CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1 July 2024 **Period start date** **To:** 20 November 2024 **Period end date**

Charity name: British Hydrological Society

Charity registration number: 327488

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document (SORP ref Para 1.17)	The British Hydrological Society (BHS) charitable purpose is the advancement of education. The aims of the Society are, in accordance with guidance on Public Benefit, to promote interest, scholarship and good practice in both the scientific and the applied aspects of hydrology and to foster the involvement of its members in national and international activities directed to the promotion of hydrology.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts (Para 1.17 and 1.19)	Main activities undertaken by the Society to meet the aims of the Society: - Held regular meetings including joint meetings with other organisations, groups and societies to discuss hydrological subjects. - Published and circulated the Circulation newsletter to all Society members to disseminate information relating to both national and international activities and developments in the field of hydrology. - Promoted the publication of hydrological literature. - Raised awareness of hydrological activities and issues via social media. - Awarded travel grants to early career hydrologists to attend conferences and meetings. - Fostered and co-operated in inter-disciplinary activities with other national and international organisations with related interests. - Promoted the formation of regional and local sections of the Society. - Undertook all such other lawful activities as shall further the aims of the Society.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The Trustees, in exercising their powers and duties, have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

(Para 1.18)	

Additional information

Policy on grant making (SORP ref Para 1.38)	**Travel Grants** The BHS Travel Grants are a scheme to assist attendance at conferences, symposia and workshops to foster the involvement of BHS members in activities directed at promoting, advancing, and building esteem of hydrology. The scheme primarily applies to international travel, and only exceptionally travel within the UK **Exeter Fund** The Exeter Fund (EF) is an endowment arising from surplus money generated by the 1st Scientific Assembly of the International Association of Hydrological Sciences (IAHS) held at Exeter University in 1982. The EF was initially administered by the Royal Society, before being transferred to BHS in 1991. It provides grants to assist attendance at biennial IAHS Scientific Assemblies and International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG) General Assemblies held outside the UK, and to encourage early career scientists to become involved with IAHS as an Association.
Policy on social investment including program related investment (Para 1.38)	None
Contribution made by volunteers (Para 1.38)	The Society is dependent upon the efforts of unpaid members throughout its structure for its governance and for most of its activities. The administrative functions are provided by The Institution of Civil Engineers (at a discounted cost rate to BHS). The UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology supports the Society's quarterly newsletter (Circulation). Other bodies support the Society by sponsoring conferences and symposia. Many organisations encourage their employees to be involved in the Society, e.g., by joining the Main Committee, and support this in terms of providing time and/or reimbursement of expenses.
Other	**Website** The website continues to provide an important means of disseminating information about the Society and current hydrological issues to members and anyone else interested. It gives information about the Society's activities, awards, and administration. The calendar of national and regional meetings and events includes joint meetings and relevant international events organised by others.

	The site also includes information for members considering routes to chartered status with other institutions and general information on careers and sources of hydrological data. The Society publishes a listing of hydrological consultants and provides space to advertise hydrology-related jobs. There are also links to the BHS Mail base (members mailing list), outputs from past meetings, consultation responses, BHS publications, national current and historic hydrological data holdings.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole (SORP ref. Para 1.20)	**Events held** - 23-24 September 2024: BHS National Symposium and AGM at Oxford University. **Publications** Circulation – One issue of the BHS newsletter was published during this period (1 July-20 November 2024). This newsletter is disseminated to all members and includes information relating to both national and international activities and developments in the field of hydrology. **Prizes awarded** The annual BHS prize for undergraduate dissertations was awarded to one winner and two runners-up. **Impact of the charity's work on the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole** The BHS held a major event in this period. This has helped us engage with 200+ hydrologists from across the UK including BHS members and other hydrologists who may not be members. The BHS Symposium and AGM were held at Oxford University on 23-24 September 2024 included 58 presentations and 70 posters that allowed hydrologists to showcase a wide range of their work with the wider community. It also included a series of workshops and community gatherings which allowed hydrologists to expand their network. The BHS supported four early career researchers to attend the Symposium and present their research. The BHS held an AGM which included a series of reports from the President, Honorary Treasurer, Early Careers sub-committee, Communications and Publications sub-committee and Events sub-committee. This allowed the community to hear about the achievements and work of the Society over the year.

Additional information

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set (Para 1.41)	No objectives set

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set (Para 1.41)	No fundraising activities
Investment performance against objectives (Para 1.41)	Not applicable

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period (Para 1.21)	At 20 November 2024, the General Accumulated Fund for the society was £Nil. The reduction in the General Accumulated Fund in the period was solely down to the transferring of the charity's net assets to a newly formed Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO), being the British Hydrological Society (charity number 1208263).
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held (Para 1.22)	The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. The trustees consider it prudent to keep unrestricted reserves at levels which ensure that there are sufficient funds to meet the needs of current and future activities which includes under-writing the costs of large symposia which could leave the Society with considerable liabilities in the event of enforced last-minute cancellation. However, this year the committee decided to introduce free membership for undergraduates and apprentices to slightly reduce the reserves and to support early career members. The activities of the Society are otherwise largely regular and predictable in the medium to long term. Reserves can therefore be relied upon to act as contingency in the event of income flows being disrupted or the late cancellation/failure of such major events.
Amount of reserves held (Para 1.22)	The total funds held at the end of the reporting period was £Nil as a result of the transfer to the newly formed CIO.
Reasons for holding zero reserves (Para 1.22)	Reserves have been reduced to £Nil in the period as a result of the transfer of net assets to the new CIO. It is the intention of the trustees to wind up this charity once final accounts have been approved by the Board.
Details of fund materially in deficit (Para 1.24)	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern (Para 1.23)	None at present

Additional information

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) (Para 1.47)	The principal source of income for the Society was the BHS Symposium (£56,029) and subscriptions from members (£2,486). In addition, £6,750 was received as contributions to the studentship scheme from a third party.

Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted (Para 1.46)	The Exeter Fund is an endowment fund which is invested in a Charities Official Investment Fund. Over this period (1 July – 20 November 2024) this generated income of £960 in dividends. The total market value of the fund as of 20 November 2024 was £93,766 prior to their transfer to the new CIO. This compares to £92,806 at the year-end of June 2024.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity (Para 1.46)	The main risks to the Society are: - Large drop in number of members affecting funding - Event cancellation and associated loss of funds already committed - Loss of contributions to the studentship scheme from third parties. The risks to which the Society is exposed have been reviewed and procedures established to manage those risks. This includes items such as the reserves policy and degree of financial dependency.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts

Type of governing document (SORP Para 1.25)	The British Hydrological Society was formed by statutes adopted on 1 December 1985 (amended 23 March 1987, 19 September 2007, 11 September 2013 and 18 April 2018). On 20 November 2024, the BHS charity #327488 was closed and its assets were transferred to a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with a charity #1208263.
How is the charity constituted? (SORP Para 1.25)	Charity registered 25 August 1987.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees (SORP Para 1.25)	All Trustees are volunteers who are nominated and elected by the Society's membership and serve for a fixed term depending on their role. Application to stand for election must be supported by two nominators from the BHS membership. The BHS replaces Trustees whose roles expires each year to make sure the Society can continue to operate but also to bring in fresh ideas and energy to keep us moving forward. The BHS encourages people from all backgrounds and experiences to apply. The Trustees represent the membership, and it is important that those voices are as diverse as possible.

Additional information

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees (Para 1.51)	The BHS Executive Committee provides training for new trustees. This includes the following information: - Charity trustee welcome pack - Terms of reference for their specific trustee role - BHS statutes It also includes a training presentation with slides on: - Delivering purpose - Governance vs management - Responsibilities and duties - Links to Charity Commission and BHS websites to view additional information.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works (Para 1.51)	The BHS must have 8 -14 trustees with three Honorary Officers: President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer. The BHS also has either a President Elect or a Past President and 4-10 Ordinary Trustees, each of which should have either a Chair or Secretary role within a sub-committee.
Relationship with any related parties (Para 1.51)	The British Hydrological Society was originally co-sponsored by the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) and the UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (formerly through the Institute of Hydrology). **Institution of Civil Engineers**

	The Institution, with its headquarters in central London, provides secretarial and administrative functions, including membership, administrative support of the Society's Secretary and accounting services. It is also the venue for many of BHS's national meetings. BHS is a Specialist Knowledge Society of the ICE. **UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology** The main committee includes a representative (Co-opted member) from UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology. **Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management** The main committee includes a representative (Co-opted member) from the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management. **International Association of Hydrological Sciences** Following an agreement made in 1990 with the Royal Society, BHS acts as a link between the British hydrological community and the International Association of Hydrological Sciences (IAHS). An Associate Committee of the BHS, the UK Committee for IAHS, has the following main functions: • To provide channels of communication and contact between UK hydrologists and IAHS • To encourage and co-ordinate involvement of UK hydrologists in the activities of IAHS • To assist in major IAHS events in the UK • To provide advice on IAHS matters • To make nominations for IAHS awards and prizes • To make nominations for IAHS officers • To ensure that the UK discharges its voting rights in IAHS elections **European Geophysical Union** Informal links with EGU exist through members and committee members of the Society acting as session conveners and in other capacities in EGU. **UK Committee for International Hydrology** The BHS President is a member of the UK Committee for International Hydrology (UKCIH). The Committee aims to better coordinate UK contributions to international hydrological and water resources management initiatives, by promoting dialogue between organisations, encouraging collaboration and avoiding duplication. Through its Secretariat, the UKCIH coordinates the UK input to the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) of UNESCO and the water related activities of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). **Other links** The Society maintains and continues to nurture relations with learned societies in associated disciplines, particularly:

	- Royal Meteorological Society - Hydrogeological Group of the Geological Society - British Dam Society - British Ecological Society - Water Industry Forum - British Society for Geomorphology.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	British Hydrological Society
Other name the charity uses	Not applicable
Registered charity number	327488
Charity's principal address	One Great George Street, Westminster, London, SW1P 3AA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Duncan Faulkner	President	1 July – 20 November 2024	Not applicable
2	Hayley Fowler	Past President	1 July – 24 September 2024	
3	Scott McGrane	Honorary Treasurer	1 July – 24 September 2024	
4	Victoria Coates	Honorary Secretary	1 July – 20 November 2024	
5	Gemma Coxon		1 July – 20 November 2024	
6	William Rust		1 July – 20 November 2024	
7	Chris Skinner		1 July – 24 September 2024	
8	Katy Peat		1 July – 20 November 2024	
9	Giuseppe Degan Di Dieco		1 July – 24 September 2024	
10	Liv Burns		1 July – 20 November 2024	
11	Chris White		1 July – 20 November 2024	
12	Tim Hess	Honorary Treasurer	24 September – 20 November 2024	
13				
14				
15				
16				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Not applicable		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Not applicable		

Not applicable		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how these falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Not applicable

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not applicable

Other optional information

None

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)			
Full name(s)	Duncan Faulkner	Tim Hess	
Position (e.g., Secretary, Chair, etc)	President	Treasurer	
Date	11/12/2025	11/12/2025	

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the British Hydrological Society

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the British Hydrological Society for the period 1 July to 20 November 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Society, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Society as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Chartered Accountants
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BRITISH HYDROLOGICAL SOCIETY

Statement of Financial Activities (Including the Income and Expenditure Account) for the period ended 20 November 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds Period ended 20 Nov 2024	Total Funds Year ended 30 June 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Income from:						
Charitable activities	4	9,236	-	-	9,236	36,694
Other trading activities	5	56,329	-	-	56,329	9,260
Donations and legacies	6	-	-	-	-	19
Investments		739	960	-	1,699	3,639
Total Income		**66,304**	**960**	**-**	**67,264**	**49,612**
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	7	51,954	-	-	51,954	19,003
Charitable activities	8	24,741	-	-	24,741	33,660
Transfer of net assets	16	76,057	19,757	74,009	169,823	0
Total Expenditure		**152,752**	**19,757**	**74,009**	**246,518**	**52,663**
Net gains on investments		-	-	-	-	5,582
Net (expenditure)/ income and net movement in funds		(86,448)	(18,797)	(74,009)	(179,254)	2,531
Reconciliation of funds						
Balances brought forward at 1 July 2024		86,448	18,797	74,009	179,254	176,723
Closing balances at 20 November 2024		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**179,254**

The statement of financial activity includes all gains and losses in the period.
All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

BRITISH HYDROLOGICAL SOCIETY
Balance Sheet as at 20 November 2024

	Notes	Period ended 20 Nov 2024 £	£	Year ended 30 June 2024 £	£
Fixed Assets					
Investments	9		-		74,009
Current Assets					
Debtors	10	-		6,450	
Short term deposits		-		78,517	
Cash at bank		-		24,920	
		-		109,887	
Liabilities					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	-		4,642	
Net Current Assets			-		105,245
Total Assets			-		**179,254**
Capital Funds					
Endowments	12		-		74,009
Income Funds					
Unrestricted	12		-		86,448
Restricted	12		-		18,797
			-		**179,254**

The accounts were approved by the Committee on11 Decemner 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Duncan Faulkner President

Professor Timothy Hess Honorary Treasurer

16 Transfer of Net Assets

During the financial period, approval was obtained from the Charity Commission to transfer the net assets of the charity to a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation, being the British Hydrology Society (Charity number 1208263). The Trustees of the newly formed charity are the same as those of this charity.

BRITISH HYDROLOGICAL SOCIETY

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2024

1. Responsibilities of the Committee

The Committee is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Society and take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. In preparing the financial statements the Committee are required to:-

a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; and

b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

2. Status

British Hydrological Society is a registered Charity in England and Wales, charity number 327488 The principal office is One Great George Street, Westminster, London, SW1P 3AA.

3. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (effective 1 January 2019)(FRS 102), the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)(Charities SORP FRS 102).

The British Hydrological Society meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Following the approval of the financial statements and as a result of the transfer of net assets to a newly form CIO, British Hydrological Society, it is the intention of the Board to wind up this charity and carry on the activities within the new CIO. The financial statements are presented in Pounds Sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

a) Incoming Resources

All income, including subscriptions and investment income is accounted for when received, except in the case of subscriptions which are specifically stated to be in respect of an ensuing accounting period. No credit is taken for subscriptions unpaid at the balance sheet date.

b) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer resources to a third party, settlement is probable, and the amount can be reliably estimated.

Most of the Society's expenditure relates to direct charitable expenditure. Fund-raising and publicity costs are not applicable, and the management and administration was provided by The Institution of Civil Engineers at a cost of £8,703.

The Institution of Civil Engineers provides meeting room hire to the Society as part of the agreed package of management and administration services. The Society is only charged for room hire if the

allocation is exceeded in any calendar year (with such charges being discounted from the Institution's standard rates).

c) Grants payable

Grants are made to persons and institutions in furtherance of the Society's objects.

d) Investments

Investments am stated at market value on the date of these financial statements. Income from investments is included in the accounts when due to be received and interest on bank deposit is accounted for on an accruals basis. Realised gains/losses on investments sold are calculated on their original cost.

e) Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial instruments of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. The Charities financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

f) Creditors

Creditors are recognised when a present legal or constructive obligation exists at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, and the amount can be estimated reliably. Creditors are recognised at their settlement value.

g) Fund accounting

The charitable company maintains three types of funds:

General unrestricted funds are those which can be used in accordance with the Society's charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The aim and use of the restricted funds is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are funds held on trust for the purpose of allocating travel grants to UK Hydrologists who wish to attend the International Association of Hydrological Sciences events, normally held every 2 years.

4	Charitable activites	Period ended 20 Nov 2024 £	Year ended 30 June 2024 £
	Unrestricted Funds		
	Membership subscriptions	2,486	24,994
	Studentship Scheme	6,750	11,700
		9,236	36,694

5	Other trading activities	Period ended 20 Nov 2024 £	Year ended 30 June 2024 £
	National meetings	-	9,410
	BHS Symposium	56,029	-
	Website Advertising	300	(150)
		56,329	9,260

6	Donations and legacies	Period ended 20 Nov 2024 £	Year ended 30 June 2024 £
	Donations receivable	-	19
		-	19

7	Raising funds	Period ended 20 Nov 2024 £	Year ended 30 June 2024 £
	National and other meeting expenses	732	1,095
	BHS Symposium	48,152	-
	BHS 40th Anniversary Event	-	8,163
	Website	180	180
	Newsletter	2,890	9,565
		51,954	19,003

8 Charitable activities	Period ended 20 Nov 2024	Year ended 30 June 2024
Unrestricted funds	£	£
Postage	-	3
Travel awards	2,277	2,287
Travel expenses	-	89
Bank charges	25	60
Prizes	800	370
Studentship Scheme	15,000	17,500
Committee expenses	1,888	3,025
Administration	3,791	8,703
Independent examiner's fees	960	1,170
	24,741	33,207
Restricted funds		
Grants to individuals	-	453

All grants made under the Studentship scheme and the Travel awards are made to individuals to assist with attending meetings and conferences for hydrology-related subjects.

9 Investments	Period ended 20 Nov 2024	Year ended 30 June 2024
	£	£
Market value 1 July 2024	74,009	68,427
Unrealised investment gains	-	5,582
Transfer of investments	(74,009)	-
Market value 20 November 2024	-	74,009
Historical cost	-	24,530

The investments relate to the Exeter endowment funds and are invested in a Charities Official Investment Fund.

10 Debtors	Period ended 20 Nov 2024	Year ended 30 June 2024
	£	£
Balances due from other organisations	-	150
Prepayments	-	6,300
	-	6,450

11 Creditors falling due within one year	Period ended 20 Nov 2024	Year ended 30 June 2024
	£	£
Creditors and accruals	-	4,642
	-	4,642

12 Endowment and Restricted Funds

Exeter Fund	Period ended 20 Nov 2024 £	Year ended 30 June 2024 £
Endowment Funds		
Capital account at 1 July 2024	74,009	68,427
Unrealised increase in market value of investments	-	5,582
Transfer of funds	(74,009)	-
Capital account at 20 November 2024	-	74,009
Unrestricted Funds		
As at 1 July 2024	86,448	91,036
Income	66,304	47,622
Expenditure	(76,695)	(52,210)
Transfer of funds	(76,057)	-
Income account at 20 November 2024	-	86,448
Restricted Funds		
Income account at 1 July 2024	18,797	17,260
Dividends	960	1,990
Grants paid	-	(453)
Transfer of funds	(19,757)	-
Income account at 20 November 2024	-	18,797

13 Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Investments £	Net Current Assets £	Total £
Endowment Funds			
Exeter Fund	-	-	-
Restricted Funds			
Exeter Fund	-	-	-
Unrestricted Funds	-	-	-
	-	-	-

14 Staff

The Society does not employ any staff.

15 Committee Members

Committee Members do not and never have received any remuneration.

During the period, 6 Trustees (2023/4 - 7) were reimbursed for the folowing expenses:	Period ended 20 Nov 2024 £	Year ended 30 June 2024 £
Committee meetings	1,748	3,100
	1,748	3,100