

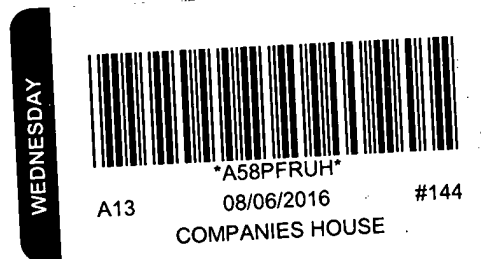
THE BJS SOCIETY LIMITED
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Charity No. 271326
Scottish Charity No. SC045226
Company No. 01248899

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR YEAR ENDED

31ST DECEMBER 2015



The BJS Society Limited

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Report of the Council

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2015.

Company Number	01248899
Charity Number	271326
OSCR Charity Number	SCO45226

Governing Documents

The BJS Society Ltd is constituted as a limited company without share capital and owns the right to publish the BJS. The Memorandum and Articles of Association (originally drafted in the 1950's) are updated to reflect any changes in the Companies Act. The last amendments to these were approved at the Thirty-ninth Annual General Meeting on 22 April 2015. The changes were to account for recent Company Law requirements and to complete the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) registration.

Board of Trustees

The Trustees (who are also the directors, under company law) who served through the year 2015 and to the date of signing this report are detailed below:

- Professor O J Garden (Chairman)
- Professor S Post (Vice Chairman)
- Professor IG Finlay (Vice Chairman)
- Mr MG Wyatt (Treasurer)
- Professor P R O'Connell (Company Secretary)
- Mr D Baker
- Dr S Breitenstein (appointed April 2015)
- Professor A Davies (appointed April 2015)
- Professor N Demartines
- Professor J de Oca
- Professor O Farges (appointed April 2015)
- Professor R Madoff
- Professor J Mayol (appointed April 2015)
- Dr A Montgomery
- Professor M Morino
- Professor P Naredi
- Mr D Rew

The following members resigned on 22 April 2015:

- Professor A Sitges Serra
- Professor E Tired
- Dr C Vallet
- Mr R Hinchliffe

In addition, Council meetings were attended by the Editors (who are not Trustees):

- Professor D Alderson (Editor in Chief)
- Mr J J Earnshaw (Editor in Chief)
- Professor A Bergenfelz
- Mr J Beynon
- Professor K DeJong
- Mr R Hinchliffe
- Professor K Soreide
- Professor M Sund
- Dr B Wijnhoven
- Professor D Winter

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Report of the Council (Continued)

Trustees are appointed by Council of the BJS Society Ltd for a period of five years. Some constituent bodies enjoy "Privileged Body" status and nominate one of their members to join Council. These include the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, the Society of Academic Research Surgeons (previously the Surgical Research Society), the Spanish Society for Surgical Research, the Swedish Surgical Society and the Swiss Surgical Society. The byelaws were amended in 2009 to give the Society authority regarding Privileged Bodies. Members of a Privileged Body are elected for 4 years and this may be extended by the Privileged Body for a further 4 years. The Society appointed members have tenure for a period of 5 years, with a possible extension of a further 5 years. One-third of members retire each year in keeping with Company Law. Officers are elected from among the Trustees (Council) for a period of 5 years, with a possible extension of 3 years. Trustees are provided with detailed information concerning their responsibilities as Trustees and Directors of the Society. Information on their specific responsibilities within the Society is provided on commencement of office and is reviewed annually. They are directed to the information available with the Charity Commission, Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator and Companies House and are informed of any changes in regulations.

The information set out on pages 1 and 2 forms part of this report.

Management

The Society meets once a year in London during November and a second meeting normally takes place in the Continent of Europe in May/June. Historically, the Annual General Meeting has been held each year to coincide with the meeting of the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland. In 2015, the Annual General Meeting took place at the ASGBI annual meeting in Manchester. In line with the strategy of increasing the international presence of the Society, in 2016 the Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday 7th April immediately before the annual meeting of the European Surgical Association which will take place in Edinburgh. It is likely that the Annual General Meeting will take place in 2017 during an annual meeting of one of the other privileged bodies.

Council of the BJS Society Ltd. appoints the editors and invites individuals who have either contributed to the Journal by providing high quality referees' reports, submitting manuscripts or who will assist the Society's strategic goals, to join the Editorial Board. The Council is aided in its business by the advice of an Executive Committee consisting of the Chairman, the Treasurer, the Company Secretary, the two Vice-Chairman and the two Editors-in-Chief of the Journal. On a day-to-day basis, the Executive Committee addresses issues arising and brings decisions as necessary to Council for discussion and ratification.

Council determines the investment strategy on a yearly basis and this is implemented by the Treasurer in conjunction with the Society's investment advisers. The Executive is responsible for the day to day running of the Journal and ensures that the editors are supported appropriately by the publishers.

No trustee receives payment for his/her activities other than the reimbursement of appropriate travel and other related expenses. The Society is registered with the Charities Commission and the Office of Scottish Charity Regulator since the administrative office is based in Scotland.

Related Parties

There are no related parties or partner organisations with which the Society cooperates in the pursuit of its charitable objectives other than its Privileged Bodies or surgical associations with whom the Society may endeavour to promote its aims and objectives.

Risks and Reserves

The Risk Committee is chaired by the Vice-Chairman, Professor Ian Finlay, and includes the Treasurer and the Company Secretary. The Committee meets at least twice a year or more frequently if required. The Committee reviews the material risks faced by the Society.

The risk register is maintained and indicates the Society has an overall low residual risk. The risks highlighted as being potential higher risks are:

- The charity lacks direction, strategy and planning – the society has a five-year strategic plan and reviews the progress periodically. The next meeting will be 6 April 2016.
- Inadequate communication with key stakeholders – the Society has a communication strategy to ensure stakeholders are kept informed.

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Report of the Council (Continued)

- Loss of market to competitors/ loss of brand prestige / drop in subscription sales – this is regularly reviewed by the Society with the publisher
- Under-performing funds – the Society appointed investment managers and spread the investments across two investment accounts
- Dependency on income sources – The Society has an adequate reserves policy and diversification plans
- Transparency of Publisher – The Society meets regularly with publisher and has agreed a budgeting process
- Poor procedural and systems documentation – The Society has an Executive Officer on a consultancy basis who manages the documents. All documentation is being stored on a cloud-based system. All documents and processes are continually reviewed.

The Society employs no individual in the conventional sense and the administrative office is managed on a consultancy basis. The Society owns no property and the risks of misuse or misappropriation of funds are considered to be small. The Committee continues to keep the possible introduction of indemnity insurance under review. The Committee is of the view that the low risk to the Society, in relation to its meeting objectives, does not alone warrant establishment of indemnity insurance. This situation will be again reviewed in 2016. The Society has maintained sufficient levels of reserves to mitigate against any perceived risks and continues to review any potential risks in relation to its activities. The Society has a policy of maintaining financial reserves at approximately 4-5 times annual income to mitigate against current changes in publishing from paper to electronic forms and other risks associated with the current economic situation.

Remuneration policy

Last year the Charity committed to implement the recommendations of the NCVO Inquiry on Executive Pay published in April 2014. As a result, the Charity updated its remuneration policy and is pleased to make the disclosures below.

The governing principles of the Charity's remuneration policy are as follows:

- To ensure delivery of the Charity's objectives
- To attract and retain a motivated workforce with the skills and expertise necessary for organisational effectiveness
- That remuneration should be equitable and coherent across the organisation
- To take account of the purposes, aims and values of the Charity
- To ensure that pay levels and pay increases are appropriated in the context of the interests of our beneficiaries

The Society does not currently employ staff, however, it would adopt these principles in the future if this changes and will apply them in good will.

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Report of the Council (Continued)

Annual income to year-end 2015 was £474,211. The general unrestricted reserves at 31st December were £3,015,499 compared to £2,720,704 at the year ended 2014. This is consistent with the Society's reserve policy and is considered to be prudent in the current financial environment. All Trustees have registered any conflict of interests and completed appropriate 'Fit and Proper Persons' documentation.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the Society, as set out in the Memoranda of Association, are to advance and improve education in surgery and to diffuse knowledge on new and improved methods of teaching and practising surgery in all its branches. The principal means by which the Society has addressed these aims is by successful monthly publication of the BJS journal, which is now the leading surgical journal published in Europe.

The Executive and Council recognised that the Society was entering a critical stage in its development and that the objectives of the Society were in danger of being subsumed into journal publication at a time of rapid change in the academic publishing environment. At the same time, the membership of the Society, through the affiliated bodies, was looking to the Society to provide added value. This prompted a strategic review meeting which took place in January 2013. The outcome was a strategic report that was presented to Council and accepted by members at the AGM in June 2013. The essential elements of the report were that the Society should:

- ensure a clear identity for the BJS Society with distinction between the overall mission and activities of the Society and publication of the Journal.
- differentiate the benefits between Privileged Bodies, Affiliated Bodies and Associated Societies and communicate those benefits to the membership
- develop new subscription models to include electronic only access to the Journal and both individual and societal subscription with access to BJS Society
- explore options of publishing abridged issues or abstracts of Journal content in languages other than English. Spanish and Mandarin were considered the most important.
- consider creation of a BJS Society website that would stand alone from the Wiley supported BJS Journal site, yet be strategically 'linked' through the use of consistent BJS branding and URL links between sites
- develop the BJS Society website as a portal for electronic learning and continuing medical education (CME) that could be customised by member societies, either by specialty or nationality.

The strategic aims have only partially been implemented due to the need in 2015 to renegotiate the publisher contract. After protracted negotiation, the contract was completed successfully in October 2015. The contract provides many additional benefits to the Society such as: profit share, guaranteed income, editorial budget, a new website and a reduced online subscription rate. The Society is now secure in these elements and in a position to implement the strategic plan. To this end, the Executive Group will have an extended meeting in April 2016 to reconsider the membership model and other strategic issues.

During 2015, the Executive Group successfully negotiated affiliated membership of The Vascular Society of Great Britain and Ireland, and the German Society for General and Visceral Surgery. In addition, the Spanish Society for Surgical Research agreed to renew their 5-year agreement as a privileged body. There are ongoing discussions with other international surgical bodies regarding affiliation with the Society and it is hoped these will be finalised early in 2016.

All privileged societies opted for electronic only subscriptions in 2015 with the exception of the Swedish Surgical Society. During 2015, Journal abstracts have been available in Spanish and the feedback has been very positive. Discussions are on-going on how to maximise this product in other geographical areas and whether to publish abstracts in other languages in due course.

As part of the Editor succession planning process determined in 2015, Professor Anders Bergenfelz will retire as an Editor on 30 April 2016 and Professor Alderson will retire as Editor-in-Chief at the end of 2016. Professor Bergenfelz and Professor Alderson will not be replaced and Mr Jonothan Earnshaw will be sole Editor-in-Chief from 1 January 2017 for a three-year term. During 2016, it is expected that an additional Junior Editor will be recruited to support the team.

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Report of the Council (Continued)

Public Benefit

The Trustees have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

The Trustees are cognisant of the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives of the BJS Society and in planning future activities. The activities of the Society have a clear public benefit by leading to improved understanding of the science of surgery and education of surgeons, thereby directly contributing to improvements in the craft of surgery including the introduction of new surgical techniques. These activities in turn lead to both direct and indirect improvements in the health and well being of the general public by improving surgical outcomes. This potential benefit applies to the citizens of the United Kingdom, Europe and beyond. Any benefits derived in the private sector are incidental to the general aims and objectives of the Society.

Policies

Reserves: The Society has aimed to maintain its reserves at approximately four to five times annual income to facilitate the Society capitalising on opportunities to meet its objectives. It is estimated that The Society would require an investment income of £100,000 p.a. in order to protect the charitable aims of the Society in the event of potential financial down turn related to changes in funding within world wide publishing (open access etc.) The Society has resolved to fund, annually, lectureships and prizes at the meetings of its affiliated societies and other relevant surgical associations to promote the Journal and its profile internationally.

Going Concern: The trustees have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charitable company to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of the approval of these financial statements. In particular, the trustees have considered the charitable company's forecasts and projections and have taken account of pressures on fee income. After making enquiries, the trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The charitable company therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

Grant Making: Through its affiliated surgical associations, the Society supports the advancement of surgical teaching, surgical research and the surgical community in general by providing research and editorial bursaries, invited lectureships, surgical prizes and general support of surgical meetings (such as abstract publication) across Europe. The Society will consider additional financial support to promote excellence in surgical practice and, thereby, promote the BJS. The call for applications for funding is issued at the beginning of the calendar year and the deadline for applications is 1 June. The applications are reviewed and awarded by the Executive Committee. Editorial bursaries are awarded directly by the Society annually to promote surgical writing and editing.

The outcome of grant awards over the last year is detailed in the Achievement, Performance and Financial Review section below and in Note 4.

Investments: The strategy for prudent investment is determined on a discretionary basis by the Society's investment advisors and is presented in detail annually to Council. The Treasurer, in conjunction with the Executive, ensures that sufficient financial reserve is maintained to ensure that the Society is able to meet all of its financial commitments. The annual income of the Society in 2015 is principally from royalties earned by the Journal, which have increased slightly in 2015 year due to a significant increase in Online Open, a small rise in reprint income and income from Smith and Nephew from a marketing initiative. The investment portfolio has been actively managed, which has resulted in an increase in its value of 14%. This is following the Society taking advice from Adam & Company and Rathbones and agreeing to move more cash into investments in 2015. The Treasurer and Trustees committed a further £200,000 to Adam & Company and a further £200,000 to Rathbones. The Society has reduced general reserves in cash from 21% at the end of 2014 to 20% at the end of 2015. This allows the Society to maintain sufficient funds to meet the liquidity requirements and any additional significant spend in 2016. The Trustees continue to keep the situation under review and further investment will be dependant on the continued revival of the economic forecasts.

Achievements, Performance and Financial Review

This last year has seen no change in the membership of the Executive but some change in Council. Professor Sitges Serra, Professor Tiret and Professor Vallet retired from Council. Professor Mayol, Professor Farges, Dr Breitenstein and Professor Davies were elected to Council. The editorial responsibilities continue under the leadership of the Joint Editors-in-Chief, Professor D Alderson and Mr J J Earnshaw, with the assistance of editors, Professor A Bergenfelz, Mr J Beynon, Professor CHC Dejong, Mr R Hinchliffe, Professor K Soreide, Professor M Sund, Dr B Wijnhoven and Professor D Winter. A succession plan for Editors has been a main focus in 2015 and this has been discussed and agreed with Council in November 2015. There will be a peak in editor numbers and budget in 2015 during a period of editorial transition and this will level off during 2016 as two editors retire. It is likely a junior editor will be appointed in 2016.

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Report of the Council (Continued)

The Society continues to maintain the quality and circulation of the journal and has continued to maintain reserves of 5 times annual income. The Society has maintained its support of lectureships at meetings worldwide, since this was seen to be an important mechanism for dissemination of new information to trained surgeons: and therefore directly benefits patients.

In 2015, the Journal had further increased its circulation and impact factor to 5.542, and has continued to support an increasing number of prestigious lectureships.

The BJS continues to be published in a timely fashion each month by the publishers, Wiley. In 2015, a supplement on Surgical Innovation was published electronically and was well received. In 2016, a further supplement on Surgery in the Elderly will be published online only.

The international profile of the BJS continues through its fellowships, awards, prizes and lectureships. These are listed in the Appendix.

The Society has continued with its successful policy of awarding editorial apprenticeships to encourage younger surgeons to consider becoming involved in surgical editing and writing. Dr Katy Darvall (UK) and Dr Neils Kok (The Netherlands) commenced as editorial apprentices in August 2015 for one year. Meetings and workshops were also held during the year to assist interested surgeons in writing and reviewing manuscripts.

The Society continues to fund a named lecture at the annual meeting of the European Surgical Association, the principal academic surgical forum in Europe. The Society has continued to foster its relationships with privileged bodies and affiliated associations, and to develop a strategy for developing educational material to complement the journal content.

The Society continues to enjoy a secure financial position as a result of the increasing circulation of the Journal in both paper and electronic form. Reserves continue to be set aside to ensure that funds are available to support the strategic document of the journal. In 2015, the Society introduced management accounts to the financial management process which has brought great value to the Treasurer and Executive Group.

Lectureships/Prizes

Awards were made in respect of those categories shown in Note 4 of the financial statements and as detailed in the Appendix 1. The impact of this work is primarily to provide high quality international speakers to the surgical organisations, which support the BJSS. This directly reflects on the quality of the meeting and its impact on delegates is quality assured by way of formal delegate feedback. The BJS prize-winners and/or their institutions benefit directly from financial support of their work allowing for continuation and development in line with aims of the charity. The BJSS aims to extend its charitable actions to support research and development in all parts of the world, regular review of its charitable giving and support for additional surgical societies.

Abstract Publication

The abstracts of papers presented at the annual meeting of Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, Vascular Surgical Society of Great Britain and Ireland, Society of Academic and Research Surgery, Swiss Society of Surgery, The Spanish Society for Surgical Research, British Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Society and the Association of Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeons for Great Britain and Ireland and such other abstracts as the Society requests are printed free of charge in the Journal.

Future Plans

The BJS Society continues to work with Wiley to improve the quality of the Journal and increase its readership. It is also the aim of the Society to provide education to surgeons worldwide by extending the financial support for lectureships as this will improve the dissemination of information regarding "state of the art" techniques between surgeons and thereby benefiting patients. The Society will continue to look at opportunities to enter into strategic relationships with European surgical groups and to maintain its international profile by looking to support educational activities and international meetings.

The five-year strategic plan which will be agreed in April 2016 will provide an agenda for development. The Society will build on the close relationships developed with international societies. The Society will continue in 2016 to support lectureships at major scientific meetings and to provide workshops on writing and reviewing surgical articles.

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Report of the Council (Continued)

Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of The BJS Society Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the 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 that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, including FRS 102, have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- state whether a Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applies and has been followed, subject to any material departures which are explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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 hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

These accounts comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the requirements of the Financial Reporting Standard 102 for charities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the 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.

Audit Information

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information

Auditors

Kingston Smith LLP has indicated its willingness to continue in office and is deemed to be reappointed in accordance with section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

Small Company Rules

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102.

This report was considered and approved by Council at its meeting on.....
and signed on behalf of the Council by:



Professor P R O'Connell
Honorary Secretary

The BJS Society Limited

Auditors' Report

We have audited the financial statements of The BJS Society Limited which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Ireland'.

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; and to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members and trustees those matters which 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 any party other than the charitable company, the charitable company's members, as a body, and the charity's trustees, as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees' and Auditor

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 8, the trustees' (who are directors of the charitable 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.

We have been appointed as auditor under Section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Companies Act 2006 and Section 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and report to you in accordance with regulations made under those Acts. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Trustees Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on the financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2015 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, regulations 6 and 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Charities Act 2011.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Trustees Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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Auditors' Report

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Charities Act 2011 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the company's 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 exemption in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and from preparing a Strategic Report.

V.F. - J.K. L.P.

Neil Finlayson, Senior Statutory Auditor

for and on behalf of Kingston Smith LLP, Statutory Auditor

Devonshire House
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Date: 7/6/2016

Kingston Smith LLP is eligible to act as auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

The BJS Society Limited
Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating the Summary Income and Expenditure Account)
For the year ended 31st December 2015

		Unrestricted Funds	
	Note	2015 £	2014 £
Income From:			
Investments	2	59,188	67,488
Charitable activities			
Journal income		415,023	321,064
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Total Income		474,211	388,552
Expenditure On:			
Raising funds			
Investment management costs		10,757	7,229
Publishing	3	19,051	24,375
Charitable activities	3	<u>176,708</u>	<u>160,023</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>206,516</u>	<u>191,627</u>
Net gains on investments	7	<u>27,100</u>	<u>50,735</u>
Net Movement in Funds		294,795	247,660
Fund Balances Brought Forward		<u>2,720,704</u>	<u>2,473,044</u>
Fund Balances Carried Forward	12	<u><u>3,015,499</u></u>	<u><u>2,720,704</u></u>

All gains and losses arising in the year have been included in the Statement of Financial Activities and arise from continuing operations.

The notes on pages 13 to 19 form part of these accounts.

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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2015

	Note	2015 £	2015 £	2014 £	2014 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	6		1		1
Investments	7		<u>2,508,267</u>		<u>2,195,746</u>
			2,508,268		2,195,747
Current Assets					
Debtors	9	20,022		94	
Cash at bank		<u>548,471</u>		<u>552,626</u>	
		568,493		552,720	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(61,262)</u>		<u>(27,763)</u>	
Net Current Assets			<u>507,231</u>		<u>524,957</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			<u><u>3,015,499</u></u>		<u><u>2,720,704</u></u>
Funds					
Unrestricted - Revaluation reserve	12		599,582		579,017
- General fund	12		<u>2,415,917</u>		<u>2,141,687</u>
			<u><u>3,015,499</u></u>		<u><u>2,720,704</u></u>

The notes on pages 13 to 19 form part of these accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102.

Approved by the Council, and authorised for issue, on
and signed on behalf of the Council by:

.....
Professor O J Garden
Chairman

.....
Mr MG Wyatt
Honorary Treasurer

COMPANY NUMBER: 01248899

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Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31st December 2015

1 Accounting Policies

Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The company is a public benefit entity for the purposes of FRS 102 and a registered charity established as a company limited by guarantee and therefore has also prepared its financial statements in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (The FRS 102 Charities SORP), the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

The Charity has adopted FRS 102 for the first time when preparing these financial statements. The transition date to FRS 102 was 1 January 2014 and the last financial statements prepared under the previous financial reporting framework were prepared for the year ended 31 December 2014. An explanation and reconciliation of how the transition has affected the reported financial position and financial performance is provided in the notes to the financial statements.

Going Concern

The trustees have assessed whether the use of going concern and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charitable company to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of the approval of these financial statements. In particular, the trustees have considered the charitable company's forecasts and projections and have taken account of pressures on fee income. After making enquiries, the trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The charitable company therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

Cash Flow Statement

The Charity has taken the exemption available in para 7.1B of FRS 102 and not prepared a statement of cash flows.

Incoming Resources

All income is recognised when there is entitlement to the funds, the receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably. Income is deferred only when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Resources Expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Wherever possible costs are directly attributed to these headings. Costs common to more than one area are apportioned on the basis of staff time spent on each area.

The costs of raising funds are those costs of seeking potential funders and applying for funding and the costs of externally managing the charity's investment portfolio.

Support costs are those costs incurred in support of the charitable objectives. These have been allocated to the charitable activities on a basis that fairly reflects the true use of those resources within the organisation.

Tangible Fixed Assets

All assets acquired for continuing use are capitalised.

Tangible fixed assets are written off over the period of their expected useful lives on a straight line basis as follows:

Office fixtures, fittings and equipment	15% per annum
Computer equipment	33 1/3% per annum

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1 Accounting Policies (continued)

Investments

Income from investments is credited in the accounts on the date of receipt and credit is taken in the accounts for income tax recoverable but not received.

In accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, listed investments (which are dealt with on a recognised stock exchange) are included in the accounts at their mid market value whilst the valuation of unlisted investments is based on prices quoted by the managers of the investments.

Critical Accounting Estimates and Areas of Judgement

In preparing financial statements it is necessary to make certain judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. The following judgements and estimates are considered by the trustees to have most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

In the view of the trustees in applying the accounting policies adopted, no judgements were required that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements nor do any estimates or assumptions made carry a significant risk of material adjustment in the next financial year.

2 Income from Investments	2015 £	2014 £
Income from listed investments	55,764	63,615
Bank deposit interest	3,424	3,873
	<u>59,188</u>	<u>67,488</u>

3 Expenditure

	Charitable Activities		Raising Funds	Total
	Charitable activities £	Grants and donations £	Publishing £	2015 £
Grants and donations (See note 4)	-	79,928	-	79,928
Publication costs	-	-	13,123	13,123
Support costs				
Office and sundry expenses	1,063	90	-	1,153
Consultancy	30,401	1,600	-	32,001
Meeting and travel expenses	24,574	2,731	-	27,305
Legal and professional fees	24,061	-	5,928	29,989
Audit fees	7,350	-	-	7,350
Bookkeeping and VAT	4,910	-	-	4,910
	<u>92,359</u>	<u>84,349</u>	<u>19,051</u>	<u>195,759</u>

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3 Expenditure (Continued)

Year Ended 2014	Charitable Activities		Raising Funds	Total 2014 £
	Charitable activities £	Grants and donations £	Publishing £	
Grants and donations (See note 4)	-	70,240	-	70,240
Publication costs	-	-	23,631	23,631
Support costs				
Office and sundry expenses	259	-	744	1,003
Consultancy	31,945	1,681	-	33,626
Meeting and travel expenses	30,003	3,334	-	33,337
Legal and professional fees	6,648	-	-	6,648
Audit fees	7,171	-	-	7,171
Bookkeeping and VAT	8,742	-	-	8,742
	<u>84,768</u>	<u>75,255</u>	<u>24,375</u>	<u>184,398</u>

4 Grants and Donations

	2015 £	2014 £
Travel fellowships	-	6,000
Donations to the Association of Surgeons (see * below)	-	1,000
Moynihan Room grant	1,000	1,000
BJS lectures	69,883	53,616
BJS prizes	9,045	8,624
	<u>79,928</u>	<u>70,240</u>

Lecture and prize fees are paid to individuals.

Support costs are apportioned costs attributable to the grants and donations activity.

Payments made to connected parties during the year, were awarded to:

	2015 £	2014 £
The Surgical Foundation		
Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland Foundation	9,100	11,600
Society of Academic and Research Surgery	3,600	3,500
	<u>12,700</u>	<u>15,100</u>

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5 Staff and Key Management Personnel Costs

There were no employees for the year ending 31 December 2015 (2014: None) and no employees earned more than £60,000 per annum in 2015 or in 2014.

Key management personnel include the Trustees. The total employee benefits of the charity's key management personnel were £0 (2014: £0).

6 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Computer £	Office Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1st January 2015 and 31st December 2015	<u>38,017</u>	<u>8,554</u>	<u>46,571</u>
Depreciation			
At 1st January 2015 and 31st December 2015	<u>38,016</u>	<u>8,554</u>	<u>46,570</u>
Net Book Value			
At 31st December 2015	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
At 31st December 2014	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>

7 Investments

	Listed £	Unlisted £	Total 2015 £
Market value 1st January	1,796,508	399,238	2,195,746
Additions at cost	386,178	-	386,178
Disposals at opening market value (proceeds £100,757; loss £10,096)	(110,853)	-	(110,853)
Net unrealised gains on revaluation at 31st December	<u>19,669</u>	<u>17,527</u>	<u>37,196</u>
Market value at 31st December	<u>2,091,502</u>	<u>416,765</u>	<u>2,508,267</u>
Historical cost at 31st December	<u>1,807,417</u>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>1,922,417</u>

7a The unlisted investments comprise:

	Market Value £	Cost £
Accumulation shares	336,194	80,000
Income shares	<u>80,571</u>	<u>35,000</u>

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7 Investments (Continued)

	Listed	Unlisted	Total
Year Ended 2014	£	£	2014
Market value 1st January	1,435,164	368,959	1,804,123
Additions at cost	460,844	-	460,844
Disposals at opening market value (proceeds £119,956; loss £8,609)	(128,565)	-	(128,565)
Net unrealised gains on revaluation at 31st December	<u>29,065</u>	<u>30,279</u>	<u>59,344</u>
Market value at 31st December	<u>1,796,508</u>	<u>399,238</u>	<u>2,195,746</u>
Historical cost at 31st December	<u>1,571,510</u>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>1,686,510</u>

7a The unlisted investments comprise:

	Market Value £	Cost £
Accumulation shares	319,653	80,000
Income shares	<u>79,585</u>	<u>35,000</u>

8 Reconciliation of Movements in Gains and Losses on Investment Assets

	2015 £	2014 £
Unrealised gains at 1st January	579,017	514,995
Less in respect of disposals in year	(16,631)	4,678
Add net gains on revaluations in year	<u>37,196</u>	<u>59,344</u>
Unrealised gains at 31st December	<u>599,582</u>	<u>579,017</u>

9 Debtors

	2015 £	2014 £
Other Debtors	<u>20,022</u>	<u>94</u>
	<u>20,022</u>	<u>94</u>

10 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2015 £	2014 £
Accruals	15,356	13,525
Grant creditors	23,688	12,504
VAT	<u>22,218</u>	<u>1,734</u>
	<u>61,262</u>	<u>27,763</u>

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11 Trustees and Related Parties

No trustees received any remuneration for their services in this or the preceding year. Expenses amounting to £3,742 (2014: £4,784) were reimbursed, for travel to meetings and conferences and for office expenses, to 5 trustees (2014: 5).

12 Unrestricted Funds

	At 01.01.2015 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended & Net Investment Gains £	Transfers £	At 31.12.2015 £
Revaluation reserve	579,017	-	37,196	(16,631)	599,582
General funds	2,141,687	474,211	(216,612)	16,631	2,415,917
	<u>2,720,704</u>	<u>474,211</u>	<u>(179,416)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,015,499</u>

Unrestricted Funds Year Ended 2014

	At 01.01.2014 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended & Net Investment Gains £	Transfers £	At 31.12.2014 £
Revaluation reserve	514,995	-	59,344	4,678	579,017
General funds	1,958,049	388,552	(200,236)	(4,678)	2,141,687
	<u>2,473,044</u>	<u>388,552</u>	<u>(140,892)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,720,704</u>

The transfer, in both 2015 and 2014, represents the overall gain on disposal of investments including gains and losses previously taken to the revaluation reserve.

13 Limited Liability

The BJS Society Limited is a company limited by guarantee and as such does not have a share capital. In the event of a winding up the liability of each member is limited to £25.

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14 Transition to FRS 102

This is the first year that the charitable company has prepared its financial statements under FRS 102. The last financial statements prepared under previous UK GAAP were for the year ended 31 December 2014 and the date of transition to FRS 102 was 1 January 2014. A reconciliation of amounts presented under previous UK GAAP and FRS 102 is set out below for the charitable company's net income for the financial year ended 31 December 2014 and for its total funds at 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2014 together with an explanation of changes in accounting policies on transition.

Reconciliation of net income		31.12.14
		£
Net income as reported under previous UK GAAP		188,316
Net income restated under FRS 102		<u>188,316</u>
Reconciliation of total funds	01.01.15	01.01.14
	£	£
Total funds as reported under previous UK GAAP	2,720,704	2,473,044
Total funds restated under FRS 102	<u>2,720,704</u>	<u>2,473,044</u>

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Organisation	Lecturer	Prize Winner
ASGBI		
BJS Travelling Fellowship Lecture	Professor R Padbury, Adelaide, Australia	Mr R Thomas, Currie, UK
Moynihan Prize		Mr M West, Merseyside, UK
John Farndon Prize		Dr E Lema, Arusha, Tanzania
International Bursary		
Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain & Ireland	Professor W Bemelman, Amsterdam, Netherlands	Mr S Buczacki, Cambridge, UK
AUGIS	Not applied for in 2015	Not applied for in 2015
Vascular Society	Rear Admiral A Walker, UK	Mr A Patel, London, UK
British Association of Thyroid and Endocrine Surgeons	Professor Y Nikiforov, Pittsburgh, USA	Dr O Rhys, London, UK
Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons at ASGBI (David Dunn Medal)		Mr C Schneider, London, UK
ALS Annual Scientific Meeting	Professor S DeMeester, California, USA	
BASO - ACS meeting	Professor J Potter, Seattle, USA	Ms J Whibley, London, UK
Association of Breast Surgery	Dr Hiram Cody III, New York, US	Mr Edward, London, UK
Society of Academic & Research Surgery	Professor C Moran, Nottingham, UK	Dr SA Hosgood et al, Leicester, UK
Swiss Society of Surgery	Professor G Poston, Liverpool, UK	Dr L Orci et al, Switzerland
Swedish Surgical Society	Professor M Elliott, London, UK	
Swedish Surgical Society		Workshop Costs
Spanish Society for Surgical Research	Dr G Pitau, Paris, France	Dr A Ballestin Rodriguez, Caceres, Spain
Society of University Surgeons	Dr P De Coppi, London, UK	
European Society of Coloproctology	Professor SH Kim, Seoul, South Korea	Dr M Martens, Maastricht, Netherlands
European Surgical Association	Professor M Mercado Diaz, Zubiran, Mexico	
Royal Australasian College of Surgeons	Dr R Satava, California, USA	
University of Edinburgh MSc in Surgical Sciences dissertation	Dr B Thurston, Dorset, UK	Dr C Wong, Blackpool, UK
Austrian Surgical Society	Professor D Alderson, Birmingham, UK	
Japanese Surgical Society	Professor P Naredi, Gothenburg, Sweden	
James IV Association 2015	Mr G Nabi, Dundee, UK	
Associations of Surgeons in Training	Sponsorship	