

The BSG is responsible for the implementation of programmes of training for the specialty workforce working alongside the Royal College of Physicians. Additionally it promotes high quality educational opportunities through its own annual meeting and the endorsement of symposia, meetings and other digital educational materials through the BSG website. It co-owns scientific journals working in partnership with the BMJ.

The BSG also owns in partnership with the Federation of Royal Colleges the rights to the Specialty Examination in Gastroenterology (European Specialty Examination in Gastroenterology and Hepatology or ESEGH).

Clinical Standards

The Society develops and disseminates guidelines of best clinical practice in gastroenterology and hepatology and encourages methods of peer review and audit of clinical practice. It provides technical guidance on specialist areas of practice.

Membership Benefit and Workforce

Providing support to the professional community, the BSG connects members through an active professional network, the dissemination of relevant specialty information and supports lifelong professional learning

EQUALITY AND INCLUSION:

"The British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG) believes that equity of opportunity is of fundamental importance for everyone involved in our organisation. We welcome and actively seek to recruit individuals to our activities regardless of race, religion, ethnic origin, disability, age, gender, sexual orientation or working pattern. The BSG aims to encourage diversity of membership in all committees, senior roles and staff."

The BSG not only seeks to promote equal opportunities for all its members but also actively tries to encourage members who might not immediately see themselves as potential contributors to the Society's work, to take on roles.

- An Equality and Inclusion statement is included with all job descriptions
- Personalised advice and encouragement is available to anyone considering a position within the Society
- Our website features role models and individual member stories, drawn from the full diversity of our membership
- We regard diversity as one of our greatest assets

STRUCTURE OF THE CHARITY

TRUSTEES

The business of the Charity is managed by the Board of Trustees subject to the provisions of the Companies Act and the Society's Articles. The Board of Trustees consists of six independent Trustees, two elected members of Council and five Society officers. One of those officers, the BSG President chairs the Board. The Trustees who served in the year are detailed below

Dr Alastair McKinlay

BSG President and Chair of the Board of Trustees



Alastair McKinlay is a Consultant Gastroenterologist with an interest in nutrition, at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. He is also physician to the Eden Unit at Royal Cornhill Hospital

Aberdeen, the specialist inpatient eating disorders unit for the North of Scotland Managed Clinical Network for Eating Disorders. He is a member of the Council of the Royal College of Physicians of London. Alastair is an Honorary Associate of the British Dietetic Association.

Prof Andrew Veitch

BSG President-Elect



Andy Veitch is a Consultant Gastroenterologist at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust with interests in advanced endoscopy, endoscopy training,

endoscopy research and guidelines. In Wolverhampton, he set up the first centre in the national bowel cancer screening programme in England and has had a national leading role in the programme. He is currently leading on quality improvement in endoscopy services for the European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, and he has a global role as a member (former Chair) of the endoscopy committee of the World Gastroenterology Organisation.

Ms Marina Azdejkovic

Independent Lay Trustee



Marina has worked for a number of international organisations in finance roles. She is currently working in London for the Standard Chartered Bank as a Director, Operations and Governance for a Sustainability

function. She is also responsible for looking after governance and finance of the Standard Chartered Foundation which she helped set up in 2019.

Mr Thomas Budd

Independent Lay Trustee



After qualifying as a solicitor, Tom studied for a postgraduate law degree at the University of Cambridge before joining Slaughter and May and two subsequent law firms. He was until recently a partner in the London

office of an international law firm, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, where he served as co-chair of the firm's Global Finance practice group.

Prof John Dillon

BSG VP Hepatology



John Dillon is Professor of Hepatology and Gastroenterology and a principle investigator, in the Division of Molecular and Clinical Medicine, School of Medicine, University of Dundee. He is also a Consultant Gastroenterologist

and Hepatologist with NHS Tayside, delivering a busy general hepatology service and a research group.

Ms Joanne Flitcroft

Independent Lay Trustee



Joanne is a qualified solicitor and having trained in London, has spent almost 20 years as an in-house lawyer before setting up her own company Opallios in 2016. Joanne provides consultancy advice to

companies in the life sciences sector and in particular advice on issues concerned with pharmacovigilance, compliance and risk management.

Dr Harriet Gordon

BSG Council Member



Harriet has been a consultant gastroenterologist in Winchester since 2000 and lead for their alcohol and nutrition teams. She was a NE Thames trainee and her research was at the Royal Free Hospital in alcohol misuse

and has since been involved in projects and audit relating to alcoholic liver disease with Wessex AHSN. She has been BSG Workforce Representative and Director of the RCP Medical Workforce Unit, and continued to address the workforce issue with Chairing the RCP Flexibility and Wellbeing group and the AoMRC Flexible Careers Committee.

Mr Trevor Jones

Independent Lay Trustee



Following ten years as an academic social researcher, Trevor moved into the private sector in the mid-1980s, having developed an interest in statistical analysis and the commercial use of census and other

large official data sets. He had a 35-year career running a number of marketing services companies, latterly focussing on 'big data' analytics. He has previously been a Trustee at the Woodland Trust and Cats Protection and will shortly step down after two terms as Lay Trustee at the British Society for Haematology.

Mr Richard Lanyon

Independent Lay Trustee



Richard spent his entire career in investment management, initially at the stockbrokers Laurence Prust followed by Framlington where he was the Director in charge of Pension Management. In 1992 he

joined Rathbones where he was Head of Investment Management for 10 years. He has now retired and able to devote more time to charitable activities.

Mrs Rosemary Lloyd

Independent Lay Trustee



Rosemary has extensive experience in Human Resources in the Retail, Consultancy and Financial sectors, with experience in a full range of HR activities including recruitment, training,

reward, benefits and employee relations. In her most recent role as HR Director, she led a team of 20.

Dr Melanie Lockett

BSG Council Member



Melanie trained in NW Thames and was appointed as a Consultant in 2005. She is a bowel cancer screening colonoscopist and has additional sub-specialty interests in inflammatory bowel disease and

nutrition. Leadership roles have included: Specialty Tutor, Training Programme Director, Deputy Chair & Chair of the British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG) training committee and BSG Workforce Lead.

Dr Bev Oates

BSG Treasurer



Bev Oates qualified from Birmingham University in 1993 and undertook her Specialist Registrar training in Mersey Region, including completing a Doctorate of Medicine at Liverpool University.

She has been a Consultant Physician & Gastroenterologist at Wirral University Teaching Hospital since 2003 and has been Clinical Service Lead for Gastro and Endoscopy at WUTH. Bev was Training Programme Director for Gastro in Mersey for 11 years and National Recruitment Lead for Gastro for 10 years.

Dr Ian Penman

BSG Vice-President Endoscopy



Ian is a Consultant Gastroenterologist at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. Ian is an honorary Senior Lecturer in Medicine at the University of Edinburgh. Ian's major clinical

interests include endoscopic ultrasound (EUS), therapeutic endoscopy, Barrett's oesophagus and the endoscopic diagnosis and management of GI cancers, including advanced endoscopic imaging techniques.

Prof Adrian Stanley

BSG Senior Secretary



Adrian Stanley was appointed Consultant Gastroenterologist at Glasgow Royal Infirmary in 1999 and Honorary Professor at the University of Glasgow in 2018. Prof Stanley has active research interests

and has published over 140 peer-reviewed papers spanning endoscopy and hepatology.

TRUSTEES (continued)

No Trustee received any remuneration for services as a member of the Council.

Twelve Trustees were reimbursed expenses totalling £4,746 (2020 – Three Trustees received expenses totalling £5,939). All expenses were incurred on Society business. No Trustee had any beneficial interest in any contract with the Society whilst serving on the Board.

New Trustees receive an induction pack. This includes the BSG's Memorandum and Articles, last audited annual report and financial statements, Charity Commission guidance on the responsibilities of charity Trustees, and a copy of the Good Trustee Guide, published by the National Council of Voluntary Organisations, for their reference. Trustees are also required to attend training sessions on various topics relevant to Trustees' duties and responsibilities.

The Trustees met once face to face, and three times remotely in 2021.

THE BSG EXECUTIVE

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE	
Dr A McKinlay	(President 2020-2022)
Prof A Veitch	(President-elect 2020-2022)
Dr I Penman	(Vice-President Endoscopy 2019-2022)
Prof J Dillon	(Vice President Hepatology 2021-2023)
Dr B Oates	(Treasurer 2021-2023)
Prof A Stanley	(Senior Secretary 2021-2023)
Prof H Steed	(Secretary 2021-2023)
Dr A Douds	(Chair, CSSC 2020-2022)
Prof R Sidhu	(Chair, Education Committee 2021-2023)
Prof S Sebastian	(Chair, Research Committee 2021-2024)
Dr M Cowan	(Chair, Training Committee 2021-2023)
Dr N Hawkes	(Chair, International Committee 2019-2022)
Mr M Hacker	(BSG CEO)
Mrs S Linnington	(Governance & Operations Director)

All members of this board are appointed by open competitive interview, chaired by a lay member of the Board of Trustees and hold delegated authority from the Trustees. This is the Society's operational board.

The BSG President serves two years, having previously served two years as President Elect. The Current President, Dr Alastair McKinlay will serve to June 2022, when he will be succeeded by the current President-Elect Dr Andrew Veitch. The Vice President (Endoscopy) and the Vice President (Hepatology) currently serve for two years. The Secretaries of the Society serve for two years as Secretary and two years as Senior Secretary. The Treasurer serves for two years with the option to extend for a further year and the Chairs of the Education, Research, Training, CSSC and International Committees currently serve for two years.

THE COUNCIL

The professional activities of the Society are overseen by a Council with delegated authority from the Trustee Board. The Council has particular responsibility to advise the Trustee Board on all matters pertaining to professional practice and the reputation of the Society. All members of the Executive are voting members of Council.

Dr A McKinlay
(President 2020-2022)

Prof A Veitch
(President-elect 2020-2022)

Dr B Brett
(Secretary, QI Lead, CSSC, 2020-2022)

Prof M Brookes
(Elected member 2020-2023)

Dr M Cowan
(Chair, Training Committee 2021-2023)

Prof J Dillon
(Vice President Hepatology 2021-2023)

Dr A Douds
(Chair, CSSC 2020-2022)

Dr H Fidler
(Elected member 2019-2022)

Dr H Gordon
(Elected member 2019-2022)

Dr N Hawkes
(Chair, International Committee 2021-2022)

Dr M Lockett
(Elected member 2019-2022)

Ms S Marshall
(Interim Chair, BSG Nurses Association 2019-2022)

Dr M Matharoo
(Elected member 2019-2022)

Dr B Oates
(Treasurer 2021-2023)

Dr I Penman
(Vice President Endoscopy 2019-2022)

Dr S Raju
(Chair, Trainee Section 2021-2022)

Dr R Ransford
(Deputy Chair, Guidelines Lead, CSSC, 2020-2022)

Dr C Rutter
(Workforce Lead 2018-2022)

Dr L Scovell
(Elected member 2020-2023)

Prof S Sebastian
(Chair, Research Committee 2021-2024)

Prof R Sidhu
(Chair, Education Committee 2021-2023)

Dr P Smith
(Elected member 2020-2023)

Prof A Stanley
(Senior Secretary 2021-2023)

Prof H Steed
(Secretary 2021-2023)

Prof D Tripathi
(Elected member 2021-2024)

THE COUNCIL (continued)

OBSERVER MEMBERS OF COUNCIL	
Prof E El-Omar	(Editor, GUT)
Prof M Beattie	(Editor, Frontline Gastroenterology)
Prof J Rhodes	(Chair, Guts UK)
Prof P Sagar	(ACPGBI)
Prof G Toogood	(AUGIS)
Dr T Smith	(BAPEN)
Dr R Jones	(BASL)
Dr S Protheroe	(BSPGHAN)
Dr K Barrett	(PCSG)
Dr A Hart	(PSGBI)
Dr I Gee	(Chair, SAC)

The business of Council is informed by five higher committees and their sub-committees.

- The **Education (and Programme) Committee** is responsible for the scientific and educational content of meetings held by the Society and for nominations for appropriate fellowships and awards and also badging of external meetings.
- The **Clinical Services and Standards Committee (CSSC)** is responsible for compiling and disseminating good practice in gastroenterology services.
- The **Research Committee** is responsible for assisting in formulating policy on gastrointestinal research and the Society's research agenda.
- The **Training Committee** is responsible for ensuring that the curriculum for training in gastroenterology is delivered uniformly throughout the UK.

- The **International Committee** is responsible for delivery of the international strategy of the Society which implements the BSG's charitable objects in the international setting.

The Society is represented at regional level by regional leads within the CSSC. Separately there are sections for the academic and professional advancement of particular specialist interests. These sections are: Endoscopy, Gastroduodenal, Inflammatory Bowel Disease, Liver, Neurogastroenterology/Motility, Oesophageal, Adolescent & Young Persons, Pancreatic, Pathology, Radiology, Small Bowel/Nutrition, Colorectal, Trainees, Nurses Association, Gastrointestinal Physiology Associates and a new section SWiG (Supporting Women in Gastroenterology). Section Chairs sit on the CSSC and are represented on the Education (and Programme) Committee and Research Committee.



THE ORGANISATION

The Society is administered from an office in London, staffed by nine FTE employees. The Society also maintains a number of contracts for specialist professional services, including HR, accountancy and web development. The staff support the Executive (operational Board) formed of key portfolio leads and the Senior Officers of the BSG Trustees, the activities of the Council and the key committees.

OPERATIONAL STAFF

Within the BSG Office, the key appointments in 2021 have been a new Head of Committee Services, and a series of appointments to strengthen the Communication and Marketing, Committee Services, and the Membership Teams. In addition, consultants are contracted to fulfil specific needs or workstreams.

Remuneration for key management personnel is set by benchmarking exercises, which are carried out by external HR Consultants. Annual performance reviews are carried out by employees' line managers, or in the case of the Chief Executive, by the President. Ultimate responsibility for all staff (delegated authority from the Trustees) lies with the President.

FUNDRAISING

The charity does not actively solicit donations and therefore is not registered with the Fundraising Regulator and does not subscribe to any fundraising codes of practice. On occasion, when donations from individuals are received, the charity aims to protect personal data and never sells data or swaps data with other organisations. During 2021, the charity received no complaints about fundraising activities.



RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees of the Society have overall responsibility for risk management within the Society.

Key Risks and Mitigation

Key Risks and Mitigation

A review of the Society's formal risk register is a standing item at every meeting of Board of Trustees, which implements mitigations as and when required. The Risk Register is maintained by the operational team under the leadership of the CEO. The CEO holds overall responsibility for the oversight and maintenance of the risk register.

Financial

A Finance and Investment Committee (FIC), consisting of the BSG Treasurer, two of the Society's independent Trustees, the President, President-Elect, and the Chief Executive reviews the financial activities of the Society, including investment decisions, to mitigate the risk of loss of income and reports directly to the Trustee Board.

Premises

The lease on the premises expired in December 2021. The Society carried out an option appraisal and agreed to take out a new lease with the Royal College of Physicians at 3 St Andrews Place, London for 3 years

with an option to extend to 5 years. The office has undertaken a full refurbishment during 2021 with the costs split 50:50 between the Society and the Landlord.

Failure of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting is the main event in the BSG's calendar. As well as being a major source of revenue, it is key to maintaining and enhancing the reputation of the Society. The risk to the Society should the meeting be cancelled, go ahead without an optimal programme or fail to attract sufficient numbers or sponsorship, is therefore substantial but had never occurred prior to 2020.

The Society has prepared for such an eventuality by assiduous planning, led by its senior executive officers, and careful project management through its professional conference organisers. In addition, the BSG has, as part of its free reserves, £1,000,000 designated to cover expenses in the event of a meeting failing to take place, or having to be curtailed.

Potential for a reduction in the annual publishing revenues

The Society relies on its publishing partnership with the BMJ for a significant percentage of its income. However, the nature of the publishing landscape is changing and an initiative called 'Plan S' is likely to have a material impact on this revenue stream in the future. Plan S is an

initiative for open-access science publishing launched in 2018 by a consortium of national research agencies and funders from twelve European countries. The plan requires scientists and researchers who benefit from state-funded research organisations and institutions to publish their work in open repositories or in journals that are available to all by 2021.

The Society has continued to work closely with BMJ publications. After discussion, it was agreed to make GUT and Frontline Gastroenterology hybrid journals, designating them as being "in transition" allowing them to continue to publish all types of material.

The future of Plan S is still not clear and the situation is complicated by other long term trends in publishing, such as a move away from paper to electronic copies. Some reduction in income seems probable over the coming five years but the Society is aware and taking measures to minimise the impact.

Risk Mitigation, Guidelines, and Professional Advice

The Society never gives advice to individual members of the public. All its advice is generic.

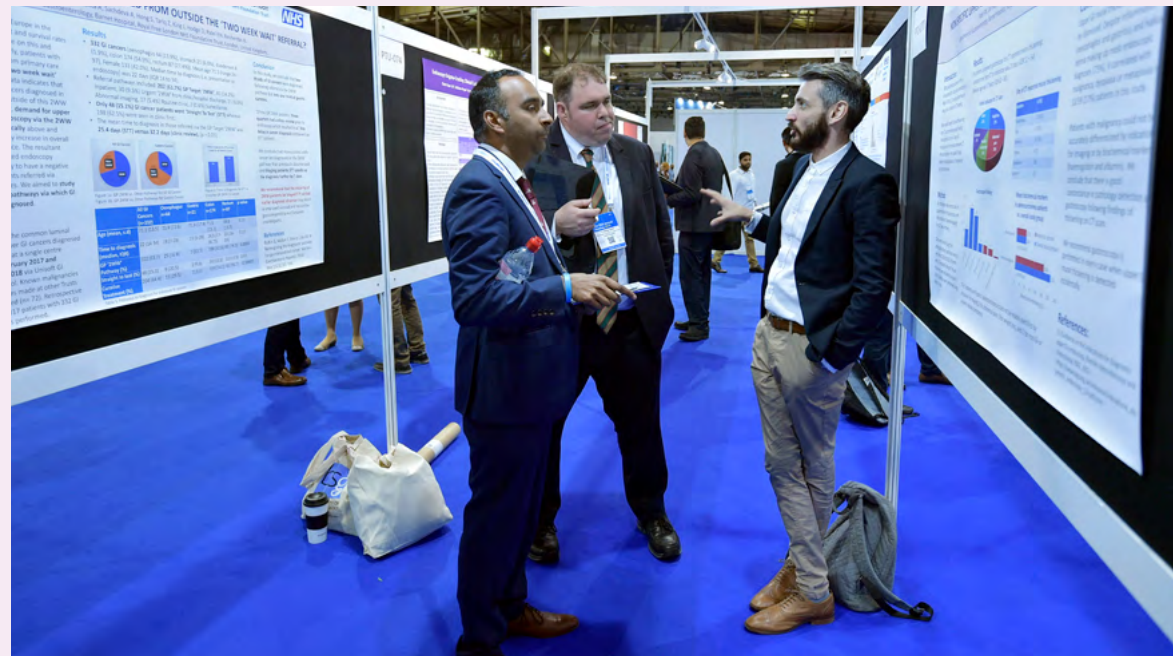
The Society publishes Guidelines and Professional advice. There is a risk that a company or individuals might disagree with the findings and attempt to contest them.

Guidelines are developed by working groups of professionals usually including lay members of the public, using strict evidence-based criteria based on literature searches and the grading of evidence. The BSG is accredited by NICE, and its advice is generally subject to external review and published in peer reviewed journals. The risk is judged to be small, but the Society is seeking professional advice as to how it can indemnify itself in the future.

MEMBERSHIP

In December 2021 the numbers in different membership categories were as follows:

	2021 NO.	2020 NO.
Honorary	96	96
Full	1,579	1,385
International	87	88
Trainee	794	743
Senior	91	96
Associate	782	709
Taster	465	372
	3,894	3,489



IMPACT REPORT FOR 2021 AND PLANS FOR 2022

Meeting our Charitable Objectives

The BSG has continued to deliver its charitable objectives through its key workstreams.

- **Education:** including its conferences, web resources, mentoring and well-being services.
- **Research and science:** including its clinical research groups, research fellowships, and the work of the Sections.
- **Training:** encompassing its work to develop the training curriculum and support trainees and trainers.
- **Service and quality improvement programmes:** Including the BSG Quality Assurance Framework, work to support the NHS England “Getting It Right First Time” (GIRFT) programme, and Independent Service Reviews (ISR) in conjunction with the Royal College of Physicians of London.
- **Medical scientific publications:** GUT, Frontline Gastroenterology, and BMJ Online Gastroenterology.
- **The International programme:** developing overseas links and sharing our resources with gastroenterologists around the world.

Impact of the COVID 19 pandemic.

The Covid 19 pandemic continued to have a significant effect on the Society’s activities both directly, and indirectly through its impact on our members. By good fortune, the Society did not lose any of its members directly to COVID, but the high level of demand for gastroenterology, hepatology and endoscopy services meant that our members continued to work under very stressful circumstances. In response, the BSG appointed a Mentoring lead and has reviewed and updated all of its wellbeing services, including mentoring, and access to independent counselling and advice.

The BSG has produced a Workforce report for many years, but in October 2021 carried out a successful feasibility trial of a “Workload App”, to measure the amount of time our members spend in the workplace but also working from home. A full survey will be carried out in 2022.

In response to the pandemic, the Society continued most of its business online, through Microsoft TEAMS™. The Trustee Board, Executive, and Council were able to meet face-to-face for the first time in December 2021.

The BSG office staff continued to work remotely for most of the year, during the lockdown and whilst the offices were renovated. The team returned to a “blended” combination of face-to-face and remote



working in November 2021. The dedication of the office staff, and the gratitude of the Society for all their work during the pandemic, were recognised by the President through the award of the President’s Medal to the BSG office and its staff, at the BSG Virtual meeting in November 2021.

The executive has continued to meet monthly using TEAMS™, but as the pandemic ends it will reinstitute face-to-face meetings, on at least 2 occasions throughout the year.

The adoption of a “blended” pattern of working has actually reduced the cost of our sections and committee but improved attendance at meetings.

COVID Advice

The BSG continued to publish specific COVID advice for endoscopy, hepatology, and other conditions throughout the year. The advice was regularly updated through the website and by email communication to our members.

Annual conference

The BSG was not able to hold its face-to-face annual conference during 2020 and, therefore, delivered “BSG Campus” a virtual meeting from the 25th to 29th January 2021. The program received very favourable ratings from attendees.

The Society had arranged space at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre (SECC) in May 2021 for its Annual Conference, but a decision by the Scottish Government to extend the life of the Louisa Jordan emergency COVID facility at the SECC meant that this was no longer possible. The BSG, therefore, had no choice but to make its annual meeting an online event, which was subsequently held from 8th to 12th November 2021. The format was similar to the BSG Campus and attracted over 1500 delegates.

It is clear from market research conducted after both BSG Campus and BSG Virtual, that the membership would like to see a mixture of face-to-face and online events in the future. Face-to-face events offer better opportunities to network and interact with speakers. Virtual events, however, allow members who cannot travel because they are “on-call” or have other commitments, to maintain their Continuing Professional Development. Virtual events have better “carbon footprints” in line with the Society’s policy on sustainability and environmental responsibility. It is often easier for high prestige overseas speakers to attend virtually which also reduces the need for international travel. Finally, many of our members have other commitments and don’t necessarily want to be away from home for 4 days. The virtual meeting, therefore, gives them more choice about how they can join BSG events, which is an important part of the Society’s policy on inclusion. The BSG, therefore, intends to continue two meetings each year for the foreseeable future, one of which will always be virtual.

Organisational Governance

- The BSG had started a general review of its governance processes in 2020 and completed the process in 2021.
- The Society will undertake a formal review of its Articles of Association with appropriate legal advice in 2022.
- All trustees have received training in their role
- A trustee appraisal questionnaire was introduced in 2021
- A face-to-face Strategy Meeting was held for the Council and the Board of Trustees in Edinburgh from 8th to 9th October 2021. The outcomes from the strategy day have been collated and approved as an overarching strategy for the BSG in 2022.
- Equality and inclusion statements have been included in the job descriptions and adverts for all the Society's posts. The Society has embarked on a detailed review of its Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (ED&I) policies. As a mark of the importance that is attached to this, responsibility for ED&I policy and operational matters is held at Board level.
- The President holds weekly 1 to 1 sessions with the CEO and Governance and Operations Director
- On line dashboards summarise the Society's Financial state and key governance issues in real time.
- The terms of reference for the Higher Committees and Sections have been reviewed.
- All the committees have approved strategic plans in place.
- All the committees except the CSSC have moved to a "Deputy and Chair" organisation. All chairs serve for four years, two years as deputy and two years as the chair. This gives the chair a defined period to familiarise themselves with the workings of the committee and of the executive and also provides resilience and a better distribution of workload. It is intended that the CSSC will also move to this form in 2022.
- Elected councillors are asked their advice on key issues, at every Council meeting. They have their own e-mail box for comments from members
- Elections have been held for sections and Clinical Research Groups to ensure that the membership of the committees is renewed, and that all BSG members have the opportunity to participate in the work of the Society.
- All sections are subject to light touch regulation and appraisal on a yearly basis by the President-Elect, and will be encouraged to review their terms of reference so that they continue to meet the Society's charitable objectives.
- A detailed membership survey will be commissioned in 2022, to ensure that the BSG is meeting the needs and wishes of its members.
- The Board felt that it would be good practice to review the Society's longer-term contracts to make sure that they still provided value for money and the best quality of service.
 - The contract for the Society's Professional Conference Organiser (PCO) was reviewed, and the Board appointed TFI Lodestar after a competitive tender. The BSG notes with gratitude, the long, constructive working relationship that it enjoyed with its previous PCO, Conference Partners International.
 - After a competitive tendering process the Board has appointed Haysmacintyre as the Society's auditors for 2022. The BSG notes with gratitude, the long and constructive working relationship that it enjoyed with its auditors, Buzzacott.
- Over the past three years, the BSG has reviewed and retendered the majority of its key external service providers, to ensure value for money and high quality of service. In addition to the professional performance of individual contractors, the Society also expects them to give the same attention to ethical and sustainability factors as we already expect from our investment portfolio. The Board will continue to review and retender for services regularly.



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Trainees Weekends and Taster meetings

The Trainees section has run the Taster Weekend, Management and Leadership Weekend and Education Weekend virtually in the last year. Going forwards, we are actively considering our environmental impact and have elected to keep the Education Weekend a virtual event. This has increased accessibility to UK trainees, but also the global reach allowing low-income countries to also access educational material. The Taster Weekend, aimed at pre-specialty doctors will go back to face to face to allow trainees to participate in simulated endoscopy. All events received good or excellent feedback. This year we have also created an equality, diversity and inclusion officer role to further our aim of being as inclusive and representative of the members as possible.

To support trainees in the post-covid recovery of training, we are also producing new educational videos aimed specifically at trainees, hosting a trainee led research day and offering trainees the opportunity to briefly experience teaching endoscopy to pre-specialty doctors. We continue to be actively involved in Shape of Training conversations to represent the views of trainees to the BSG.

Education Committee, Mentoring and Wellbeing Programme

The Education Committee has expanded the Web Education Platform with Case Based articles with MCQ's, BSG Bite size pieces and valuable articles to help nurses and trainees seeking to do research and new consultants adjusting in their posts. The platform will continue to expand the breadth of articles and educational offering, serving the need of our members. We hope to offer CPD points with these high quality articles enabling members to have a bespoke BSG CPD account. We are grateful to members, authors and reviewers in making the web platform a success.

In tandem, the Education Committee has continued to endorse many external events, the majority of which were online and or hybrid.

The mentoring programme is being re-launched with vigour led by our Mentoring Lead. The new programme will not only offer training/up skilling to mentors but allow more individualised mentorship matches. The society is here to support its members with coaching and maintaining wellbeing.

Training Committee

The landscape has been dominated by the recovery of training following the severe service pressures of the COVID pandemic and plans to finalise and implement the new Curriculum for Higher Specialty Training. Actions to mitigate the reduction in training time have been a major focus and the Endoscopy Academy initiative and related schemes in the devolved nations to improve the oversight of endoscopy training and speed up the process have been welcome. The BSG Training Committee remains an important stakeholder in these national conversations. The provision of subspecialist training after CCT needs clarification and the Committee has started to explore how this may be codified with an initial focus on subspecialty IBD training in conjunction with the IBD Section. We were fortunate to be able to host the annual National Introduction Day at the RCP with excellent speakers including Sir Andrew Goddard.

The future plans of the Training Committee are detailed within the Strategy document.

Clinical Services and Standards Committee

The new CSSC strategy incorporating regional networking, guidelines and quality improvement was approved in early 2022. Work continues across the 4 nations with remarkable resilience despite Covid. There are many examples of innovative working including development of endoscopy dashboards particularly in Northern Ireland and Mersey region. A Covid tool kit has been developed to aid BSG members with solutions to everyday clinical problems which is published on the website.

Guidelines and guidance continue to be developed at pace despite the pandemic.

Quality Improvement work is entering a pivotal phase with the development of the latest iteration of the BSG Quality Standards Framework (QSF) in early 2022.

Research

The BSG research strategy 2021 to 2024 was released in summer 2021 detailing the three overarching priorities of defining research priorities, supporting participation in research and supporting research delivery. The clinical research groups have been re-energised with new members including introduction of trainees in all CRGs and allied health membership. The Exec and Council have approved initiation of three key projects for supporting research – a BSG scholars programme, BSG supported research data platform and statistical support. Closer collaborative working arrangements with the NIHR gastroenterology and Hepatology national speciality groups has started with the launch of the trainee research related initiatives.

Delivering support through the International Programme

The International work of the Society is led by its International Committee.

The International Strategy has been published and projects are underway across all global 'development zones'. In addition to established partnerships delivering a National Endoscopy Training Programme for Bangladesh, and endoscopy and liver training in Malawi – covered by specific Memoranda of Understanding – additional project streams, led by Zonal Development leads include; setting up International Fellowships in association with the Gastroenterological Society of Australia (GESA); supporting the development of Bowel Cancer Screening Services in North Africa and the Middle East; working with the Royal College of Physicians to establish links with partner Colleges in sub-Saharan Africa to develop educational materials and support quality improvement projects with regional hospitals; and to work with International Specialist Societies to deliver joint webinars. In addition, we are working to establish a Registry of BSG members interested or actively engaged with international work and to improve the benefits of being a BSG International member.



The 2021 European Specialty Examination in Gastroenterology and Hepatology

The 2021 European Specialty Examination in Gastroenterology and Hepatology was sat on 7th April 2021.

A total of 444 candidates completed both sessions. The results of the 2021 examination were equated using the performance of the 2019 UK trainees as the base form. All future exams will be equated with the same base form until the ESEGH Board decides a change in standards.

The group of 444 candidates had a mean score of 59% (S.D. = 7.1), with a range of 24.2% to 77.3%. The equated pass mark was set at 432 (54.6%). This resulted in a pass rate for all candidates of 78.8% (350/444). The pass mark for UK graduates was 86.4%, UK trainees 83.7%, and European candidates 82.2%.

The results for UK trainees represent a considerable improvement on 2020 (65.1%) and most likely represents improved time for study as the effect of COVID has impacted less on clinical work. Most trainees are sitting the exam in years ST4-ST6. The pass rate for trainees undertaking the exam at ST3 to ST6 is broadly similar.

Discussions are being held to increase the frequency of the exam and a decision is expected later this year.

Climate Change and Sustainability

The impact of climate change and sustainability on health and healthcare provision is of concern to our members, as it is to our patients and the wider population. BSG recognises that there is a global climate emergency, and that this has adverse effects on health. BSG is committed to support and promote environmental sustainability across all aspects of its practice nationally and internationally, and to support the NHS in its aims to achieve a net zero service.

In 2021 BSG Executive commissioned a multidisciplinary working group, led by the President Elect Prof Andrew Veitch, to develop a strategy on climate change and sustainability for the society. The draft strategy was approved by BSG Trustees and Executive in October, and launched in November 2021 (<https://www.bsg.org.uk/strategic-areas/climate-change-and-sustainability/>). The strategic objectives encompass personal, professional, organisational, political, international, and research activities of our members and the Society.

A 5 year strategic plan has been developed, and the first year strategic objectives are being delivered on schedule. Engagement on these issues is occurring nationally and internationally, and BSG's strategy is being used as an exemplar elsewhere in the world. Going forward, environmental sustainability will be an integral part of all aspects of BSG's activities.

Delivering impact through medical publications:

Gut - Under the continued inspirational leadership of Professor Emad El-Omar, the journal achieved its highest ever impact factor in 2021 (23.059) a 16.3% increase from 2020. It is acknowledged as one of the most highly ranked specialist journals in the world, and retains a leading position in the SJR gastroenterology & hepatology category (3/92) with an outstanding Citescore of 35.6. This was another outstanding year of achievement. Gut is a Plan S compliant Transformative Journal.

Frontline Gastroenterology - The journal increased in frequency from quarterly to bi-monthly publication in 2020 in line with Editor-in-Chief Professor Mark Beattie's vision for the expansion of the journal and inclusion of a wider variety of content. FG has affiliated with BAPEN and BSPGHAN, helping to strengthen its presence in clinical nutrition and paediatrics. There is a long-term focus on social media, with regular podcasts being produced. Throughout the year FG has published on COVID and its clinical impact. Frontline Gastroenterology has continued to evolve as a major publisher of predominantly clinically based research and advice.

BMJ Open Gastroenterology - Under the leadership of Editor-in-Chief Prof Mark Beattie, BMJOG has seen a continued growth in submissions. The journal continues to consolidate its position in terms of open access publications.

Summary

Despite the challenges of a global pandemic, and a professional workforce stretched close to breaking point by the pressures of maintaining services and reducing the backlog of care in the NHS, the BSG remains a healthy, vigorous professional membership society and charity. Indeed the Society has emerged as a more caring and responsive organisation as a result of the pandemic with a renewed purpose to look after the wellbeing of its members, to work actively to become a more equal and diverse organisation, and to lead the specialty in its work on sustainability and limiting climate change.



We understand that we are on a journey of improvement, but our aspiration always remains to be, "Best in Class."



FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR

Results for the year

The consolidated statement of financial activities is shown on page 31 of the annual report and financial statements.

**Income for the year
was £2,246,924
(2020 - £1,688,270)**

The reduced income in 2020 related to the impact of COVID-19 on the education and training programme of the Society with key events, including the annual conference cancelled in response to the global pandemic. The journals continue to do well; income from Gut, Frontline Gastroenterology and Open Gastro totalled £857,549 (2020 - £889,052).

**The Society incurred
expenditure of £1,923,825
(2020 - £1,543,261)**

With the direct costs of these events being eliminated in 2020 where possible. In 2021, the Society also looked to continue to seek cost savings in other areas to ensure that financial stability can be maintained.

The results for the year show an overall increase in funds of £1,148,924 (2020 – increase of £130,309). This includes unrealised gains on investments of £825,825 (2020 – unrealised losses of £375,871 and realised gains of £390,571) (see note 12). Net income before investment gains and losses for the year was £323,099 (2020 – net income of £145,009).

The profit within BSG Limited amounted to £183,986 (2020 – loss of £98,918). The loss in 2020 arose due to unavoidable sunk costs relating to future events which could not be rescheduled. Events for 2021 focussed on providing digital offerings to members and this resulted in sufficient surpluses to be generated by BSG Limited to reverse the accumulated losses at 1 January 2021 and made that a Gift Aid distribution of £85,068 was payable to the charity in respect to operations for the year.

Due to the nature of the income streams there will inevitably be variance year-on-year with various events and learning opportunities taking place at different size and scale. The Society aims to ensure that any surpluses are reinvested to further aid Society's charitable objects.

Investment policy and performance

In May 2020, after a retender process, the Finance & Investment Committee awarded the management of the Society's investment portfolio to CCLA. The Society's investment strategy is medium risk and aimed at protecting the funds from depreciation in the short to medium term. The policy takes account of ethical considerations such as restrictions on tobacco and alcohol-related investment. In addition, the Trustees agreed that whilst supporting companies involved in drug development is desirable, all such investments should be held at "arms length" (i.e. in funds). Details of the Society's investments are set out in note 12 to the financial statements.

The Trustees consider the fund to have performed adequately during 2021 but reserve the right to review and tender for alternative providers as part of an active approach to investment oversight. There is an ambition to look again at both the ethical and sustainability aspects of the portfolio.

Reserves and going concern assessment

The Trustees continue to actively address the issue of reserves in the context of future plans and requirements of the Society. The cash needs of the Society are well within the assets it holds and the income it generates.

The objective is to maintain sufficient funds to support the key activities of the Society for one calendar year. This includes the annual meeting, requiring approximately £1,000,000, 12 months' staff costs approximating £480,000, and funds sufficient to discharge essential operating expenses estimated at £120,000, giving a total minimum required free reserve of approximately £1,600,000. The general funds, or free reserves, of the group at the year end were £2,144,962 (2020 – £2,073,154) and this is broadly in line with

the target set out above. The level of free reserves is regularly reviewed by Trustees.

Total funds of the charity at the year end were £8,635,663 (2020 - £7,486,739). This included restricted funds of £132,655 (2020 - £71,629) and designated funds at the year end totalled £6,358,046 (2020 - £5,341,956). Details of the designated funds are given in note 15 to the financial statements.

There is a reasonable expectation that BSG has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Trustees believe that there are no material uncertainties that call into doubt the Group and the Charity's ability to continue operating as a going concern. In making this decision, the Trustees have also taken into consideration the risks and uncertainties arising from the COVID-19 pandemic and conclude that the Group and the Charity can sustain their operations for a period of at least twelve months from date of signing these financial statements. Consequently, the financial statements have therefore been prepared on the basis that the Group and the Charity remain a going concern.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of the British Society of Gastroenterology for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the group for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the

United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Each of the Trustees confirms that:

- so far as the Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the Trustee has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a Trustee in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Chair of the BSG Board of Trustees

Approved by the Trustees on: 22 June 2022.

Independent auditor's report to the members of British Society of Gastroenterology

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of British Society of Gastroenterology (the 'charitable parent company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 December 2021, which comprise the group statement of financial activities, the group and charitable parent company balance sheets and statements of cash flows, the principal accounting policies and notes to the financial statements. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the charitable parent company's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of the group's income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report, which is also the directors' report for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the charitable parent company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the charitable parent company; or
- the charitable parent company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees, who are also the directors of the charitable parent company for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the charitable parent company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the group or the charitable parent company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate

competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;

- We identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with key management and from our knowledge and experience of the charity sector; and
- We focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements of the group and the charity. These included but were not limited to the Charities Act 2011, Companies Act 2006, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimate for the provision for bad debts were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- reading the minutes of trustee meetings;

- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims;
- agreeing financial statements disclosures to underlying supporting documentation

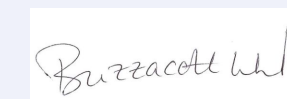
There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Shachi Blakemore (Senior Statutory Auditor)

Approved on: **6 July 2022**

For and on behalf of: Buzzacott LLP, Statutory Auditor, 130 Wood Street, London, EC2V 6DL

Consolidated statement of financial activities

(Year to 31 December 2021)

Incorporating income and expenditure

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 Total funds £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2020 Total funds £
Income							
Donations and legacies							
. Membership subscription	1	520,612	—	520,612	458,486	—	458,486
Donations		123	828	951	—	—	—
Government grants							
. CJRS grant		4,513	—	4,513	24,858	—	24,858
Investment income	2	187,372	—	187,372	166,400	—	166,400
Other		51,935	—	51,935	72,884	—	72,884
Charitable activities	3						
. Education and training		554,082	66,230	620,312	34,470	41,165	75,635
. GI research		857,549	—	857,549	889,052	—	889,052
. Service standards		—	3,680	3,680	—	955	955
Total income		2,176,186	70,738	2,246,924	1,646,150	42,120	1,688,270
Expenditure							
Cost of raising funds	4	48,629	—	48,629	98,551	—	98,551
Cost of charitable activities	5						
. Education and training		954,643	9,712	964,355	521,630	9,283	530,913
. GI research		579,595	—	579,595	654,189	—	654,189
. Service standards		286,379	—	286,379	245,687	296	245,983
. International		44,867	—	44,867	13,625	—	13,625
Total expenditure		1,914,113	9,712	1,923,825	1,533,682	9,579	1,543,261
Net income before gains (losses) on investments	8	262,073	61,026	323,099	112,468	32,541	145,009
Gains (losses) on investments	12						
Realised losses on investments		—	—	—	(390,571)	—	(390,571)
Unrealised gains on investments		825,825	—	825,825	375,871	—	375,871
		825,825	—	825,825	(14,700)	—	(14,700)
Net income and net movement in funds for the year		1,087,898	61,026	1,148,924	97,768	32,541	130,309
Reconciliation of funds							
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January		7,415,110	71,629	7,486,739	7,317,342	39,088	7,356,430
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December		8,503,008	132,655	8,635,663	7,415,110	71,629	7,486,739

All of the charity's activities derived from continuing operations during the above financial year.

All recognised gains or losses are included in the above statement of financial activities.

A comparative statement of financial activities for the previous year is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Balance Sheets

	Notes	Group		Charity	
		2021 £	2020 £	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	11	40,580	54,364	40,580	54,364
Tangible assets	11	56,235	15,760	56,235	15,760
Investments	12	6,958,809	6,132,984	6,958,810	6,132,985
		7,055,624	6,203,108	7,055,625	6,203,109
Current assets					
Debtors	13	852,655	877,597	848,258	712,983
Cash at bank and in hand		1,046,177	1,304,475	1,003,151	922,817
		1,898,832	2,182,072	1,851,409	1,635,800
Liabilities:					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(318,793)	(898,441)	(271,371)	(253,251)
		1,580,039	1,283,631	1,580,038	1,382,549
Net current assets		1,580,039	1,283,631	1,580,038	1,382,549
Total net assets		8,635,663	7,486,739	8,635,663	7,585,658
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted funds:					
. General funds		2,144,962	2,073,154	2,144,962	2,172,073
. Designated funds	15	6,358,046	5,341,956	6,358,046	5,341,956
Restricted funds	16	132,655	71,629	132,655	71,629
	17	8,635,663	7,486,739	8,635,663	7,585,658

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Chair of the BSG Board of Trustees

Approved on: **22 June 2022**

British Society of Gastroenterology
Registered Company Number: 08124892
(England and Wales)

Statement of cash flows

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flow from operating activities:			
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	A	(391,936)	477,485
Cash flow from investing activities:			
Dividends and interest from investments		187,372	166,400
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(53,734)	(3,862)
Purchase of intangible fixed assets		—	(8,645)
Proceeds from the disposal of investments		—	5,785,189
Purchase of investments		—	(5,913,172)
Net cash provided by investing activities		133,638	25,910
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(258,298)	503,395
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	B	1,304,475	801,080
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	B	1,046,177	1,304,475

Notes to the statement of cash flows for the year to 31 December

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

A Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Net movement in funds (as per the statement of financial activities)	1,148,924	130,309
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charge	9,363	14,643
Amortisation	13,784	28,191
(Gains) losses on investments	(825,825)	14,700
Dividends and interest from investments	(187,372)	(166,400)
Deficit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	3,896	29,440
Decrease in debtors	24,942	459,118
Decrease in creditors	(579,648)	(32,516)
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(391,936)	477,485

B Analysis of changes in net debt

	1 January 2021 £	Movement in year £	31 December 2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,304,475	(258,298)	1,046,177
Total cash and cash equivalents	1,304,475	(258,298)	1,046,177

Principal accounting policies

31 December 2021

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are laid out below.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared for the year to 31 December 2021, with comparative information for the year to 31 December 2020, and are presented in sterling and rounded to the nearest pound.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies below or the notes to these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Preparation of the financial statements requires the Trustees and management to make significant judgements and estimates.

The items in the financial statements where these judgements and estimates have been made include:

- estimating the useful economic life of tangible and intangible fixed assets for the purposes of determining the annual depreciation and amortisation charges; and
- estimating future cash flows for the purpose of determining the going concern status of the group.

The full impact following the emergence of the global coronavirus pandemic is still unknown. It is therefore not currently possible to evaluate all the potential implications for the charity's activities, beneficiaries, funders, suppliers and the wider economy. Estimates used in the accounts, particularly with respect to the value of listed investments (see note 12) are subject

to a greater degree of uncertainty and volatility. As set out in these accounting policies under "going concern", the Trustees have considered the impact of the pandemic on the charity and have concluded that although there may be some negative consequences, it is appropriate for the charity to continue to prepare its accounts on the going concern basis.

Assessment of going concern

The Trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these financial statements. The Trustees have made this assessment in respect to a period of one year from the date of approval of these financial statements.

The Trustees of the charity have concluded that there are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the group and the charity to continue as a going concern. They are of the opinion that the group and the charity will have sufficient resources to meet its liabilities as they fall due. The Trustees do not have material concerns regarding the group and the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

With regard to the next accounting period, the year ending 31 December 2021, the most significant areas that affect the carrying value of the assets held by the charity are the level of investment return and the performance of the investment markets.

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements of the group incorporate the financial statements of the Society and the trading subsidiary it controls, BSG Limited. These have been consolidated on a line by line basis. A separate statement of financial activities and income and expenditure account are not represented for the charity itself following the exemption afforded by section 4 of the Companies Act 2006.

Income recognition

Income is recognised in the period in which the group and the charity have entitlement to the income, the amount of income can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Subscription income – Subscription income is accounted for in the financial period for which it is due.

Publication income - The Society has a contract with BMJ Publications for the publication of the journals, which gives 50% of any surplus on a quarterly basis to the Society. The Society also receives advertising income from the publications, via BSG Limited. All publication income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

Scientific meetings - The income arising from scientific meetings is recognised on a receivable basis.

Donations - Donations are credited to the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are received.

Investment income - Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the group and the charity to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure comprises direct costs and support costs. All expenses, including support costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. The classification between activities is as follows:

- a) Cost of raising funds includes investment managers fees and an allocation of staff time.
- b) Expenditure on charitable activities comprise expenditure on the Society's primary charitable purposes as described in the Trustees' report. The costs for each activity include grants payable, other direct costs and support costs, which are apportioned on the level of activity in each area.

- c) Grants payable are included in the statement of financial activities when approved and when the intended recipient has either received the funds or been informed of the decision to make the grant, and has satisfied all relevant conditions. Grants approved but not paid at the end of the financial year are accrued for. Grants where the beneficiary has not been informed or has to meet certain conditions before the grant is released are not accrued for but are noted as financial commitments in the notes to the financial statements.

All expenditure is stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs represent indirect charitable expenditure. In order to carry out the primary purposes of the charity it is necessary to provide support in the form of financial procedures, provision of office services and equipment and a suitable working environment.

Governance costs comprises the costs directly attributable to the governance of the charity, including audit costs and the necessary legal procedures for compliance with statutory requirements.

Support costs and governance costs are allocated between activities with the allocation based on staff time use.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme on behalf of its employees. The assets are held in separately administered funds. Costs are charged to the statement of financial activities in the period to which they relate.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost of each asset over its estimated useful life:

- Office furniture, fittings and equipment - 5 years
- Leasehold building - 25 years

Items used in the day to day running of the Society and with a cost in excess of £500 are capitalised, and are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Intangible fixed assets

Amortisation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost of each asset over its estimated useful life, amortisation is charged from the date the asset comes into use:

- Database and website - 5 years

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at their settlement amount, less any provision for non-recoverability. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents such financial statements and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at the amount the group and the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt.

Fund structure

The Society has various types of funds for which it is responsible, and which require separate disclosure. These are as follows:

General funds - Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the Society.

Designated funds - Funds which are set aside as part of the Society's unrestricted funds for particular purposes in the future.

Restricted funds - Funds raised for, and their use restricted to, a specific purpose, or donations subject to donor imposed conditions.

Investments - Listed investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price.

The charity does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

Realised gains (or losses) on investment assets are calculated as the difference between disposal proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value at that date. Realised and unrealised investment gains (or losses) are combined in the statement of financial activities and are credited (or debited) in the year in which they arise.

Financial instruments

The charity only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the charity and their measurement basis are as follows:

Financial assets – other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost. Listed investments are a basic financial instrument as detailed above. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank – classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Financial liabilities – accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost.

Taxation

The Society is a registered charity and therefore is not liable for income tax or corporation tax on income derived from its charitable activities, as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

Notes to the financial statements

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1. Subscriptions

	Unrestricted funds	
	2021 £	2020 £
Membership subscription	520,612	458,486
Total funds	520,612	458,486

2. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	
	2021 £	2020 £
Income from listed investments	187,223	164,872
Interest receivable	149	1,528
Total funds	187,372	166,400

3. Income from charitable activities

	Un- restricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2021 £	Un- restricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2020 £
Education and training						
. Income from scientific meetings	547,319	66,230	613,549	32,197	35,918	68,115
. Sponsorship income	6,763	—	6,763	2,273	5,247	7,520
	554,082	66,230	620,312	34,470	41,165	75,635
GI Research						
. 'GUT', Frontline Gastroenterology and Open Gastro journals	857,549	—	857,549	889,052	—	889,052
	857,549	—	857,549	889,052	—	889,052
Service standards						
. Other income	—	3,680	3,680	—	955	955
		3,680	3,680	—	955	955
Total funds	1,411,631	69,910	1,481,541	923,522	42,120	965,642

4. Cost of raising funds

	Unrestricted Funds	
	2021 £	2020 £
Investment manager's fees	—	10,159
Staff costs (note 9)	48,629	88,392
Total funds	48,629	98,551

The charity now holds investments within pooled funds, as a result investment management fees are not separately identifiable.

5. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Un- restricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2021 £	Un- restricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2020 £
Education and training							
Direct costs							
. Scientific meetings	401,207	—	9,158	410,365	199,213	7,383	206,596
. Section meetings	12,853	—	554	13,407	5,003	1,900	6,903
. Committee meetings	12,693	—	—	12,693	2,460	—	2,460
. Mentoring	11,713	—	—	11,713	2,013	—	2,013
. Staff costs (note 9)	131,786	—	—	131,786	61,332	—	61,332
Support costs (note 6)	299,855	84,536	—	384,391	251,609	—	251,609
	870,107	84,536	9,712	964,355	521,630	9,283	530,913
GI research							
Direct costs							
. 'GUT' journal	237,258	—	—	237,258	239,294	—	239,294
. Frontline Gastroenterology journal	107,034	—	—	107,034	103,786	—	103,786
. Section meetings	2,067	—	—	2,067	3,545	—	3,545
. Bursaries & prizes	500	—	—	500	28,000	—	28,000
. Clinical Research Groups	—	—	—	—	754	—	754
. Research Workshops	—	—	—	—	3,510	—	3,510
Priority setting partnerships	—	27,686	—	27,686	—	—	—
Other costs	—	6,274	—	6,274	—	—	—
. Staff costs (note 9)	43,091	—	—	43,091	52,976	—	52,976
. Grant to BASL	5,000	—	—	5,000	5,000	—	5,000
. Grant to Guts UK	—	25,000	—	25,000	—	—	—
Support costs (note 6)	98,044	27,641	—	125,685	217,324	—	217,324
	492,994	86,601	—	579,595	654,189	—	654,189

5. Expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

Service standards							
Direct costs							
. Guidelines	2,971	2,823	—	5,794	6,188	—	6,188
. Newsletter	450	—	—	450	—	—	—
. Meeting and other costs	19,412	(10,000)	—	9,412	8,031	296	8,327
. Membership Development	1,368	1,950	—	3,318	129	—	129
. Staff costs (note 9)	68,272	—	—	68,272	45,340	—	45,340
Support costs (note 6)	155,339	43,794	—	199,133	185,999	—	185,999
	<u>247,812</u>	<u>38,567</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>286,379</u>	<u>245,687</u>	<u>296</u>	<u>245,983</u>
International							
Direct costs							
. Staff costs (note 9)	10,561	—	—	10,561	1,796	—	1,796
. Other costs	—	—	—	—	4,462	—	4,462
Grants & awards	—	3,500	—	3,500	—	—	—
Support costs (note 6)	24,031	6,775	—	30,806	7,367	—	7,367
	<u>34,592</u>	<u>10,275</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>44,867</u>	<u>13,625</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>13,625</u>
Total funds	<u>1,645,505</u>	<u>219,979</u>	<u>9,712</u>	<u>1,875,196</u>	<u>1,435,131</u>	<u>9,579</u>	<u>1,444,710</u>

6. Support costs

	Education and training £	GI research £	Service standards £	Inter-national £	2021 Total £
Premises expenses	84,535	27,641	43,794	6,775	162,745
Administration and office expenses	45,261	14,799	23,447	3,627	87,134
Website	13,245	4,331	6,862	1,061	25,499
Legal and professional fees	16,530	5,405	8,563	1,325	31,823
Human Resources	11,052	3,614	5,726	886	21,278
Consultancy	22,956	7,506	11,893	1,840	44,195
Accountancy and bookkeeping	13,241	4,329	6,859	1,061	25,490
Staff costs	127,989	41,849	66,304	10,257	246,399
Recruitment	6,540	2,138	3,388	524	12,590
Marketing	3,415	1,117	1,770	274	6,576
Bank charges and foreign currency (gain)	1,634	534	846	131	3,145
Depreciation and disposal of assets	14,047	4,593	7,277	1,126	27,043
Sundry expenses	3,068	1,003	1,589	246	5,906
Irrecoverable VAT	2,736	894	1,417	219	5,266
Governance costs (note 7)	18,142	5,932	9,398	1,454	34,926
2021 Total	<u>384,391</u>	<u>125,685</u>	<u>199,133</u>	<u>30,806</u>	<u>740,015</u>

6. Support costs (continued)

	Education and training £	GI research £	Service standards £	Inter- national £	2020 Total £
Premises expenses	20,273	17,510	14,986	594	53,363
Administration and office expenses	19,439	16,790	14,370	569	51,168
Website	14,481	12,509	10,706	424	38,120
Legal and professional fees	1,279	1,104	945	37	3,365
Human Resources	2,558	2,210	1,891	75	6,734
Consultancy	29,291	25,300	21,654	858	77,103
Accountancy and bookkeeping	10,905	9,419	8,061	319	28,704
Staff costs	94,725	81,818	70,024	2,773	249,340
Recruitment	14,448	12,479	10,681	423	38,031
Marketing	1,565	1,352	1,157	46	4,120
Bank charges and interest payable	(815)	(704)	(603)	(24)	(2,146)
Depreciation and disposal of assets	27,457	23,716	20,297	804	72,274
Sundry expenses	1,408	1,216	1,041	41	3,706
Irrecoverable VAT	8,940	7,721	6,608	262	23,531
Governance costs (note 7)	5,655	4,884	4,181	166	14,886
2020 Total	251,609	217,324	185,999	7,367	662,299

7. Governance

	Unrestricted funds	
	2021 £	2020 £
Council meetings	16,220	—
Trustees' expenses	4,806	1,936
Auditor's remuneration	13,900	12,950
Total funds	34,926	14,886

None of the Trustees received remuneration from the charity in respect of their services as Trustees (2020 - none).

8. Net income (expenditure) before (losses) gains on investments

This is stated after charging:

	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Staff costs (note 9)	592,934	576,278
Depreciation (note 11)	23,147	42,834
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	3,896	29,440
Auditors' remuneration (group basis)		
. Audit fees – current year	13,900	13,900
. Non-audit fees	—	3,760

9. Staff costs, remuneration of key management and Trustees' remuneration

	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Wages and salaries	472,950	379,947
Social security cost	43,606	27,352
Pension cost	20,474	44,186
Redundancy and severance costs	8,692	—
	545,722	451,485
Consultancy costs	47,212	124,793
	592,934	576,278

9. Staff costs, remuneration of key management and Trustees' remuneration (continued)

Staff costs analysed by activities

	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Cost of raising funds	48,629	88,392
Charitable activities		
. Education and training	131,786	61,332
. GI research	43,091	52,976
. Service standards	68,272	45,340
. International	10,561	1,796
Support costs	290,595	326,443
	592,934	576,278

The average number of employees, excluding agency and self-employed consultant staff, during the year was:

	2021 No.	2020 No.
Employees	10.3	9.2

The number of employees who earned £60,000 or more per annum (including taxable benefits but excluding employer pension contributions) during the period was as follows:

	2021 No	2020 No
£80,001 - £90,000	—	1
£100,001-£110,000	1	—

Pension contributions for this employee totalled £9,363 (2020 – £9,407).

The key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis comprise the Trustees, the CEO, the Governance and Operations Director and the Marketing Director (until April 2020). The total remuneration (including taxable benefits and employer's pension contributions) of the key management personnel for the year was £241,172 (2020 – £223,657). No Trustee received any remuneration from the Society in their ongoing role as a Trustee. Travelling and subsistence expenses were reimbursed to twelve Trustees amounting to a total of £4,746 (2020 – £5,939 to 3 Trustees). At the year end a balance of £nil (2020 – £nil) was owed to Trustees.

10. Net income from subsidiaries

The Society has one wholly-owned subsidiary, BSG Limited, which is incorporated in England and Wales (Company Registration Number 03021266). BSG Limited conducts scientific meetings on behalf of the Society. A summary of BSG Limited's results is shown below:

Statement of income	2021 £	2020 £
Turnover	700,314	131,894
Cost of sales	(481,942)	(217,897)
Gross profit	218,372	(86,003)
Administration	(34,408)	(13,401)
Interest receivable	22	486
Net profit (loss)	183,986	(98,918)
Gift Aid to BSG	(85,068)	—
Profit/(loss) for the period	98,918	(98,918)

11. Fixed assets

Intangible fixed assets

Group and charity	Database & website £
Cost	
At 1 January 2021	68,920
Additions	—
At 31 December 2021	68,920
Amortisation	
At 1 January 2021	14,556
Charge for the year	13,784
At 31 December 2021	28,340
Net book values	
At 31 December 2021	40,580
At 31 December 2020	54,364

Tangible fixed assets

Group and charity	Leasehold buildings £	Office equipment, fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2021	165,000	53,467	218,467
Additions	—	53,734	53,734
Disposals	(165,000)	(40,372)	(205,372)
At 31 December 2021	—	66,829	66,829
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2021	161,700	41,007	202,707
Charge for the year	3,300	6,063	9,363
Eliminated on disposal	(165,000)	(36,476)	(201,476)
At 31 December 2021	—	10,594	10,594
Net book values			
At 31 December 2021	—	56,235	56,235
At 31 December 2020	3,300	12,460	15,760

12. Investments

	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Market value at 1 January	6,132,984	6,019,701
Additions at cost	—	5,913,172
Disposals at opening market value	—	(6,175,760)
Unrealised gains	825,825	375,871
Market value at 31 December	6,958,809	6,132,984
Group		
Investment in BSG Limited	1	1
Society	6,958,810	6,132,985

At 31 December, the Group and Society's listed investments comprised the following:

	2021 £	2020 £
Unit funds (COIF Charity Fund)	6,958,809	6,132,984
	6,958,809	6,132,984
Historical cost of investments (excluding cash held with investment managers)	5,757,113	5,757,113

The total unrealised gains as at 31 December constitutes movements on revaluation and are as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Unrealised gains included above:		
On investments	1,201,696	375,871
Total unrealised gains at 31 December	1,201,696	375,871
Reconciliation of movements in unrealised gains		
Unrealised gains at 1 January	375,871	1,391,278
In respect to disposals in the year	—	(1,391,278)
	375,871	—
Net gains arising on revaluation arising in the year	825,825	375,871
Total unrealised gains at 31 December	1,201,696	375,871

13. Debtors

	Group		Charity	
	2021 £	2020 £	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	30,376	332,452	4,576	210,472
Other debtors	—	1,292	—	1,292
VAT	64,052	135,764	29,193	11,291
Amount due from subsidiary	—	—	241,764	230,523
Loan to subsidiary	—	—	150,000	—
Prepayments and accrued income	758,227	408,089	422,725	259,405
	852,655	877,597	848,258	712,983

14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Charity	
	2021 £	2020 £	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	215,160	121,905	208,190	121,905
Accruals and deferred income	74,445	310,887	50,120	114,880
Social security & other taxation	13,061	16,466	13,061	16,466
Other creditors	16,127	449,183	—	—
	318,793	898,441	271,371	253,251

Included within the above is deferred income as set out below:

	2021 £	2020 £
Deferred income brought forward at 1 January	183,004	274,681
Additional income deferred during the year	22,500	183,004
Brought forward funds released in the year	(183,004)	(274,681)
Deferred income carried forward at 31 December	22,500	183,004

15. Designated funds

The income funds of the group include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees for specific purposes:

	At 1 January 2021 £	New designations £	Utilised in year £	At 31 December 2021 £
Research	50,500	340,000	(31,275)	359,225
Training and Education	113,268	—	—	113,268
Clinical Services	261,584	—	(2,840)	258,744
International	88,500	30,000	6,500	125,000
Refurbishment and sinking fund	149,175	(13,490)	(135,685)	—
Research PSP	118,000	—	(27,686)	90,314
Workforce App	40,000	—	(1,950)	38,050
Membership development	74,934	—	—	74,934
Property	4,000,000	—	(4,000,000)	—
Investments	—	4,000,000	—	4,000,000
Investment gains	375,871	825,825	—	1,201,696
Tangible and intangible assets	70,124	53,734	(27,043)	96,815
	5,341,956	5,326,069	(4,219,979)	6,358,046

	At 1 January 2020 £	New designations £	Utilised in year £	At 31 December 2020 £
<i>Research</i>	30,000	45,500	(25,000)	50,500
<i>Training and Education</i>	44,663	70,000	(1,395)	113,268
<i>Clinical Services</i>	221,475	45,000	(4,891)	261,584
<i>International</i>	74,500	14,000	—	88,500
<i>Refurbishment of offices</i>	100,000	50,000	(825)	149,175
<i>Research PSP</i>	—	118,000	—	118,000
<i>Workforce App</i>	—	40,000	—	40,000
<i>Membership development</i>	150,844	—	(75,910)	74,934
<i>Property</i>	4,000,000	—	—	4,000,000
<i>Restructuring</i>	23,276	—	(23,276)	—
<i>Investment gains</i>	—	375,871	—	375,871
<i>Tangible and intangible assets</i>	129,891	12,507	(72,274)	70,124
	4,774,649	770,878	(203,571)	5,341,956

15. Designated funds (continued)

Research – An amount has been designated for research grants.

Training and Education – Funds have been set aside for a number of earmarked projects identified by the Council and including a mentoring project.

Clinical Services – Funds have been set aside for a number of worthy projects identified by Council such as audit and guidelines including open access for guidelines.

Refurbishment and sinking fund – A sum of money has been designated to fund the potential refurbishment of the new offices.

Research PSP – Funds have been set aside as part of the Research strategy over the next 3 years, the BSG will be co-funding the development of various PSP (Priority Setting Partnerships). All requests for funding are submitted to the Research Committee for approval.

Workforce App – A sum of money has been designated for the development of a Workforce app to support the membership.

Membership development – This has been designated for membership development.

Property fund – A sum of money had been designated to secure alternative office accommodation for the Society, following consideration in 2021 this fund has been released since the charity is not currently seeking to move premises.

Investments – The Society considers the income from their investment portfolio to subsidise the general operations of the charity. Holding the investment portfolio helps to mitigate the risk of cyclical reductions in other income streams. The Society has determined that a minimum of £4,000,000 should be designated as an investment fund to ensure an ongoing level of supplementary income sufficient to contribute towards the cost base of the Society can be generated in perpetuity.

Investment gains – The Society has also designated the unrealised gains from investment holdings as it is not the intention to draw down on these amounts in the short term.

Tangible and intangible assets – This fund represents the net book value of the tangible and intangible assets of the Society.

16. Restricted funds

	At 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure and transfers £	At 31 December 2021 £
Endoscopy - Paul Brown travel fund	3,540	—	—	3,540
Presidents travel fund	—	828	—	828
Pathologists Group fund	2,603	—	—	2,603
Section funds				
. Oesophageal Section	2,850	—	—	2,850
. IBD Section	1,300	—	—	1,300
. Clinical Measurement	10,176	3,680	(135)	13,721
. NGM	3,627	—	—	3,627
. Trainees in Gastro	42,894	66,230	(9,577)	99,547
. SWiG	957	—	—	957
Other	3,682	—	—	3,682
	71,629	70,738	(9,712)	132,655

	At 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure and transfers £	At 31 December 2020 £
Endoscopy – Paul Brown travelling fund	3,540	—	—	3,540
Pathologists Group fund	2,603	—	—	2,603
Section funds				
. Oesophageal Section	2,850	—	—	2,850
. IBD Section	1,300	—	—	1,300
. Clinical Measurement	5,227	5,245	(296)	10,176
. NGM	4,887	—	(1,260)	3,627
. Trainees in Gastro	14,999	35,918	(8,023)	42,894
. SWiG	—	957	—	957
Other	3,682	—	—	3,682
	39,088	42,120	(9,579)	71,629

Restricted funds are as follows:

The **Paul Brown travel fund** represents a donation received from KeyMed for small travel grants to UK doctors to visit Endoscopy Centres abroad to enable them to learn specific techniques. The presidents travel fund represents donations received to be utilised on travel expenses for the BSG president.

The **Pathologists Group fund** is a donation to support the annual Basil Morson Lecture.

The **Section funds** represent the income and expenditure in relation to the activities of these sections of the Society.

17. Analysis of net assets between funds

Group	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds £	Total funds £
	General fund £	Designated funds £		
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:				
Intangible fixed assets	—	40,580	—	40,580
Tangible fixed assets	—	56,235	—	56,235
Investments	1,757,113	5,201,696	—	6,958,809
Current assets	701,349	1,064,828	132,655	1,898,832
Current liabilities	(313,500)	(5,293)	—	(318,793)
Total net assets	2,144,962	6,358,046	132,655	8,635,663

Group	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds £	Total funds £
	General fund £	Designated funds £		
Fund balances at 31 December 2020 are represented by:				
Intangible fixed assets	—	54,364	—	54,364
Tangible fixed assets	—	15,760	—	15,760
Investments	1,581,571	4,551,413	—	6,132,984
Current assets	1,377,424	733,019	71,629	2,182,072
Current liabilities	(885,841)	(12,600)	—	(898,441)
Total net assets	2,073,154	5,341,956	71,629	7,486,739

18. Ultimate control and related party transactions

The charity has no ultimate controlling party.

No Trustee received remuneration from the group and charity in respect of their services as Trustee.

19. Guts UK Charity

The Society works closely with Guts UK Charity (previously known as Core – The Digestive Disorders Foundation) (Charity Registration No 1137029 and Company Registration No 07274105 (England and Wales)) to support Guts UK's mission to support research training for young doctors and scientists, the application of new knowledge to practice and the provision of patient information to the public; Guts UK is the only charity dedicated to the whole of gastrointestinal diseases. The Chairman of the Research Committee of the BSG is a Trustee of Guts UK. The President of Guts UK is an ex-officio member of the BSG Council.

Transactions between the two charities during the year were as follows:

The Society gave one grant of £25,000 to Guts UK during the year (2020 – one grant of £25,000 which remained payable at 31 December 2020).

